



ISK

Grade 8 Option Information Evening

Please look at the link below for all the presentations on the IGCSE Subjects

<https://www.rak-academy.org/our-curriculum>

Staff Presenting this evening:

- Welcome – Mr Edward Bantry-White
- Option Process – Dr Jacqueline J-Bandara
- Careers Advice and Guidance – Mr Wadih Abou Aziz
- Support for Grade 8 Student Achievement Leader – Ms Fatima Satchell
- Answering questions – Mr Adam Griffiths

Good Evening and
Welcome

Headteacher
Mr. Edward Bantry-white

Dr Bandara: Grade 8 Option Process

The aims of the evening are to:

Ensure that you are clear about the option process.

Provide you with detailed knowledge of the:

- OPTION subjects**
- COMPULSORY Ministry of Education (MoE) subjects**

Options Process

- Option information on all the subjects is available on the School Website – ISK – Curriculum – Grade 8 – Options
- Form tutors are discussing the option process with students from Sunday 17th January
- Students are being spoken to about their option choices by Dr Bandara, Ms Satchell, Mr Griffiths and Mr Abou Aziz
- Deadline for **handing in student option forms Sunday 31st January hand to Ms Duaa**

Options Information

- The Option Grades 9 & 10 book is available on the school website.
- All option IGCSE subject presentations are available on the website.
- All the information is in the option book including the option choice forms. However, please use the separate Option Form on the school website to complete your choices.
- All option choices are to be handed in by Sunday 31st January 2021.
- Options handed in after this date may result in students not obtaining one or more option choices.

Compulsory Subjects

- *English Language and English Literature = 5 periods*
- *Mathematics = 5 periods*
- *At least one Science Subject=3 periods per subject*
- *PE = 1 period*

MoE Subjects:

- ***Social Studies= 2 period Arabic A students***
- ***Social Studies = 1 period Arabic B/C students(Grade 9 only)***
- ***Arabic = 3 periods***
- ***Islamic Studies = 2 periods (Muslim Students only)***
- ***Global Citizenship = 2 periods (Arabic A and non-Muslim Students only)***
- ***Global Citizenship/Economics/Further Pure Maths = 3 periods (only one subject to be chosen for Non- Muslim students only)***
- **Each subject option choice = 3 periods each**

<p style="text-align: center;">Column A <u>SCIENCE SUBJECTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •You MUST choose at least ONE science subject •You can choose two Science subjects •You can choose three Science subjects 	<p style="text-align: center;">Column B <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Including your science subject(s), you must choose a TOTAL of FIVE subjects from columns A and B. •You can only choose one subject with a **. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Column C <u>ARABIC B/C AND NON-MUSLIM STUDENTS ONLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Choose one of these subjects
Biology	Business Studies	Global Citizenship**
Chemistry	Computer Science	Further Pure Mathematics
Physics	Design Technology	Economics
	French	
	Spanish	
	Geography	
	History	
	Arabic – First Language**	
	Art and Design**	
	Music**	
	Physical Education**	

<p>Column A <u>SCIENCE SUBJECTS</u> Write your Science subject(s) below in order of preference</p>	<p>Column B <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> Write your Other Subjects below in order of preference</p>	<p>Column C <u>ARABIC B/C AND NON-MUSLIM STUDENTS ONLY</u> Write your chosen subject below</p>
1 biology	Spanish	
2	Geography	
3	History	
	Arabic – First Language**	

<p>Column A <u>SCIENCE SUBJECTS</u> If you have chosen only one science subject write down another reserve subject from Column A</p>	<p>Column B <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> Write down another reserve subject from Column B</p>	<p>Column C <u>ARABIC B/C AND NON-MUSLIM STUDENTS ONLY</u> Write down another reserve subject from Column C</p>

Option Blocks

BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D	BLOCK E
CHEMISTRY	PE	DT	GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY
PHYSICS	BIOLOGY	PHYSICS	BIOLOGY	FRENCH
ART	BUSINESS	MUSIC	BUSINESS	COMPUTER SCIENCE
SPANISH	CHEMISTRY	GEOGRAPHY	PHYSICS	BIOLOGY

Please note that we will try to ensure that your child receives as many of their first-choice options as possible.

However, please understand that this is not always possible. We will keep you informed.

Ministry of Education Graduation Equivalency

- The Ministry of Education (MoE) for the United Arab Emirates stipulates that students registered with the MOE as being in Grade 9 will be unable to graduate from Grade 10 without achieving a minimum of five IGCSEs in approved subjects at a **Grade D or higher**.

These subjects must include:

- **English/English Literature/ English as Second Language**
- **Mathematics**
- **One science subject**
- **Two other MoE recognised IGCSE subjects**
- Students failing to achieve these grades will be forced to repeat Grade 10. The above results are required to gain equivalency from the MoE.
- The Ministry of Education requirement is a minimum, students should aspire to achieve the very best possible grades and internationally a Grade C/grade 5 is considered a 'good pass'.
- Students wishing to progress and attend one of the world's most prestigious universities should be aspiring to achieve as many as eight IGCSEs at a Grade C or above, with most universities expecting students to achieve Grade B or higher in each of the eight IGCSEs studied.

Additional IGCSE Entries

Home Languages IGCSE

Providing we can accommodate the language and we have the availability to support the exam, students can privately enter for their home language. They must be able to read, write and speak the language.

Islamic Studies IGCSE

Students can opt to privately enter an exam in Islamic Studies at the end of Grade 10

Mr Abou Aziz:

Careers Education Information Advice

How do you decide what options to choose?

Three reasons you may choose a subject at this Key stage are:

1. You have made good progress in a subject and have enjoyed it in the past.
2. You have not studied the subject before, but you have looked into it and think it will suit your strengths and career ambitions.
3. You need this subject to enter a particular career or course at the university.

Part of your career journey are the subjects you choose at your school

- The career you follow will depend upon the qualifications you have. For example, if you want to be a doctor, which subjects would you choose?
- Most professional and well-paid jobs around the world require a University degree
- The degree course that you choose can be dependent upon what qualifications you have and their grades.
- Therefore, your IGCSEs and especially you're A-level/ IB course choice are very important.
- **EVERYTHING IS LINKED!**

Ms. Satchell
Student
Achievement Leader

