

ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL



IGCSE CHOICES

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AN INTRODUCTION TO IGCSE

In Form 4, students at Elizabeth Moir School begin a two year course leading to their first major set of public examinations at the end of Form 5. These examinations are set and marked by Edexcel, which is one of the main examination boards in the UK. Students are entered for the examinations through the British Council: in 2020 the charges were Rs. 20,300 in most subjects.

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) course is the international version of the GCSE course taken by all students in the UK since 1988. It is recognised by universities and employers around the world. The courses enable students to progress smoothly to A Level as the A Level syllabuses are designed to follow on from IGCSE.

Results

IGCSE papers are graded from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest, or given a U grade as unclassified. A 9 is harder to achieve than the old A*. Students receive their results towards the end of August. To gain entry to the 6th Form, students must gain at least a 6 in five subjects including English Language and Mathematics and at least an 8 in the subjects that they wish to study at A Level. Students' results are also the first step to university admission and students must pass English Language and Mathematics to gain admission to British universities. Students who gain 7 or more top grades at IGCSE receive an award from Edexcel.

Number of Subjects

English Language, Mathematics and the three Sciences are compulsory for all students. Students must choose at least three more subjects, making at least eight in total, unless an exception is made by the Head of School for a specific reason. Students in the Literature division for English will be taught for both the Language and Literature examinations during their English lessons and must still choose at least three more subjects, making at least nine in total. Some students may wish to choose subjects from all the options, making a maximum of ten subjects.

Choice of Subject

Factors that will affect students' choice of subject will include their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, and their ability in it. At this stage, it is more important that students choose subjects that they enjoy and leave their future career options open, rather than choosing subjects based on what careers they are currently considering. Students are, therefore, encouraged to take a wide range of subjects, including both Science and Arts subjects, as both universities and future employers will look for well-rounded students with varied interests.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is a compulsory subject that has to be offered by all students. Students must obtain at least grade 6 to gain entry to the 6th Form, as this is required for admission to all British and many other universities.

Aims

The study of Mathematics develops skills of analysis, logical argument and problem solving. This training will be useful in whatever future career is adopted.

Course and Divisions

The Mathematics classes are split into three divisions in Form 4 according to ability. Students in the top two divisions will be entered for the IGCSE Syllabus B examination and those in the lower division for IGCSE Syllabus A. Syllabus B includes all the topics in Syllabus A and some additional topics. We feel that the structure of the questions in Syllabus A is more suitable for students who are unlikely to take Mathematics at A Level. Provisional divisions for the Michaelmas Term of Form 4 will be decided on the basis of students' performance in their Form 3 end-of-year examination, or in the Mathematics entrance test for new students. Both divisions will be taught the same topics during Form 4 and final divisions will be confirmed at the end of the year, after which students will not be able to change divisions.

What will you study?

Syllabus A

Algebra
Geometry
Trigonometry
Number manipulation
Statistics & Probability
Vectors
Shapes

Syllabus B

Algebra
Geometry
Trigonometry
Number manipulation
Statistics & Probability
Vectors
Matrices
Shapes
Set theory

Examination structure

	Paper 1	Paper 2
Syllabus A	2 hours	2 hours
Syllabus B	1 ½ hours	2 ½ hours

General information

Students require the use of scientific calculator throughout the course.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English Language is a compulsory subject for all students at Elizabeth Moir School, and it aims to build key skills in all areas of the English language. The importance of this subject cannot be underestimated. A 6 in English is needed to study both in the 6th Form and at British universities. All subjects at the school are taught and tested in the English medium, therefore fluency in both written and spoken English is essential.

There are two English divisions in each class. One division is prepared for both the English Language and Literature examinations, dividing their English lessons between the two syllabuses. The other division concentrates on English Language, allowing more time to improve the fundamental principles of grammar and spelling, as well as practise the comprehension and writing skills required for the examination. Students will only be admitted into the Literature division if they have performed satisfactorily in their end-of-year English examination in Form 3 or their English Language entrance test.

What will you study?

