



OUR REF :

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DATE: Monday, 13th March 2023

NOTICE TO STUDENTS OF YEAR EIGHT GOING TO YEAR NINE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

NAME OF STUDENT _____ YEAR _____

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School. It is that time of the year when we would ask you to reflect with your children on their subject choices for the next academic year. Orientations have been completed with students regarding the subject option today, 13th March 2023. Choices will have to be made regarding a number of subject options and we invite you to read on below.

SUBJECTS FOR YEAR NINE

YOUR CHOICE

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| 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE | COMPULSORY |
| 2. MATHEMATICS | COMPULSORY |
| 3. RELIGIOUS STUDIES | COMPULSORY for students who take Bible and Islamic Studies |
| 4. PSYCHOLOGY | COMPULSORY for students who don't take Bible or Islamic Studies |
| 5. ARABIC | COMPULSORY |
| 6. ICT / COMPUTER SCIENCE* | COMPULSORY _____ |
| 7. BIOLOGY OR ACCOUNTS | _____ |
| 8. CHEMISTRY OR ECONOMICS | _____ |
| 9. PHYSICS OR BUSINESS STUDIES | _____ |
| 10. ART, ENGLISH LITERATURE, HISTORY, OR PSYCHOLOGY- (only 1) | _____ |

EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPULSORILY CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THEIR OVERALL SELECTION.

Students are asked to consider carefully the options before making their choice.

***** Please note that ICT and one Science have been made compulsory to further closely align with the British Curriculum, as pointed out in our KHDA inspection process over the last few years with a view to furthering students access to technology, thus arming them with the requisite 21st Century skills.**

***** Please note that students who do not take Bible or Islamic studies will have Psychology instead of the Religious studies component and therefore these students must choose another subject other than Psychology in**

OPTION 10.

Islamic Studies and Bible are compulsory for students who take these subjects.

Once the choice has been made a subject CANNOT be changed.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: Kindly note that places for Computer Science will be restricted to those students who currently display a secure understanding and application of computational thinking and problem-solving skills.

Programming skills are a core component of this course and students will be required to have a knowledge of Python and be competent at designing, writing and debugging programmes. In case the places are oversubscribed, the school will allot seats strictly on the basis of current academic competence in ICT.

Parents may consult with your child's current subject teachers via email if you have any doubts about your child's competence in a particular subject.

Subject specialists will be available in school on Saturday, 18th March from 7:30 - 10:30 am should you wish to consult them. They will be in the school library.

Parents are asked to complete this by **Thursday, 23rd March 2023**. Kindly fill this in and scan it and email the same to your child's class teacher. **This will be the final deadline for accepting subject choice forms.**

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



Parent's Name _____

Parent's Mobile Number : _____

Parent's Email ID : _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

Subject Change Policy

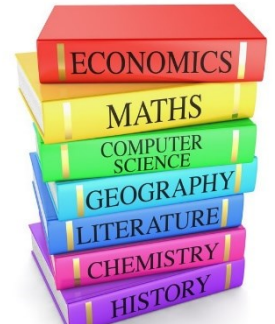
2022-2023

Reviewed: September 2022



SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY

Students at Saint Mary's Catholic High School choose their optional subjects at the end of Year Eight. These are effective once they begin Year Nine. These are the options that students are offered at the end of Year Eight.



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YOUR CHOICE

- COMPULSORY
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- COMPULSORY for students who take Bible and Islamic Studies
- COMPULSORY for students who don't take Bible or Islamic Studies
- COMPULSORY
- COMPULSORY _____
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Please note that students who do not take Bible or Islamic studies will have Psychology instead of the Religious studies component and therefore these students must choose another subject other than Psychology in OPTION 10.

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Students are encouraged to make informed subject selections based on information from subject orientation session. Once students have made their subject selections by the end of Year 8, in conjunction with their parents and in consultation with subject counsellors and subject teachers, any subsequent change to these subjects must follow an arranged process to ensure that all parties are kept informed

Subject changes may only be effected once the school has received the written consent of parents and is also subject to the availability of seats. Parents are requested to send an email to Ms. Vichitra on vichitra.gabriella-smchs@smgeducation.org

When parents opt for their children to change subjects it must be well noted that the responsibility with regard to books, preparation for the entrance and covering the content lies with the students and parents.

