

Parent – School Contract St. Mary Catholic High School-Dubai

2. Curriculum and Educational programmes:

Please refer to table below for detailed information regarding the school's curriculum and programmes. The table also indicates boards and organisations which have accredited or authorised the school. Websites are included if parents wish to seek further information.

Phase/ Cycle:	Curriculum/ Programme:	Accreditation/ Authorisation
Early Years Foundation Stage	UK Foundation Years Curriculum	http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/eyfs-statutory-framework/
Grade One to Six	UK National Primary Curriculum and Edexcel Standards	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-primary-curriculum.html

- a. **Mandatory subjects:** As per the rules and regulations in the UAE, it is mandatory for:
1. All Muslim students to study Islamic Education from Year 1 to Year 12 inclusive.
 2. All Arab students (registered at the school with an Arab passport) to study Arabic as a first language from Year 1 to Year 12 inclusive.
 3. All students registered at the school with a non-Arab passport to study Arabic as an additional language from Year 1 to Year 9 inclusive.

b. **Subjects offering:**

Year 1 & 2 (Primary)	English, Math, Science, Arabic, History, Geography, Social Studies, Islamic Education, Bible, Citizenship, ICT&Computing, Art, Sport, Music, Moral Education, PSHE
Year 3 & 4 [Primary]	English, Math, Science, Arabic, French, History, Geography, Social Studies, Islamic Education, Bible, Citizenship, ICT&Computing, Art, Sport, Music, Moral Education, PSHE, English Literature (Yr. 4.)
Year 5 & 6 [Primary]	English, English Literature, Math, Science, Arabic, French, History, Geography, Social Studies, Islamic Education, Citizenship, ICT&Computing, Art, Sport, Library, Music, Moral Education
Year 7 & 8 [Secondary]	English, English Literature, Math, Science, Arabic, French, History, Geography, Social Studies, Islamic Education, Citizenship, ICT, Art, Sport, Library, Moral Education
Year 9 & 10 [Secondary – Science /Commerce/ Humanities]	English, English Literature, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies Arabic, French, History, Psychology, Islamic Education, ICT, Art, Sport, Library, Moral Education, Social studies
YEAR 11 [Secondary – O-Level /GCSE/IGCSE – Science /Commerce/ Humanities]	English, English Literature, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies Arabic, French, History, Psychology, Islamic Education, ICT, Art, Sport.
YEAR 12 & 13 [Secondary – A-Level-GCE]	Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Psychology, Islamic Studies & Arabic, English Literature

c. **Choice of educational streams:**

Year NINE:

English Language, Mathematics, ICT, Arabic – COMPULSORY
OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:
Biology OR Accounting
Chemistry OR Economics
Physics OR Business Studies
Art or English Literature or History or French or Psychology (ANY ONE)
ONE SCIENCE IS COMPULSORY

Year TEN:

English Language, Mathematics – COMPULSORY
OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

Biology OR Business Studies
Chemistry OR Economics
Physics OR Accounting
ICT OR Psychology
Art or English Literature or History or French (ANY ONE)

Year ELEVEN:

- a. English Language, Mathematics – COMPULSORY

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

Biology OR Business Studies

Chemistry OR Economics

Physics OR Accounting

ICT OR Psychology

Art or English Literature or History or French (ANY ONE)

b. Assessment policy:

Methods of Assessment

Primary School Year 1 – Year 6

- n In class tests, quizzes and assessments
- n Project work
- n Class Work and Assignments
- n Mid Term Examinations
- n End of year Examinations
- n International Testing TIMSS
- n International Edexcel Examination in Math, English and Science (Year 6)

Secondary School (Year 7 – 13)

- n In class tests, quizzes and assessments
- n Project work
- n Portfolios (Art)
- n Coursework (GCSE / IGCSE/ GCE)
- n Mid Term Examinations
- n End Of year Examinations
- n External and international testing (TIMSS, EDEXCEL GCSE / IGCSE & GCE Examinations)

e. Promotion and retention policies:

Students from Years 1 to 10 may have up to three re-examinations in those subjects in which their aggregate average for the year is below fifty percent. Students who have not been able to attain an aggregate average of 40% in four or more subjects are likely to be detained.

Students in year11 must obtain a clear pass in a minimum of eight GCSE / IGCSE subjects. Students in year 12 & 13 must obtain a clear pass in the GCE subjects opted for at this level.

f. Extra-curricular activities and celebrations:

Students from year 1-10 will have weekly extracurricular activities as part of their regular weekly timetabled schedule.

Sr. No	Events	Date
1	Orientation	August
2	Prefect Investiture	September
3	Eid Al Adha	September
4	Al Hijra Islamic New Year	October
5	Graduation	October
6	UAE National Day	December
7	Sports Day Junior & Senior	February
8	Class Outings	March
9	Ethnic Day	March
10	Israa and Miraaj	May

g. Graduation requirements:

All students who have completed their O-Level GCSE / IGCSE examinations in the month of June 2018 will have their Graduation Ceremony in the month of October 2018.

Students in YEAR 11 (O-Level) need to have successfully completed a minimum of Eight GCSE / IGCSE subjects. In order to obtain a completion certificate, students at YEAR 12 and 13 need to have successfully completed a minimum of three GCE A-Level subjects over a period of two years.

h. Graduation Certificate

Students at year 11 receive a School Leaving Certificate (GCSE Level) as well as a Pearson Edexcel GCSE and Edexcel International GCSE. Students at year 12 & 13 receive a School Leaving Certificate ('A' Level) as well as a Pearson Edexcel GCE and / or Edexcel International Advanced Level.

UAE EQUIVALENCY REQUIREMENTS

The original IGCSE Certificate: 5 subjects (O.L.) with pass grades: A, B, C, D, or E

The original GCE certificate containing: -

- a. 1) 4 subjects (A.S) and 2 subjects (A.L.) for those who applied for GCE in grade in year 10, or
- 2) 2 subjects (A.S.) and 1 subject (A.L.) for those who applied for it in year 11.

All these subjects should have pass years of A, B, C or D

The original attested school certificates for years 10, 11 & 12, including the subjects of Arabic and Islamic Education