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Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong International A-Level (IAL) Options Handbook



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Introduction to the Sixth Form at Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong

At Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong, we offer a bespoke and academically rigorous Sixth Form experience designed to prepare students for the demands of higher education and the modern professional world. Our environment cultivates independent, self-motivated learners who thrive through a dynamic blend of challenging academics, innovative learning experiences, and personalised support.

Student life in the Sixth Form is carefully structured to promote both academic excellence and personal growth. Within our close-knit and supportive community, students benefit from tailored guidance—including specialised after-school clinics—which ensures they receive the help they need to excel and grow with confidence.

As pupils progress, they are gradually entrusted with increasing levels of independence, mirroring the freedom and expectations of university life. This thoughtful balance of guidance and autonomy empowers students to manage their time effectively, explore their passions, and take ownership of their learning journey. The Sixth Form serves as a vital bridge between the structured nature of IGCSE courses and life beyond school, equipping students with the resilience, leadership skills, and ambition needed to thrive in the future.



The Purpose of This Booklet

Choosing International A-Level (IAL) subjects is one of the most important decisions in a student's academic journey.

This booklet serves as a comprehensive guide for both students and parents, providing the key information needed to navigate the transition into the next stage of study with clarity and confidence.

Its purpose is to help you make informed, well-considered choices that align with your strengths, passions, and future aspirations.

The Curriculum



OVERVIEW

In Years 12 and 13 (Sixth Form), students specialise in A-levels, internationally recognised qualifications that provide in-depth subject mastery, critical for admission to top universities worldwide. Recognised by top institutions across the UK, US, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, and beyond—including Oxford, Cambridge, and leading Ivy League universities—A-Levels open doors to exceptional opportunities and give students a significant advantage as they embark on their future academic journeys.

In addition to their chosen A-Level subjects, all sixth form students are required to participate in iSTEAM and Entrepreneurship programmes, which are fully integrated into the curriculum. These mandatory programmes develop innovation, problem-solving, and real-world application skills—ensuring graduates are well-prepared for future success.

As a recognised Microsoft Showcase School, we integrate cutting-edge digital tools—such as OneNote for portfolio development and Microsoft Teams for collaborative research and practical work analysis—to enhance learning, organisation, and engagement.

Alongside academic depth, our programme places a strong emphasis on university readiness, fostering higher-order thinking, resilience, leadership, independence, and personal development through an enriched PSHE curriculum and a broad co-curricular offering.

SUPER-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Careers Programme

Our Careers Programme offers weekly sessions from Year 9 to Year 13, led by industry professionals who introduce a wide range of future pathways. Students begin with broad exposure before narrowing their focus in Years 10 and 11, and by the Sixth Form, they specialise in one career area to guide subject choices and university planning. This structured progression builds clarity, confidence, and meaningful preparation for life beyond school.

iSTEAM

Our iSTEAM curriculum brings together ICT, robotics, coding, engineering, mathematics, science, and art and design as a core subject for all students. Supported by a holistic assessment framework, the programme develops essential life skills—including resilience, adaptability, collaboration, and integrity—ensuring students are well-rounded and future-ready.

Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is a core part of our curriculum, giving students practical experience in launching and managing real ventures. Through this hands-on approach, students build creativity, resilience, problem-solving skills, and leadership—qualities that strengthen university applications and prepare them for an innovation-driven future.

UNIVERSITY READINESS

Our Sixth Form experience genuinely prepares students for the realities of university life. The combination of academic specialisation, real-world application, digital fluency, and increasing daily independence helps students develop the maturity and self-management skills expected in higher education.

Supported by expert guidance and a campus environment that mirrors university structures, our students learn to balance responsibility with opportunity, build confidence in their own decision-making, and approach their future pathways with clarity and purpose. By the time they graduate, they are not only qualified for top universities—they are ready to thrive in them.

Subject Combination Matrix

Career Field	Core Subjects (Recommended)	Complementary Electives
Medicine & Dentistry	Biology, Chemistry	Mathematics, Physics, Psychology
Engineering	Mathematics, Physics	Further Maths, Chemistry
Business & Finance	Economics, Mathematics	Accounting, Business, Geography
Law & Politics	History, English Literature	Economics, Geography, Psychology
Architecture	Mathematics, Physics, Art	Geography
Computer Science	Mathematics	Further Maths, Physics

A-Level Subject Faculties

SCIENCES

Subjects	The Goal	Unit Content	Entry Grade
Physics (Edexcel)	To explain everything from atoms and quarks to black holes.	Includes Mechanics, Materials, Waves, Electricity, Fields, Particles, and Cosmology.	Recommended Grade 6 or higher in IGCSE Physics or Double Award.
Biology (Edexcel)	The study of life and the chemical/biological processes that explain it.	Molecules, Diet, Transport, Health, Cells, Biodiversity, Energy, and Gene Technology.	Grade 6 (B) or higher in IGCSE Biology or Double Award is essential.
Chemistry (Edexcel)	The study of materials: how they are made, their properties, and their uses.	Atomic Structure, Bonding, Energetics, Organic Chemistry, and Transition Metals.	Grade 6 (B) or above in IGCSE Chemistry or Double Award is essential.

MATHEMATICS

Subjects	The Goal	Unit Content	Entry Grade
Mathematics (Edexcel)	Developing logical thinking and structured problem-solving skills.	Pure Mathematics (Calculus, Trigonometry), Statistics, and Mechanics.	Minimum Grade 7 (A) in IGCSE Mathematics.
Further Mathematics (Edexcel)	Designed for the strongest mathematicians aiming for top-tier Engineering or Physics degrees.	Further Pure Mathematics, Advanced Mechanics, and Decision Mathematics.	Minimum Grade 8 or 9 (A)* in IGCSE Mathematics.



HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Subjects	The Goal	Unit Content	Entry Grade
Economics (Edexcel)	Studying how scarce resources are allocated and the choices made by governments and firms.	The Price System, Government Intervention, International Trade, and Macroeconomic Policy.	No prior knowledge required, but high English proficiency and numeracy are essential.
History (Edexcel)	Understanding the past to explain why people act the way they do today.	International History, Document Analysis, and Historiography.	Recommended IGCSE History but suited for any student with an enquiring mind and essay skills.
Psychology (Edexcel)	Answering the question: "Why do people behave the way they do?"	Social, Cognitive, Biological, and Clinical Psychology.	No formal requirements, but a Grade 6 in Biology or Humanities is desirable.
Accounting (Edexcel)	Understanding financial management to enable effective business decision-making.	Double-Entry Bookkeeping, Financial Statements, Costing and Budgeting, and Interpretation of Accounts.	Recommended min. Grade 6 (B) in IGCSE Mathematics. IGCSE Accounting or Business Studies is beneficial.
Business Studies (Edexcel)	Explaining how businesses operate and make strategic decisions in a competitive global environment.	Business Objectives, Marketing, Human Resource Management, and Finance.	Recommended min. Grade 6 (B) in IGCSE English and Mathematics. Business Studies is beneficial.
Geography (Edexcel)	Understanding human–environment interactions and analysing global issues.	Physical Geography, Human Geography, Fieldwork, Data Analysis, and Environmental Management.	Recommended IGCSE Geography; for students with strong analytical skills, interest in current affairs.

CREATIVE ARTS

Subjects	The Goal	Unit Content	Entry Grade
Art (Edexcel)	Developing creative problem solving and visual communication.	Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Textiles, and a 3,000-word Personal Study.	Curiosity and commitment are the most important qualities.

LANGUAGES

Subjects	The Goal	Unit Content	Entry Grade
English Literature (Edexcel)	Developing critical reading, analytical writing, and independent thinking through literary texts.	Poetry, Drama, and Prose Texts, Literary Analysis, Critical Interpretation, and Comparative Essays.	Recommended min. Grade 6 (B) in IGCSE English Literature or Language, and enjoyment of reading.
Chinese (Edexcel)	Developing advanced Chinese proficiency with insight into culture, society, and contemporary issues.	Language Development, Culture, Current Affairs, History, Research, and Oral Presentation.	Recommended min. Grade 6 (B) in IGCSE Chinese. Genuine enjoyment of reading in Chinese.





Mathematics

“Mathematics is a stimulating subject for those who enjoy a structured process of problem solving and a logical way of thinking. It is held in great esteem by employers and universities as it demonstrates an ability to think logically and analyse complex factors. “

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Mathematics at WASHK is designed to provide students with a logical and coherent mathematical background. The course emphasises clear expression and the application of mathematics in everyday situations and other academic subjects. It serves as a vital tool for those pursuing diverse fields ranging from Architecture and Management Science to Engineering and Physics.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are confident in their mathematical knowledge before accessing advanced IAL content.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital tools for interactive problem-solving and logical modelling.
- **Targeted Support:** We offer specialised guidance for those aiming for competitive university places in Mathematics-heavy disciplines.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Pure Mathematics (Units P1, P2, P3, P4)

Pure Mathematics forms the core of the IAL course and is essential for all mathematical studies.

- **Topics include:** Equations, graphs, and transformations; coordinate geometry; logarithms and exponentials; sequences and series; trigonometry; differentiation and integration; and vectors.

Applied Mathematics (Statistics I and Mechanics I)

Students apply their pure mathematical skills to real-world data and physical systems.

- **Statistics I:** Focuses on real data sets, numerical measures (mean, median, mode), correlation, regression, elementary probability theory, and the Normal distribution.
- **Mechanics I:** Introduces mathematical modelling in physical situations, including motion in one or two dimensions, constant acceleration equations, forces on static objects, Newton's Laws of Motion, momentum, and projectiles.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The IAL Mathematics (YMA01) is a modular qualification consisting of six units.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Unit P1	Pure Mathematics 1	1 hr 30 m	16⅔%
Unit P2	Pure Mathematics 2	1 hr 30 m	16⅔%
Unit S1	Statistics 1	1 hr 30 m	16⅔%
Unit P3	Pure Mathematics 3	1 hr 30 m	16⅔%
Unit P4	Pure Mathematics 4	1 hr 30 m	16⅔%
Unit M1	Mechanics 1	1 hr 30 m	16⅔%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** It is normally expected that students have achieved a Grade 7 (or Grade A) or equivalent in IGCSE Mathematics.
- **Logical Aptitude:** Students must enjoy structured problem-solving and have the ability to recognise how situations may be represented mathematically.
- **Supporting Knowledge:** Overlap with IGCSE Further Mathematics is considerable and can be highly beneficial for the transition to IAL.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Mathematics is a “facilitating subject” that keeps many doors open for future career plans.

- **Essential for:** Engineering and Physics.
- **Highly Desirable for:** Economics, Architecture, Computer Science, and the Sciences (including Medicine).
- **Career Paths:** Graduates enter a wide variety of fields including Investment Banking, Accountancy, Publishing, Diplomacy, and Company Management.

