



Secondary Curriculum & Pathways

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Head of Secondary



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Secondary Principal

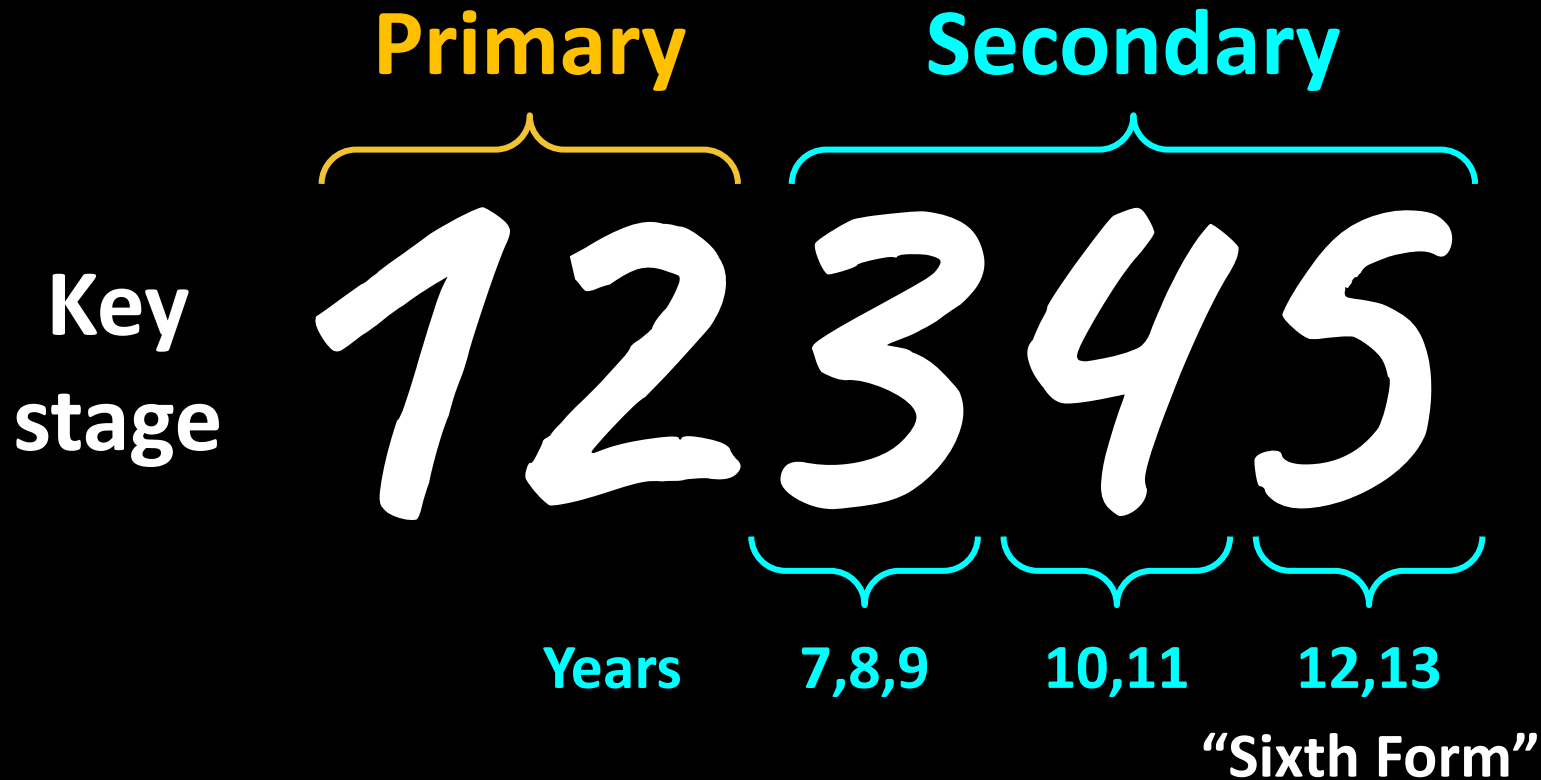


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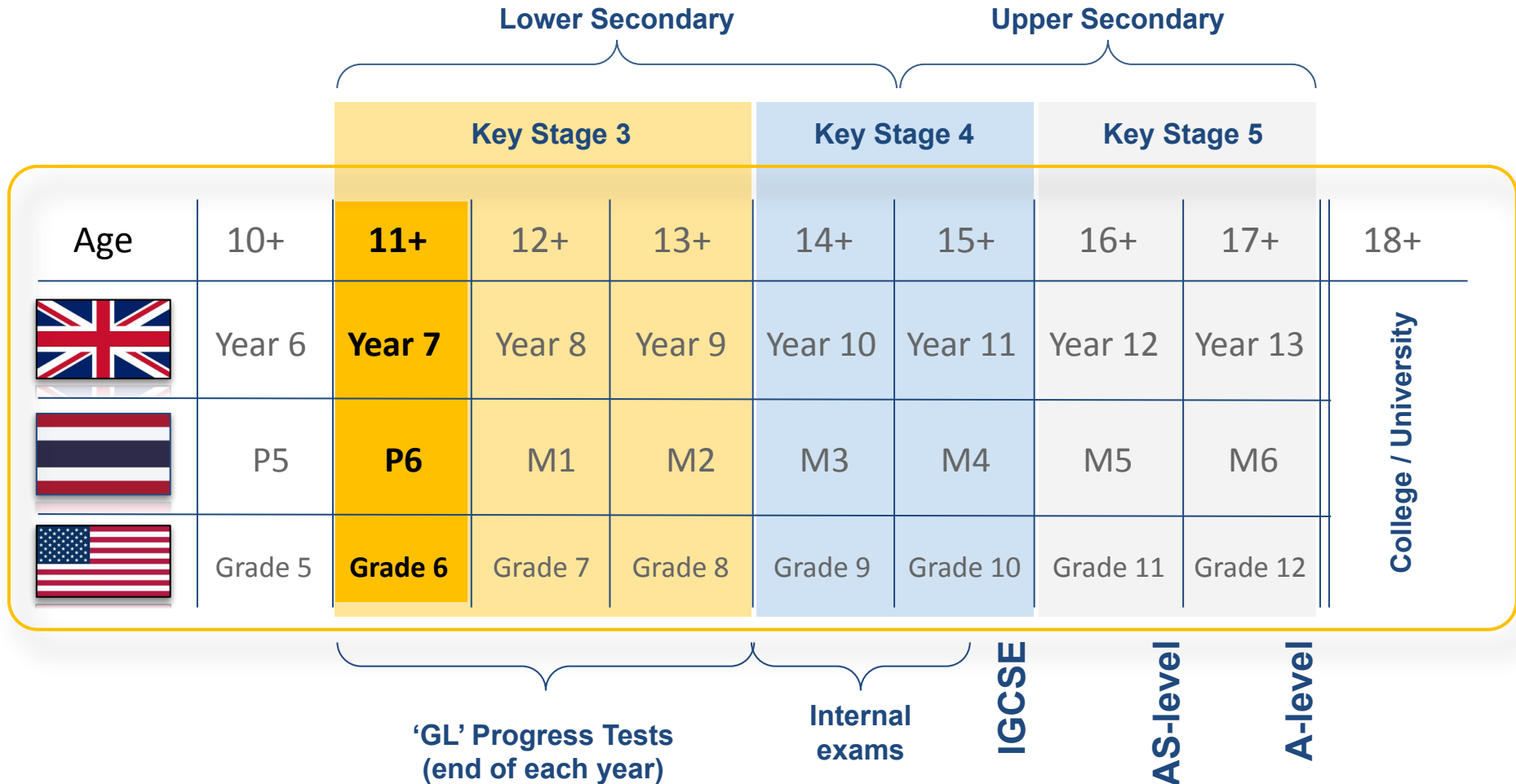
