

Subject Choice Procedure MYP4, MYP5

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Introduction

Students must start MYP4 with the following subject choices.

- 1. Languages: Students must take English and Dutch at either Language and Literature (mother tongue) or Language Acquisition (second language). This choice of level is decided by the school.**

- i. Language and Literature**

English and Dutch

n.b. For students who do not follow either language and literature English or Dutch a self taught mother tongue programme can be arranged under guidance of the school. This is not included under the provision of the school fee and additional tuition costs are for parents' responsibility. This option is also open to all students. Please contact Ms. J. Eschweiler for more details.

- ii. Language Acquisition**

English, Dutch and French.

French should also be taken unless there are extenuating circumstances. This remains at the discretion of the school.

- 2. Mathematics: All students must take Mathematics.**

At MYP5 Maths is taught at two levels, Maths Standard Level and Maths Extended Level. This level is determined by the school. These levels do not, however, determine a specific right to entry to the DP Maths Standard or Higher Level course.

- 3. Individual and Societies: This consists of two discrete subjects: Integrated Humanities and Economics.**

Humanities integrates subjects including aspects of History, Geography. Humanities is compulsory for all students in MYP4 and MYP5. Humanities can prepare students for History in the DP.

Economics is an optional subject in the MYP4 and 5.

- 4. Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics are taught as discrete subjects in the MYP4 and 5 programme. Biology is compulsory for all students in MYP4 and 5. Chemistry and Physics are optional subjects.
- 5. Design:** Design is compulsory for all students in MYP4 and 5.
- 6. Arts:** Visual Arts is compulsory for all students in MYP4 and 5.
- 7. PHE:** Physical and Health Education is compulsory for all students in MYP4 and 5.

8. **Personal Project:** All students need to start a Personal Project in MYP4. Students who join the school at the start of MYP5 should also start a Personal Project. They may be given, at the discretion of the Personal Project Coordinator an extension to the final deadline.
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Further information:

It is recommended that all students follow all subjects in MYP4 and 5. This gives the most choice for future education. For the good of the students and in discussion with the school there are three opportunities during MYP4-5 for students to 'drop' a subject.

1. **Students who start MYP4** will be expected to do all subjects unless a decision has been made together with the student, parents and the school that the student is better off starting with a reduced subject choice. This reduction can be requested by the student, parent or the school and such request must be put in writing before the end of the Wednesday of the first week of the new school year
2. **Students have a second opportunity** to 'drop' a subject in MYP4. They may put such a request in writing to the school within a week after the issue of the first full report in December. They cannot drop a subject at any other time during MYP4.
3. **At the end of MYP4**, following the end of year examinations, students again have an opportunity to drop a subject. This request must be made following the issue of the July report and must be received by the school by the end of the Wednesday of the first week of the new school year.

After this last time the subject choice remains fixed and students are not allowed to drop a subject later in MYP5.

The only exception to this rule are new students who join the school at the start of MYP5. For these students the same policy applies as in MYP4. They may put such a request to drop a subject in writing to the school within a week after the issue of the first full MYP5 report in December .

How?

Parents must make a request in writing that they wish their son or daughter to stop with a certain subject. The request should be addressed to Jacqueline Eschweiler, ISG, Postbus 6105, 9702HC Groningen.

The following information must be included:

- Name of the subject(s)
- Detailed reason for stopping with the subject(s)

Following receipt of the letter, the request will be discussed by Ms Eschweiler and the child's teacher and mentor. When a decision can be made then the outcome will be immediately relayed to the parents in writing by Ms Eschweiler. Where a decision cannot be made by the school alone parents may be invited in for further discussion. It should be noted that the final outcome remains the decision of the school.

Students must continue to attend all lessons in this subject until a written decision allowing the student to stop with the subject has been received by parents.