

**TO ALL STUDENTS OF THE 5th YEAR AND TO THEIR PARENTS
TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHOICES FOR THE 6th AND 7th YEAR

The pupils' timetable must comprise between a minimum of 31 periods and an advised maximum of 35 periods weekly, and is made up of **compulsory courses and, based on the pupil's own choices, optional, advanced and complementary courses.**

I – Basic Course : Compulsory subjects

Language I	4 periods
Language II	3 periods
Religion / Ethics (see point C)	1 period
Physical Education	2 periods
Mathematics	3 periods
	OR
Mathematics	5 periods
Total	13/15 periods

II – Basic Course : Compulsory subjects unless chosen as option

Biology	2 periods
History (in vehicular language)	2 periods
Geography (in vehicular language)	2 periods
Philosophy	2 periods

NOTE :

- a) The 2-period Biology Course is not compulsory if the pupil chooses to follow any of the 4-period science options - Physics, Chemistry or Biology.
- b) Each of the 2-period courses in Geography, History and Philosophy is compulsory unless the pupil selects the corresponding 4-period option.
- c) According to the document 2008-D-356-en-3 a course of Religion/Ethics can only be created with a minimum of 7 students. If this minimum is not reached, the school must regroup the students horizontally or vertically (p.e. in L2 / in the language of the host country / in the higher or lower grade).

Optional courses			
		Ancient Greek	4 periods
Philosophy	4 periods	Latin	4 periods
Language III	4 periods	Physics	4 periods
Language IV	4 periods	Chemistry	4 periods
History in vehicular language	4 periods	Biology	4 periods
Geography in vehicular language	4 periods	Art	4 periods
Economics	4 periods	Music	4 periods

NOTE :

- a) Each pupil must choose **at least two optional courses**.
- b) In order to choose an option in 6th Year, a pupil must have obtained satisfactory results in that subject in 4th and 5th Years. The choice of optional subjects is particularly important and you are strongly recommended **to consult the teachers concerned and to follow their advice**.
- c) Choice of languages : in principle there will be no changes on entering 6th Year. Only in exceptional circumstances and with the specific approval of the Head Teacher and the Class Council will such changes be allowed, after sitting a test (written and oral).
- d) The vehicular language for History and Geography in 6th and 7th Year will not change regardless of any possible change in First Foreign Language (L2).

Advanced Courses	
Advanced Language I	3 periods
Advanced Language II	3 periods
Advanced Mathematics	3 periods

NOTE :

- a) Advanced courses offer a more intensive study of the subject, and should be chosen only by pupils with a clear interest in and particular aptitude for the subject. They are not support lessons.
- b) Advanced courses become compulsory subjects for the baccalaureate.
- c) Advanced Mathematics can only be taken by pupils who are following the 5-period Mathematics course.

Complementary Courses			
Art	2 periods	Physics laboratory	2 periods
Music	2 periods	Biology laboratory	2 periods
Theatre	2 periods	Chemistry laboratory	2 periods
Sociology	2 periods	Storia delle idee	2 periods
Sport	2 periods	ICT	2 periods
Language V in	2 periods	Microelectronics	2 periods
Film studies	2 periods		

NOTE :

- a) Pupils, whose overall timetable does not reach the minimum 31 periods must complete the timetable with one or more complementary courses.
- b) Complementary courses are given in the pupil's vehicular language or, if that is not possible, in another vehicular language or in the language of the country in which the school is situated.
- c) Complementary courses are not examined in the final written and oral baccalaureate exams.
- d) The complementary courses in Art and Music cannot be taken if these subjects have already been chosen as optional courses.

General observations

If an optional course cannot be established in the language of the section, it will be offered in the student's vehicular language.

If it is not possible to provide the 4-period optional course in History and/or Geography in the pupil's vehicular language these courses can be taken in another vehicular language provided that this is not the pupil's L1, and subject to the approval of the teachers concerned.

The courses in Economics will only be offered in Italian and English. The language remains the same as in 5th year. If some changes are requested, please contact the direction.