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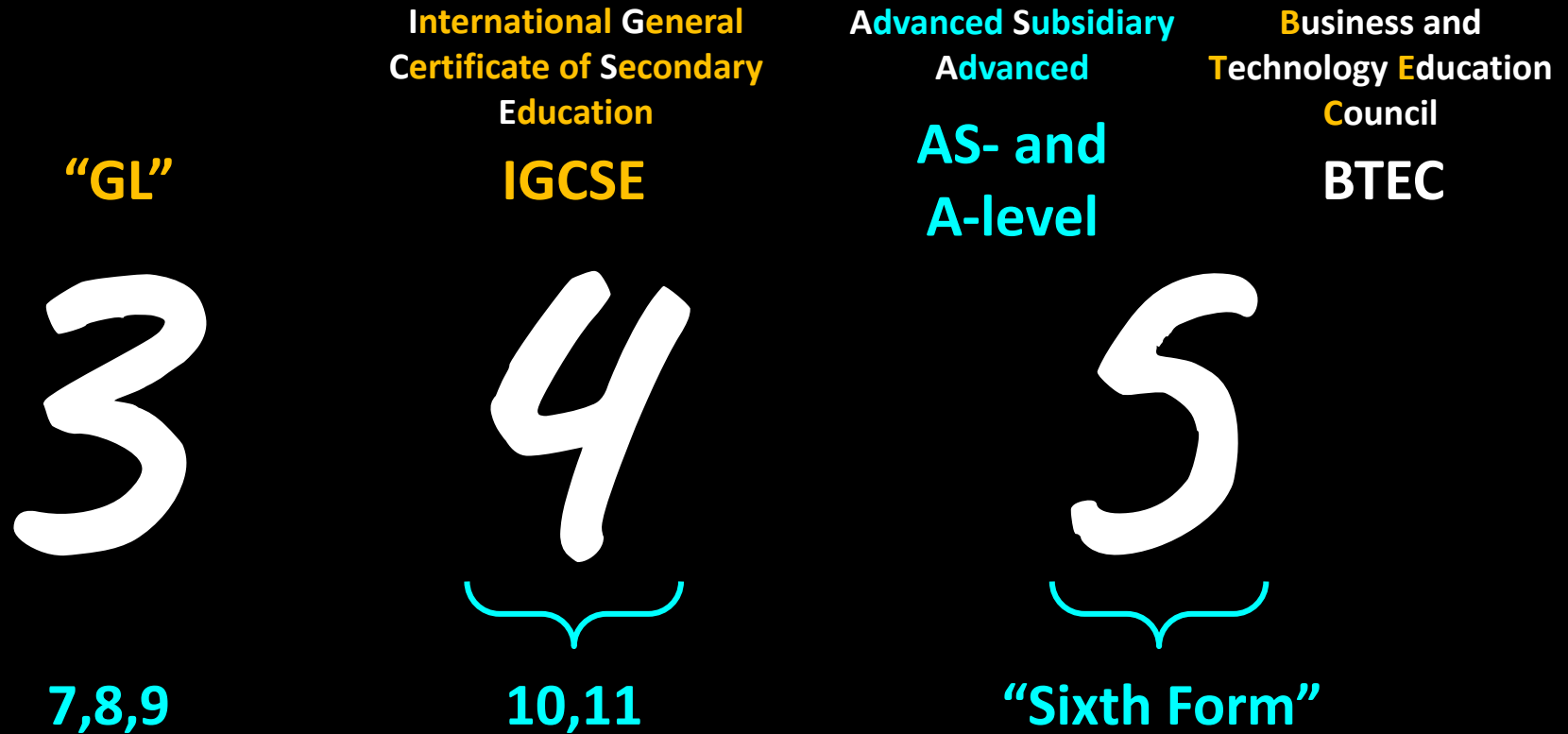
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Educational journey in Secondary



