

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NICOSIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parents and Students of the Fifth Class

Students entering the Sixth Class are offered a wide selection of subjects. They may select to study either 3 or 4 subjects from the following list:-

Accounting, Art & Design, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature, French, Geography, German, Government and Politics, History, Law, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Physical Education.

Several combinations can be formed; hence students are advised to choose the combination that best suits their interests, abilities and future plans.

OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS:

Students selecting four subjects take only Greek (for Greek Speakers) as an obligatory subject. Their total workload is 40 periods per week.

Students selecting three subjects take Greek (for Greek Speakers), English, Computers, and P.E. as obligatory subjects. Their total workload is 40 periods per week.

CLASS 6 PROGRAM

4 ELECTIVES

36 periods Electives
4 periods Greek

3 ELECTIVES

27 periods Electives
4 periods Greek
3 periods English
4 periods Computers (Software packages)
2 periods P.E.

CLASS 7 PROGRAM

In Class 7 students who have selected 4 subjects for class 6 may choose not to continue with their extra elective. In that case they follow the schedule of those students with 3 electives.

4 ELECTIVES

36 periods Electives
1 period English
1 period Computers
2 period P.E.

3 ELECTIVES

27 periods Electives
4 periods English
5 periods Computers (Software packages)
4 periods P.E.

RESTRICTIONS ON CHOICE:

1. Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Physics, Accounting, English Literature, French and German have an International GCSE Level prerequisite. This can be demonstrated by a pass at the G.C.E. examinations, or the School final examinations.
2. Law and Literature require proficiency in English at a high level. This requirement is fulfilled only by grade A (or if there are places available by grade B), at the International GCSE examination in English Language.

3. For Computers, although the International GCSE Level Computer Science is not a prerequisite, a solid knowledge of programming is required.
4. For Art – Students must have an interview with the Art Teacher even if they followed the corresponding IGCSE course.
5. Depending on the subject the School can currently maintain certain number of classes. If more than the maximum number of students choose any of these subjects then the School reserves the right to ask students to make alternative selections. Priority will be given to students with the higher mark in the relevant subject and/or in the general average.
6. If space availability in Sections permits, change of electives may be allowed until September 30th. After that day, no such change will be permitted.
7. Students who fail or only achieve low grades in their International GCSEs may be asked to make alternative selections.

EXTRA INFORMATION ON THE MATHEMATICS OPTION

- The content of Advanced Level Mathematics has been redesigned to enable students to understand mathematics and mathematical processes in such a way as to appreciate coherence and progression in the subject and how different areas of Mathematics are connected. Students use their mathematical knowledge to make logical and reasoned decisions in solving problems both within Pure Mathematics and in a variety of other contexts from Statistics and Mechanics. The grade will be awarded after examinations in three papers of 2 hours each at the end of Class 7: **TWO in Pure Mathematics** and **ONE** containing **both Statistics and Mechanics**
- A.L. Mathematics is needed by students planning to study any topic of the Mathematical Sciences and especially those who plan to take the entrance examinations for the Cyprus and Greek Universities
- **Further Mathematics** - High ranking universities such as Cambridge, Oxford, UCL, Imperial etc. require students to pass Further Mathematics in addition, to be accepted to study Mathematics or even Engineering. Hence, we offer a full course in A.L. Further Mathematics with the following conditions:
 - It will be selected as a fourth elective by students who are also selecting A.L. Mathematics
 - These students will be expected to get A* in the International GCSE Mathematics
 - Should these students decide in Class 7 to study only **3 subjects**, it is advisable that the subject to drop is Further Mathematics since some Universities for certain courses may not accept the two Mathematics subjects as two different A-Levels.

We shall notify you later for a meeting at the school to discuss your questions about selection of courses. **The attached form with your choice must be returned to your Sponsor by March 19th 2018 the latest.**

Thank you



Andreas Afamis
Headmaster

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR BY March 19th 2018.

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

Please select three or four courses.

CHOICE

Accounting	
Art and Design	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Computer Science	
Economics	
French	
German	
Geography	
History	
Law	
English Literature	
Politics	
Physics	
Physical Education (A.Level)	
Mathematics	
Further Mathematics	

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