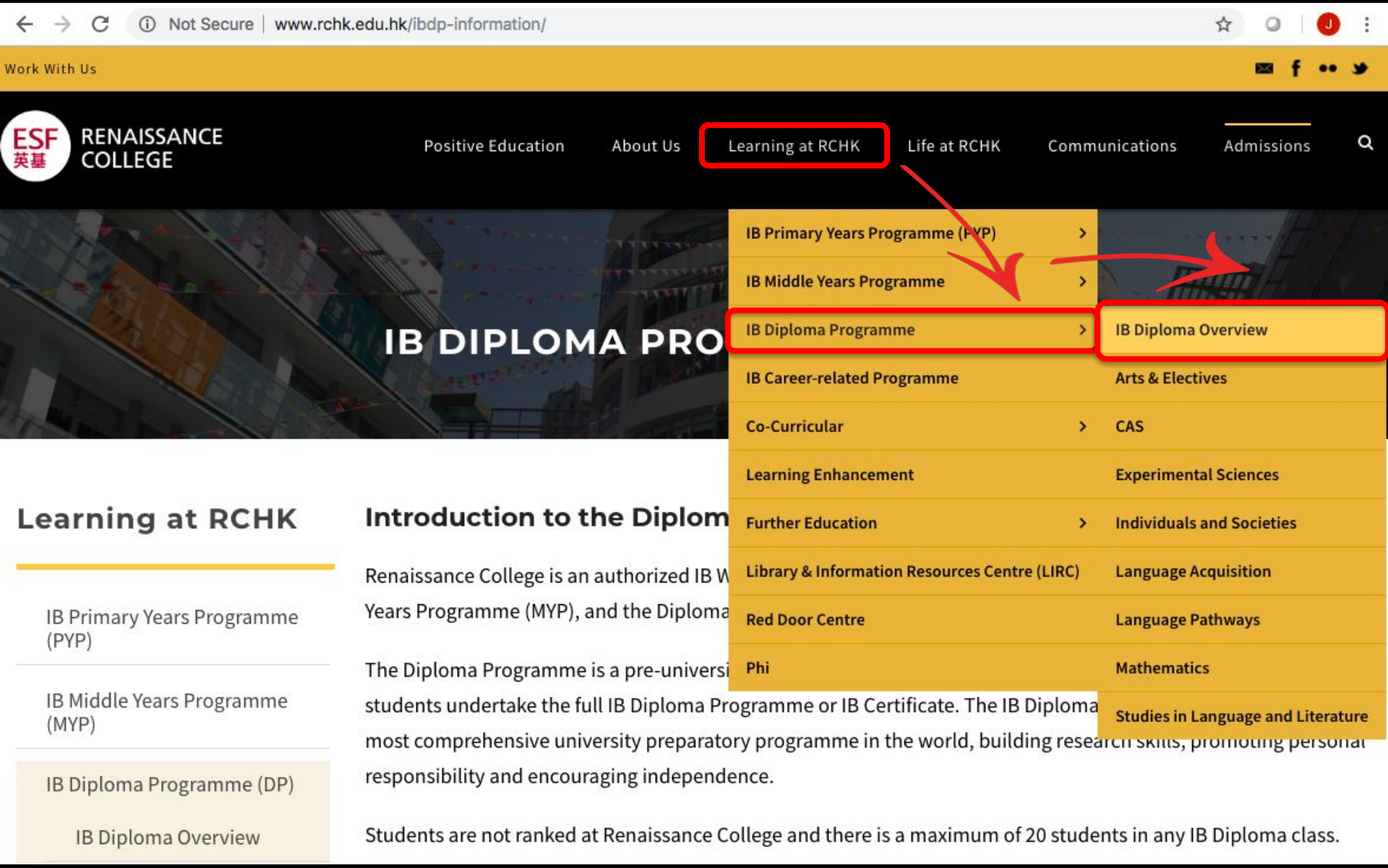
IB Diploma and IB Courses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Introduction to the Diplom
Renaissance College is an authorized IB W
Years Programme (MYP), and the Diploma
The Diploma Programme is a pre-universi
students undertake the full IB Diploma Programme or IB Certificate. The IB Diploma
most comprehensive university preparatory programme in the world, building research skills, promoting personal
responsibility and encouraging independence.
Students are not ranked at Renaissance College and there is a maximum of 20 students in any IB Diploma class.