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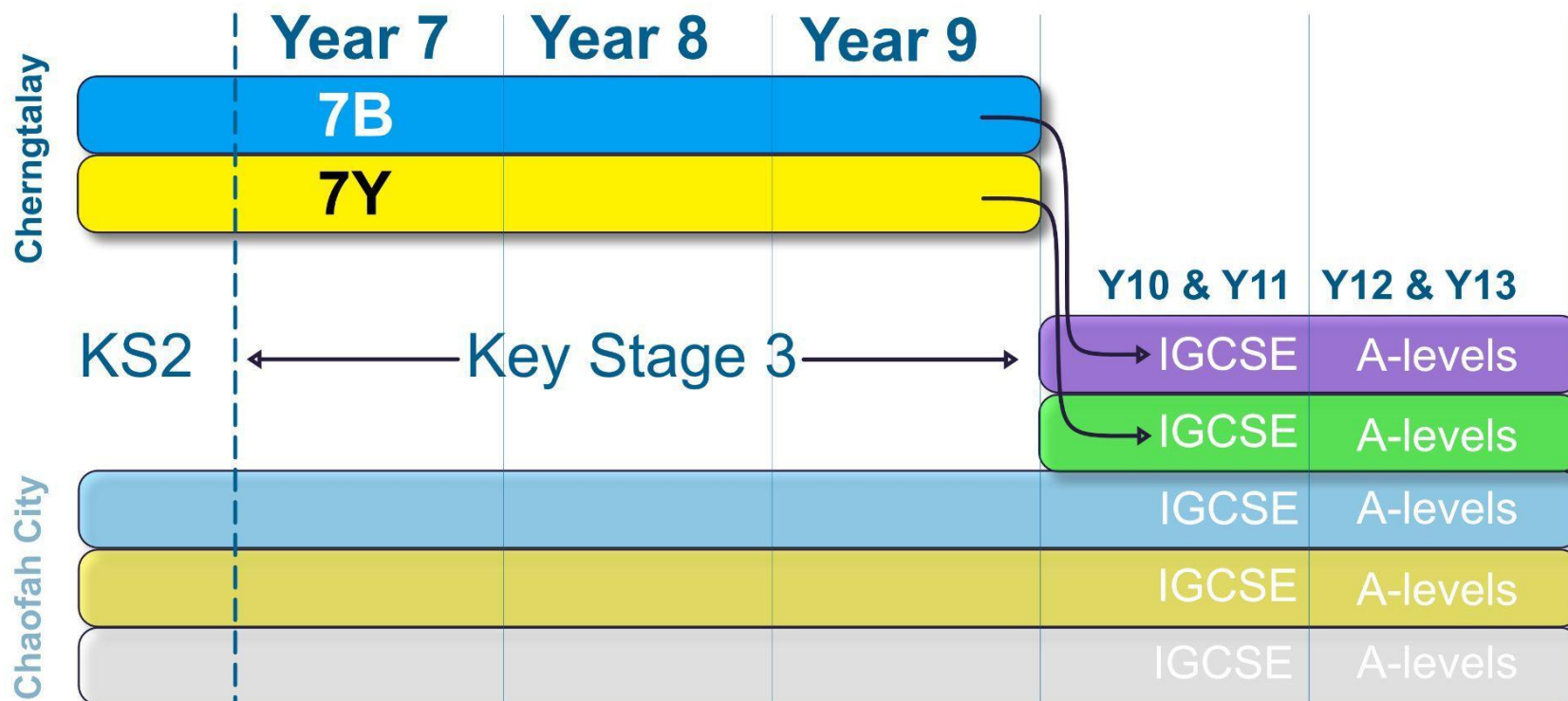


