

SYP AT A GLANCE



A Levels Programme	IB Programme
<p>3 subjects No constraints on subject combination</p>	<p>6 subjects Choose one subject from each group. DP: 3 Higher Level + 3 Standard Level subjects Courses: Flexibility of levels</p>
<p>At least 5 I/GCSE passes A* - C Maths/Science A Levels require an 8 or higher</p>	<p>5 I/GCSE passes A*-C (DP) HL Math/Science require an 8 or higher</p>
<p>Option to include Extended Essay/IPQ</p>	<p>DP includes CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), EE (Extended Essay) and TOK (Theory of Knowledge)</p>
<p>Final grade is based on exams</p>	<p>Final grade is based on assessments and exams at the end of Year 13</p>
<p>Each subject has its own result</p>	<p>DP: Final result is a combined score from all subjects plus 3 Core Points. Courses: Individual grades.</p>
<p>Accepted by universities worldwide</p>	<p>Accepted by universities worldwide</p>
<p>Subjects: English Literature Psychology Geography History* Biology Chemistry Physics* Mathematics Sport and Physical Education Business Economics* Art* Drama*</p>	<p>Subjects: <u>Group 1:</u> English Literature <u>Group 2</u> French/Spanish Ab Initio Spanish or French Ab Initio Mandarin (online) <u>Group 3</u> Economics* Environmental Systems & Societies (Group 4 also) Global Politics History* Psychology <u>Group 4</u> Biology Chemistry Physics* <u>Group 5</u> Mathematics <u>Group 6</u> Visual Art * Theatre* Or another subject from Group 2, 3 or 4.</p>

*These subjects will only be in one programme - either of IB or A level but not both.

FAQs

Which programme is better for me: A Level or IB?

The IB Programme promotes assessment in a variety of methods, not solely exam writing and offers a well-rounded education. The A Level Programme is suitable for a student who is aware of their own strengths and can match them to the three chosen A Level subjects. The A Level Programme promotes additional independent learning during the scheduled study lessons.

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.

Should I choose a programme depending on the university's destination?

Universities in the UK, North America and across the world understand both the IB Programme 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 me choose the most appropriate programme?

As BHS students select their I/GCSE subjects in Year 9, the discussion regarding the IB Programme 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 the most suitable programme and subjects within that programme for optimal success when applying to university. The SYP Team will monitor the Year 11 February mock exams and the I/GCSE grades in August to make any changes to subject and programme choices.

What will a timetable look like for each programme?

All students will be based in The Renaissance Centre and have registration, breaks, etc, together. They will be in different classes.

A Level: 3 subjects with 10 taught lessons each and study lessons, and a College prep lesson

IBDP: 3 subjects of 8 lessons (HL) each, 3 subjects of 5 lessons (SL) each, with 3 TOK lessons and a CAS/College prep lesson.

IB Courses: Students have the flexibility to choose a mixture of HL and SL subjects. Families should research tertiary education requirements thoroughly.

How can students apply?

Please visit the BHS website or go straight to the [Application Page](#) and use the **Apply Here** form found on that page.

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