Further Mathematics

“Further Mathematics is designed for our strongest Mathematicians. It provides a deeper, more rigorous exploration of mathematical principles and is highly regarded by competitive universities for courses in Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Further Mathematics at WASHK is an elite qualification that builds upon the standard A-Level Mathematics curriculum. It is tailored for students who have a genuine passion for the subject and wish to explore complex concepts such as Decision Mathematics and advanced Pure strands.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is designed to bridge any gaps for students transitioning from various mathematical backgrounds, ensuring they are ready for the rigours of Further Pure modules.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a Microsoft Showcase School, we utilise advanced graphing software and digital tools to model complex physical and mathematical systems.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Further Mathematics is offered in parallel to Mathematics A-Level. Students must complete six additional modules beyond their standard A-Level Mathematics to earn this qualification.

Further Pure Mathematics (FP1, FP2, FP3)

These units take Pure Mathematics to a significantly more advanced level.

- **Topics include:** Complex numbers, numerical solutions of equations, coordinate systems, matrix algebra, proof by induction, and advanced calculus (integration and differentiation techniques).

Advanced Mechanics (M2 or M3)

Building on the foundations of Mechanics I.

- **Topics include:** The work-energy principle, power, collisions (restitution), statics of rigid bodies, and advanced motion in circles.

Advanced Statistics (S2 or S3)

Expanding the statistical toolkit for data analysis.

- **Topics include:** Binomial and Poisson distributions, continuous random variables, sampling, and hypothesis testing.

Decision Mathematics (DI)

An introduction to the mathematics of optimisation and algorithms.

- **Topics include:** Algorithms on graphs, network flows, linear programming, and critical path analysis.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

All Further Mathematics exams are **1 hour and 30 minutes** in duration.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
FP1–FP3	Further Pure Mathematics	1 hr 30 m	25%
M2–M3	Advanced Mechanics	1 hr 30 m	25%
S2–S3	Advanced Statistics	1 hr 30 m	25%
DI	Decision Mathematics	1 hr 30 m	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** It is expected that students have achieved an IGCSE in Mathematics (or equivalent) at a **minimum of Grade 8 or 9 (A)***.
- **Prior Experience:** Completion of IGCSE Further Mathematics is strongly recommended, though not strictly essential for those with a high aptitude for the subject.
- **Mathematical Rigour:** Students must be prepared for a significantly higher level of challenge and a faster pace of learning compared to standard A-Level Mathematics.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Further Mathematics is a “distinguishing” qualification for top-tier university applications.

- **Essential/Advised for:** Mathematics, Physics, or Engineering at competitive universities (such as Oxbridge or Imperial College London).
- **Versatile Combinations:** It pairs exceptionally well with Physics and Chemistry but serves as a brilliant logical contrast to Humanities for high-achieving students.
- **Career Paths:** Leads to high-level roles in Investment Banking, Data Science, Aerospace Engineering, and Research Mathematics.

English Literature

“An A-Level in English Literature is an ideal choice for anyone who loves reading, wants to learn about human nature, and enjoys engaging their critical thinking skills to argue for a specific interpretation. It is an invaluable qualification for higher education and the world of employment.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in English Literature at WASHK explores a wide variety of literature from the seventeenth to the twenty-first centuries. The course is split into the study of drama, poetry, and prose. Students are taught to think analytically, consider different interpretations, and respond to one another sensitively in a seminar-style environment similar to university.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring a solid foundation before accessing advanced IAL content.
- **Assessment Continuity:** For students moving from IGCSE to A-Level at WASHK, there is continuity in the style and structure of assessments and the skills required.
- **Transparent Success:** We use Edexcel because of their transparency in marking, allowing students to see their marked papers for free and providing robust exemplar materials for revision.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

- **Paper 1: Post-2000 Poetry and Prose:** Students develop an informed personal response to contemporary literature. This is an open-book examination.
- **Paper 2: Drama:** Focuses on both Pre-1900 and Post-1900 drama. Students analyse themes and issues raised by playwrights across different eras. This is also an open-book examination.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

- **Paper 1: Poetry and Prose:** An advanced exploration of literary forms across different periods and cultures.
- **Paper 2: Shakespeare and Pre-1900 Poetry:** Students engage deeply with a Shakespearean play and a range of classical poetry, cultivating interdependent skills of reading and analysis.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The English IAL is designed to be accessible yet rigorous, with a stable syllabus that allows for deep expertise.

Paper	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1 (AS)	Post-2000 Poetry and Prose	2 hr	25%
Paper 2 (AS)	Drama (Pre and Post-1900)	2 hr	25%
Paper 1 (AL)	Poetry and Prose	2 hr	25%
Paper 2 (AL)	Shakespeare and Pre-1900 Poetry	2 hr	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **Language & Literacy:** A secure understanding of the English language is required.
- **Prior Experience:** Students should preferably have studied literature at IGCSE or equivalent. Interested students without this background are considered on an individual basis.
- **Transferable Skills:** Success requires the ability to write clearly and effectively, develop complex arguments, and manage information from research.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

English Literature is a non-vocational subject that provides a foundation for numerous professional paths.

- **University Study:** Pairs well with Art History, Film, Theatre Studies, Philosophy, and American Studies.
- **Career Paths:** Graduates excel in Journalism, Broadcasting, Business, Advertising, Publishing, the Civil Service, and Teaching.
- **Skill Value:** Employers highly value the ability to write coherently, think critically, and analyse complex information.

