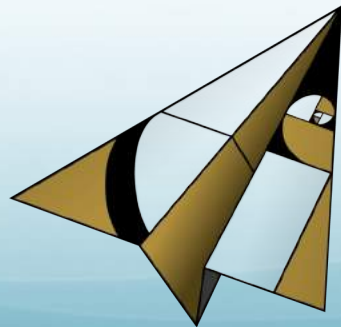


Links Between DP Subject Choices and University Programmes



Further
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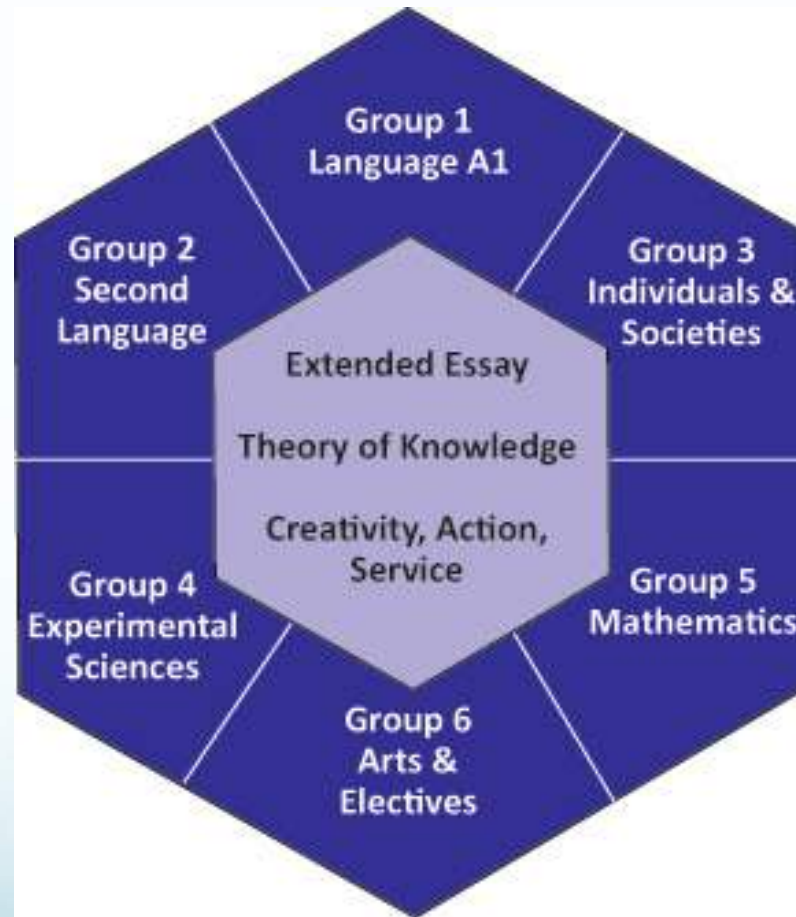
- Maximise child's strengths & options
- DP subjects and planning for university
 - 'required'
 - 'preferred'
 - 'useful'

How do I choose my IB subjects?

- Make your strong subjects Higher Level
(check MYP grades/ InterQuest results)
- Tailor your career choice and subject choice to your strengths
- Unifrog – university search/application platform

BE REALISTIC!!!

Understanding the IB Hexagon



Diploma Courses Offered

Group	Subjects	Higher Level	Standard Level	Group	Subjects	Higher Level	Standard Level
1	Studies in Languages and Literature	English A Literature Chinese A Literature English A Lang & Lit Chinese A Lang & Lit	English A Literature Chinese A Literature English A Lang & Lit Chinese A Lang & Lit Self Taught - Japanese, Korean, German	4	Experimental Sciences	Biology Chemistry Design Technology Physics Sport, Exercise and Health Science	Biology Chemistry Design Technology Environmental Systems & Societies Physics Sport, Exercise and Health Science
2	Languages Aquisition	Chinese B	Chinese B Chinese ab initio Spanish ab initio	5	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics Mathematical Studies
3	Individuals and Societies	Business & Management Economics History Geography Psychology	Business & Management Economics History Geography Psychology Environmental Systems & Societies	6	Arts & Electives	Music Theatre Arts Visual Art A Second Humanities A Second Science	Music Theatre Arts Visual Art A Second Humanities A Second Science

But please note...

