



Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 3 & 4 IP (2025/2026)

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Year 2 Promotion Criteria



For **promotion** to Year 3 IP, students need to attain

- 1. An overall aggregate point of at least 26 points based on 6 relevant subjects**
- 2. A grade requirement of at least grade 4 or better in the 6 relevant subjects**

The six relevant subjects for Year 2 are:

1. Language Arts
2. Mother Tongue*
3. History/Geography
4. Mathematics
5. Physical Science/Life Sciences
6. Any other subject

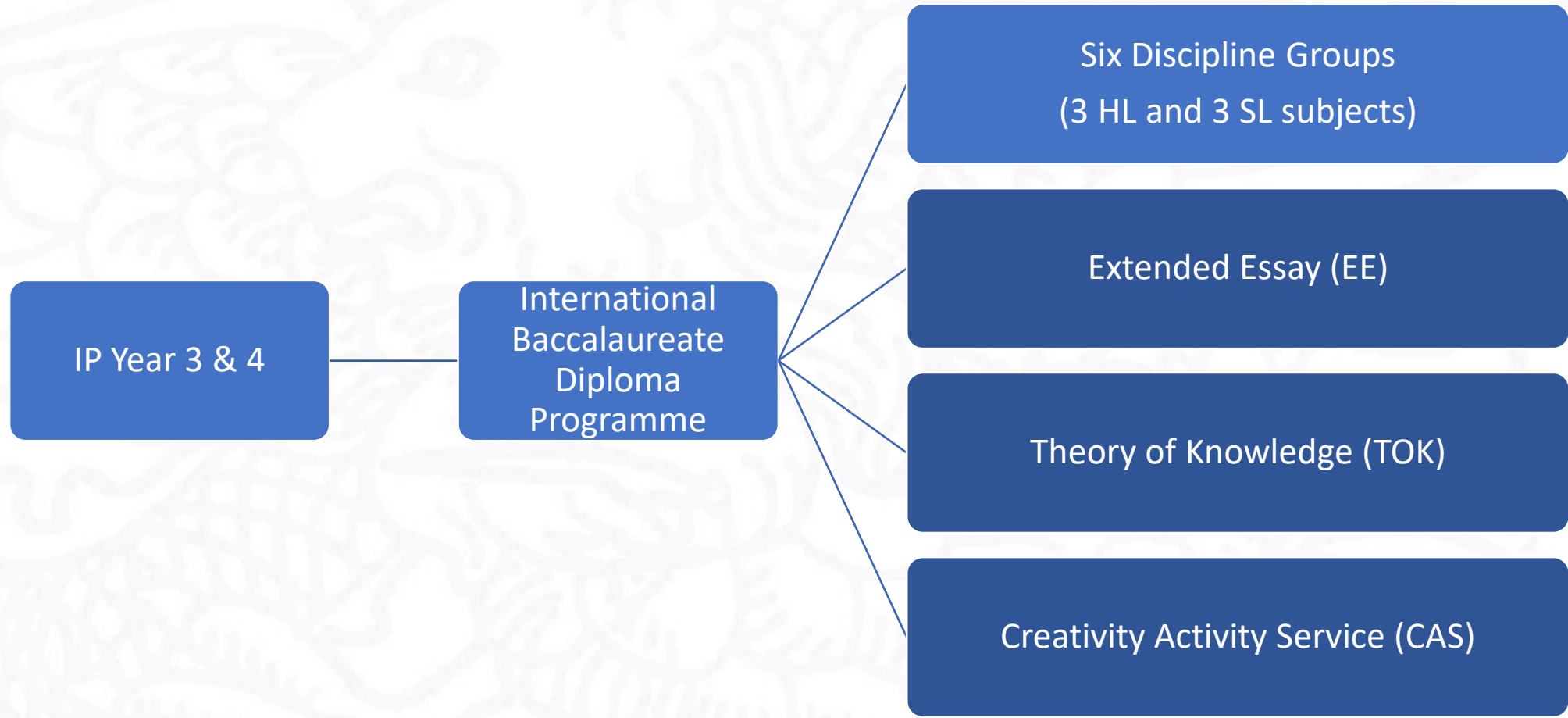
**This subject will be replaced with any other subject for a student who has been exempted from offering the Mother Tongue Language.*

Note:

School based Academic Awards will only be considered for students who take the full suite of papers in the academic year.