Chinese

“The Chinese language programme holds a crucial position in the global landscape. This course encourages students to communicate confidently and imaginatively while gaining critical insights into contemporary China and its rich cultural heritage.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Chinese at WASHK is designed to reward advanced research and reading skills. It provides a suitable foundation for further study at university level and is an asset for careers in our increasingly globalised economy, particularly within the Asian market. Students will explore various authentic materials—including literary works, films, and the internet—to master increasingly complex and varied language.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are comfortable with the increased demand for analysing authentic texts and media.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital platforms like **Teams** to access diverse media sources and collaborate on research projects.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Beyond the language, we focus on fostering a broad-minded, international outlook by connecting language proficiency with deep cultural understanding.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Core Themes

- **Theme 1: Changes in Contemporary Chinese Society:** Investigating shifts in family structures, education, and the world of work.
- **Theme 2: Chinese Culture:** Exploring music, traditions, and the cultural background of Chinese-speaking communities.
- **Theme 3: Evolving Chinese Society:** Analysing the impacts of technology, the economy, and environmental protection.
- **Theme 4: Impact of Reform and Opening Up:** A historical and political look at the changes in China since 1978.

Assessment Modules

- **Listening, Reading, and Translation:** Assessing understanding of spoken and written Chinese from authentic sources and the ability to translate from Chinese into English.
- **Written Response to Works:** Developing a critical appreciation of a prescribed literary text and a film, focusing on social context and presentation techniques.
- **Individual Research Project (Speaking):** Students summarise and analyse findings from their own research related to the Chinese-speaking world.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Chinese IAL consists of externally examined papers focusing on comprehension, critical writing, and oral interaction.

Paper	Focus	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1	Listening, Reading, and Translation	2 hr	40%
Paper 2	Written Response to Works and Translation	2 hr 20 m	30%
Paper 3	Speaking (including Research Project)	21-23 m	30%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **Language Background:** While primarily designed for students with a strong foundation in Mandarin, it is accessible to those who enjoy reading and have a clear desire to engage in debate and independent research.
- **Analytical Thinking:** Success requires the ability to analyse complex themes and present ordered arguments in both spoken and written forms.
- **Prior Attainment:** A strong performance at IGCSE (Grade 6 or above) is recommended to manage the transition to the standard required for A-Level Chinese.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Proficiency in Chinese is a highly marketable asset that complements many disciplinary areas.

- **Global Careers:** Highly desirable for banking, international law, marketing, and government services.
- **Specialised Roles:** Essential for interpreting, translating, journalism, and research-focused medical or scientific roles.
- **Subject Pairings:** Combines effectively with History, Politics, and Business.

Biology

“The study of Biology is essentially the study of life and how it is scientifically explained—from individual cells to complex mammals.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Biology at WASHK provides a deep dive into the chemical and biological processes of life. The course emphasises how human actions impact other life forms and explores the vital means by which these can be controlled. It is a comprehensive study that includes plants and simple organisms, which are essential for understanding more complicated life forms.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring a solid foundation before accessing advanced IAL content.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise **OneNote** for digital lab portfolios and **Teams** for collaborative data analysis of biological systems.
- **Practical Immersion:** Students develop a care for the local and global environment, understanding the scientific and ethical need for conservation

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

- **Unit 1: Molecules, Diet, Transport, and Health:** Investigates the chemistry of life, including biological molecules, cardiovascular health, and the transport systems within organisms.
- **Unit 2: Cells, Development, Biodiversity, and Conservation:** Explores cellular structure, the development of organisms, the importance of biodiversity, and global conservation strategies.
- **Unit 3: Practical Skills in Biology I:** A written assessment that evaluates students' knowledge of experimental procedures and techniques used during the AS year.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

- **Unit 4: Energy, Environment, Microbiology, and Immunity:** Studies how energy flows through ecosystems, the impact of microbes, and the sophisticated ways the body defends itself through the immune system.

- **Unit 5: Respiration, Internal Environment, Coordination, and Gene Technology:** An advanced look at how organisms maintain homeostasis, coordinate responses via the nervous system, and use cutting-edge gene technology.
- **Unit 6: Practical Skills in Biology II:** A final written assessment of advanced experimental skills and the interpretation of theoretical and experimental results.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The IAL Biology qualification consists of six major units, all externally assessed.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	Molecules, Diet, Transport, and Health	1 hr 30 m	20%
Unit 2	Cells, Development, and Biodiversity	1 hr 30 m	20%
Unit 3	Practical Skills in Biology I	1 hr 20 m	10%
Unit 4	Energy, Environment, and Immunity	1 hr 45 m	20%
Unit 5	Respiration and Gene Technology	1 hr 45 m	20%
Unit 6	Practical Skills in Biology II	1 hr 20 m	10%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** It is essential that students have achieved a **Grade 6 (or Grade B)** or higher in IGCSE Biology or IGCSE Double Award Science.
- **Supporting Subjects:** A previous study of Chemistry at IGCSE is highly recommended as many aspects of Biology build on chemical knowledge.
- **Commitment to IT:** Students must be proficient in using IT for communication, experiments, and the interpretation of scientific results.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

IAL Biology is an essential qualification for many medical and scientific fields.

- **Essential for:** Medicine, Veterinary Science, and Dentistry.
- **Key Degrees:** Essential for all degrees related to the Biological Sciences.
- **Career Paths:** Leads to professional roles in conservation, microbiology, gene technology, and environmental science.