The course will encourage the development of the following skills:

Comprehension:	to read confidently and extract information from a text
Directed Writing:	to write in a variety of styles for different purposes and audiences
Creative Writing:	to write imaginatively, using varied and descriptive vocabulary
Grammar:	to develop a clear understanding of grammatical usage in English
Vocabulary:	to write accurately with a wide vocabulary and correct spelling
Speaking Skills:	to learn to listen and respond to others' views in a class discussion to prepare and present debates in groups or individually

Examination Structure

The examination consists of one paper lasting three hours. The paper contains a selection of stimulus material, will be related in theme. The questions are divided into three sections that are all linked to the theme of the stimulus material:

Section A	40%	Comprehension
Section B	30%	Directed Writing
Section C	30%	Creative Writing

There is also a Spoken Language Endorsement – an oral exam. Students have to make a ten minute formal presentation, followed by questions and answers. The marks do not contribute to student's overall English grade but students are given a separate grade for Speaking (Distinction, Merit, Pass, Not Classified) and universities may require students to have taken the speaking component.

Why do we need English?

English Language encourages students to think for themselves, to develop the ability to construct clear and concise arguments, to present personal opinions, and to make themselves understood by others. These skills are absolutely essential in life and provide the confidence to pursue a career in any area.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature at IGCSE provides students with the opportunity to think creatively and independently, and to develop and apply skills of criticism, analysis and self-expression. It allows students to engage with literary texts on a personal and emotional level, and encourages them to think for themselves and develop a fluent and articulate written style.

An interest in reading is essential for those considering taking Literature, and an appreciation of literary criticism would be a helpful asset. Much of the Literature studied appeals specifically to the students taking their IGCSEs, and several texts deal with relevant contemporary themes, such as prejudice, human relationships and moral issues. Literature lessons, therefore, involve plenty of lively discussion and differences of opinion.

The IGCSE English Literature syllabus aims to give students the chance to:

- i) engage with and respond to a literary text
- ii) develop a critical appreciation of the writer's craft through close textual study and through wider reading
- iii) explore the cultures of their own and other societies through Literature
- iv) explore Literature as a means of emotional and intellectual growth.

By the end of the two-year course, students should be able to demonstrate:

- i) a comprehensive knowledge of the texts
- ii) the ability to communicate sensitive, lively and informed personal response
- iii) the ability to demonstrate some understanding and appreciation of authors' uses of characterisation, plot, narrative, setting and language.
- iv) insight into the social, historical and cultural contexts of the texts

The range of texts studied in preparation for the IGCSE examination is historically, culturally and formally broad, in order to appeal to a wide range of students.

The following texts are studied:

J.B. Priestley – *An Inspector Calls*
William Shakespeare – *Romeo and Juliet*
John Steinbeck – *Of Mice and Men*
Edexcel Poetry Anthology

PHYSICS

Why study Physics?

Physics is an interesting subject. Many people wish to understand the world around them and are often amazed by the Wonders of Nature. If this includes you, then you should definitely take Physics at IGCSE.

Requirements

Proficiency in English and Mathematics is important and an interest in the Sciences and how the world around us works is desirable.

Skills

On completion of the course students should have:

1. An understanding of the concepts and principles that are fundamental to Physics.
2. An appreciation of the relevance of Physics in everyday life.
3. The ability to select, organise and present information clearly and logically, using appropriate scientific terms and conventions.
4. The ability to design and evaluate experiments to investigate a problem involving practical observations.
5. The ability to handle apparatus, make accurate observations and assess the reliability of their experiment.

Syllabus

The major topics and concepts on the syllabus cover virtually all fields in Physics including force, motion, energy, pressure, electricity, electromagnetism, nuclear physics, waves and optics. The course is, therefore, varied, stimulating and challenging.

Examination

Paper 1	2 hours	110 marks	Theory
Paper 2	1 ¼ hours	70 marks	Practical procedures & experiments

Both papers consist of compulsory short-answer structured questions which are ramped to ensure accessibility for less-able students, as well as to stretch more-able students.

CHEMISTRY

Why study Chemistry?

Chemistry is a requirement for many courses at university and so any possible interest in such areas must be acted upon at this stage. The following fields require good grades in Chemistry at both IGCSE and A Level: Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Chemical Engineering and all Biological Sciences.

Requirements

Proficiency in English and Mathematics is important and an interest in the Sciences and how the world around us works is desirable.

Skills

Students will learn to:

1. Appreciate how the world around us works - Is acid rain really dangerous? Is everything in the universe really made of empty space?
2. Understand how to use scientific methods to develop the techniques of investigation in unfamiliar situations in a safe environment.
3. Develop the ability to maintain a logbook in good order such that it is potentially useful to any other trained chemist.
4. Understand how far reaching the applications of Chemistry are and their relevance to us in our everyday lives.
5. Use the skills needed in A Level Chemistry and the university courses outlined above.

