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Malvern College
Briefing on IGCSE &GCSE Choices

For entry into the Remove in September 2022

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INSTILLING & NURTURING
EMOTIONAL & CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE
THAT SUPPORTS THE DRIVE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

SUPER-CURRICULUM

CO-CURRICULUM

PUPIL CARE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

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GCSEs & IGCSEs

- At Malvern, like at most other UK independent schools, we offer a mix of GCSEs and IGCSEs.

- The 'I' denotes 'international' but IGCSEs are awarded by UK exam boards, just like GCSEs. Universities regard them as entirely equivalent.

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How many GCSEs do the Remove/Hundred take?

Most pupils will take 10 GCSEs:

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

The equivalent of at least 2 Science GCSEs

Plus 5 optional GCSE subjects

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5 Optional Subjects (for a majority of pupils)

- Most pupils will take 5 optional subjects

- It might be appropriate for a significant minority of pupils to take 4 optional subjects if their tutor, Housem and Mr Merrick, Deputy Head of Lower School, think that is right for them, for example, in order to fit Learning Enhancement lessons into their timetable.

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More than the standard

A small minority of pupils take more than the 'standard' 10 GCSEs if :

They are in the top Maths set in the Hundred and take Further Mathematics - which doesn't require them to use one of their 5 optional subject choices - as well as IGCSE Maths

or,

They take an additional language by private tuition

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Remove Curriculum

ENGLISH	MATHS	SCIENCE	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5

Life Skills		Tutor Period

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Compulsory Subjects:

- Mathematics IGCSE

- **Science IGCSE**

  Either: Dual Award Science IGCSE

  or: 3 Separate Science IGCSEs

  or: 2 Separate Science IGCSEs

- English Language IGCSE
- English Literature IGCSE

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Compulsory Subjects continued:

- **English as an additional language** for non-native English speakers. All non-native English speakers in the FY who currently take English as an additional language must continue with EAL in the Remove & Hundred ***and use 1 of their 5 optional choices for that***.

- Life Skills

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A note for award-holders

Music, Art, PE, Technology, Drama & Sport Scholars do **not** have to choose those subjects for GCSE, although, naturally, they may well wish to do so.

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Optional Subjects

- Separate Sciences (**you need to use 1 of your 5 options if you wish to study all 3 Separate Science**s, but **not** if you want to study just 2 of them or if you choose Dual Award Science)
- Art and Design
- Photography
- Music
- Drama
- Physical Education
- Design Technology (Resistant Materials or Graphic Products or Textiles)
- French
- German
- Spanish

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Optional Subjects continued:

- Classical Greek
- Latin
- History
- Geography
- Religious Studies
- Computer Science
- Classical Civilisation

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Principles for choosing subjects

1. Choose the subjects you are good at and enjoy the most.

2. Consider which courses you may wish to study in the Sixth Form or at university.

3. In order to keep your options open for later studies, **consider** choosing at least one **language** (French, Spanish, German, Latin, Greek) and one **humanity** (Geography, History, Classical Civilisation or Religious Studies) among your 5 optional subjects.

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GCSE/IGCSE Grading Structure

Old GCSE/IGCSE structure	**A***	**A**		**B**		**C**		**D**	**E**	**F**	**G**	**U**
New GCSE/IGCSE structure	**9**	**8**	**7**	**6**	**5**	**4**		**3**	**2**	**1**		**U**

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Timings

- Parents receive the information on choices via e-mail before Half-term in the Spring Term
- FY pupils receive GCSE booklet and are briefed by their Tutors before Half-term in the Spring Term
- Pupils make their preliminary choices in the week immediately after Half-term in the Spring Term
- **Blocking of subjects** will then commence
- Choices refined later in the Spring Term and Summer terms
- Refinements to the options blocks may be made to accommodate as many pupils' first choice set of subjects as possible

Two courses of Sixth Form study

IB Diploma

6 subjects (3 Higher Level & 3 Standard Level)

Core of CAS (Creativity, Action, Service),
Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay

A Level

Most pupils do 3 A Level subjects and an Enrichment course

A minority do 4 A Level subjects

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The IB Diploma

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

IB Mission statement

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- Each subject is graded from 7 (highest) to 1 (lowest)
- 3 - 0 points awarded for the Core
- Maximum total is 45 points
- Usually a Diploma is awarded for 24 or more points

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Studies in Language & Literature (A)

English A Lit (H/S)
English A Language & Lit (H/S)
German A (H/S)
Self-Taught Language A (S)

Language Acquisition (B)

French (H/S)
German (H/S)
Spanish (H/S), ab initio)
Spanish (ab initio)
Latin (H/S)
Greek (H/S)

Mathematics

Maths – Analysis and Approaches (H/S)
Maths – Applications and Interpretations(H/S)

Individuals & Societies

Business Management (H/S)
Economics (H/S)
History (H/S)
Geography (H/S)
Philosophy (H/S)
Environmental Systems & Societies (S)
Psychology (H/S)

Sciences

Biology (H/S)
Chemistry (H/S)
Computer Science (H)
Physics (H/S)
Design Technology (H/S)
Environmental Systems & Societies (S)
Sports, Exercise & Health Science (H/S)

The Arts & Elective

Visual Art (H/S)
Music (H/S)

A Level Subjects

Art	German
Biology	Greek
Business (cannot be combined with Economics)	History
Chemistry	Latin
Classical Civilisation	Mathematics
Computer Science	Music
Design Technology	Photography
Drama & Theatre Studies	Psychology
Economics (cannot be combined with Business)	Physical Education
English Literature	Physics
French	Politics
Further Maths (must choose Mathematics as well)	Religious Studies
Geography	Spanish

Academic Enrichment at A level

THE MOST POPULAR OPTIONS ARE:

THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

—

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

—

MATHEMATICS FOR SCIENTISTS

—

BRIDGING COURSES

—

LANGUAGES

—

PUPIL'S OWN CHOICE, E.G. PRIVATE TUITION MANDARIN, MUSIC

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The Super-curriculum

PUPIL LED CURRICULUM

—

WIDE RANGE OF PUPIL LED SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

—

LIFE-LONG SKILLS

—

INTELLECTUAL STRETCH-ACADEMIC BREADTH

—

INDEPENDENT STUDY-COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

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TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING

WE DEVELOP INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

—

WE ENCOURAGE A LOVE & PASSION FOR LEARNING

BOTH IN & OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

—

WE STRETCH AND CHALLENGE ALL OUR PUPILS
THROUGHOUT THEIR MALVERN COLLEGE JOURNEY

Pupils should talk to…

- Their parents
- Their tutor
- Their Housemaster/Housemistress
- Their teachers and Heads of Departments
- Mr Merrick (Deputy Head of Lower School)
- Mr Gauci (Director of Studies)
- Mr Holroyd (Deputy Head: Curriculum)
- Mr Thurlow (Head of Careers & University Applications)

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