

**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 and advanced courses**. Students must follow a minimum of 29 periods with the courses named before. If a student doesn't reach the minimum required of 31 periods, she/ he must complete the timetable with 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

STS (Science, Technology and Society)	2 periods
History (in vehicular language)	2 periods
Geography (in vehicular language)	2 periods
Philosophy	2 periods

NOTE :

- a) The 2-period Science, Technology and Society 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) The Religion/Ethics course must be followed in the pupil's L2. In general, a moral/religion course can open for a minimum of 5 pupils. (Rif. Doc.: 2019-04-D-13-en-4:2.4. Minimum group/class/option sizes).

<u>Optional courses</u>	
	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 language II 4 periods	Biology 4 periods
Geography in language II 4 periods	Art 4 periods
Economics 4 periods	Music 4 periods

NOTE :

- Each pupil must choose **at least two optional courses**.
- 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**.
- 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).
- The language for History and Geography in 6th and 7th Year will not change regardless of any possible change in First Foreign Language (L2).

<u>Advanced Courses</u>	
Advanced Language I	3 periods
Advanced Language II	3 periods
Advanced Mathematics	3 periods

NOTE :

- 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.
- Advanced courses become compulsory subjects for the baccalaureate.
- 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 (in Italian)	2 periods	Storia delle idee	2 periods
Sport	2 periods	ICT	2 periods
Language V in	2 periods	Microelectronics	2 periods
Film studies (in English)	2 periods	Sustainability and active citizenship (in English)	2 periods
		Political Science (in EN)	2 periods

NOTE :

- Pupils, whose overall timetable does not reach the minimum 31 periods must complete the timetable with one or more complementary courses.
- Complementary courses are not examined in the final written and oral baccalaureate exams.
- 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 language II 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 language 2. The language remains the same as in 5th year.

Optional and complementary courses can only be established if at least 5 pupils are enrolled.

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 2 weeks 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. (Biology, Chemistry or Physics, or STS).
5. **If a pupil wishes to drop a subject, a written request must be submitted to the Deputy Director or and the Assistant Deputy Director by the 1st of June.**
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 Director and to the Assistant Deputy Director by the middle of April (17/04/2026 for the schoolyear 2025/2026).

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.

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** authorised¹.

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: 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.

¹ Article - 4.2.1.2 Between s6 and s7, only the following changes of level are possible: •Mathematics 5 ↔ Mathematics 3 •4-period option ↔ Compulsory 2-period course (same subject) A change to a more advanced course (Mathematics 5, 4-period option) is conditional upon the passing of an attainment test demonstrating the pupil's ability to keep up successfully with the requirements of the course requested. -AIREB - <https://secondaria.eurscva.eu/en/documents-and-links/bac/>

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

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	1 one-period test each semester
2-period History	1 one-period test each semester
2-period STS	1 one-period test each semester ²
Advanced Maths	1 two-period test each semester
2-period Philosophy	

Complementary Courses : 1 single-period test each semester³

² For the courses of HI2, GE2, STS either two test per semester may be organized, each covering a single period, or one test may be held over two consecutive periods. For STS in the second semester, the B-mark is based on a project to be completed.

³ An alternative assessment task may also be offered.

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	4 hours (2+2)
5-period Maths	4 hours (2+2)

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	1 two-period test each semester
2-period History	1 two-period test each semester
2-period STS	1 two-period test each semester
Advanced Maths	1 test of two periods each semester
2-period Philosophy	1 test of two periods each semester

Complementary Courses : 1 single-period test each semester or an alternative assessment task.

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