

Secondary School Curriculum

The Secondary School at Saint John's is divided into 3 Key stages which broadly follow the National Curriculum of England and Wales (with adaptations where appropriate for an International School).

The three sections or key stages:

- ❑ **Key Stage 3** (Years 7 -9).
- ❑ **Key Stage 4** (Years 10 & 11) I/GCSE exams are taken at the end of year 11.
- ❑ **Key Stage 5** (Years 12 & 13) AS and A2 exams are taken in these years.

Key Stage 3

In Key Stage 3 the curriculum is based on the English National Curriculum although, where desirable departments are allowed to deviate from it. During this key stage students study the following subjects.

Art and Design	Mandarin
Design and Technology	Mathematics
Drama	Music
English	Physical Education (PE)
English as a Second Language	Science
Geography	Thai Language
History	Thai Foreign Language
Information & Communication Technology (ICT)	

Key Stage 4

In Key Stage 4 the curriculum follows the syllabuses of the two exam boards we use (Edexcel and Cambridge, CIE). During this key stage students study the following compulsory subjects.

GCSE Mathematics
GCSE Science (Students must choose at least 1 science)
IGCSE English as a Second Language (ESL) **or** IGCSE First Language English
(**some students** taking First Language English will also take IGCSE Literature)
IGCSE First Language Thai **or** IGCSE Foreign Language Mandarin Chinese

Students also study optional subjects. The optional subjects are:

GCSE Information Technology	GCSE Statistics
GCSE Biology / Chemistry / Physics	GCSE Drama
GCSE Music	IGCSE Geography
GCSE Physical Education	IGCSE History
GCSE Art and Design	IGCSE Business Studies
GCSE Design and Technology	

Students must also study two non-examination subjects – PE and PSHE

Key Stage 5

In Key Stage 5 the curriculum follows the syllabuses of the two exam boards we use (same as for KS4). During this key stage students study only optional subjects which are mostly the same as the above I/GCSE subjects – depending on student demand. Typically students would choose 3 or 4 subjects only. Students also take part in PSHE and PE lessons.

The first year (Year 12) students study for the AS award. The second year (Year 13) students may continue in the same subject to complete the A2 award or take further AS subjects

Two years of study in the same subject leads to the full A level which is an internationally recognised standard for university entrance around the world, most overseas universities require 3 full A level passes.

Our sixth form students do have free lessons where they are expected to continue with independent studies, they may also use the newly furnished senior common room