Syllabus

1. General practical investigations in to the nature of substances around us
2. The Chemistry of the major groups of elements
3. The principles of Chemistry - how the world really works
4. Chemistry in society - the effects of chemical knowledge in the real world

Examination

Paper 1	2 hours	110 marks	Theory
Paper 2	1 ¼ hours	70 marks	Practical procedures & experiments

What is Chemistry useful for?

There are three common reasons for choosing Chemistry at IGCSE:

1. You enjoy the Sciences and practicals in Chemistry.
2. Chemistry complements and overlaps with Biology, Physics and Geography.
3. You are interested in Biology and related areas (e.g. Medicine).

BIOLOGY

Why study Biology?

Biology is the study of life and all living forms from the smallest microbes to the largest mammals. It provides an in-depth, scientific understanding of how all living and non-living organisms interact with each other. A knowledge of Biology will help students to appreciate the living world around them and understand how nature can benefit society. Students also learn to conduct investigations using the scientific method, acquiring essential problem-solving skills.

What will you study?

The course is both interesting and challenging. Students are encouraged to evaluate information, think analytically and express answers precisely. Wherever possible, theory is taught through laboratory practicals, which may vary from organ dissections to sampling techniques to the study of natural ecosystems.

Plant and animal physiology are taught using a comparative approach. The syllabus also highlights human influences on the environment, focusing on global issues and the effective use of biological resources in industry.

The syllabus is based on five sections that cover a wide range of topics:

- The nature and variety of living organisms
- Structure and functions in living organisms
- Reproduction and inheritance
- Ecology and the environment
- Use of biological resources

Examination Structure

Paper 1	2 hours	110 marks	61.1%
Paper 2	1 hour 15 minutes	70 marks	38.9 %

The papers contain a mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

What is Biology useful for?

Biology helps students to gain a better understanding of the coordination that exists within their own body and to develop an elementary knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of diseases; this will often generate an interest in a career in Medicine or Human Sciences. Learning Biology will also develop students' interest in research which could be applied to various fields from developing unique breeds of plants and animals to finding more effective treatment for diseases.

IGCSE Biology is required to study A Level Biology and provides the foundation for a wide range of university courses and careers from Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry to Psychology, Genetic Engineering and Sports Science.

GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of the world around you. The IGCSE course develops and extends many of the issues you have already studied in Geography as well as introducing new ideas and concepts. Some of the human and physical issues you will learn about are:

- Why are some countries wealthier than others?
- How sustainable is economic development?
- How are people affecting the environment?
- What are the positive and negative impacts of tourism?

A key component of the course is independent investigation of geographical issues through fieldwork. As well as developing practical skills, this is designed to highlight the local impact of global issues and to make the course as relevant to your life as possible. Geography is about you and your world.

Syllabus

The syllabus is divided into two sections:

Paper 1: *Human Geography*
River Environments, Hazardous Environments

Paper 2: *Physical Geography*
Economic Activity and Energy, Urban Environments, Fragile Environments

In Geography, you will learn about real places and how they fit Geographical models. You will learn skills such as interpreting maps, diagrams and satellite images. You will draw your own diagrams and graphs to illustrate your notes. Geography is not just about acquiring knowledge but also about developing the skills needed to understand our environment.

Examination

Paper 1 on Physical Geography lasts 1 hour and 10 minutes; Paper 2 on Human Geography, 1 hour and 45 minutes. There are a variety of questions types, such as multiple-choice questions, short and extended answer questions, data-response questions and fieldwork questions.

What is Geography useful for?

At the end of the two years studying Geography, you will have an up to date knowledge about the issues affecting us today. Geography is also a useful foundation for Economics and teaches you skills that will prepare you for life in the 21st century.

HISTORY

Why study History?

History is an education in life, the world and how it came into existence. It is a fascinating and varied subject involving not only the study of past societies and cultures but of courage and cowardice, war and peace, prosperity and poverty, freedom and persecution, and good and evil.

What will you study?

