

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NICOSIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

18 December 2017

Dear Parents and Students of the Third Class,

The curriculum of the fourth class involves both obligatory and elective courses.

The OBLIGATORY courses are:

English
Mathematics
Greek (for Greek speakers)
P.E. (one obligatory period for all students)

The ELECTIVE IGCSE courses are:

Accounting
Art and Design
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English Literature
French
German
Geography
History
Physics
Physical Education

All students must choose FIVE elective courses.

All courses above prepare students for the International GCSE (Ordinary Level) Examinations. The selection of the electives should be based on the student's abilities, preferences and plans for further studies and career.

Presentations will be held by the Higher Education Advisory Team for parents and students. Students will also meet the team in small groups and individually if necessary.

ELECTIVES

The Grammar School believes in a broad, liberal education. For this reason it offers a selection of courses from a variety of departments.

1. **Accounting** - This course provides students with a basic knowledge of Accounting techniques and how to compile and use Accounting reports. Students can also sit the LCCI examinations.
2. **Art and Design** – Students studying for the International GCSE in Art and Design will learn to use painting, drawing, printing, photography, and other skills to develop their representational and informative artwork. The subject encourages visual expression and is a way of developing ideas and feelings. Students will learn to explore, analyse and create their own artwork and to work independently. They will learn to keep a sketchbook that shows the development of their ideas. Students who chose this subject need to be competent in drawing, have a positive attitude, possess a vivid imagination, be observative, self-disciplined and hard working. Before being accepted to this class, students must show the art department some of their artwork.

Art materials: Students will be required to purchase a selection of art equipment such as oil pastels, colour pencils, watercolours, inks, charcoal, acrylic paints etc. to help them complete work to a high standard and also have access to internet for research purposes.

Assessment: This class is assessed through a portfolio of their work in class, the homework (two per week) and two tests per semester.

3. **Biology** - This course develops an understanding of essential biological principles through the study of living organisms.
4. **Chemistry** - This course presents Chemistry as a developing body of knowledge, principles and theories and helps the students to appreciate the usefulness of Chemistry in the modern world.
5. **Computer Science** - This course creates an awareness of the role of the computer in information processing within our society and explores the impact of computers on individuals and organisations. Students are expected to have a computer system at home.
6. **Economics** - This course enables students to acquire an understanding of basic economic concepts and to relate them to current economic structures and activities.
7. **English Literature** - The syllabus aims to give students the opportunity to respond to literary experience, to develop a critical appreciation of writers through close textual study and wider reading, to explore through literature the cultures of their own and other societies and to explore literature as a means of emotional and intellectual growth.
8. **French** - This course provides students with the ability to express ideas fluently in accurate French, using correct vocabulary and idiom.
9. **German** – This course provides students with the ability to express ideas fluently in accurate German, using correct vocabulary and idiom.
10. **Geography** - This course provides a systematic approach to the fundamental concepts of Geography and the study of problems of countries of the developed and developing world.
11. **History** - This course provides students with an overall understanding of 19th and 20th century international history, through case studies of Germany and the USA, and world politics, including the work of the United Nations.
12. **Physics** - This course aims to develop a curiosity about physical phenomena. It promotes an awareness of Physics as an intellectual discipline.
13. **Physical Education** – This course offers the opportunity to students to develop their skills in a wide range of sports and activities and help them improve their own performance. They will learn about exercise, how the body works to help them exercise and then through training how performance can be improved.

PLEASE NOTE:

Concerning your choice, we would like to clarify the following points:

- a) All efforts will be made to accommodate the choice made by students. However, some students might have to be asked to make alternative choices.

We reserve the right not to offer a particular combination of subjects if the number of interested students is below 10 and if other practical problems cannot be overcome. In case of over-subscription to courses, priority will be given according to merit.

- b) Students who choose Computer Science must be students who want to study computer systems. Since the computer is used extensively in this course, all students must have access to a personal computer after school hours to complete their assignments.
- c) It should be kept in mind that a wide choice of Advanced Level Subjects will be offered at the end of the 5th class (to choose 3 or 4). Some of these require International GCSE studies.

A Level Subjects

Accounting	}	
Art & Design	}	
Biology	}	
Chemistry	}	
Computers Science	}	
English Literature	}	
French	}	International GCSE studies required
Geography	}	
German	}	
Maths	}	
Physics	}	
Physical Education	}	
Law	}	International GCSE English Language pass with A (or if there are places available with grade B)
Political Science	}	No prerequisite
Economics	}	International GCSE studies not required but preferred.
History	}	

Further Mathematics } International GCSE Maths pass with grade A* is required.

Please read the above information carefully and discuss it with all concerned. Use the attached page to state your choices. A final response must be made by **March 19th 2018** and that must be a **FINAL DECISION**.

We shall notify you later about a meeting at the School to discuss your questions about selection of courses.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Andreas Afamis
Headmaster

**THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NICOSIA
TO CLASS 3 STUDENTS**

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

Please select **five** courses.

Accounting	
Art and Design	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Economics	
English Literature	
French	
German	
Geography	
History	
Computer Science	
Physics	
Physical Education	

Return this form to your Class Sponsor by March 19th 2018.

Note:- This form is also available on the internet at School's web page at www.grammarschool.ac.cy under News & Announcements.