



# THE WINCHESTER SCHOOL, JEBEL ALI

## OPTIONS ORIENTATION WEBINAR

### YEAR- 9 MOVING TO YEAR- 10

#### 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021



**“Not limiting your beliefs opens pathways to infinite potential.”**



## *Objectives:*

- *To share all subject options available, expectations, MOE requirement and equivalency.*
- *How to make choices to achieve your aspirations for future career*

*“Follow your inner passion to make your choices, always remember hard work is not an option.”*



# School Provision for International Exams

- As a British curriculum school, we offer National Curriculum for England.
- Students do their exams from CAIE and Edexcel boards in Year 11, 12 and Year13.
- We also offer Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma program in Year 10/11 and Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma program in Year 12/13.



Key stage	Age (in years)	Curriculum	Grading
Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 & 9)	11-13	NCfE (National Curriculum for England)	A* to E
Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11)	14-15	IGCSE (2 Years program) from CAIE/Edexcel Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma (2 Years Program)	A* to G Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*
Key Stage 5 (Year 12 & 13)	16-18	A level from CAIE (2 Years program) Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma (2 Years program)	A* to E Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*



# Pathways at Winchester for Year 10-11

We offer two pathways to our students after Year 9

- Path way 1: IGCSE in seven subjects including English and Math
- Path way 2 : IGCSE English + Math along with Pearson BTEC International Level 2 Diploma program in two subjects



# MOE Equivalency Requirement for British Curriculum

- Arabic is compulsory for all Arab students till Year 13 and for all Non-Arab students till Year 10.
- The student shall complete the twelfth grade or equivalent (Year 13).
- The student shall pass five (5) subjects in the general level courses (IGCSE or GCSE) in one of the success grades (A\*, A, B, C, D), or (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9), including the following subjects:
  - Mathematics.
  - One of the science subjects (Physics, Chemistry or Biology) or a double science subject.
  - English language or English literature.
- The student shall pass two (2) subjects in the advanced level courses (GCE Advanced Level) with one of the success grades (A\*, A, B, C, D).
- Islamic education and the Arabic language are excluded in both levels.



## Path way 1 - IGCSE

### Mandatory School guidelines:

- Arabic is compulsory for all Arab students till Year 13 and for all Non-Arab students till Year 10
- UAE Social Studies is mandatory for all students till Year 10
- Moral Education is mandatory for all students till Year 13.
- All Muslim students till year 13 must take Islamic Education (MOE).
- All students must take IGCSE English as a First Language and IGCSE Mathematics
- All students must take one of the Science subjects (Physics, Chemistry or Biology)
- Select 5 subjects from the option form. One subject from each vertical column.
- Please note that you need to get a minimum grade C in your subject in Year 9 to take the subject in IGCSE.
- Students must achieve a minimum of grade B in writing to opt for English Literature as an option.
- An option will be considered viable only if at least 15 students sign up for it.
- All subjects offered are from CAIE board except GCSE Psychology and GCSE Statistics which is from Edexcel board.
- **Please note that IGCSE certification will only be given only at the end of two-year course.**





# IGCSE Options Form 2021 -2023

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Accounting	Business Studies	Economics	Physics	Arabic
Physics	Biology	Chemistry	Information and Communication Technology	History
Information and Communication Technology	Art and Design	Food and Nutrition	Biology	Chemistry
Physical Education	Geography	Psychology	Global Perspectives	Information and Communication Technology
English Literature	Computer Science	French	Psychology	Travel & Tourism
Environmental Management	Sociology	Statistics	Economics	Computer Science





# Prerequisite for A levels

- Please note that in order to take subjects at an AS/A level, certain IGCSE subjects are required as a prerequisite. Please refer to AS-A level option form for clarity.
- Students must achieve a minimum grade B in those IGCSE subjects that they need to pursue further in AS/A level. If the subject has-been taken as core at an IGCSE level, that subject cannot be taken at an AS level.