Chemistry

“Chemistry is the study of materials: how they are made, their properties, their uses, and their interaction. It is a practical subject involving higher-order thinking and complex problem-solving.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Chemistry at WASHK provides students with a solid grounding in chemical concepts and practical applications in modern society. The course is designed to develop an interest in further study and careers in chemistry, while helping students appreciate how scientific issues contribute to the success of the economy.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring a solid foundation before accessing advanced IAL content.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise **OneNote** for digital lab portfolios and **Teams** for collaborative data analysis.
- **Skill Mastery:** Beyond theory, we focus on developing essential research, cooperation, and collaboration skills through laboratory work.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

- **Unit 1: Structure, Bonding, and Introduction to Organic Chemistry:** Covers the fundamental building blocks of matter and the basics of carbon-based chemistry.
- **Unit 2: Energetics, Group Chemistry, Halogenoalkanes, and Alcohols:** Explores energy changes in reactions, trends in the periodic table, and specific organic functional groups.
- **Unit 3: Practical Skills in Chemistry I:** A written assessment focusing on the experimental skills and techniques developed during the study of Units 1 and 2.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

- **Unit 4: Rates, Equilibria, and Further Organic Chemistry:** Investigates how fast reactions happen, how they reach balance, and complex organic molecules.
- **Unit 5: Transition Metals and Organic Nitrogen Chemistry:** Focuses on d-block elements and the chemistry of nitrogen-containing compounds – such as amines and amides.

- **Unit 6: Practical Skills in Chemistry II:** An advanced written paper assessing experimental skills, data analysis, and research techniques from the full A-Level course.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Chemistry IAL consists of six modular units. The IAS (Units 1, 2, and 3) can contribute 50% of the total International Advanced Level marks.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	Structure, Bonding, and Organic Intro	1 hr 30 m	20%
Unit 2	Energetics and Group Chemistry	1 hr 30 m	20%
Unit 3	Experimental Skills I	1 hr 20 m	10%
Unit 4	Rates and Further Organic Chemistry	1 hr 45 m	20%
Unit 5	Transition Metals and Organic Nitrogen	1 hr 45 m	20%
Unit 6	Experimental Skills II	1 hr 20 m	10%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** It is essential that students have achieved a **Grade 6 (or Grade B)** or higher in IGCSE Chemistry or IGCSE Double Award Science.
- **Higher-Order Thinking:** Students must be prepared for a course that heavily emphasises problem-solving and analytical reasoning.
- **Supporting Subjects:** Chemistry is a useful asset for those taking Art (for Architecture) or other Sciences.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Chemistry is a “facilitating subject” required for a vast range of professional paths.

- **Essential for:** Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Chemical Engineering.
- **Supports:** Biochemistry, Environmental Science, and Architecture.
- **Versatility:** A Chemistry degree also opens doors to non-scientific fields such as Law, Finance, or Management due to the analytical skills developed.

Physics

“From the very smallest to the very largest, from atoms and quarks to the Universe and black holes, Physics strives to come up with the answers to explain it all.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Physics at WASHK is a rigorous programme designed to transition students from foundational concepts to advanced scientific mastery. It fosters a deep appreciation for the scientific method while developing high-level competence in practical, mathematical, and problem-solving skills.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge gaps for students who may not have studied under the British National Curriculum previously, ensuring a solid foundation before accessing IAL content.
- Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise **OneNote** for digital lab books and **Teams** for collaborative data analysis and video review of experiments.
- University Readiness:** We focus on the “Higher Order Thinking” required to excel in IAL, preparing students for competitive global university applications.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

- Unit 1: Mechanics and Materials:** Focuses on the motion of objects (kinematics and dynamics) and the physical properties of matter, such as density and elasticity.
- Unit 2: Waves and Electricity:** Investigates the behaviour of light and sound, alongside the fundamental principles of electrical circuits and the nature of light.
- Unit 3: Practical Skills in Physics I:** A written assessment evaluating students' knowledge and understanding of the experimental procedures and techniques developed in Units 1 and 2.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

- Unit 4: Further Mechanics, Fields and Particles:** Advanced study of momentum, circular motion, electric and magnetic fields, and the world of subatomic physics.

- Unit 5: Thermodynamics, Radiation, Oscillations and Cosmology:** Exploring heat energy, radioactive decay, simple harmonic motion, and the origins and fate of the universe.
- Unit 6: Practical Skills in Physics II:** An advanced written assessment evaluating experimental procedures and techniques developed in Units 4 and 5.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

All units for the Physics IAL are externally assessed through written examinations. Papers may include multiple-choice, short-answer, calculations, and extended-writing questions.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	Mechanics and Materials	1 hr 30 m	20%
Unit 2	Waves and Electricity	1 hr 30 m	20%
Unit 3	Practical Skills I	1 hr 20 m	10%
Unit 4	Further Mechanics, Fields and Particles	1 hr 45 m	20%
Unit 5	Thermodynamics and Cosmology	1 hr 45 m	20%
Unit 6	Practical Skills II	1 hr 20 m	10%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- IGCSE Entry Grades:** Students are recommended to have achieved a **Grade 6 or higher** in IGCSE Physics or IGCSE Double Award Science.
- Mathematical Strength:** An aptitude for Mathematics is essential; there is a significant increase in mathematical demand and difficulty from IGCSE to IAL.
- Practical Accuracy:** Competence in laboratory skills is vital for controlling and predicting the properties of physical systems.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

IAL Physics is a “facilitating subject” held in high esteem by employers and universities globally.

- Essential for:** Engineering.
- Highly Recommended for:** Medicine and Veterinary Science.
- Supporting Subjects:** Mathematics is a core requirement to study Physics at university level.

Economics

“Economics is the study of how scarce resources are allocated to satisfy human needs and wants. It explores the choices made by individuals, firms, and governments, as well as the far-reaching consequences of those choices.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Economics at WASHK provides a robust basis of factual economic knowledge. The course is taught using real-life examples and is consistently related to current economic events. Students develop a facility for self-expression, learning to use statistics and diagrammatical analysis to analyse the increasingly dynamic and interdependent global economy.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are ready for the rigorous vocabulary and complex language associated with Economic study.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital platforms like Teams to access works of reference and real-time economic data sources.
- **Analytical Rigour:** We focus on the methods used by economists to ensure data is effectively analysed, correlated, and evaluated.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Both the AS-Level and A-Level require an in-depth knowledge of the following core topic areas:

The Microeconomy

- **Basic Economic Ideas:** Exploring resource allocation and the fundamental “economic problem” of scarcity.
- **The Price System:** Analysing how markets work through supply and demand.
- **Government Intervention:** Investigating why and how governments intervene in markets to correct failures.