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Key Stage progression



Key Stages 4 & 5



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Richard Lukats
Secondary Principal



Lower Secondary



Nikki Uhure
**Assistant Head
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Benjamin Wakeford
Head of Lower School



Pornkamon Roongsiri
Deputy School Director

Upper Secondary



Timothy Davidson
Head of Upper School

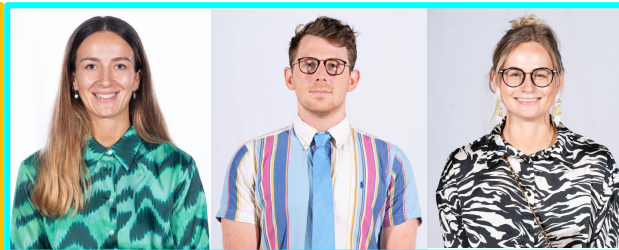


Emily Graham
**Assistant Head
of Upper School**

Coordinators



Jamie Sadler **Alicia Niemand**
Year 9 **Year 10**



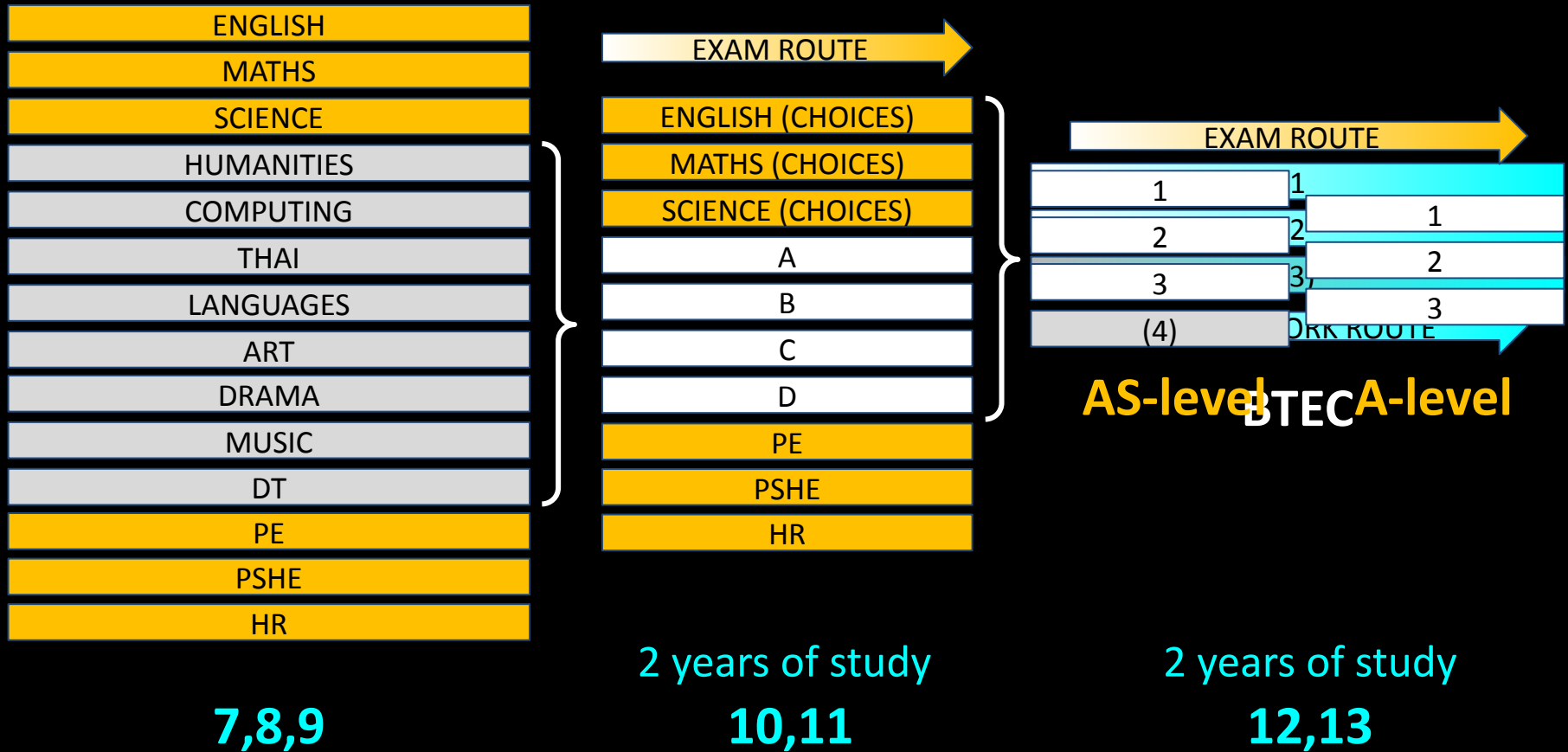
Kerrie Nacey **Gio Guarino** **Kelly Tuppen**
Year 11 **Year 12** **Year 13**

University Counsellors



Simon Thomas **Neil Roscoe**

Curriculum journey



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HeadStart Educational Journey

Key Stage Three - Year 7, 8 & 9

- HeadStart Curriculum based on the English National Curriculum
- End of Year Assessments using GL Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science

Key Stage Four - Year 10 & 11

- IGCSE Cambridge/GCSE Edexcel International Exams at the end of Year 11

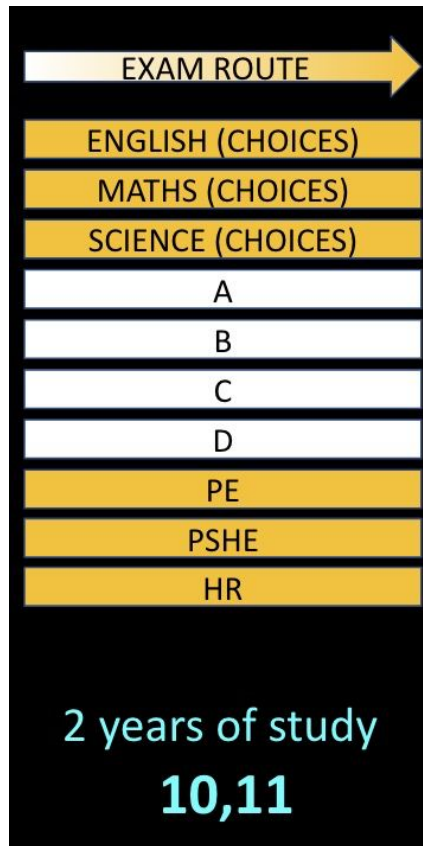
Key Stage Five (Sixth Form) - Year 12 & 13

- AS Level Cambridge International Exams at the end of Year 12
- A Level Cambridge International Exams at the end of Year 13
- Pearson BTEC Certificates, Sub-Diploma and Diplomas in Y12 and 13



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HeadStart Educational Journey



Key Stage Four - Year 10 & 11 - more details

- **Two year courses** following internationally recognised syllabi.
- Some courses have coursework, but most have exams at the end of two years.
- The examinations are **externally marked**.
- **GCSE & IGCSE** prepare students for A-levels and BTECs.

What are GCSEs/IGCSEs?