- Many university courses have very high entry requirements
e.g. Medicine (HKU min. ~IB 44-45 shortlisted for interview)
- Talk to and LISTEN to your teachers'/ counsellors' recommendations
- Other opinions may help

It's good to...

- Use the InterQuest results
- Use Unifrog tools
- Be guided by academic strengths and/ or favourite subjects
- Check out the guides, brochures and information in FE Office (Room AB403 – inside DP Lounge)
- Talk to FE counsellors / subject teachers / advisors

What about *less academic* subjects

- Visual Arts?
 - Design Tech?
 - Theatre?
 - ESS?
 - Business Man.?
 - Sport, Exercise & Health Sci.?
- It does not mean that you should not study these
 - Doing more than one may limit your choices if you plan a highly academic pathway
 - Doing none may limit your choices e.g. if portfolios are required

It's complex... it depends

Course requirements can & do vary

- between universities
- between faculties within universities
- some courses do not require certain combinations

If you know that you want to apply for a specific course at a specific university

- do some research
- compare university requirements
- plan around these requirements

Possible prerequisites...

Architecture (UCL)

Required

Preferred

- Maths, Physics
- Visual Arts

Useful

- a portfolio of recent work for interviews

Architecture (Waterloo)

Required

Preferred

- Physics HL
- Mathematics HL

Useful

- Visual Arts, history

Possible prerequisites...

Psychology (UCL) BSc

Required

- One from the list below

Preferred

- Two HL from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology

Useful

Psychology (Brighton)BA

Required

Preferred

Useful

Possible prerequisites...

Economics (Warwick)

Required

- Maths (HL)
- Preferred

Useful

- Economics

Economics (HKU)

Required

Preferred

- Maths

Useful

- Economics

Possible prerequisites...

Chemistry

Required

- Chemistry HL

Preferred

- Maths/ Physics

Useful

- Biology

Biology

Required

- Biology HL

Preferred

- Maths/ Physics

Useful

- Chemistry

Possible prerequisites...

Theatre

Required

- Theatre

Preferred

- English

Useful

- Other creative arts subjects
- Portfolio of recent work for interviews

English

Required

- English HL

Preferred

- History

Useful

- Theatre

Possible prerequisites...

Engineering

Required

- Maths HL
- Physics (HL esp. top universities)

Preferred

- Sciences

Useful

- Other technical subjects e.g. DT

Maths

Required

- Maths

Preferred

- Physics

Useful

- DT/ sciences

Possible prerequisites...

Dentistry

Required

- Chemistry HL
- Biology HL

Preferred

- Maths
- Physics

Useful

- Other sciences

Medicine/ Veterinary

Required

- Chemistry HL
- Biology HL (Vet) as well as Chem HL
- Maths HL (esp. top universities)

Preferred

- Biology
- Physics

Useful

- Other sciences

Possible prerequisites...

Law

Required

- No particular subjects

Preferred

- Any essay based subject

Useful

- Maths
- Sciences

Media Studies

Required

- No particular subjects

Preferred

- Theatre
- English HL

Useful

- Other creative course

Help with Planning for College

- Nurture commitment
 - Support *their* interests
 - “Better to be excellent at one thing than mediocre at many things”
- Talk with your child about money
 - Never too soon
 - How will it limit university choices

Help with Planning for College

- Be encouraging (don't interrogate)
- Visit campuses (things have changed since your university days)
 - Local or/and Overseas
 - Arrange holidays to coincide
 - Bring your child with you!!!
- Know the deadlines for application submission
 - Inspire newsletters
 - Student Bulletin
- Keep an eye on 'the list'
 - Too much influence from friends/relatives?
 - Not enough research?
 - Aiming too high or too low

Summary

- Understand (accept!) your child's strengths
- Know university course pre-requisites (Research!)
- Have regular FE conversations at home & school