

Written examinations

Number and nature of written examinations

Candidates will sit five written examinations:

1. Language 1 or advanced Language 1
2. Language 2 or advanced Language 2
3. Mathematics (5 periods) or Mathematics (3 periods)
4. Option (4 periods)
5. Option (4 periods).

Restrictions for compulsory subjects and for options

- *Written examinations 1 and 2:*

Candidates who have chosen to follow an advanced course in Language 1 and/or in Language 2 will be required to sit a written examination on that course, and not, therefore, on the basic course in the subject.

- *Written examinations 4 and 5:*

The choices of options will have to be made at the time of registering for the examination. The choices may not be changed during the school year.

Candidates who choose the ONL may not choose L4.

Time allowed for written examinations

- Language 1 4 hours
- Advanced Language 1 4 hours
- Advanced Language 2 4 hours
- 5-period Mathematics 4 hours
- Philosophy 4 hours
- Art 5 hours
- All other subjects 3 hours

Oral examinations

Number and nature of oral examinations

Candidates will sit three oral examinations. The subjects in which an oral examination will or may be taken are:

1. Language 1 or Advanced Language 1
2. Language 2 or Advanced Language 2 or History (2 or 4 periods) or Geography (2 or 4 periods)
3. Advanced Mathematics or Philosophy (2 or 4 periods) or Language 3 or Language 4 or ONL or Biology (2 or 4 periods) or Chemistry (4 periods) or Physics (4 periods)

Restrictions for compulsory subjects and for options

- *Examination 1:* Language 1 or Advanced Language 1

Candidates who have followed the advanced course will be required to sit an oral examination on that course, and not, therefore, on the basic course.

- *Examination 2:* Language 2 or Advanced Language 2 or Geography or History

Candidates who have followed the Advanced Language 2 course and who wish to choose L2 for their second oral examination will be required to sit an oral examination on that course, and not on the basic course.

The candidates who do not wish to sit an oral examination in Language 2 (basic or advanced course) will sit an oral examination in History (2 or 4 periods) or Geography (2 or 4 periods).

It is possible for candidates to sit the History or Geography oral examination only provided that they have not chosen to sit the subject in question as a written examination.

- *Examination 3:*

Candidates who have followed the advanced course in Mathematics will be compulsorily examined on that course.

Candidates who have not followed the advanced course in Mathematics will be required to sit an examination in one of the options listed above, which they may choose freely, provided that they have not already chosen to take the subject in question as a written examination.

Candidates who choose the ONL may not choose L4.

Time allowed for oral examinations

Oral examinations will last 20 minutes, including marking. Before each examination candidates will be allowed 20 minutes' preparation time.