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PROGRAMME OF STUDY



International GCSE
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International GCSE

This handbook is a programme guide for students moving to Year 9 and Year 10 in 2024/2025.

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Edexcel International GCSE at SSLSD

At SSLSD, Year 9 is the foundation level of IGCSE where students choose their area of specialization. IGCSE is designed as a three-year course at SSLSD and students complete their IGCSE in Year 11.

The school has been an Edexcel examination center for the past 12 years. Students are coached to sit for the May/June exam series of the IGCSE.

Subject selection at SSLSD

At SSLSD, students take **eight subjects** for their IGCSE.

- Three non-elective subjects
 - Common for all students
- Five elective subjects
 - Students choose subjects based on their specialization area/ interest

Subjects are selected in two stages in Year 9 and 10 as follows. Students complete their IGCSE in Year 11 with the chosen 8 subjects.

Year 9 ¹		Year 10	
Common subjects for all students in Year 9	Mathematics Computing Business English Language English Literature Qatar History	Common subjects for all students in Year 10	Mathematics Computer Science Business
Basket 1 <i>Choose one subject from this basket</i>	Physics Accounting	Basket 1 <i>(Continue Y9 selection)</i>	Physics Accounting
Basket 2 <i>Choose one subject from this basket</i>	Biology Science Single Award	Basket 2 <i>(Continue Y9 selection)</i>	Biology Science Single Award
Basket 3 <i>Choose one subject from this basket</i>	Chemistry Economics	Basket 3 <i>(Continue Y9 selection)</i>	Chemistry Economics
		Basket 4 <i>Choose one subject from this basket</i>	English as a First Language English as a Second Language
		Basket 5 <i>Choose one subject from this basket</i>	English Literature Global Citizenship Psychology French ²

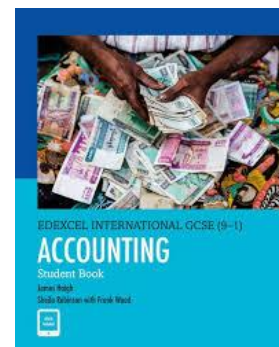
¹ Students specializing in the [Science stream](#) would take Physics, Biology and Chemistry from Baskets 1, 2 and 3. Students specializing in the [Commerce stream](#) would take Accounting, Economics, and Science SA from Baskets 1, 2 and 3

²**French** - The school is planning to introduce French for Year 10 in 2024/2025. However, this will be offered only if there is a minimum of 5 students opting for this subject. If there are less than 5 students opting for this subject, these students will have to choose another subject from this basket.

Accounting

This course comprises of five topics: The accounting environment; Introduction to bookkeeping; Introduction to control processes; The preparation of financial statements and; Accounting for end of period adjustments

Paper 1 will draw exclusively from topics 1-3, Paper 2, which is more holistic in nature, builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills covered in topics 1-3 in addition to the content specified in topics 4 and 5. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Introduction to Bookkeeping and Accounting	100 marks	2 hours	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Financial Statements	50 marks	1 hour 15 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

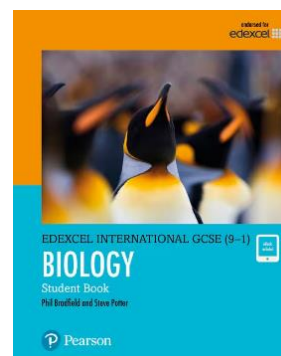
Progression:

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International AS and A Levels in Accounting and other subjects, vocational qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals

Biology

This course covers an extensive study of the following topics: The nature and variety of living organisms; Structures and functions in living organisms; Reproduction and inheritance; Ecology and the environment and; Use of biological resources. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Biology	110 marks	2 hours	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Biology	70 marks	1 hour 15 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

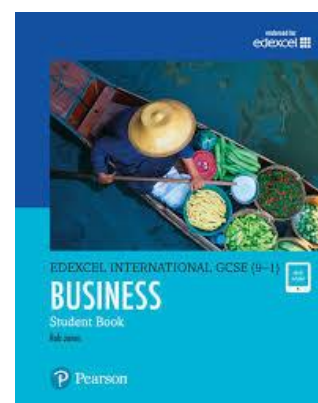
Students can progress from this qualification to:

- A Level and AS Level Biology, Level 3 vocational qualifications in science, for example BTEC Level 3 in Applied Science, other comparable, Level 3 qualifications
- Other comparable, Level 3 qualifications, such as the International Baccalaureate
- Employment.