GCSE and IGCSE are the world's most popular internationally recognised qualifications for 14 to 16 year olds

They act as a **gateway to higher education** or professional studies anywhere in the world.

They can help you:

- get a **place at college or university** at home or abroad
- find better **career opportunities**
- **pass the language tests** for emigrating or studying in another country
- **develop skills** that help you lead a more exciting and successful life

“Cambridge” or “Pearson”



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Required for A-level
study in a subject ➡



A*–G grades	9–1 grades
A*	9
A	8 7
B	6
C	5 4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	



Pearson

(for Music & Art)

↩ “Good Pass”



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Key Stage 4

Compulsory subjects

18 lessons in each week

- English (**four** lessons)
- Mathematics (**four** lessons)
- Science (**six** or **nine** lessons)
- Core Physical Education (**two** lessons) non-exam class
- PSHE (**one** lesson)
- Homeroom/assembly (**one** lesson)



Compulsory subjects

English (**four** lessons a week)

ENGLISH (CHOICES)

- English as a Second Language
- English Language
- English Language and Literature (two IGCSEs); this is a very challenging option for the most able students.



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Key Stage 4

Compulsory subjects

Mathematics (**four** lessons)

MATHS (CHOICES)

- **Core Mathematics** - maximum IGCSE grade of a C
- **Extended Mathematics** - maximum grade of an A* but **much** harder. Only advisable for students who are definitely on course to obtain a B or above.



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Key Stage 4

Compulsory subjects

Sciences(**six** or **nine** lessons)

SCIENCE (CHOICES)

- **Coordinated Science:** two IGCSE with examinations that have questions from all three Sciences. This requires **six lessons**.
- **IGCSE Chemistry and IGCSE Physics:** Two separate IGCSE that require three lessons a week each (to follow the individual Sciences students need to perform well in Y9 Science).
- **IGCSE Chemistry, IGCSE Physics and IGCSE Biology.** Three separate IGCSE that require three lessons a week each. A total of **nine lessons** (This path takes one of the option blocks)



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Key Stage 4

Optional subjects

12 lessons in each week

Computer Science
ICT (Information & Communication Technology)
Geography
History
Economics
Business Studies
Travel & Tourism

Physical Education (IGCSE)
Art & Design
Design Technology
Drama
Music
Languages (see next slide)
Biology (see previous)

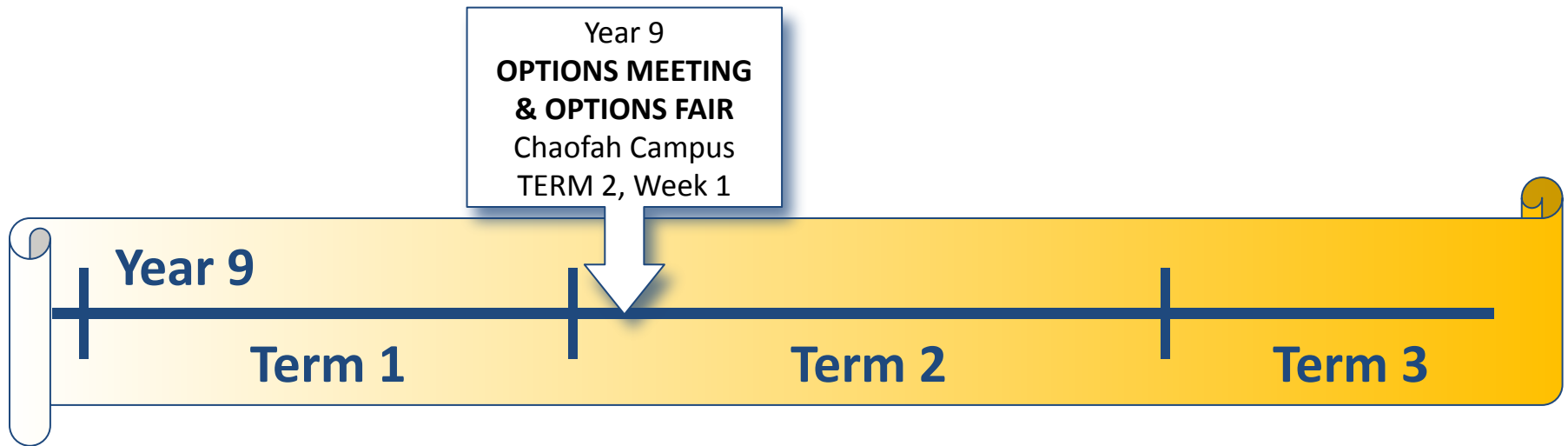
IGCSE Language Options 2024-2025



Other languages options are available to take as
IGCSE exams only in First, Second and Foreign.