General Information

Diploma Programme – FAQs

Diploma Programme Prospectus

IB Programme Standards and Practices

IBDP Grade Descriptors

General Regulations: Diploma Programme

Applied Learning Pathway

Diploma Programme Requirements and Failing Conditions

Dates and Deadlines — Calendar

Year 12 Diploma Academic Calendar

Year 13 Diploma Academic Calendar

Year 12 Core Sessions Calendar

Aims of today's session:

- Outline the options process and key dates
- Introduce the IB DP and IB Courses pathways

Year 11 Options Timeline 2019-2020

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Year 11/12 “What’s DP/CP really like?”

DEC (date TBC)
CP visits

JAN

JAN 13
Submission of options deadline

At RCHK students elect to take IB DP, IB CP or IB Courses

IB Diploma

IB Diploma Program Structure

6 subjects over 2 years

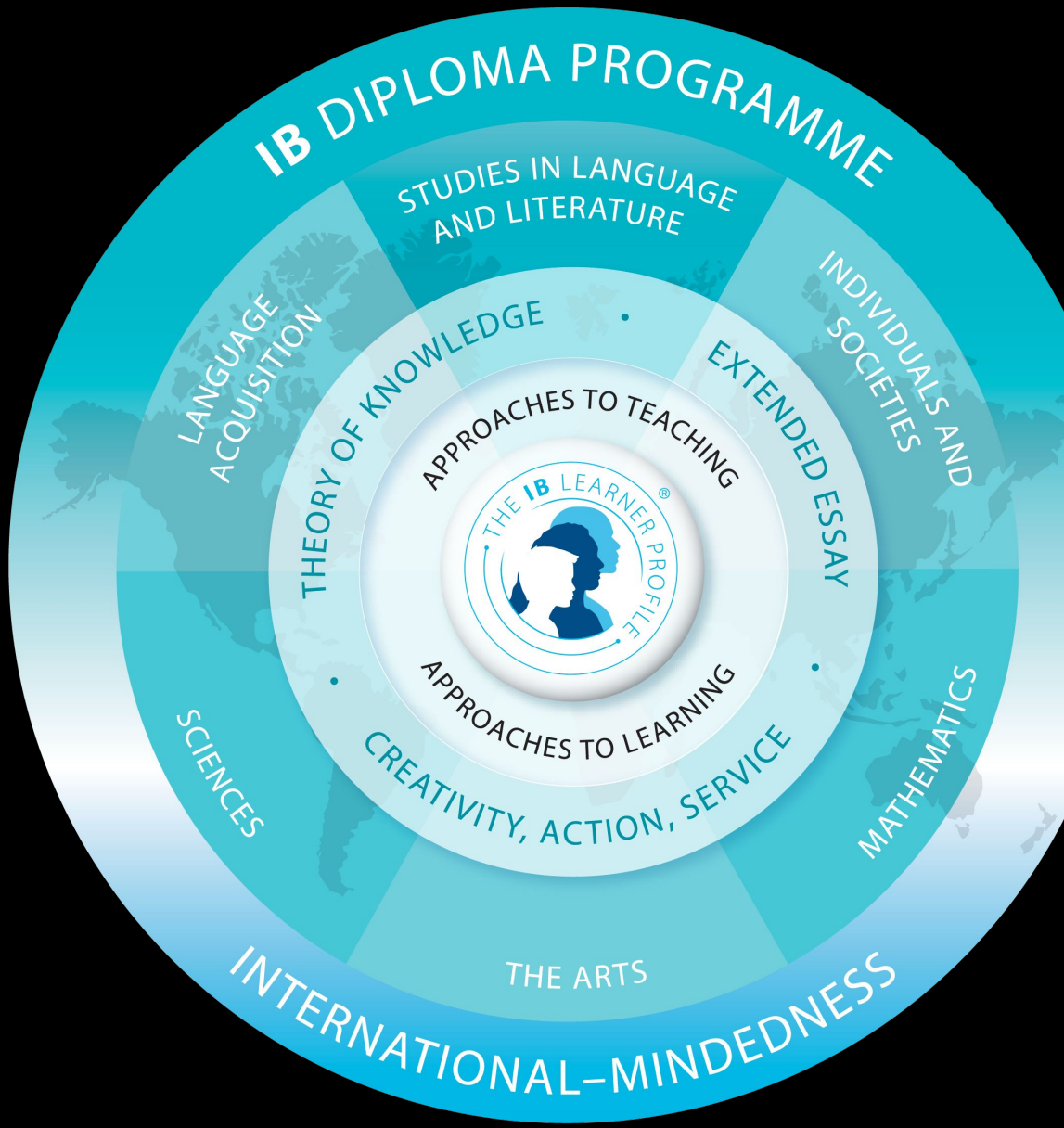
3 at Higher Level (HL)