Exceptions to this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Begin with the End in Mind



The IBDP Learner's Profile



Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-minded
Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced
Reflective



The IB Curriculum



Six Discipline Groups

- Students are required to take 5 subjects from Groups 1 to 5
- 6th subject*
 - 2nd choice subject from Groups 3, 4 or 6
 - **certain exceptions apply*
- Subjects taken at
 - Higher Level (240 hrs)
 - Standard Level (150 hrs)
- 3 HL and 3 SL subjects

3 Core Requirements

1. Extended Essay (EE)
2. Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
3. Creativity Activity Service (CAS)



IB Subjects offered in ACS (Independent)

3 HL and 3 SL subjects	First 5 subjects	6 th subject*
Group 1: Language A English: Literature (HL) English: Language & Literature (SL/HL)	✓	-
Group 2: 2nd Language Chinese B/ Malay B/Tamil B/Hindi B (SL) ab initio (SL) – Spanish/ French	✓	-
Group 3: Individuals & Societies Business Management (HL/SL) Economics (HL/SL) Geography (HL/SL) History (HL/SL)	✓	✓
Group 4: Experimental Sciences Biology (HL/SL) Chemistry (HL/SL) Physics (HL/SL) Computer Science (HL)	✓	✓
Group 5: Mathematics Mathematics (HL/SL)	✓	-
Group 6: The Arts Music (HL) Visual Arts (HL)	-	✓

6 Discipline Groups

3 subjects at HL

3 subjects at SL

3 Core Requirements

1. Extended Essay (EE)
2. Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
3. Creativity Activity Service (CAS)

**certain exceptions apply*



Year 5 & 6: IBDP Curriculum Group 2 subjects

Group 2: Language Acquisition

No exemption from Year 5 & 6 Group 2 Subjects, even if MOE had approved this for Years 1 - 4

2 Levels

- a) Language B:
Chinese B/Malay B/Tamil B/Hindi B (SL)
- b) Language ab initio (beginner's language):
French ab initio or Spanish ab initio (SL).

*To offer an ab initio language, a student must **not** have taken formal instruction in the language before.*

Year 5 & 6: IBDP Curriculum Group 2 subjects



Subject offered in Years 1 – 4	Option/s in Years 5 – 6
Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)	Offer Language B Or Offer Language ab initio if they have obtained D7 or better for GCE O-Level HMT Exam
Mother Tongue (MT)	Should Language B Or Offer Language ab initio AND sit for the GCE A-Level H1 MT exam at the end of Year 5 as required by MOE bilingual policy
MT in lieu (eg Bengali/ Panjabi/ Gujarati/ Urdu/ German/ Japanese)	Offer Lang ab initio AND sit for the GCE A-Level H1 MT exam at the end of Year 5 as required by MOE bilingual policy
MT Syllabus B	Offer Language ab initio AND sit for GCE A-Level MT Syllabus B exam as required by MOE Or Offer Language B (if they have sufficient proficiency; consult Dean of MT on this)
Exempted from MT	Offer Language ab initio

Year 3 Subject Option Framework



- Prescribed subject combinations
- Allow students to offer major subjects based on their strengths
- Open opportunities for future subjects offer in Years 5 & 6 course of study
- Advanced Mathematics is on offer for all students



Curriculum subjects offered in Year 3 & 4



Students will offer 8 subjects: 6 compulsory + 2 option subjects

<u>Compulsory subjects</u>	<u>Option Subj Humanities</u>	<u>Option Subj Sciences</u>	<u>Others</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language Arts• Mother Tongue Language• International Studies• Core Mathematics• Advanced Mathematics• Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History• Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics• Biology• Computer Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music• Art• Foreign Language

Year 3 IP Subject Options (2025 - 2026)



	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E	Option A (SBGE)	Option E (SBGE)
1	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
2	MT/HMT	MT/HMT	MT/HMT	MT/HMT	MT/HMT	MT/HMT	MT/HMT
3	International Studies	International Studies	International Studies	International Studies	International Studies	International Studies	International Studies
4	Core Mathematics	Core Mathematics	Core Mathematics	Core Mathematics	Core Mathematics	Core Mathematics	Core Mathematics
5	Advanced Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics
6	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
7*	Physics	Physics	Physics	Biology	Physics	Physics	Physics
8*	History	Geography	Comp Studies	History	Biology	History	Biology

*optional subjects

Year 3 IP Subject Options (2025 - 2026)



