

SYP AT A GLANCE

A Levels	IB Diploma
3 subjects No constraints on subject combination	6 subjects Subject selection from 5 or 6 groups (Arts optional)
Option to include Extended Essay/EPQ	Includes CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), Extended Essay and TOK (Theory of Knowledge)
Final grade based on exams	Final grade is based on assessments throughout the two-year programme and exams at the end of Year 13
Each subject has its own result	Final result is a combined score from all subjects plus 3 Core Points
Accepted by universities worldwide	Accepted by universities worldwide
<p>Possible Subjects: English Literature Psychology Geography History Economics Biology Chemistry Physics Computer Science Mathematics Art Music Drama Sport and Physical Education</p>	<p>Possible Subjects: Group 1: English Literature Group 2: French Group 2: Spanish Group 2: Mandarin Group 3: Psychology Group 3: Business Group 3: Global Politics Group 3 or 4: Environmental Systems and Societies Group 4: Biology Group 4: Chemistry Group 4: Physics Group 5: Mathematics Group 6: Visual Art Group 6: Drama</p>

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FAQs

Which programme is harder / easier: A Levels or IBDP?

Neither, they are different. For students wishing to keep all avenues open and have the ability to do well across the six subjects, then IBDP is a sensible choice. For students who have an idea of the university course they wish to pursue and prefer to select fewer subjects, then A Levels are a sensible choice.

Should a student choose a programme depending on their university destination?

Universities in the UK, North America and across the world understand both the IBDP and A Levels. The choice is not so much the destination, but what is right for the student.

What support will be given to help a student choose the most appropriate programme?

As BHS students select their I/GCSE subjects in Year 9, the discussion regarding the IBDP and the A Level programmes will begin. During Term 1 and the first part of Term 2 in Year 11, internal and external students will meet with the Head of SYP and the University Admissions Counsellor to discuss and decide upon the most suitable programme and subjects within that programme, for optimal success when applying to university.

When will students know which subjects will run in which programme?

During the first couple of years, the subjects offered within each programme will be determined following consultation with students during Term 1 of Year 11. After this initial period, students from Year 9 will be made aware of the subjects offered within each programme. The placement of subjects will enable students to follow a variety of career paths via either programme.

What are the advantages of the International A Levels as opposed to the A Levels studied in the UK?

The International A Level programme contains content that is geared towards international students and provides a more global outlook. This is in keeping with our mission to educate students to the highest international standards. The structure of the International examinations also allows for students to sit two (or in some subjects, three) papers in Year 12 and the remaining two papers in Year 13, instead of sitting all papers in Year 13.

What will a timetable look like for each programme?

All students will be based in the SYP Building and have registration, breaks etc together. They will be in different classes.

A Level: 3 or 4 subjects with 10 taught lessons each and 2 guided study lessons each

IBDP: 3 subjects of 8 lessons each; 3 subjects with 5 lessons each; Core with 4 lessons

How do external students apply?

Each year there will be some spaces made available to external students; both male and female. Please visit the BHS website or go straight to the [Application Page](#) and use the **Apply Here** form found on that page

We are excited to be the only school offering **A Levels in Bermuda** and support an even wider group of students as they gain success and fulfilment as they work towards the next stage of their educational journey.