Business

This is a compulsory subject for all IGCSE students at SSLSD including students who specialize in the science stream so that they complete a holistic education with an understanding in business management.

This course covers all areas related to business management including business activities, changing business environment, managing people in a business, business finance, marketing and business operations. The qualification is designed focusing on small and large businesses. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Investigating small businesses	80	1 hour 30 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Investigating large businesses	80	1 hour 30 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

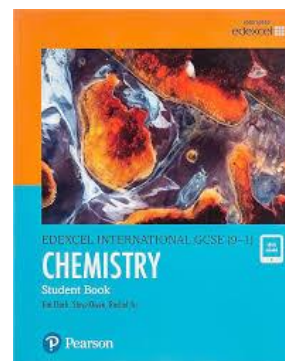
Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International AS and A Levels in Business and other subjects, vocational qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals.

Chemistry

This course covers an extensive study of the following topics: Principles of chemistry; Inorganic chemistry; Physical chemistry and; Organic chemistry. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Chemistry	110 marks	2 hours	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Chemistry	70 marks	1 hour 15 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

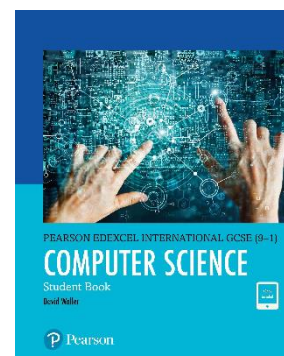
Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- A Level and AS Level Chemistry, Level 3 vocational qualifications in science, for example BTEC Level 3 in Applied Science
- Other comparable, Level 3 qualifications, such as the International Baccalaureate
- Employment.

Computer Science

This course aims to develop an understanding of fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation. It covers written as well as a practical assessment carried out on a computer system using a programming language of choice. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Principles of Computer Science	80	2 hours	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Application of Computational Thinking	80	3 hours	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

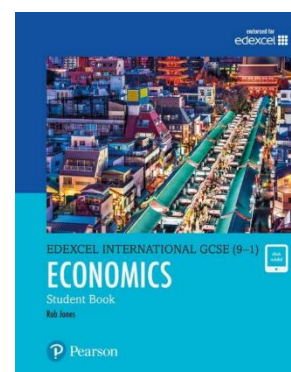
Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International Advanced Level in IT, other equivalent Level 3 qualifications, vocational qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals.

Economics

This qualification is designed to cover four themes in Economics: The market system, Business economics, Macroeconomics and the global economy. The key aim is to develop an understanding of economic concepts and apply these concepts to real-life situations. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Microeconomics and Business Economics	80 marks	1 hour 30 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Macroeconomics and the Global Economy	80 marks	1 hour 30 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International AS and A Levels in Economics and other subjects, vocational qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals.

English Language

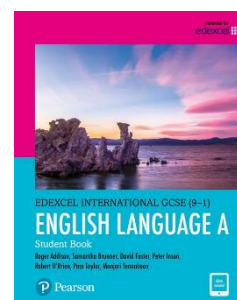
In Year 9, All students will following English Language as a common where the *textbook 'Inspire - English International'* will be covered.

In Year 10, students choose between English as a First Language and English as a Second Language.

English Language A (English as a First Language)

In Year 10 and 11, English Language A of the Edexcel 9-1 specification will be taught for students who opt English as a First Language.

Part 1 of this qualification is contemporary non-fiction texts. This covers analytical skill of how writers use linguistic and structural devices to achieve their effects and develops transactional writing skills for a variety of purposes and audiences. Part 2 of the qualification covers poetry and prose to develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Non-fiction Texts and Transactional Writing	90	2 hours 15 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Component 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and Imaginative Writing	60	1 hour 30 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

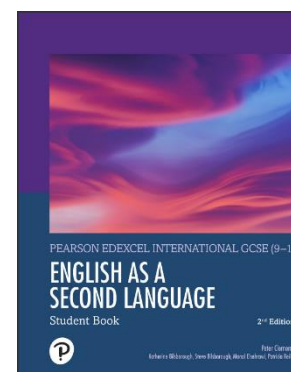
Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International AS and A Levels in English Language and other subjects.