The Macroeconomy

- **Economic Performance:** Understanding growth, inflation, and unemployment.
- **International Trade:** Exploring exchange rates, globalisation, and why governments impose taxes or subsidies on imports.

- **Global Issues:** Analysing why some economies develop rapidly while others remain in poverty.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Economics IAL is split into the AS-Level and the full A-Level.

Paper	Assessment Type	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1 (AS)	Data Response & Essays	2 hr	25%
Paper 2 (AS)	Data Response & Essays	2 hr	25%
Paper 3 (AL)	Data Response & Essays	2 hr	25%
Paper 4 (AL)	Data Response & Essays	2 hr	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **Language Proficiency:** A good command of the English language is required to cope with the large amount of new vocabulary and complexity of the subject.
- **Numeracy Skills:** While no prior knowledge of Economics is required, students should have good numeracy skills.
- **Academic Interest:** An active interest in current affairs is highly beneficial for applying theory to the real world.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Economics is a highly versatile Social Science that fits into almost any subject combination.

- **University Prep:** While not always a requirement for an Economics degree, approximately 70% of undergraduates have an A-Level in the subject.
- **Supporting Subjects:** Most universities require an A-Level in Mathematics alongside Economics for degree entry.
- **Career Paths:** Common professions for graduates include Management, Administration, Accountancy, and Finance.

Accounting

“Accounting is the language of business. It involves the systematic recording, reporting, and analysis of financial transactions, providing the essential data needed to measure the performance and health of any organisation.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Accounting at WASHK provides students with a comprehensive understanding of how financial information is used to evaluate business performance. The course balances the technical mastery of bookkeeping with the high-level analytical skills required to interpret published accounts and provide strategic recommendations.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is meticulously designed to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are comfortable with complex financial vocabulary and technical frameworks before accessing advanced content.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital spreadsheets and professional software to model financial scenarios, mirroring the modern global business environment.
- **Analytical Rigour:** We focus on “Higher Order Thinking,” moving beyond simple calculations to the critical evaluation of investment appraisals and strategic management.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

The AS year focuses on the fundamentals of financial and management accounting for various business structures.

- **Accounting Fundamentals:** Introduction to the double-entry system, trial balances, and the preparation of financial statements for sole traders and partnerships.
- **Business Finance & Cash Flow:** Managing working capital, forecasting cash flows, and understanding various sources of finance.
- **Costs & Break-even:** Analysing costs and using marginal costing techniques to assist in short-term business decision-making.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

The A2 year introduces more complex accounting standards and the strategic use of financial data.

- **Published Accounts:** Analysing the financial statements of limited companies and understanding the ethical and legal requirements of reporting.
- **Investment Appraisal:** Using advanced techniques such as Net Present Value (NPV) and Internal Rate of Return (IRR) to evaluate the viability of major projects.
- **Strategic Management & Budgets:** Developing and analysing budgets to monitor business performance and implementing strategic choices based on financial data.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The IAL Accounting qualification consists of two major units, both externally assessed.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	The Fundamentals of Accounting	3 hr	50%
Unit 2	Corporate and Management Accounting	3 hr	50%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** Students are recommended to have achieved a Grade 6 or higher in IGCSE Mathematics. While prior study of Business or Accounting is not a prerequisite, a strong grasp of numeracy and logical reasoning is essential.
- **Language Proficiency:** A good command of English is required to handle the complex vocabulary and to write the evaluative reports necessary for the higher-mark questions.
- **Attention to Detail:** Precision in recording data and the ability to work systematically are vital for success in this subject.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

IAL Accounting is a highly practical subject valued by universities and global employers.

- **University Prep:** Provides an excellent foundation for degrees in Accounting, Finance, Management Science, and Economics.
- **Professional Exemptions:** Success in A-Level Accounting can often lead to exemptions from the fundamental levels of professional exams (such as ACCA or CIMA).
- **Career Paths:** Graduates are highly sought after in Investment Banking, Forensic Accounting, Auditing, and Management Consultancy.

Business Studies

“Business is the study of how organisations operate, make decisions, and adapt in an increasingly competitive and globalised environment. It equips students with an analytical understanding of how firms create value, manage people, and respond to change.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Business at WASHK develops a deep and practical understanding of how real businesses operate. Students explore the behaviour of both small enterprises and multinational corporations, applying theory to real-world business problems. The course encourages critical thinking, quantitative decision-making, and strategic evaluation — skills highly sought after by universities and employers worldwide.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Supports students with varying prior knowledge, ensuring strong understanding of core business terminology and analytical frameworks.
- **Digital Excellence:** Uses **OneNote**, **Teams**, and market-analysis tools to examine real-world data.
- **Real-World Application:** Case studies, simulations, and entrepreneurship work connect theory with authentic business environments.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

- **Unit 1: Marketing and People :** Markets, demand, research, segmentation; The marketing mix; Leadership, motivation, HR management.
- **Unit 2: Managing Business Activities:** Finance: cash-flow, break-even, investment appraisal; Operations, productivity, competitive advantage; External influences: inflation, interest rates, exchange rates.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

- **Unit 3: Business Decisions and Strategy:** Decision tools (critical path, ratios, investment appraisal); Growth, mergers, globalisation, technological change.
- **Unit 4: Global Business:** Global marketing, MNCs, ethical issues; Trade, emerging markets, cultural impacts.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Business Studies IAL qualification consists of four units.

