

ISAMILO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



The right balance

6TH FORM

In general

Completion of Sixth Form study is a pre-requisite for entry into most universities anywhere in the world. It is effectively a pre university course. A-Levels are globally recognised as the “gold standard” by which academic ability is measured and by which students are admitted on to university degree courses.

Whilst academic performance is one measure of a successful student, equal emphasis must be placed on the many other benefits 6th Form life has to offer, including those all important ‘life skills’ vital in equipping students for life after school. 6th Form allows students to mature academically, personally and socially through a programme which encourages and promotes leadership skills; nurtures an aptitude for independent study and

6th Form Study at Isamilo International School

At Isamilo International School we will encourage students to enjoy the pursuit of learning and to discover and explore their own intellectual

capacities. This is particularly important at 6th Form level where academic standards are high.

The teacher student ratio will seldom rise above 1:10 ensuring every student receives the individual attention they deserve. There will of course be continuous monitoring of students progress and strategies implemented to help students who may find the going tough.

Most of our 6th Formers will come from within the School however we will also welcome new entrants from across the region, and hope a good number will take advantage of our boarding facilities. Together they will start to take responsibility for their own learning and develop vital skills, both inside and outside the classroom.

What do I need to make a success of 6th Form study?

The chief requirements for successful A level study are good academic ability, good study skills, self-discipline and the motivation to succeed. Our aim is to develop these qualities in students so that they will achieve high standards in the Sixth Form and then afterwards at University.

Students will select four AS level subjects in Year 12 with a view to carrying on with three of these subjects in the final year, Year 13. Each group of subjects is carefully considered to reflect the changing views and requirements from Universities and so ensure students have a breadth of study at this level.

Students will be expected to have achieved at least a grade C or its equivalent in the subjects they choose to study at A-Level.

How will the course be structured?

Initially we will be offering the ten subjects most in demand by our current Year 11 students. We intend to broaden the selection available over time.research; and (with considered guidance and support offered by experienced, caring staff) allows personal growth and development.

Sixth Form life bridges the gap between school and university.

In Year 12 students will choose 4 subjects at AS level, one from each group. Examinations will be taken in June 2010. In Year 13 students can then opt to drop one subject and take the remaining three subjects to the A2 level. Ultimately they should achieve three A levels and one AS. Each subject will be allocated 5 hours instruction a week in six 50 minute periods.

We will also be taking the best elements from the International Baccalaureate system and combining them with the increased rigor and depth that A level study provides. Consequently students will have the opportunity to design their own further skills based programme, much like the Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) component of the IB system. Students will be able to develop their own skills and talents in areas such as art, theatre and music. They will also have compulsory Physical Education Lessons and will have to plan into each week an element of service in which they give of their time to read with younger pupils, help out in lower school lessons and even spend time at local orphanages or schools.

In addition to all this we intend to offer the CIE Thinking Skills course which is highly regarded by many universities in its ability to encourage pupils to analyse arguments, evaluate evidence and to think critically. All students will attend these lessons but the final examination will be optional.

we believe we have a Sixth Form programme of study that will prepare students for the demands of Higher Education whilst maintaining the flexibility and enjoyment of learning that is still so key at this age.

What about extra curricular opportunities?

The 6th Form will benefit from a broad range of activities, not only all the clubs and clinics that are already available but also a range of activities exclusive to the 6th Form; including debating, careers guidance and work experience, the 6th Form play, competitive sports, self defence, and the International Award at silver level. It is critical that students applying to universities have a wide-ranging 'personal statement' and this programme of activities is designed to develop well-rounded individuals with a broad selection of skills and interests.

What subjects are on offer?

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
Maths	Physics	Chemistry	Geography	English Literature
Business Studies	History	Economics	Applied ICT	Art

It may also be possible to take French, Music or Accounting by private arrangement with the teacher concerned as part of the allocated creativity time. This would require a far more independent approach to study as it would fall outside the timetable and would be tutorial in style.

Will there be a uniform?

The 6th Form uniform is designed to set our 6th Formers apart and allow greater expression of the individual's personality, whilst remaining smart. Through consultation with students we have agreed that this will be black and white, with all students wearing smart white collared shirts, black trousers or skirts and black cardigans, jumpers or jackets. Sensible school shoes are still a requirement, but rules will relax a little on make-up and jewelry for the girls.

What about Careers advice?

We have several members of staff with experience in careers advice and university admissions who will be will have allocated time to help guide and advise the students through their university applications. Entries to university are now administered on-line and the school is well placed to facilitate this. In addition library resources are being sourced, a careers fair is anticipated and it is hoped that students will also arrange work experience opportunities at the end of their first year.

How much will it cost?

A-level education is far more resource intensive due primarily to the smaller class sizes. The fees for one year will be 8,358,000 /-. The usual enrollment fee is to be reduced by 50% to 1,000,000 /- and a refundable deposit of 500,000/- will also be required.