3 at Standard Level (SL)

PLUS

Study of TOK, EE CAS

Scored out of 45 total points, Possibility of 7 points per subject and three points for 'the core'



Group 1 – Studies in Language & Literature

A Literature (SL & HL)

- English, Chinese

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School Supported self-taught Language & Literature (SL)

Group 2 – Language Acquisition

Language B (SL & HL)

- Chinese
- Students *must* have studied this language before

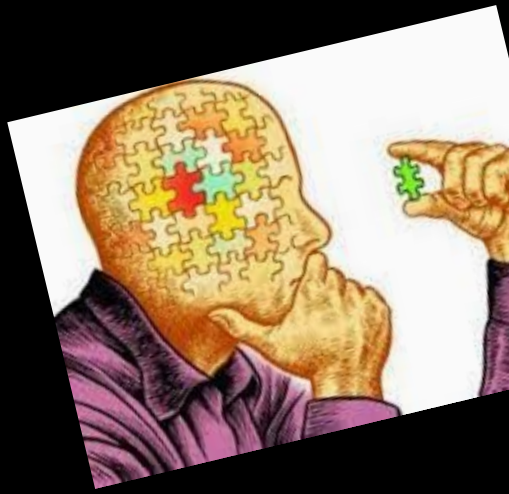
Ab Initio (SL)

- Spanish
- French
- Designed for beginners, but *not* an easy option.

Group 3 - Individuals & Societies

Humanities and social sciences:

Business and Management (SL/HL)
Economics (SL/HL)
Geography (SL/HL)
History (SL/HL)
Psychology (SL/HL)
Global Politics (SL/HL)



- ITGS (SL) – online course only
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL) (trans disciplinary)

Group 4 - Sciences

- Biology (SL/HL)
- Chemistry (SL/HL)
- Physics (SL/HL)
- Sports Exercise & Health Sciences (SL/HL)
- Design Technology (SL/HL)

- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL) (trans disciplinary)

Group 5 - Mathematics

Mathematics:
Applications and Interpretations (SL/HL)

Mathematics:
Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)

Group 6 - The Arts

- Place emphasis on practical production and exploration of creativity in a global context.

Music

Theatre

Visual Arts

Film (online)

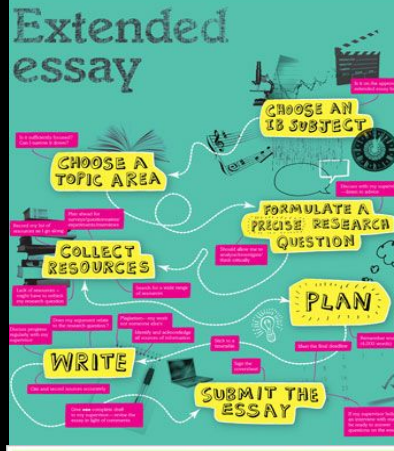
NB - We strongly recommend, however students can opt out and to select a second subject from Groups 1-4.

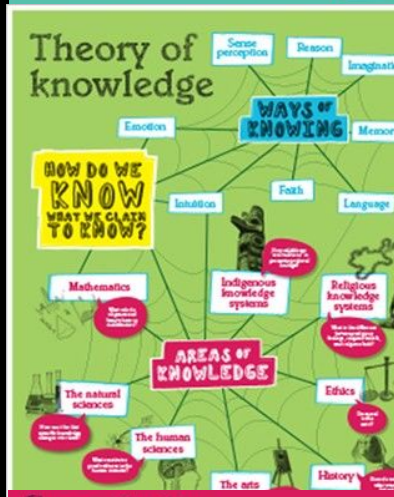
The core

1. Extended essay (4,000 words): Students investigate a topic of individual interest

2. Theory of knowledge (TOK): Explores the nature of knowledge and encourages an appreciation of other cultural perspectives.

3. Creativity, action, and service (CAS): Encourages awareness of life outside the academic arena.





Extended essay graded A to E
TOK graded A to E

TOK and the Extended Essay contribute to 3 extra points

		Theory of knowledge					
		Grade **A**	Grade **B**	Grade **C**	Grade **D**	Grade **E**	No grade **N**
Extended essay	Grade **A**	3	3	2	2	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade **B**	3	2	2	1	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade **C**	2	2	1	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade **D**	2	1	0	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade **E**	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition
	No grade **N**	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

What are the best resources?

