

IGCSE Information

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What is IGCSE?

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education
- English language curriculum
- Preparation for International Baccalaureate (IB)

Examinations at SISS Secondary

Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12
Lower Secondary				IGCSE courses		IB DP courses	

Checkpoint Exams

IGCSE Exams

IB Exams



Provisional Overview 2021 - 2023

Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Year 9					Report card 1 st semester
Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022	Jul 2022
		Work experience			Report card 2 nd semester
Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023
Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May/June 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023

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Year 10					Mock exams, report card 1 st semester
Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May/June 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023
IGCSE final entries	IGCSE orals		IGCSE exams	Report card 2 nd semester	IGCSE results

Compulsory Subjects Year 9 & 10

- International Mathematics
- Co-ordinated Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- English First Language
- German (First Language or Foreign language)
- French or Spanish (Foreign language)
- History
- Geography
- Politics
- Music or Art & Design or Drama
- Sports

IGCSE Exam Subjects

Main subjects

- International Mathematics 0607
- Co-ordinated Sciences 0654
- English First Language 0500
- German (First Language 0505 or Foreign language 0525) or French 0520 or Spanish 0530
- History 0470 or/and Geography 0460

Optional subjects

- Music 0410 or Art & Design 0400 or Drama 0411
- Another language (from above)

How are IGCSE subjects assessed?

- Usually around 1 - 4 exams per subject
- Written examination: all subjects
- Oral examination: German, French, Spanish
- Listening examination: German, French, Spanish
- Practical examination: Art & Design
- Coursework: Art & Design, Drama and Music

IGCSE vs German Grading System

IGCSE	German	Explanation
A*	1	Outstanding
A	2	Good
B	3	Satisfactory
C	4	Sufficient
D	5	Fail: Work below expectations
≤ E	6	Fail: Does not meet requirements

IB Entrance Requirements at SISS

1. IGCSE finals: min. grade C in all five main subjects

2. Final report card of year 10

- average grade max. 3.0 in main subjects:
Mathematics, one Science, English and German
- average grade max. 3.0 in all other subjects together

IB Entrance Requirements at SISS

1. **IGCSE finals:** min. grade C in all five main subjects

2. **Final report card of year 10**

- average grade max. 3.0 in main group:
Maths, one Science, English and German
- average grade max. 3.0 in all other subjects together

Borderline cases

- max. one D in a main subject → class conference decision
- more than one D → repeat year 10

Thank you for your time!



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