# Details of the Subjects, Assessments & Career

- Click on to the link for Subject Specific Details for Options – <https://bit.ly/39Pm4s0>
- Click on to the link to hear the Subject Introduction by the Heads of Departments - - <https://bit.ly/3s1PIW>



# Self Study – IGCSE Subjects

- Keeping in mind the growing trend in university requirements, we recommend students to do one or two additional subjects as self-study, however these are not mandatory.
- Please note that students can select either of the following subjects as additional subjects which will be supported but not timetabled.
  - Geography
  - History
  - Business Studies
  - Sociology
  - Travel & Tourism
  - EVM
  - French

**\*\*NOTE:** Any subject with course work & practical application cannot be done as additional self study subject



# Mandatory guidelines for students taking Self Study Subjects

Students taking self study subjects must-

- Complete the syllabus as per the timeline provided by the teachers
- Attend support sessions
- Practice past paper questions topic wise and submit to the subject teacher for feedback
- Attempt Pre-Mock and Mock exam for these additional subjects at school
- Will be registered for the final CAIE exams only if they follow the above guidelines



# School Support for Self Study Subjects

School will provide support to the students through:

- Scheduled support lessons
- Teachers will share the timeline with the students to complete the syllabus
- Teacher will mark the past papers and give feedback
- School will administer Pre-Mock and Mock exam for these additional subjects and give detailed feedback



# When can students appear for Self – Study subject exams?

Students can give the exam for the additional subjects in either of the following sessions.

- May/June 2022
- October/November 2022
- May/June 2023



## Pathway 2 - Pearson BTEC International Level 2 Diploma Program

- Pearson BTEC International Level 2 qualifications are part of BTEC International suite. These qualifications are designed in a range of sectors for learners who wish to explore a work-related qualification or specific industry area. They offer knowledge, understanding and skills that students need to prepare for a career.
- BTEC enables a learner-centered approach to education, with a flexible, unit-based structure and knowledge applied to project-based assessments. BTEC focus on the holistic development of the practical, interpersonal and thinking skills required to be successful in employment and higher education.
- Each BTEC subject is a 60-credit course which is completed in two years.





# Mandatory Subjects for BTEC Level 2

The following subjects are compulsory as per MOE guidelines for Equivalency:

- Arabic, UAE SST, Moral Education, IGCSE English as a First Language, IGCSE Mathematics are mandatory for all students
- Islamic Education is mandatory for all Muslim students.
- BTEC Applied Science is mandatory for all students. This is equivalent to 4 GCSEs
- Please note BTEC certificate will be given only after completing the two years course.



# BTEC Optional Subjects

Student can choose one BTEC subject from the below table. Each BTEC subject is equivalent 3 GCSEs.

- BTEC Business
- BTEC ICT
- BTEC Hospitality



# BTEC Equivalency

- **We have reached out to MOE for BTEC Equivalency and we are hopeful that we will get it.**
- **BTEC is a highly recognized in UK and does not require equivalency from UAE ministry of education for universities in UK. Please check on acceptance of BTEC in the university you wish to pursue.**



# Progression for IGCSE Students

- For students who opt for IGCSE in Year 10 and 11 will have three options in Year 12-13. Students can choose either of the below option.
  1. A level from CAIE with minimum three subjects.
  2. BTEC level 3 Diploma program from Pearson Qualification with two BTEC subjects.
  3. Hybrid program with one BTEC subject and minimum one A level subject.
- Students who opt for BTEC Level 2 in Year 10 and 11 will only progress to BTEC Level 3 Diploma Program in Year 12 and 13. BTEC Level 2 students are not eligible to pursue A level program in Year 12 and 13.



