

**Organisation of courses for Year 4 and 5  
Secondary School**

Each pupil will be required to take from 31 to 35 periods per week. The following scheme contains **27 or 29 periods of compulsory subjects**, common to all pupils, plus **4** (minimum) to **8** (maximum) periods of optional subjects. As options, pupils have to choose from seven different subjects. The timetable below applies to both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years.

<b>Core subjects</b> (compulsory)		<b>Options</b> (4 p. minimum)	
Religion/Ethics	1 p.	Language IV	4 p.
Language I	4 p.	Latin	4 p.
Language II	3 p.	Ancient Greek	4 p.
Language III	3 p.	Economics	4 p.
Physical education	2 p.	Art	2 p.
Human sciences		Music	2 p.
History	2 p.	Computing	2 p.
Geography	2 p.		
Natural sciences			
Biology	2 p.		
Chemistry	2 p.		
Physics	2 p.		
Mathematics	4 or 6 p.		

**Comments:**

**IRISH/MALTESE** pupils may choose the Other National Language as Language III or Language IV.

Latin is studied from 3rd year of secondary school onwards.

Ancient Greek is studied from 4th year of secondary school onwards.

History, Geography and Economics are studied in Language II

**Religion/Non denominational ethics:** A course is organised if there is sufficient number of requests (minimum 7 pupils).

**II. CRITERIA FOR THE ORGANISATION OF OPTIONAL COURSES**

An optional course is organised if 7 pupils so request.

**III. CRITERIA FOR THE ORGANISATION**

The option chosen in 4<sup>th</sup> year are compulsory in 5<sup>th</sup> year and are decisive for the choice in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> years.