Talk to:

- Current students or graduates
- Teachers
- Further Education Office
- Vice Principal (DP)
- HODs
- Yourself

Research:

- University web-pages
- The library
- Career related websites

What is there to think about?

Career Choices

- Law – English Literature and History at HL
- Engineering – Mathematics HL and Physics HL
- Medicine – Science HL and Mathematics HL
- Art – Visual Arts HL (full IB Diploma not always required)
- Accountancy – Mathematics HL and Business HL/Economics HL

Personal Ecology

- Have I considered my strengths?
- Is this want I really want to do?
- Have I left enough doors open?

- Ability is important for HL subjects
- Interest needed in the subjects that will be studied
- Think of the overall balance
- Get an expert opinion
- Don’t lose yourself

DP Courses

- Minimum of 4 to maximum of 6 DP subjects (HL and SL in any combination)
- Free choice within constraints of the timetable
- TOK/ EE are not compulsory
- CAS must be achieved

Regardless of programme all students get a Renaissance College High School Diploma which is accredited by WASC (USA) and CIS (Europe)

What does this look like?

Student Timetable

Full Diploma Candidates	Number of Periods (40 minute periods)
3 x Higher Level Subjects	6 periods per subject
3 x Standard Level Subjects	4 periods per subject
Theory of Knowledge	2.5 periods
Wellbeing, Mindfulness and Pastoral Programme	1 period
CAS	after school and some weekend commitments

Single Subject Certificate Candidates	Number of Periods (40 minute periods)
3 x Higher Level Subjects*	6 periods per subject
3 x Standard Level Subjects*	4 periods per subject
Wellbeing, Mindfulness and Pastoral Progarmme	1 period
CAS	after school and some weekend commitments

* the number of subjects taken overall or at HL and SL can be specifically tailored to meet a student's individual needs

The two year programme

IB Diploma Programme Year One: Year 12

- Students begin their IB Diploma Programme
- Teachers explain subject requirements and issue students with a copy of the syllabus
- Critical deadlines for subject assessment are outlined
- Any minor alterations to the options choices are finalised by early September
- The CAS Coordinator introduces students to the CAS programme and guides them through the process of performing CAS activities and keeping their records updated
- In coordination with the IB Diploma Programme Coordinator, Advisors and the Head of Year will monitor the academic and pastoral progress of students (as the programme progresses, students require advice on how to monitor their time, extra curricular commitments, etc.)
- Semester reports and mid-semester reports are issued
- Subject assessment is ongoing
- Some subject assessment meets Internal Assessment requirements for individual subjects
- Extended Essay is introduced to students in February to March and supervisors allocated
- Semester 2 (May) school examinations are held
- Group IV project takes place

IB Diploma Programme Year Two: Year 13

- Internal Assessment deadlines for individual subjects are ongoing
- Semester reports, trial examination results and mid-semester reports are issued
- The Group individual investigations take place in November
- Formal examination entries are completed
- Complete Extended Essays sent to IB Diploma Programme Coordinator in late November
- The Extended Essay *Viva Voce* takes place in January
- Literature A, Language and Literature A, Language B and Language Ab orals conducted in December to February
- Trial Examinations take place in February and are intended to familiarise students with the structure of a Diploma examination and assess the academic standard of students
- Most Internal Assessment is completed by February and March and forwarded to the IB
- Conditional and unconditional university placement offers are made
- Final school reports are issued in April
- Students go on study leave in late April
- IB Diploma examinations begin in early May and conclude by late May
- Renaissance College Graduation Ceremony is held in late May
- IB Diploma results are issued around 5 and 6 of July and results are available online