Students learn about some of the most interesting, dramatic and important events of the 20th century:

A World Divided: Superpower Relations, 1943-72

Causes of Cold War, Korean War, Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis, Prague Spring, Détente

A Divided Union: The USA, 1917-41 & 1945-1974

Roaring Twenties, Jazz Age, Red Scare, Prohibition, Wall Street Crash, New Deal
McCarthyism, Civil Rights Movement, Black Power, Hippies, Women's Rights, Watergate

Conflict, Crisis and Change: China, 1900-1989

Long March, Great Leap Forward, Cultural Revolution, Tiananmen Square Massacre

The course is designed to have as much relevance to today's students as possible by focusing on issues that continue to dominate the modern world such as how to maintain peace, how to prevent conflict between superpowers, how to achieve equality between different races and social groups, and whether social change is always positive. Students study, for example, why Blacks in the USA were able to gain equality and democratic freedoms, but people in China were not.

Another key focus of the course is studying some of the most fascinating personalities in History. Students learn about some of the most inspirational leaders of all time like Franklin D Roosevelt, Martin Luther King and John F Kennedy; about controversial figures like Malcolm X and Al Capone; and about tyrants responsible for some of the worst atrocities in History such as Stalin and Mao.

What skills do you need?

The most important skill required is the ability to express your ideas clearly in fluent written English. The examination and the course demand a lot of writing so good grammar and spelling are essential. Students should also be enthusiastic about the subject having enjoyed it in Form 3, and take an active interest in modern politics and current affairs.

What is History useful for?

History teaches key skills that will be essential in all fields of later life. Students learn to:

- (i) *research* independently
- (ii) *write* clearly and coherently
- (iii) *analyse* difficult concepts logically
- (iv) *discuss* ideas confidently and intelligently
- (v) *argue* originally and persuasively
- (vi) *interpret* historical evidence accurately

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Why study Computer Science?

Coding has been called the language of the future. It is an essential skill in the modern world – one required by everyone, not only people working in the tech industry. Being able to code allows people to create, to innovate and to adapt technology to suit their own needs, rather than depending on the skills and work of other people. With more and more areas of our lives being taken over by technology, studying Computer Science will allow students to operate confidently in today's digital world.

What will you study?

IGCSE Computer Science teaches students how to create, use and adapt algorithms to solve problems in particular situations, and how to write program code in Python. The course is based on the following topics:

- Algorithms
- Programming, including data types, structures, input/output, operators and subprograms
- Binary representation, data representation, data storage and compression, and encryption
- Components of computer systems: truth tables, logic statements, pseudocode
- Computer networks, the internet and the world wide web
- The impact of computing on individuals, society and the environment, including ethical, legal and ownership issues

Examination Structure

Paper 1	2 hours	50 %	Principles of Computer Science - Theory
Paper 2	3 hours	50 %	Application of Computational Thinking - Practical

What is Computer Science useful for?

Computer Science teaches students vital skills such as problem-solving and critical thinking, as well as increasing their computer literacy. In the words of Bill Gates, "Learning to write programs stretches your mind, and helps you think better, creates a way of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains."

IGCSE Computer Science provides an essential foundation to study Computing at A Level as well as helping students meet the demands of 21st century employers.

FURTHER PURE MATHEMATICS

Further Pure Mathematics is an optional subject that can be offered by students in addition to the normal Mathematics course. It is an extension of the Pure Mathematics topics covered in IGCSE Mathematics Syllabus B.

Why study Further Pure Mathematics?

Further Pure Mathematics is a stimulating course that will appeal to students who enjoy Mathematics and thrive on challenges. Students who grasp mathematical concepts quickly and easily will like the fast pace of the class.

Eligibility

Further Pure Mathematics is an advanced course that is very challenging. It is only an option for students whose ability in Mathematics will enable them to cope with an accelerated programme. Students may only choose the subject, therefore, with the approval of the Mathematics Department. They should have maintained an A* average in the top Maths division in Form 3 or have performed exceptionally well on their Maths entrance test.

What will you study?

Algebra
Trigonometry
Calculus
Functions
Vectors
Series
Coordinate Geometry

Examination Structure

This examination consists of two equally weighted papers. Each paper is two hours in duration.

What is Further Pure Mathematics useful for?

The IGCSE Further Pure Mathematics course covers much of the content of P1 and P2 in A Level Maths. A good grade in Further Pure Mathematics, therefore, provides, a solid foundation for students wishing to take A Level Further Mathematics or to follow an accelerated A Level Mathematics programme in order to take AS Further Mathematics in addition to the A Level units.

FRENCH

Why study French?