English as a Second Language

In Year 10 and 11, English as a Second Language of the Edexcel 9-1 specification will be taught for students who opt this subject.

The Pearson Edexcel iLower Secondary English curriculum is designed specifically for non-native speakers of English who study the majority of their curriculum subjects in English. This qualification is designed in 4 parts: Reading, writing, listening and speaking. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Reading	50	1 hours	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Listening	50	45 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 3: Writing	50	1 hour 15 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 4: Speaking	50	22-23 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

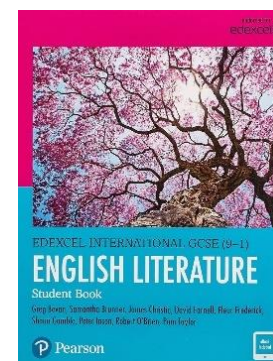
Students can progress from this qualification to:

- AS and A Levels, vocational qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals

English Literature

In Year 9, English Literature is compulsory for all students where a collection of drama and poetry will be covered. These texts will be provided by the school for all students.

In Year 10, students who opt English Literature will start the IGCSE English Literature course. This qualification covers poetry, modern prose, modern drama and literary heritage. This course aims to develop analytical and comparison skills of unseen poetry. Students learn to analyse how language, form, structure and contextual factors can be used to create meanings and effects.



In addition to the textbook, the following three texts will be studied in class for their IGCSE English Literature:

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* - Completed in Year 10 for modern prose
- *An Inspector Calls* - Completed in Year 10 for modern drama
- *Macbeth* - Completed in Year 11 for Literary Heritage

Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)

Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Component 1: Poetry and Modern Prose				
<i>Closed book: texts are not allowed in the examination. However, students will be provided with the anthology poems in the examination.</i>	90	2 hours	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Component 2: Modern Drama and Literary Heritage Texts				
<i>Open book: prescribed editions of set texts are allowed in the examination.</i>	60	1 hour 30 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

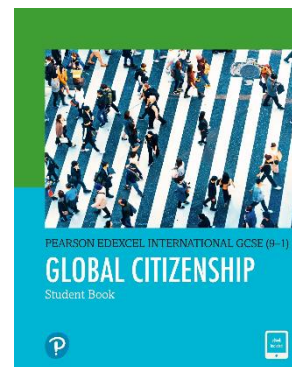
- AS and A Levels in English Literature and other subjects.

Global Citizenship

This course is developed to enhance students' understanding of how communities interact locally, nationally, regionally and globally in response to change.

This qualification is designed to cover four themes: Politics and Governance; Economic Development and the Environment; Culture and Community and; Technology.

Students must undertake a citizenship community action project which is a real out-of-classroom context which allows students to apply citizenship knowledge, understanding and skills and to communicate their actions in applying these to a project. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Global Citizenship	100	2 hours and 30 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

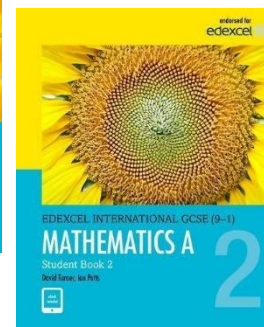
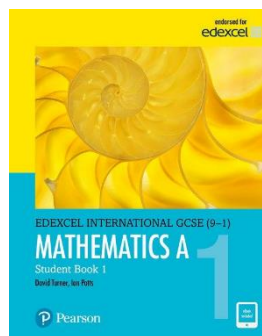
Students can progress from this qualification to:

- A Level and AS Level subjects such as Politics, Law, Economics and Citizenship studies or other humanities subjects, other equivalent Level 3 qualifications.
- Further study in other areas where an understanding of global issues and citizenship is required
- Further training or employment where citizenship skills and knowledge are required.

Mathematics

In Year 9, 10 and 11, students will learn Higher Tier Mathematics A of the Edexcel 9-1 specification.

This qualification enables students to develop their knowledge and understanding of mathematical concepts and techniques. The course covers: Numbers, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Mathematics A 1H	100	2 hours	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Mathematics A 2H	100	2 hours	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

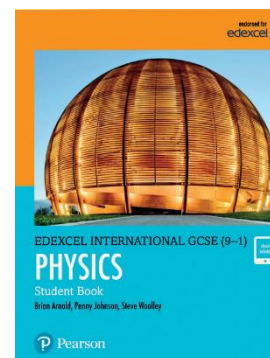
Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced Level in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics
- Further study in other areas where mathematics is required
- Other further training or employment where numerate skills and knowledge are required.

