

## Secondary Curriculum

Key Stage 3 consists of Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9; Key Stage 4 consists of Year 10 and Year 11; Key Stage 5 consists of Year 12 and Year 13.

The curriculum followed throughout the Secondary School is based upon the National Curriculum of England; with each subject curriculum being drawn from the British QCA approved National Strategy. Each individual curriculum is then evaluated as to its appropriateness and importance to the school community that we have and balanced with the needs of the Supreme Education Council. We constantly evaluate the school plans to assure that we offer the best possible curriculum that we can and are always seeking to improve upon this.

In order to tailor our curriculum to the needs of our students, we segregate students into English 1<sup>st</sup> and English 2<sup>nd</sup> language right from Year 7 where students are developing the skills required in KS4. Also Arabic is split into Hard and Easy (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> language); Islamic and Qatar History is taught either in Arabic or in English and students with a greater need of English support do not study French as a third language but study EAL instead. Philosophy for Children is embedded in KS3 English curriculum. Although the school does not provide Music and Drama classes, these subjects are covered as extra-curricular activities such as student choir and Secondary school dramatic production working towards our annual end of year play. PSHE is delivered on a weekly basis to all students in KS3-5 however there is no formal assessment.

The KS4 curriculum is essentially drawn from this same curriculum and the examination boards we use, Edexcel and CIE, are both respected British Examination boards. The IGCSE and International A levels share international renown as one of the best middle level examinations in the world. Subjects taught in each Key Stage are indicated on the table below:

KS3		KS4		KS5	
Arabic	Islamic Studies	Arabic	Environmental management	Biology	Geography
Art and Design	Mathematics	Art and Design	French	Environmental Management	Art
Citizenship	PE	Biology	Geography	Mathematics	Computer Science
Design & Technology	Science	Business Studies	Global Citizenship	Psychology	Economics
English		Chemistry	History	History	
EAL		Computer Science	I.C.T.	Chemistry	
French		Design & Technology	IGCSE P.E.	IT	
Geography		Economics	Mathematics (and Pure Maths)	English	

History		English Second Language	P.E.	BS	
History of Qatar		English First Language and English Literature	Physics	Arabic First Language	
I.C.T.			Statistics	Physics	

In KS4 students typically study Mathematics and English (either first or second language) and select 7 further subjects for their final exams at the end of Year 11. Some students study more than 9 in total whilst others drop some of the subjects they do not wish to continue with and complete only 7 iGCSE exams at the end. Gifted and talented students may fast track and sit their iGCSE examinations at the end of Year 10.

### Key Stage 5

Sixth Form is the final section of Secondary Education where students are being prepared for their future academic development at universities and their future career. There are chances to be innovative, exercise leadership and role modelling within our Prefect System and to take part in the wide variety of extra-curricular activities that are on offer. Sixth Form subjects were carefully selected in order to provide a balanced curriculum for our students. Our Sixth Form Programme is based around the first and second year of A-levels which we believe promote the best basis for higher education. Courses for Year 12 are known as AS (Advanced Subsidiary) or IAS (International Advanced Subsidiary) and Year 13 as A2.

**In Year 12 students** study **FOUR** subjects at AS Level. These will be completed in the Summer of Year 12. Each AS will count as being equivalent to half of a full A Level.

**In Year 13 students** study TWO to THREE subjects at A2 Level (you may only select a subject which you studied and passed at AS Level. A2 Level will count as the other half of a full A level.