Optional courses can only normally be established if at least 5 pupils enrol. Complementary courses can only take place with 7 pupils.

Your attention is drawn in particular to the fact that it is not possible to change optional or complementary courses after you have made your definitive choices.

In truly exceptional cases, the school can authorise a change during the first 15 days of the school year on condition that the change does not affect the organisation of courses and that it relates to a course which is already part of the school plan.

In exceptional cases the school will take into consideration a request for a change of chosen subjects until 5 days after the beginning of the new school year.

In no circumstances will it be possible at the beginning of 6th year, to drop a course that was established with the minimum necessary number of pupils.

Changes between 6th & 7th years

A subject chosen for 6th and 7th years can be dropped only at the end of 6th year and only if the following conditions are satisfied :

1. The timetable must still consist of a minimum of 31 periods.
2. The pupil must follow two optional courses.
3. The pupil must have at least 29 periods of compulsory and optional courses.
4. The pupil must keep at least one science subject. (4-period Biology, Chemistry or Physics, or 2-period Biology).
5. **If a pupil wishes to drop a subject, a written request must be submitted to the Deputy Headmaster by the middle of June and in any case before the Class Council.**
6. **A change of level in a particular subject is only possible where strong reasons exist.**

A written request presenting all necessary explanations must be submitted to the Deputy Headmaster by the middle of June at the latest, before the Class Councils. (cf. article 4-2-3 and 4-2-4 of the Regulations for the European BAC)

- Article 4-2-3 : The request in question, whether concerning a level or a language, must be approved by the Class Council at the end of the 6th year. The request will then be examined by the Headmaster who will decide.

- Article 4-2-4 : The changes of choices are :

Mathematics 5 → Mathematics 3

Optional 4 periods → Compulsory course of 2 hours (same subject)

A change in the other direction is only possible if the student has given positive proof of his/her ability to follow the course in question.

The substitution of one optional course with another one is not authorised.

Please take note of the fact that the pupils in the 7th year will have to indicate their choice of subjects for the written and oral exams, which will be presented at the BAC, before the end of October.

- Article 4-2-1 : The students of the 6th and 7th year must in principle take an exam in every subject at the level and in the language in which they have followed the course.

Written Examinations in 6th Year

Two series of examinations :

1. 1st series at the end of December.
2. 2nd series at the end of the school year.

Subject	Length of exam
1st Language (Advanced)	4 periods
2nd Language (Advanced)	4 periods
1st Language	4 periods
2nd Language	3 periods
3-period Maths	3 periods (2+1)
5-period Maths	4 periods (3+1)

Options :

Art	5 periods
Biology	3 periods
Chemistry	3 periods
Economics	3 periods
Geography	3 periods
History	3 periods
3rd Language	3 periods
4th Language	3 periods
Ancient Greek	3 periods
Latin	3 periods
Music	3 periods
Philosophy	3 periods
Physics	3 periods

For all other subjects :

2-period Geography	2 single-period tests each semester
2-period History	
2-period Biology	
Advanced Maths	1 two-period test each semester
2-period Philosophy	

Complementary Courses : 1 single-period test each semester

Written Examinations in 7th Year

Term exams in January

Subject	Length of exam,
1st Language (Advanced)	4 hours
2nd Language (Advanced)	4 hours
1st Language	4 hours
2nd Language	3 hours
3-period Maths	3 hours (2+1)
5-period Maths	4 hours (3+1)

Options :

Art	5 hours
Biology	all other options - 3 hours
Chemistry	
Economics	
Geography	
History	
3rd Language	
4th Language	
Ancient Greek	
Latin	
Music	
Philosophy	
Physics	

Each pupil must sit an exam in all the options chosen.

For all other subjects :

2-period Geography	2 single-period tests each semester
2-period History	
2-period Biology	
Advanced Maths	1 two-period test each semester
2-period Philosophy	

Complementary Courses : 1 single-period test each semester

The rules for the European BAC can be found on the Website : www.eurisc.eu