The student must continue with the current subject until the change has been approved by email.

Year 9

Subject changes are considered without an entrance examination in the month of September subject to availability of seats. Subject changes will be considered in the month of February with an entrance examination and subject to availability of seats. Students must pass the entrance examination for the school to effect any change.

If a student wishes to change a subject for Year 10, this request must be made in the month of June before the school closes for the summer break. Students will be required to prepare over the summer for an entrance examination in the new subject in the month of August. The portion will be the entire content covered in YEAR NINE. This is also subject to the availability of seats.

Year 10

Please refer above. No subject change will be permitted once the student has begun Year Ten and did not request for this change in the month of June of the same calendar year. Students will fall short of the required curricular hours. **Students will not be allowed to opt for Art and Design at this stage.**

Year 11

No subject change is permitted in Year 11.

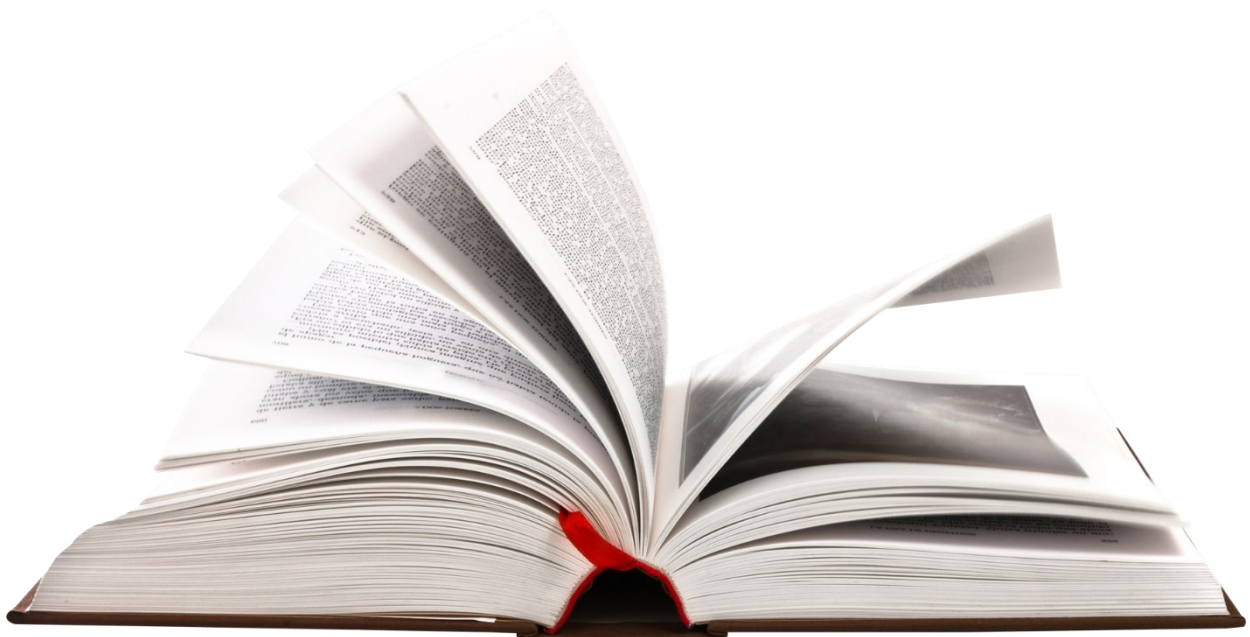
Arabic B is not compulsory for Non Arab students in Year Eleven and they may drop Arabic B in Year 11 should they wish to do so. However, if a student intends to study in any Educational Institution in the U.A.E. after leaving St. Mary's, then entry requirements of that institution should be checked to see whether the student will require Arabic or not. It is also important that parents understand that a certificate indicating completion of Ministry Arabic is usually essential for consideration for certain government jobs in the UAE. Please be aware that the school will not be responsible for any governmental requirements for Arabic that might present themselves at any later stage to students who have chosen to drop Arabic in year eleven at school. Therefore, if you choose to approve your child's choice to drop Arabic then you do so at your own discretion.

Year 12

Subjects are finalised at the time of the interview. No subject change is allowed later. Students may drop the fourth subject if adequate evidence is provided from potential universities where the student wishes to pursue his/ her further studies.

Year 13

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September 2022

Date for Review : June 2023