Physics

This course covers an extensive study of the following topics: Forces and motion; Electricity; Waves; Energy resources and energy transfers; Solids, liquids and gases; Magnetism and electromagnetism; Radioactivity and particles and; Astrophysics. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Physics	110 marks	2 hours	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Physics	70 marks	1 hour 15 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

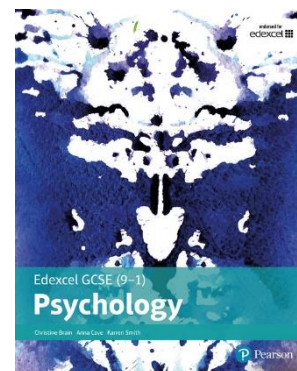
- A Level and AS Level Physics/ Further Mathematics, Level 3 vocational qualifications in science, for example BTEC Level 3 in Applied Science,
- Other comparable, Level 3 qualifications, such as the International Baccalaureate
- Employment.

Psychology

This is an Edexcel GCSE course at SSLSD for Year 10 and 11 students, as Edexcel IGCSE has no Psychology in their subject offering.

The aim of this qualification is to enable students to understand psychological concepts, terminology and convention to engage in the process of psychological enquiry.

The course covers areas such as psychological problems, brain and neuropsychology, social influence, criminal psychology, sleep and dreaming, research methods, etc. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1	98	1 hour 45 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2	79	1 hour 20 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- A Levels in comparable subjects, for example in psychology, biology and geography
- Level 3 vocational qualifications, for example the BTEC Level 3 in Health and Social Care, Applied Science and Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Employment in a wide range of careers (with further training), for example product management and general management, or a science-based apprenticeship.

Science Single Award

This course is designed to cover combined contents of IGCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This course is offered to students who specialize in the Commerce subjects, so that they complete a holistic education with a knowledge in sciences.

Biology topics include: The nature and variety of living organisms; Structures and functions in living organisms; Reproduction and inheritance; Ecology and the environment and; Use of biological resources.

Chemistry topics include: Principles of chemistry; Inorganic chemistry; Physical chemistry and; Organic chemistry.

Physics topics include: Forces and motion; Electricity; Waves; Energy resources and energy transfers; Solids, liquids and gases; Magnetism and electromagnetism; Radioactivity and particles and; Astrophysics. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Biology	60 marks	1 hour 10 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Chemistry	60 marks	1 hour 10 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 3: Physics	60 marks	1 hour 10 minutes	Year 9/10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- Other comparable, Level 1/2 science qualification, Level 1/2 vocational qualification and employment

Qatar History and Citizenship

Qatar History is a mandatory subject for year 9 students as guided by the MoEHE. The subject will not continue as an IGCSE subject.

The course is an integration between the fields of history and citizenship, to enhance a range of values based on affiliation, loyalty, moderation, the rights and duties under active citizenship, and the firming the principles of co-existence up to deepen national unity.

Assessments will be monthly tests and semester exams.

Other Subjects at SSLSD

There are a few subjects which the school offers out of school hours for students who opt to follow the course under certain conditions discussed below.

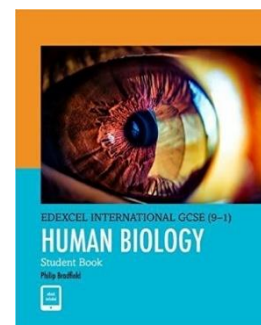
Human Biology

This course is introduced to students in the second semester of Year 10.

Students who achieve a minimum of 75% (subject to change) at the Year 10 1st Semester Biology Exam will be eligible to take Human Biology as a subject for IGCSE examination. Lessons will be conducted during out of school hours.

The key aim of this qualification is to enable students to learn about human body systems and how they interact to support the healthy functioning of an individual and apply this knowledge in new and changing situations.