1. Students can choose a maximum of 3 options and are strongly advised to make full use of all the options. The choices should be listed in the order of preference.
2. Students who are officially exempted from offering Mother Tongue will not be required to offer MT/HMT.
3. Class size is up to a maximum of 35 students. If there are more than 35 students who opt for a particular subject combination, allocation will then be based on academic merit.
4. In order to select Option E, students must have a minimum overall score of **225** marks for **Enriched Mathematics**, **Physical Sciences** and **Life Sciences**.
5. Students can offer Higher Music (only for MEP students) or Visual Arts in place of any non-compulsory subjects (*). Classes are held after curriculum hours in the afternoon.
6. All MEP students must continue to offer Higher Music as a subject.

Year 3 IP Subject Options (2025 - 2026)



6. Students who wish to continue with 3rd Language will not need to write in.
7. Students who wish to offer Visual Arts as a 9th subject will be required to write to the school.
8. Option A (SBGE) and E (SBGE) are available for offer to SBGE students ONLY.
9. Students who are sitting for the ACS (Accelerated Class for Science) selection test will have to offer Option E.
10. Students who are sitting for the ACH (Accelerated Class for Humanities) selection test will have to offer EITHER Option A OR Option B.
11. Computer Studies cannot be used to replace a science subject when computing for IP aggregate points.



Mother Tongue/ Higher Mother Tongue

Mother Tongue

- They will sit for O-Level Mid-Year MT Exam at Year 4.

Higher Mother Tongue

- They will sit for the HMT O-Level exam at the end of Year 4.
- If the students withdraw from HMT at the end of Year 3, they will sit for O-Level Mid-Year MT Exam at Year 4.





Grading System (Year 5 & 6)

Each group subject scores 1-7

<u>Grade Descriptors</u>	<u>Points</u>
Excellent	7
Very Good	6
Good	5
Satisfactory	4
Mediocre	3
Poor	2
Very Poor	1

- **Combined performance in TOK and EE scores 0-3 (based on Bonus points matrix)**
- Total achievable score is $(7 \times 6) + 3 = 45$
- Minimum score of 24 points for award of IB Diploma and meeting grade requirements

TOK & EE grading (Year 5 & 6)



Theory of Knowledge							
		Excellent A	Good B	Satisfactory C	Mediocre D	Elementary E	No Grade N
Extended Essay	Excellent A	+3	+3	+2	+2	Failing Condition	Failing Condition
	Good B	+3	+2	+2	+1		
	Satisfactory C	+2	+2	+1	0		
	Mediocre D	+2	+1	0	0		
	Elementary E	Failing Condition					
	No Grade N	Failing Condition					

- Combined performance in TOK and EE scores 0 – 3 points
- Maximum score is $(7 \times 6) + 3 = 45$

Promotion Criteria (Year 3 & 4)



- **Promotion Criteria**

- An overall aggregate point of at least 26 points based on 6 relevant subjects

- A grade requirement of a least Grade 4 or better in the 6 relevant subjects AND

- At least 1 bonus point for performance in Disciplines of Thought (DoT - Year 3)

- At least 1 bonus point for performance in DoT & CSO (Year 4)

- There will be no re-exam. Failure to meet promotion criteria may result in retention in the same level.

IB Subject Prerequisites



- HL subject: at least Grade 6 for the subject in Yr 4
- SL subject: at least Grade 4 for the subject in Yr 4
- No academic prerequisites for Group 3 subjects



Important Dates to note



Schedule	Date
Briefing to students on Online Subject Options Module.	11 Oct 2024
Release of exam scripts and results to students.	15 Oct 2024
Opening of Online Subjects Options Module.	18 Oct 2024 1900 hrs
Closure of Online Subjects Options Module .	22 Oct 2024 2359 hrs
Submission of hardcopy of Subject Options Form with parent's signature and appeal letters (if any) to PCTs.	23 Oct 2024 0800 hrs
Release of subject combination and class allocation via Parents' Portal.	08 Nov 2024
Deadline for appeals to change subject combination.	11 Nov 2024
Communication of outcome of appeal.	By 15 Nov 2024

Year 3



- Important Transition Year
- Higher Academic Demands
- Syllabus Coverage in Years 3 & 4
- Monitor Closely & Partner the School
- Gaming and Social Media





To God Be The Glory!
The Best Is Yet To Be!