Unit	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	Marketing and People	2 hr	25%
Unit 2	Managing Business Activities	2 hr	25%
Unit 3	Business Decisions and Strategy	2 hr	25%
Unit 4	Global Business	2 hr	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** Recommended Grade 5/6 in IGCSE English and Mathematics
- **Mathematical Strength:** Strong numeracy and literacy required
- **Key Skills:** Interest in current affairs and global markets

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

- **University Pathways:** Business, Marketing, Finance, Economics, International Relations, HR.
- **Careers:** Management, Consulting, Banking, Entrepreneurship, Logistics, Government.

Geography

“Geography is a challenging subject that explores the socio-political, economic, and environmental dimensions of our planet. It occupies a central position in understanding and interpreting social, economic, political, and environmental conditions and change in both space and time.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Geography at WASHK encourages students to think about their specific contribution to understanding contemporary issues. The course explores the complexity of natural systems and their impact on the human race, while also analysing the human race's impact on the environment and how these can be managed through sustainable development.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are prepared for the rigorous logical thinking and coherent argument presentation required at A-Level.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital mapping and data processing tools to ensure accuracy and objectivity in collecting and reporting data in a spatial context.
- **Analytical Rigor:** We focus on studying real-world examples to show the variety and complexity of human and physical environments.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

The AS level covers both Physical and Human Geography:

- **Physical Core:** Includes Hydrology and Fluvial Geomorphology, Atmosphere and Weather, and Rocks and Weathering.
- **Human Core:** Includes Population, Migration, and Settlement Dynamics.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

The A Level covers specialised options in both fields:

- **Physical Geography Options:** Tropical Environments, Coastal Environments, Hazardous Environments, and Arid/Semi-Arid Environments.
- **Human Geography Options:** Production, Location and Change; Environmental Management; Global Interdependence; and Economic Transition.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Geography IAL qualification consists of four papers:

Paper	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1	Physical Core Topics	1 hr 45 m	25%
Paper 2	Human Core Topics	1 hr 30 m	25%
Paper 3	Physical Geography Options	2 hr	25%
Paper 4	Human Geography Options	1 hr 30 m	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** It is recommended that students have achieved a minimum of **Grade 4/5 (Grade C)** in IGCSE Geography or an equivalent.
- **Scientific Background:** Students with a strong science background often find the physical geography components of the course particularly rewarding.
- **Key Skills:** Success requires the ability to think logically, handle different sources of information, and promote awareness of environmental conservation.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Geography is a highly favourable subject for a wide variety of university courses and employment sectors.

- **Subject Combinations:** Combines exceptionally well with Chemistry, Economics, and Business A-Level courses.
- **University Prep:** Supports applications for Science-based courses (Engineering, Environmental Sciences) when studied with Sciences, and Humanity-based courses (Law, Politics, Business Management) when studied with other Humanities.
- **Career Paths:** Graduates move into diverse fields including Architecture, Surveying, Journalism, Accountancy, Hazard Management, and Civil Service.

History

“History is not a subject stuck in the past. Knowledge and understanding of how people lived in the past help us to understand why people act like they do today. It develops a deeper understanding of social, cultural, religious, and ethnic diversity.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in History at WASHK is a challenging and varied course designed to develop independent thinkers. The curriculum explores a wide range of international history, focusing on significant historical periods and themes to foster an appreciation of human endeavour. Students will learn to navigate diverse historical sources and evaluate different interpretations of key historical issues.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are prepared for the rigorous demand of producing long, clear, and logical arguments.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital research tools to investigate historical sources and empathy-building materials.
- **Expert Instruction:** At WASHK, option units are selected based on teacher expertise to provide the highest quality of historical insight.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

- **Component 1: Document Question:** Focuses on source-based skills. Students analyse and evaluate diverse sources related to a specific historical event or theme.
- **Component 2: Outline Study:** A broader investigation of a specific historical period, developing an awareness of concepts such as cause and effect, similarity and difference, and change and continuity.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

The A Level covers specialized options in both fields:

- **Component 3: Interpretations Question:** A source-based unit that requires students to explore how and why different historians have arrived at different conclusions about the past.
- **Component 4: Depth Study:** An intensive study of a particular historical period or theme, allowing students to develop firm foundations for further academic study.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The History IAL is assessed through four externally examined components.

Component	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Component 1	Document Question	2 hr	25%
Component 2	Outline Study	2 hr	25%
Component 3	Interpretations Question	2 hr	25%
Component 4	Depth Study	2 hr	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** It is recommended that students have completed an IGCSE course in History with a strong result, although it is not strictly essential.
- **Skills Profile:** The course is particularly suited to students with enquiring minds who enjoy extensive reading and the challenge of constructing long, logical arguments in essay form.
- **Analytical Rigor:** Students must be prepared to think independently and make informed judgments on complex global issues.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

History is a highly marketable “facilitating subject” that keeps almost all career paths open.

- **University Prep:** Forms a valuable element for degrees in Law, Politics, Economics, English, and Philosophy.
- **Marketable Skills:** Graduates are valued for their ability to analyse, present ordered arguments, and meet essential deadlines.
- **Career Paths:** Popular choices for History graduates include Merchant Banking, Accountancy, Law, Industrial Management, Advertising, and Public Relations.

