

Careers Guidance in the European Schools

Choices in the curriculum



Moments of choice in the European Schools

in class	for class	Subjects
P5	S1	Language 3
S1	S2	Latin or Ancient Greek (2P)
S2	S3	ICT (29) (if no Latin or Greek)
S3	S4	Maths 4 or 6, Latin(4p), Eco(4p), L4(4p), Music (2p), Art(2p) ICT(2p)
S5	S6/7	Complex choices

2.2 Subjects in years 1-3

S1 Language 3 begins. Can be given up at end of year 5.

S2. Latin or Ancient Greek may be chosen.
2 periods per week.
Students must continue subject in year 3.

S3. Students may choose ICT (2p) if no Latin or Greek.
Students take Human Science in their Language 2.
Religion or Ethics taught in L2.

2.3 Choices in S3 > S4 / 5

First choice

then:

So:

Maths 4 periods	Maths 6 periods
8 periods remaining	6 periods remaining
min. 4 - max 8 periods	min. 4 – max 6 periods

Latin 4 periods

Ancient Greek 4 periods

Economics 4 periods

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Art 2 periods

Music 2 periods

ICT 2 periods

Choices in S3 > S4 / 5

Additional points: Possible problems

- Maths 6 pupils must choose at least 4 Option lessons. This means a minimum of 33 lessons per week.
- Option courses only run with sufficient pupils.
- Latin and Ancient Greek can only be taken if already studied in S3.
- Any European language may be possible if there is a teacher and there are enough pupils who choose it.
- Choosing an L4 or Economics can make choices in S6 easier.

Choices S5 > 6 / 7

1. OBLIGATORY	2. OBLIGATORY*	3. OPTIONS	4. ADVANCED	5. COMPLEMENTARY
L 1 4	BIO 2	BIO 4	ADV. L 1 3	ICT 2
L 2 3	GEO 2	GEO 4	ADV. L 2 3	MUSIC 2
MATHS3OR 5	HIS 2	HIS 4	ADV. MATH 3	ART 2
MOR - REL 1	PHILO 2	PHILO 4		SOCIOLOGY 2
PH. ED 2	tot.max 8	CHEM 4		POLITICS 2
total 13 OR15		PHYSICS 4		LANGUAGE 5
		L 3 4		LAB PHYS 2
		L 4 4		LAB CHEM 2
		ECONOMICS 4		LAB BIO 2
		LATIN / A.GREEK		THEATRE 2
		MUSIC 4		ADV SPORT 2
		ART 4		

Min. 29 periods from column 1 to 4

❖ TOTAL: min. 31 – max. 35 (36) periods

❖ Min. 2 options from column 3

* rules for column 2 (and 3/5):

❖ either 2 periodS or 4 periodS, not both

2.4 Choices in S7 > BAC subjects

	WRITTEN		ORALS
1.	L1	1.	L1
2.	L2	2.	L2 or His or Geo
3.	Maths 3 or 5	3.	Adv Maths (Compulsory)
4.	Option 1		Bio/ Philo 2 Option 3
5.	Option 2		

Written examinations

Number and nature of written examinations

Candidates will take five written examinations:

Language 1 or advanced Language 1

Language 2 or advanced Language 2

Mathematics (5 periods) or Mathematics (3 periods)

Option (4 periods)

Option (4 periods)

Restrictions for compulsory subjects and for options

Written examinations 1 and 2:

Candidates who have chosen to follow an advanced course in Language 1 and/or in Language 2. will be required to take a written examination on that course, and not, therefore, on the basic course in the subject.

Written examinations 4 and 5:

The choice of options will have to be made at the time of registering for the examination. The choice may not be changed during the school year.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Candidates will take three oral examinations. The subjects in which an oral examination will or may be taken are as follows:

ORAL 1 Language 1 or Advanced Language 1

ORAL 2 Language 2 or Advanced Language 2
History (2 or 4 periods) or
Geography (2 or 4 periods)

ORAL 3 Advanced mathematics or
Philosophy (2 or 4 periods) or
Language 3 or
Language 4/ONL or
Biology (2 or 4 periods) or
Chemistry (4 periods) or
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ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Restrictions for compulsory subjects and for options

- Examination 1: Language 1 or Advanced Language 1
- Candidates who have followed the advanced course will be required to take an examination on that course, and not, therefore, on the basic course.
- Examination 2: Language 2 or Advanced Language 2 or Geography or History
- Candidates who have followed the Advanced Language 2 course and who wish to choose L2 for their second oral examination will be required to take an examination on that course, and not on the basic course.
- The other candidates will take an examination in either Language 2 or history (2 or 4 periods) or geography (2 or 4 periods). It is possible for candidates to take the history or geography oral examination only provided that they have not chosen to take the subject in question as a written examination.
- Examination 3
- Candidates who have followed the advanced course in mathematics will be compulsorily examined on that course.
- Candidates who have not followed the advanced course in mathematics will be required to take an examinations in one of the options listed above, which they may choose freely, provided that they have not already chosen to take the subject in question as a written examination.

3. Consequences of certain choices

- **Maths 5 or 3 periods > may have consequences for technical and medical studies. Also Economics.**
- **Economics > obligatory / strongly advised for certain universities.**
- **Physics, Chemistry, Biology > obligatory / strongly advised for certain studies (Medicine for example).**
- **L3 / L4 : mostly no specific consequences**
- **You can do an extra written paper in the Bac.**

Possible problems

• Mostly for year 5 > 6 / 7 , but sometimes for year 3 > 4 / 5

- Financial

- A minimum number of pupils needed for courses to run.
- 5 pupils for Option courses
- 7 pupils for complementary courses.

- Time-table related. Collision of subjects in the same timetable block.

Bac calculation

- **Final marks**
- The following three factors are taken into consideration for the Baccalaureate:
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 - The average preliminary mark C expressed out of 100.
 - The average written examinations mark W expressed out of 100.
 - The average oral examinations mark O expressed out of 100.
- The proportion of the final total mark for the examination allotted to the various parts will be as follows:
 - 50 percent for the average preliminary mark C
 - 35 percent for the average W for the written examinations
 - 15 percent for the average O for the oral examinations
- Final result = $0.50 C + 0.35 W + 0.15 O$
- All marks are expressed as a mark accurate to one decimal place.

Bac calculation

Subject marks

- The mark for each subject in the School Report will thus be calculated as follows:
- $C \times 0.5 + W \times 0.35 + O \times 0.15$
- $(C \times 0.5 + W \times 0.35) / 0.85$ as the case may be
- $(C \times 0.5 + O \times 0.15) / 0.65$
- C
- All marks are expressed as a mark accurate to one decimal place.

—Preliminary mark

- The preliminary mark is made up of the following:
- class marks (A marks) and part examination marks (B marks).
- **Class marks**
- will account for 20 marks out of 50 for purposes of calculating the preliminary mark (C mark). A class mark will be given for each subject taken in year 7, with the exception of religion/ethics, at the end of each semester.
- These marks must reflect candidates' performance in class work.
- The class mark for the year will be the arithmetical average of the two A marks given by the subject teacher at the end of each semester.
- **The marks for the part examinations**
- will account for 30 marks out of 50 for purposes of calculating the preliminary mark (C mark). A mark will be given for each subject, with the exception of religion/ethics, on the basis of the results obtained in the part examination.