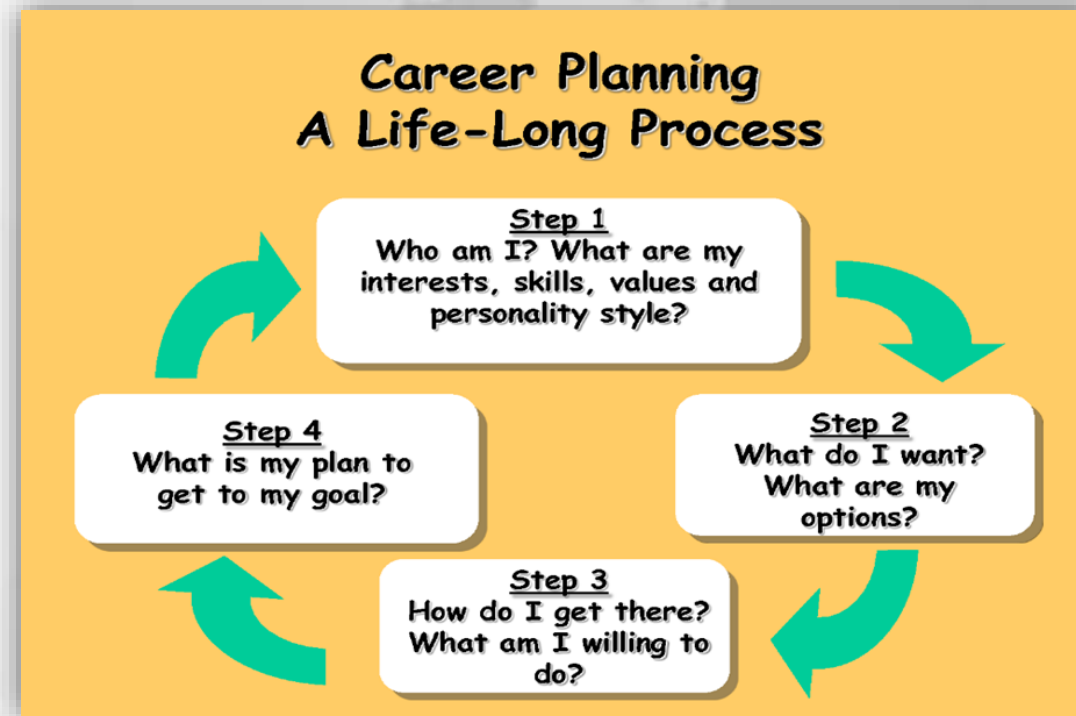
# Why do we require UAE MOE Equivalency ?

- MOE Equivalency is required for any student who wants to pursue College/University education in UAE or needs Equivalency from MOE for their own home countries.
- For students who do not need equivalency from UAE MOE, they will need to confirm the same to the school through the signed undertaking.
- Please do a thorough research of what you want to pursue in the universities which course you need to pursue in AS level and then make an informed decision for Pathway (IGCSE /Pearson international BTEC Level 2).



# Career Planning

- Career Planning is a deliberate process of knowing WHO you are so that you can be sure of WHERE you want to go on WHAT you want to be at some defined point in future.





# Career Planning Opportunities

How we help our students to get prepared future careers -

- Encourage students to develop a well rounded profile and keep a track of Activities from Year 7
- Internship and volunteering opportunities
- Options Introduction Assembly for students in Year 8
- Option Awareness Assembly for students in Year 9
- Options orientation webinar for parents of Year 9 students.
- Career Assemblies and Fairs for Year 11-13 students
- Work experience opportunity for students of age 15 years old and above
- Study skills workshops for Year 9 and 10
- Support and guidance for application processes
- Career guidance and counselling provided to students and parents

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# Important Links and Websites

- ❑ CAIE: Cambridge Assessment International Education - <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org>
- ❑ Edexcel: Pearson Qualification Edexcel and BTEC - <https://qualifications.pearson.com>



# Important Timeline

- Please choose the pathway and options along with your child after the webinar for Year 10 by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- The link was shared with parents in the circular sent earlier :  
<https://forms.office.com/r/307ZgD5Ccy>
- Please submit the undertaking letter to your child's form tutor by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.



# Question and Answer session

- **Thank you for attending the webinar.**
- **Any questions ?**
- **Kindly write in the chat box**