Psychology

“Psychology tries to answer the question, ‘Why do people behave the way they do?’. It is a scientific discipline concerned with how psychological investigations are carried out and the critical evaluation of their findings.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Psychology at WASHK introduces students to psychological concepts, theories, and research findings. The course explores the relationship between psychological findings and everyday life, promoting an understanding of individual, social, and cultural diversity. Students learn to appreciate that behaviour can have many causes and that no single theory fits all situations.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are comfortable with the scientific methodology and inferential data analysis required for advanced study.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital platforms to explore famous case studies—such as research into minority influence or brain abnormalities—while students plan and analyse their own investigations.
- **Ethical Framework:** We emphasise the moral and ethical implications of psychological research, ensuring students develop a balanced and responsible scientific perspective.

DETAILED UNIT CONTENT

Year 12: International AS-Level (IAS)

Students describe, compare, and evaluate theories and research from four foundational approaches:

- **Social Psychology:** Investigating how the presence of others influences individual behaviour.
- **Cognitive Psychology:** Exploring internal mental processes such as memory and perception.
- **Biological Psychology:** Examining the physiological and genetic roots of behaviour.
- **Behaviourism:** Studying how environmental stimuli and reinforcement shape actions.
- **Research Methodology:** Learning how to investigate human behaviour and analyse data at an inferential level.

Year 13: International A-Level (IAL)

The second year focuses on how psychology is applied to practical, real-world contexts:

- **Clinical Psychology:** Understanding mental health disorders, their diagnoses, and treatments.
- **Developmental Psychology:** Studying how humans change and grow over the lifespan.
- **Optional Specialisms:** Students explore further applications in Health Psychology, Criminal Psychology, or advanced research skills.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The Psychology IAL consists of four written papers, including short-answer questions and extended essay responses.

Paper	Assessment Topic	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1	Social and Cognitive Psychology	1 hr 30 m	25%
Paper 2	Biological and Learning Psychology	2 hr	25%
Paper 3	Developmental and Health/Criminal Psychology	1 hr 30 m	25%
Paper 4	Clinical Psychology and Research Methods	2 hr	25%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **IGCSE Entry Grades:** While there are no formal entry requirements, a **Grade 6 or above** in IGCSE Biology, History, or Geography is desirable due to the overlap in scientific and social themes.
- **Analytical Skills:** Success requires an enquiring mind and the ability to evaluate findings critically.
- **Scientific Writing:** Students must be prepared to write coherent, evidence-based essays and interpret complex data.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Psychology is one of the most popular university options and supports applications to both Sciences and Humanities.

- **Science & Health:** Supports university applications for Medicine and caring professions.
- **Business & Media:** Highly valued in Management, Advertising, and Media Studies due to the focus on human behaviour.
- **Legal & Education:** Provides a strong grounding for careers in Criminology, Education, and Law.

Art

“Studying art equips students with a whole set of transferable skills both for life and for a wide range of vocational areas, including lateral thinking, creative problem solving, and risk taking. It helps students become creative, imaginative, and confident individuals.”

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in Art at WASHK is an exciting and challenging subject designed for students with curiosity and commitment. The course takes a broad approach with drawing and painting at its centre, while also exploring printmaking, textiles, photography, mixed media, and 3D work. Students are encouraged to be inventive and independent, developing the skills needed to produce high-quality, individual artwork.

THE WASHK ADVANTAGE

- **Bespoke Progression:** Our curriculum is tailored to bridge academic gaps, ensuring students are prepared for the high level of commitment and the time-consuming nature of practical art.
- **Digital Excellence:** As a **Microsoft Showcase School**, we utilise digital platforms to document the creative process, research artists, and build comprehensive digital portfolios.
- **Skill Development:** Students gain lifelong skills in communicating concepts and feelings, recording from direct observation, and solving practical design problems.

DETAILED COURSE CONTENT

The course is predominantly practical but is supported by theoretical and historical research.

- **Practical Exploration:** Engaging in direct observation and personal experience to record visual information.
- **Technical Mastery:** Learning the language and technical terms used in art and design while experimenting with various media and innovative techniques.
- **Contextual Study:** Researching and evaluating the work of other artists and designers to inform the development of personal ideas.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The IAL Art qualification consists of two major components. Unlike some other subjects, AS-Level is not available for this specific syllabus at WASHK.

Component	Focus	Requirements	Weighting
Component 1	Coursework	One practical project and a written Personal Study (3,000 words)	60%
Component 2	Controlled Assignment	A series of preparatory studies leading to a 15-hour timed examination	40%

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

- **Prior Knowledge:** While IGCSE Art is not a strict prerequisite, it is extremely helpful. Students should demonstrate a good level of artistic ability, particularly in observational drawing.
- **Independence:** This is not a subject for those who wish to be told what to do at every step; it requires high levels of initiative.
- **Commitment:** The practical nature of the course makes it very time-consuming, requiring significant dedication outside of regular lesson hours.

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

Art is the basic qualification for degree courses in both Fine and Applied Arts.

- **Specialised Degrees:** Leads to pathways in Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Design, Fashion and Textiles, Architecture, and Theatre Design.
- **Creative Industries:** Valuable for careers in Advertising, Film and Television, Gallery Curating, and Museum work.
- **Transferable Value:** Art is highly compatible with Humanities and Science subjects, fostering lateral thinking valuable in any profession.

Additional Expenses

At the conclusion of A-Level courses, students will sit a range of external examinations. A standard fee applies to all entries, and families will receive an individual bill for their child's examination costs. Please note that late entries, withdrawal from scheduled examinations, and post-results services—such as remarking—will incur additional charges. Administration and invigilation costs are covered by the school.

In certain subjects, including Art and Drama, students may also need to purchase additional materials to meet specific course requirements.



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