(These are not taught subjects)

Making the Choice



- Year 9 students & parents begin the process of choosing their IGCSE options in the 1st week of Term 2 in Year 9.
- Follow-up discussions will happen later in the year.

Making the Choice

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Biology	Physical Education	Business Studies	ICT
Drama	Computer Science	Music	History
Economics	Geography	Economics	Travel and Tourism
Design & Technology	Business Studies	Design & Technology	Art and Design
	First language Thai	Art & Design	Computer Science
	Foreign language French	ICT	
	First or foreign language Mandarin		

- These are examples of the option “**blocks**”
- The blocks change every year to best fit our students’ needs

Balance

We encourage students to choose a balanced curriculum but the final decision is made in consultation with the student and the parents.

Think about:

- Fun and Enjoyment
- Academic rigour
- Coursework or exam based?
- Future studies?
- Current strengths and weaknesses

Homework

- Students receive **1 hour** of homework **per week** for **each examination subject** (approximately 8 hours)

Parental Support

You can help your child by:

- **Checking** their work set on **Google Classroom**; ask if they need support.
- **Get them to explain** what they have learnt - verbally explaining a concept helps our brain to process the information.
- **Encourage** them during assessments and exams; **smart working is better** than overworking.

Other opportunities...

We offer a range of activities beyond the academic curriculum to support, extend and boost learning.

- Extracurricular **clubs** & activities
- Additional **support**; EAL, AEN, VAPP
- **CAPA** programme
- **Academies**; sports and dance
- Residential **trips** and visits
- **Competitions** and challenges
- Duke of Edinburgh's **International Award - Bronze**



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Key Stage 4

Exam Success

Some headlines from our most recent IGCSE results (2024):

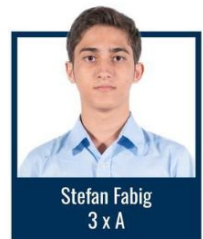
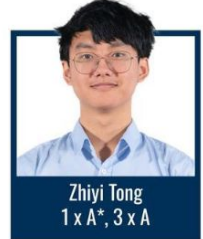
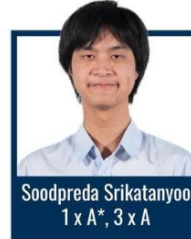
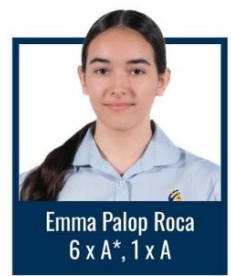
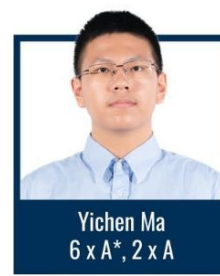
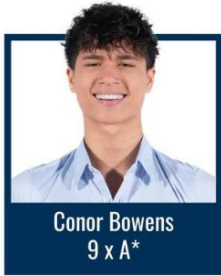
- One third of all entries were A grade or A*
- 99.6% pass rate

Y11 Student Successes

Cambridge IGCSE Results 2024



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Students Achieving 3 or more A-A* Grades



Key Stage 4

IGCSE - the **key** to the 6th form

Minimum entrance requirements for the Sixth form:

- **Five grade C** (or 4 if Art or Music) or above at IGCSE

Additional entrance requirements for A-level:

- **Grade B/6 or above** in the relevant subject

However we do look at each student individually and try to find a pathway for them.

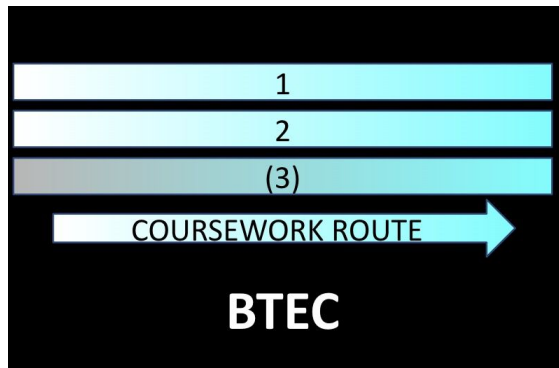
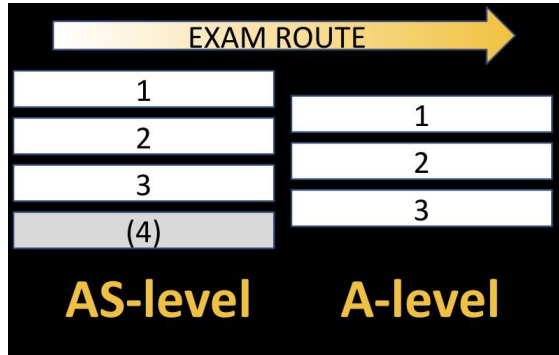
And onto University...

