

# Subject Selection

## Year 7

- For students that are 11-13
- Compulsory subjects:
  - English
  - Maths
  - Science
  - ICT
- Highly recommended
  - Additional language (Choose 1 or more)
    - Afrikaans OR
    - Year 8 Spanish OR
    - Year 9 French
- Optional subjects
  - Social Science (preparation material for Cambridge IGCSE History and Geography)
  - Business (preparation material for Cambridge IGCSE Business and Economics)

## Year 8

- For students that are 12-14
- Compulsory subjects:
  - English
  - Maths
  - Science
  - ICT
- Highly recommended
  - Additional language (Choose 1 or more)
    - Afrikaans OR
    - Spanish OR
    - Year 9 French
- Optional subjects
  - Social Science (preparation material for Cambridge IGCSE History and Geography)
  - Business (preparation material for Cambridge IGCSE Business and Economics)

## Year 9

- For students that are 13-15
- Compulsory subjects:
  - English
  - Maths
  - Science
  - ICT
- Highly recommended
  - Additional language (Choose 1 or more)

- Afrikaans OR
  - Spanish OR
  - Year 9 French
- Optional subjects
  - Social Science (preparation material for Cambridge IGCSE History and Geography)
  - Business (preparation material for Cambridge IGCSE Business and Economics)

### IGCSE (Year 10 and 11 - 5 IGCSE passes is equivalent of Grade 11)

- For students that are 14 and older
- Should be done over 18 months - 2 years
- 5-7 subjects required
  - 5 subjects – basic matric – no university exemption
  - 6 subjects – South African university
  - 7 subjects – USA and European universities
- Compulsory subjects:
  - IGCSE English
  - IGCSE Maths
- Highly recommended
  - Additional language (Choose 1 or more)
    - IGCSE Afrikaans
    - IGCSE Spanish
    - IGCSE French
- Required for US Universities
  - A Science Subject (Choose 1 or more)
    - IGCSE Biology
    - IGCSE Physical Science
- Choose additional subjects to reach 5-7 subjects
  - IGCSE Accounting
  - IGCSE Economics
  - IGCSE Business Studies
  - IGCSE Computer Science
  - IGCSE Travel and Tourism
  - IGCSE History
  - IGCSE Geography
  - IGCSE Environmental Management
  - IGCSE Biology
  - IGCSE Phys Science (made up of Physics and Chemistry)
  - IGCSE Art (requires monthly practicals at Poplar Academy Midrand – estimated charge R1200 per month)
  - IGCSE Sociology (not recognised by South African Universities for exemption)

### AS Level (South African matric)

- For students that are 16 and older
- 2-6 subjects required
  - 2 subjects – basic matric – no university exemption
  - 4 subjects – South African private university (2-sitting rule applies)
  - 6 subjects – South African public university (2-sitting rule applies)

- 6 subjects – USA and European universities
- Compulsory subjects
  - IGCSE English OR AS English compulsory
  - Other compulsory subjects are dependent on degree – contact your university of choice
- Choose additional subjects to reach 2-6 subjects
  - AS English Lang
  - AS Afrikaans
  - AS Maths
    - Pure Maths 1 (compulsory)
    - Mechanics OR
    - Probability and Statistics 1
  - AS Accounting
  - AS Economics
  - AS Business
  - AS Computer Science
  - AS Environmental Management
  - AS Geography
  - AS Psychology (not recognised by South African Universities for exemption)
  - AS Sociology (not recognised by South African Universities for exemption)
  - AS English General (not recognised by South African Universities for – estimated charge R1200 per month)
  - AS Biology (requires monthly practicals at Poplar Academy Midrand – add)
  - AS Chemistry (requires monthly practicals at Poplar Academy Midrand – estimated charge R1200 per month)
  - AS Physics (requires monthly practicals at Poplar Academy Midrand – estimated charge R1200 per month)

### Notes:

- Multilevel subjects are allowed – e.g. a student can be on Year 8 English, Maths and Science AND Year 9 French at the same time.
- For University Exemption 2-sitting rule applies – please see <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/523166-university-recognition-south-africa.pdf>