French is the official language of 41 countries and is the 5th most widely spoken language in the world with over 300 million speakers. Being able to speak, write and understand French will enable you to enjoy visiting France and other Francophone countries, to work with people who live in these countries, or even to live there yourself.

From Charlemagne to Napoleon, from the Enlightenment to the French Revolution, from Voltaire to Jean-Paul Sartre, from Joan of Arc to Zinedine Zidane, France has one of the most fascinating cultures of any country. Each year, over thirty million people visit Paris to see La Tour Eiffel, Le Louvre, Versailles and other famous sites. Studying French provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about France's incredibly rich history as well as about life in France today.

What will you study?

The IGCSE course focuses on developing students' ability to communicate effectively in French both orally and in writing. The syllabus is designed to prepare students for practical situations they may confront if they were visiting or living in a French-speaking country. It is based on five topics that cover a wide range of issues:

<u>Home and Abroad</u>	Urban & Rural life, Holidays, Services, Customs
<u>Education and Employment</u>	School, Work, Future plans
<u>Personal Life & Relationships</u>	House and Home, Family & Friends, Childhood
<u>The World Around US</u>	Environment, Weather, Travel, Media, ICT
<u>Social Activities, Fitness, Health</u>	Special occasions, Hobbies, Shopping, Food, Drink

Students learn the language through a wide range of activities from games and role-plays in French to watching French films and looking at French websites. To improve their communication skills, they are expected to speak in French at all times.

Examination Structure

Paper 1	30 minutes	25 %	Listening
Paper 2	1 hour 45 minutes	50 %	Reading & Writing
Paper 3	10 minutes	25 %	Speaking

The Listening and Reading sections of the examination are based on a wide range of short-answer questions that test students' comprehension of given material. The Writing and Speaking sections assess students' ability to communicate effectively and accurately using appropriate grammar and vocabulary.

What is French useful for?

Many universities expect students to have learned a second language and some courses require students to know another language. Language skills are also increasingly in demand by employers and anyone who is fluent in two languages is at a massive advantage in the modern job market. French is particularly important for students from Britain and other Western European countries and for Canadians.

CHINESE

Why study Chinese?

Chinese is the 2nd most widely spoken language in the world with over 1.1 billion speakers. Being able to speak, write and understand Chinese will make it easier to travel to China, to work with Chinese companies or even to live in China.

China has the world's oldest continuous civilization and one of the world's richest cultures, from literature to pottery to philosophy. Visitors to China can see historic sites such as the Forbidden City, Great Wall and Terracotta Army; modern marvels from The Bund in Shanghai to high-speed railways; and natural wonders including the Himalayas, Li River and Tiger Leaping Gorge. Studying Chinese provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about China's incredibly rich history as well as about life in China today.

What will you study?

The IGCSE course focuses on developing students' ability to communicate effectively in Chinese both orally and in writing. The syllabus is designed to prepare students for practical situations they may confront if they were visiting or living in China. It is based on five topics that cover a wide range of issues:

<u>Home and Abroad</u>	Urban & Rural life, Holidays, Services, Customs
<u>Education and Employment</u>	School, Work, Future plans
<u>Personal Life & Relationships</u>	House and Home, Family & Friends, Childhood
<u>The World Around US</u>	Environment, Weather, Travel, Media, ICT
<u>Social Activities, Fitness, Health</u>	Special occasions, Hobbies, Shopping, Food, Drink

Students learn the language through a wide range of activities from games and role-plays in Chinese to watching Chinese films and looking at Chinese websites. To improve their communication skills, they are expected to speak in Chinese at all times.

Examination Structure

Paper 1	30 minutes	25 %	Listening
Paper 2	1 hour 45 minutes	50 %	Reading & Writing
Paper 3	10 minutes	25 %	Speaking

The Listening and Reading sections of the examination are based on a wide range of short-answer questions that test students' comprehension of given material. The Writing and Speaking sections assess students' ability to communicate effectively and accurately using appropriate grammar and vocabulary.

What is Chinese useful for?

Many universities expect students to have learned a second language and some courses require students to know another language. China's rise to become the world's second largest economy over the past 40 years means knowing Chinese is a major advantage in the modern job market, with everyone from big businesses to governments looking to recruit more Chinese speakers.

NATIVE LANGUAGES

Elizabeth Moir School offers classes in Sinhala and Tamil at IGCSE and can provide students with a syllabus and specimen papers in other languages, as well as helping to find private tuition, where possible.

