



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

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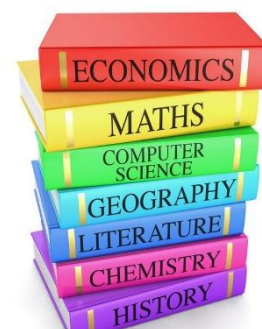
2025-2026



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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.



SUBJECTS FOR YEAR NINE

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE
2. MATHEMATICS
3. RELIGIOUS STUDIES
4. PSYCHOLOGY
5. ARABIC
6. ICT / COMPUTER SCIENCE*
7. BIOLOGY OR ACCOUNTS
8. CHEMISTRY OR ECONOMICS
9. PHYSICS **OR** BUSINESS STUDIES
10. ART, ENGLISH LITERATURE, HISTORY, OR PSYCHOLOGY- (only 1)

YOUR CHOICE

- COMPULSORY
- COMPULSORY
- COMPULSORY for students who take Values Education and Islamic Studies
- COMPULSORY for students who don't take Values Education or Islamic Studies
- COMPULSORY
- COMPULSORY _____
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EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPULSORILY CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THEIR OVERALL SELECTION.

Please note that students who do not take Values Education 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 Values Education are compulsory for students who take these subjects.

Students are encouraged to make informed subject selections based on information from subject orientation sessions. 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

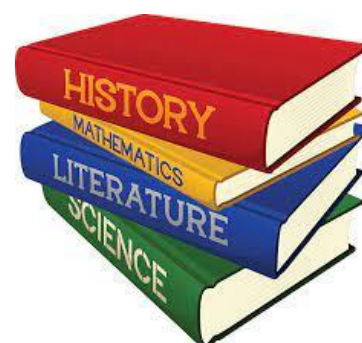
When parents opt for their children to change subjects it must be well noted that the responsibility with regard to books, preparation for the entrance and covering the content lies with the students and parents.

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 by the 10th of June of the same academic year. 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.



No switch to Art and Design is permissible if it wasn't previously selected at the end of year 8.

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 by the 10th 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.**

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Year 11

No subject change is permitted in Year 11.

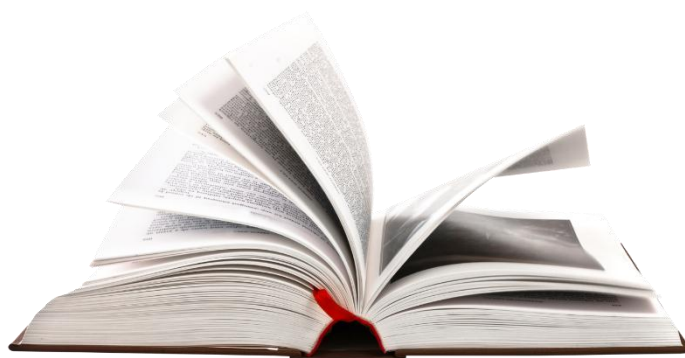
Arabic B is not compulsory for Non Arab students in Year Eleven and they may drop Arabic B in Year 11 should they wish to do so. However, if a student intends to study in any Educational Institution in the U.A.E. after leaving St. Mary's, then entry requirements of that institution should be checked 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

No subject changes are permitted. Students may drop the fourth subject if adequate evidence is provided from potential universities where the student wishes to pursue his/ her further studies.



Consider the subject change carefully as you won't be able to revert to the same subject later.

- June 2025
- Date for Review: June 2026