University requirements

- For the majority of subjects **IGCSE results do not affect university entrance at all.**
- Many universities require **a minimum level of Maths & English** and a C grade at IGCSE can often be used to show this. Some universities also require **a minimum of 5 A* to C grades.**
- To help all students obtain this level at IGCSE we offer **IGCSE English and IGCSE Mathematics to students in year 12** who obtained less than a C in year 11.

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Key Stage Five - Year 12 & 13 - more details



- **Two year courses** following an internationally recognised syllabus.
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- **A levels & BTEC Level 3 Diplomas** prepare students for college or university study



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Key Stage 5

A Level Subjects

Art & Design

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Computer Science

French

Geography

History

English Literature

Maths

Physics

Psychology



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Key Stage 4

BTEC Subjects

Business

Performing Arts

Sport

Travel & Tourism



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Key Stage 4

More opportunities...

Our **Sixth Form programme** offers tailored support for senior students, in addition to what we offer at Key Stage 4.

- Dedicated **University Guidance** team
- Socio-emotional **support & counselling**
- “**U-Prep**” programme
- **Application** and **reference** support
- The **EPQ** programme
- **Leadership** opportunities
- Duke of Edinburgh’s **International Award - Silver**

Exam Success

Some headlines from our recent Sixth Form results (2024):

- AS levels: **35% A grade**
- A levels: **28% A* or A grade**
- Year 12 BTEC: **39% Distinction* or Distinction**
- Year 13 BTEC: **72% Distinction* or Distinction**

AS/A Level & BTEC Results 2024



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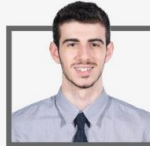
Charles Callens
3 A* at A Level



Sarita Singhapan
A*, A & 1 B at A Level



Kirill Kotchetkov
3 A at A Level



Liam Mizrahi
2 A & 1 B at A Level



Dmitrii Vygovskii
2 A & 1 B at A Level



Reem Tsairi
2 BTEC Distinction *



Alex Patterson
2 BTEC Distinctions



Jessica Gysin
1 BTEC Distinction *
1 BTEC Distinction



Buraset Thinkoyao
2 BTEC Distinctions



Taina Lubrani
2 A at A Level



Mehardeep Sachdeva
1 A at A Level



Pimnara Phongworasak
1 A at A Level



Hongyu Wei
1 A at A Level



Fleur Masson Sauter
1 A at AS Level



Jessica Rich
1 BTEC Distinction*



Boris Pavlov
1 BTEC Distinction



Diana Voigt
1 BTEC Distinction



Ryan Pearce
1 BTEC Distinction



Dmitry Durasov
1 BTEC Distinction



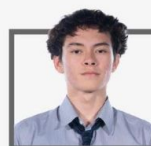
Erica Illstam
4 A at AS Level



Zegong Sun
3 A & 1 B at AS level



Yucheng Qiang
3 A & 1 C at AS Level



Ryan McKellar
3 A at AS Level



Kittat Phaisamran
3 A at AS Level



Luxin Zhang
3 A at AS Level



Christina Fischer
1 A, 3 B at AS Level



Rungradis Ruthirawut
3 A at AS Level



Rattanakorn Sienghen
2 A & 1 B at AS Level



Valenzo Vu-Guerin
2 A & 1 B at AS Level



Zoe Fuchs
2 A & 1 B at AS Level



Lena Janicka
2 A & 1 B at AS Level



Ruojing Bai
2 A at AS Level



Chadanit Prachumpan
1 A at AS Level



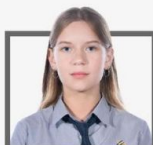
Chayatip Phucharoen
1 A at AS Level



Phudit Pongpech
1 A at AS Level



Crispin Reynolds
1 A at AS Level



Alisa Boltovskaia
1 A at AS Level



Kristina Lashchenova
1 A at AS Level



Dylan Lee
2 BTEC Distinction *



Eva Ducasse
2 BTEC Distinction *



Christien Goyette
1 BTEC Distinction *
1 BTEC Distinction



Kyungkuk Kim
1 BTEC Distinction*



Nina Diouron
1 BTEC Distinction*



Mason Gibson
1 BTEC Distinction

ANY
QUESTIONS?