Why study a Modern Language?

Language skills are increasingly in demand by universities and anyone who is fluent in two languages is at a massive advantage in the modern job market. Studying a language also provides a fascinating opportunity to learn about a country's history, geography and culture. Students whose native language is not English are strongly encouraged to study this language. It will obviously be a great advantage to be able to speak and write the language of the country in which you may live and a formal qualification may be required to work in this country. For students who have had part of their education in their native language, this language may also be a relatively easy option.

Syllabus

Modern languages are examined either as a First or Second Language:

- First Language examinations are designed for students who are fluent in both English and the relevant language and test skills such as translation and essay-writing
- Second Language examinations are designed for students who have been learning the language for between 1 and 5 years and test basic communication skills

	Edexcel		Cambridge	
	2 nd Language	1 st Language	2 nd Language	1 st Language
Afrikaans			✓	✓
Arabic		✓	✓	✓
Bengali		✓		✓
Burmese				✓
Chinese	✓		✓	✓
Czech				✓
Dutch			✓	✓
French	✓		✓	✓
German	✓		✓	✓
Greek		✓	✓	✓
Gujarati		✓		✓
Hindi		✓	✓	✓
Indonesian				✓
Italian			✓	
Japanese			✓	✓
Korean				✓
Malay			✓	
Nepali				✓
Panjabi				✓
Portugese			✓	✓
Russian				✓
Setswana				✓
Sinhala		✓		✓
Spanish	✓		✓	✓
Swahili		✓	✓	
Tamil		✓	✓	
Thai				✓
Turkish		✓		✓
Urdu		✓	✓	✓

DRAMA

Why study Drama?

IGCSE Drama is an exciting course that combines a strong practical focus on performance with the opportunity to learn more about plays and how to write and stage them. Students learn about every aspect of theatre – not only acting but writing, directing, sets, costumes, lighting and sound. They will gain a deeper understanding of plays and dramatic texts, which will be an advantage for students taking Literature.

As the course is mostly based on performance, it is very different to other IGCSE subjects. Many students will enjoy this variety and some will benefit from being assessed, in part, on their performance skills.

Drama develops students' communication skills and helps them gain confidence in themselves and their ability to speak and perform in public. Working in a group to create and stage drama is an important part of the course, helping students to work effectively as part of a team, to respond to others' ideas and to improvise by thinking on their feet. Above all, Drama promotes creativity as students devise their own plays and are encouraged to think how they can develop their own role in a performance and interpret texts in original and different ways.

What will you study?

Students follow the Cambridge IGCSE Drama syllabus as Drama is not offered by Edexcel at IGCSE.

The course involves students learning about five key aspects of Drama:

- Acting (interaction, pacing, physicality, proxemics, role, vocal expression)
- Devising (characterisation, dialogue, contrast, structure, tension)
- Directing (advice to actors, directorial concept, mood, staging)
- Design (costume and make-up, lighting, props, scenography, set, sound)
- Understanding and interpreting dramatic texts – character, theme, dialogue, genre

Examination Structure

Paper 1 Theory 40 % 2 hours 30 minutes

The written paper contains short-answer questions and two essays based on two pieces that students will have performed during the course: an extract from a play and an original piece of drama based on a given stimulus, such as a poem, picture or story.

Paper 2 Practical 60 %

Students are assessed on an individual performance and two group performances: one of an extract from a play and one of an original composition. Students receive marks for their acting skills, their ability to devise original dramatic material, and their understanding of dramatic texts and how to realise them in a live performance.

What is Drama useful for?

IGCSE Drama will be useful for students intending to take A Level Literature or who wish to develop their acting skills and pursue a career in the Performing Arts. The skills students gain are increasingly important in the modern job market and will help students who wish to work in a wide range of areas, from PR and advertising to digital media and film.

OPTIONS

All students take English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Students in the top division for English also take English Literature.

Students must choose **three of four** more subjects from the following options:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Geography	History	Computer Science	Computer Science
		French	Art
		Further Pure Maths	Drama
		Sinhala	Chinese

- Students who wish to be considered for the Literature division for English should enter Literature in their list of subjects. Admission to this division will be based on satisfactory performance in their Form 3 end-of-year English examination or English Language entrance test.

SUBJECT CHOICES

Name:

Subjects:

1.	Mathematics	2.	English Language
3.	Physics	4.	Chemistry
5.	Biology	6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	