The course covers: Cells and tissues, biological molecules, movement of substances in and out of cells, bones, muscles and joints and other health related topics. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Human Biology Paper 1	100	1 hour and 45 minutes	Year 10 Second Semester and Year 11	End of Year 11
Human Biology Paper 2	90	1 hour and 45 minutes	Year 10 Second Semester and Year 11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

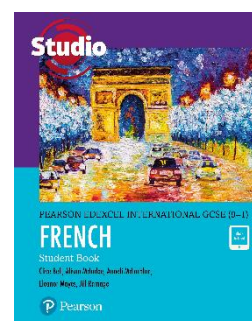
- A Level and AS Level Biology, Level 3 vocational qualifications in science, for example BTEC Level 3 in Applied Science, other comparable, Level 3 qualifications, and employment
- Other comparable, Level 3 qualifications, such as the International Baccalaureate
- Employment, for example, in a science-based industry where an apprenticeship may be available.

French

This is a new introduction to the SSLSD Y10 curriculum. This will be implemented on the condition that a minimum of 5 students follow the subject.

The key aim of this qualification is to enhance understanding and use of written and spoken forms of the target language, in a range of familiar and practical contexts, and for a variety of purposes.

The course content covers four themes: Home and abroad; Education and employment; Personal life and relationships; The world around us; Social activities, fitness and health. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)



Assessment overview:

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Listening	40	35 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 2: Reading and Writing	80	1 hour and 45 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11
Paper 3: Speaking	40	10 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- AS and A Levels in French and other subjects, vocational qualifications, such as BTEC Nationals.

Sinhala

This is a new introduction to the SSLSD Year 10 curriculum. This will be implemented on the condition that a minimum of 5 students follow the subject. Lessons will be conducted during after/ before school hours.

The aim of this qualification is to enable students to develop their ability to read, understand and respond to material from a variety of sources. Students will learn how to communicate accurately in writing, matching style to audience and purpose

The course content covers four themes: Home and abroad, Education and employment, Personal life and relationships, The world around us and, Social activities, fitness and health. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)

Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Reading, Writing and Translation	100	2 hour and 30 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International A Levels in comparable subjects.

Tamil

This is a new introduction to the SSLSD Year 10 curriculum. This will be implemented on the condition that a minimum of 5 students follow the subject. Lessons will be conducted during after/ before school hours.

The qualification aims to enable students to develop: their ability to read, understand and respond to material from a variety of sources; their ability to communicate accurately in writing, matching style to audience and purpose; their understanding of the structure and variety of language.

The course content covers four themes: Home and abroad, Education and employment; Personal life and relationships; The world around us and; Social activities, fitness and health. Further details of this specification can be accessed via this link: [click here](#)

Assessment Overview

Exam	Total marks	Duration	Course of study	Exam session
Paper 1: Reading, Writing and Translation	100	2 hour and 30 minutes	Year 10/11	End of Year 11

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- International A Levels in comparable subjects.

IGCSE Fee Structure at SSLSD

Approximate fees for Year 9, 10 and 11 are as follows.

	Annual Fee (QR)	Term Fee (QR)		
		1 st term (Sept- Dec)	2 nd Term (Jan- Mar)	3 rd Term (Apr- June)
Year 9	16 892	6756	5067	5067
Year 10	16 740	6696	5022	5022
Year 11	16 730	6692	5019	5019

In addition to the above school fees, students are required to pay Edexcel examination fees for their respective subjects.

Subject	Fee (QR)
Accounting	400.00
English Language A	400.00
English as 2nd Language	400.00
English Spoken Language	100.00
English Literature	400.00
Mathematics A- H	400.00
Biology	400.00
Physics	400.00
Chemistry	400.00
Economics	400.00
Business	400.00
Global Citizenship	400.00
Computer Science	400.00
Human Biology	400.00
Single Award Science	400.00

*All fees are subject to change.

IGCSE to International Advanced Level

- The students who achieve a minimum of grade 5 (on 9-1 scale) for six subjects including English and Mathematics are eligible to register for Edexcel IAL (AS) level in year 12.
- In addition, the minimum grade requirement is different for specific A level subjects offered at SSLSD. For example, if a student wants to take Further Math for A Levels, the IGCSE grade for math should be a minimum grade 8 for Mathematics and grade 7 for Physics.
- Students should select a combination of four subjects from the baskets below for A levels in Year 12.

A Level Subjects Basket	Students should select one subject per group in Year 12
Basket 1	English Language Mathematics
Basket 2	Accounting Physics Psychology
Basket 3	Biology Business Further Mathematics
Basket 4	Chemistry Economics Information Technology