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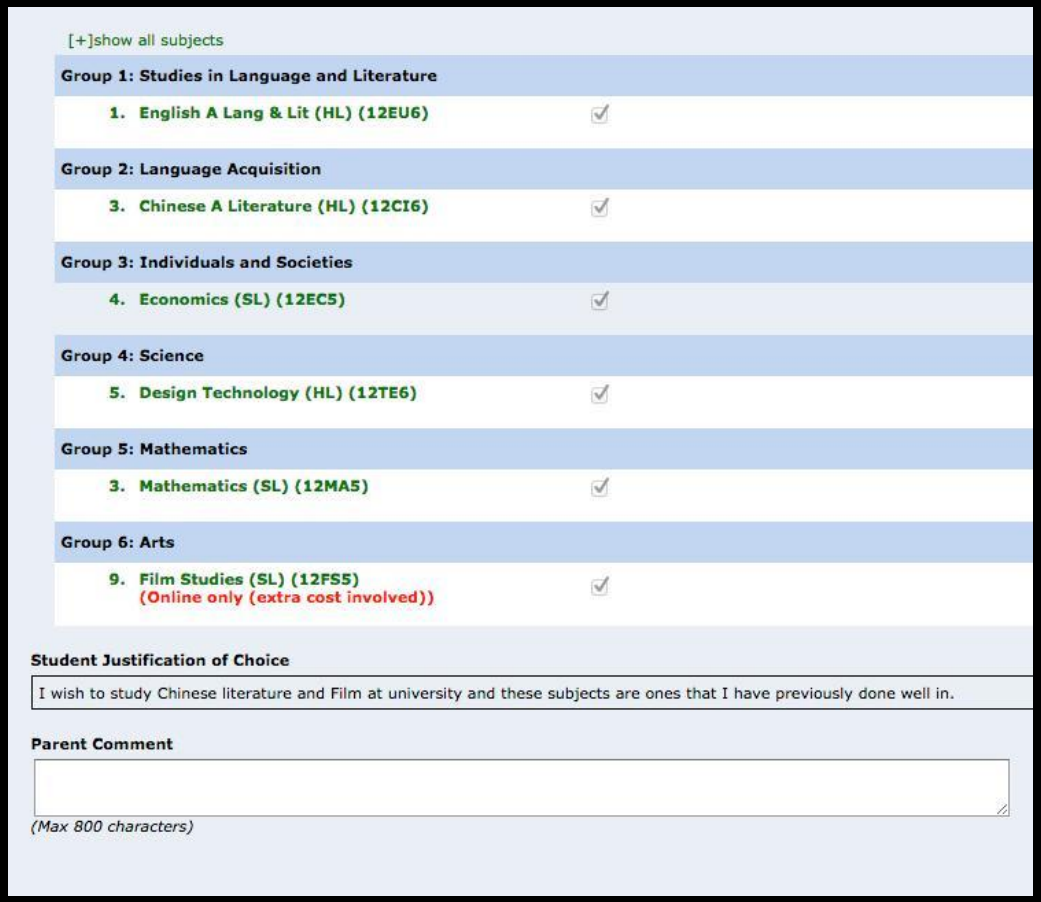
Online options form sample

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature		Teacher's Comment
1. English A Lang & Lit (HL) (12EU6)	☐	
2. English A Literature (HL) (12EL6)	☐	
3. English A Lang & Lit (SL) (12EU5)	☐	
4. English A Literature (SL) (12EL5)	☐	
Group 2: Language Acquisition		
1. Mandarin Ab Initio (SL) (12MD9)	☐	
2. Chinese A Literature (HL) (12CI6)	☐	
3. Mandarin B (HL) (12MD6)	☐	
4. Chinese A Lang & Lit (SL) (12CU5)	☐	
5. Chinese A Literature (SL) (12CI5)	☐	
6. Mandarin B (SL) (12MD5)	☐	
7. Self Taught Standard (12ST5) (If you select self-taught subject, please specify the language)	☐	

Parent confirmation



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1. English A Lang & Lit (HL) (12EU6) ☑

Group 2: Language Acquisition

3. Chinese A Literature (HL) (12CI6) ☑

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

4. Economics (SL) (12EC5) ☑

Group 4: Science

5. Design Technology (HL) (12TE6) ☑

Group 5: Mathematics

3. Mathematics (SL) (12MA5) ☑

Group 6: Arts

9. Film Studies (SL) (12FS5) ☑
   (Online only (extra cost involved))

Student Justification of Choice

I wish to study Chinese literature and Film at university and these subjects are ones that I have previously done well in.

Parent Comment

(Max 800 characters)

Student Last Update Date: 15-10-2014 12:48
Parent Confirmation Date:
Teacher Verification Date:

Confirm

Any questions…?

Presentations and Q & A sessions

IB Diploma/Courses Information

6:15pm to 6:40pm and 6:50pm to 7:15pm **Location – PAC012 (Black Box Theatre)**

Further Education Information

6:15pm to 6:40pm **Location - PAC 101 (Music room)**

IB Career-related Programme (CP)

6:15pm to 6:40pm and 6:50pm to 7:15pm **Location - PAC 101 (Music room)**

Information on Chinese Language Options

6:15pm to 6:40pm and 6:50pm to 7:15pm **Location – PAC011 (Drama room)**

Year 11 World of Work drop-in Q & A session

7:15pm to 8pm **Location – PAC012 (BBT)**