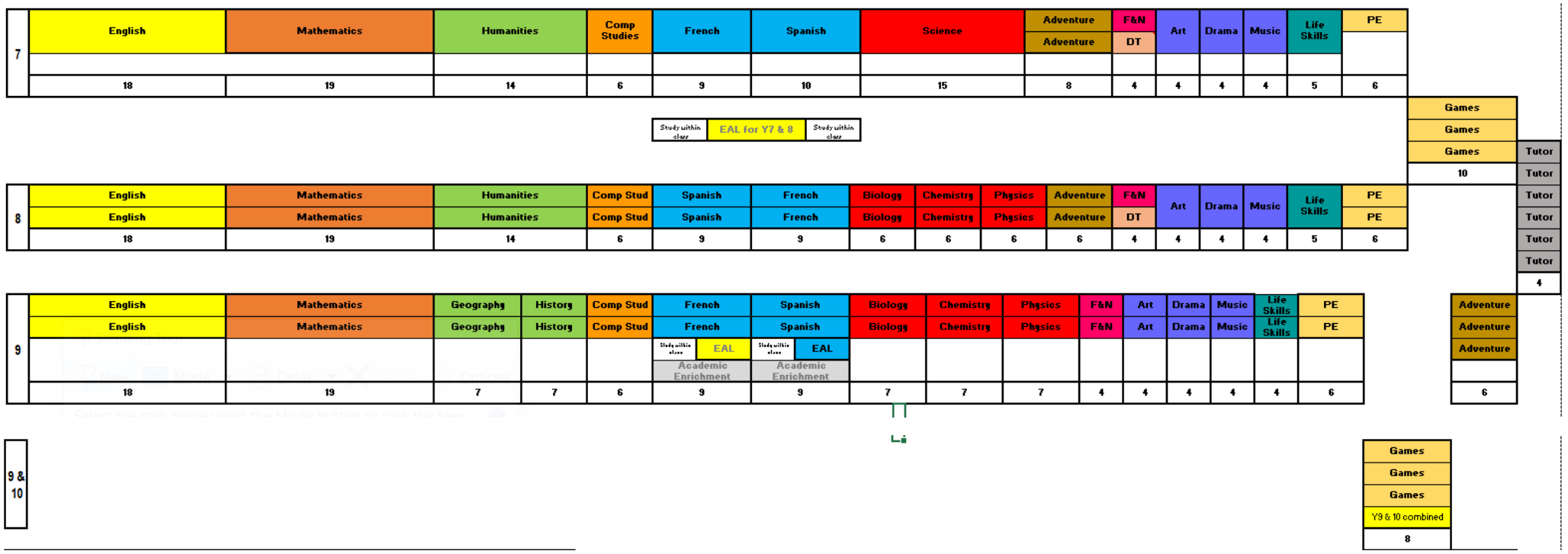
WINDERMERE SCHOOL

WINDERMERE SCHOOL 2025-26 CURRICULUM PLAN – SENIOR SCHOOL

This requires:

- Subjects
- Teaching groups
- Numbers of lessons per cycle
- Number of pupils
- Core (all) or optional
- Setting arrangements

KS3 Overview:



Note: There are 140 teaching periods for Lower School.

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Year 7 - one form entry. These are mixed ability groups.

SUBJECT	Optional?	Number of lessons per cycle	Number of teaching groups	Setting arrangements
Adventure	N	8	Varies	Activity groups change to reflect the activity.
Art	N	4	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Design & Technology	N	4	1	Taught for half the year against F&N
Drama	N	4	1	Taught as mixed ability class
EAL	Y	9	1	Group lessons with Year 8 (+ paid extra if required)
English	N	18	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Food and Nutrition	N	4	1	Taught for half the year against D&T
French	N	9	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Games	N	10	Varies	Taught with Year 8
Humanities	N	14	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Computer Studies	N	6	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Life Skills	N	5	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Maths	N	19	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Music	N	4	1	Taught as mixed ability class
PE	N	6	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Spanish	N	10	1	Taught as mixed ability class
Science	N	15	1	Taught as mixed ability class
TUTOR	N	4	2	Mixed

Year 8 - pupils are shared between set 8A and 8B. These are mixed ability groups.

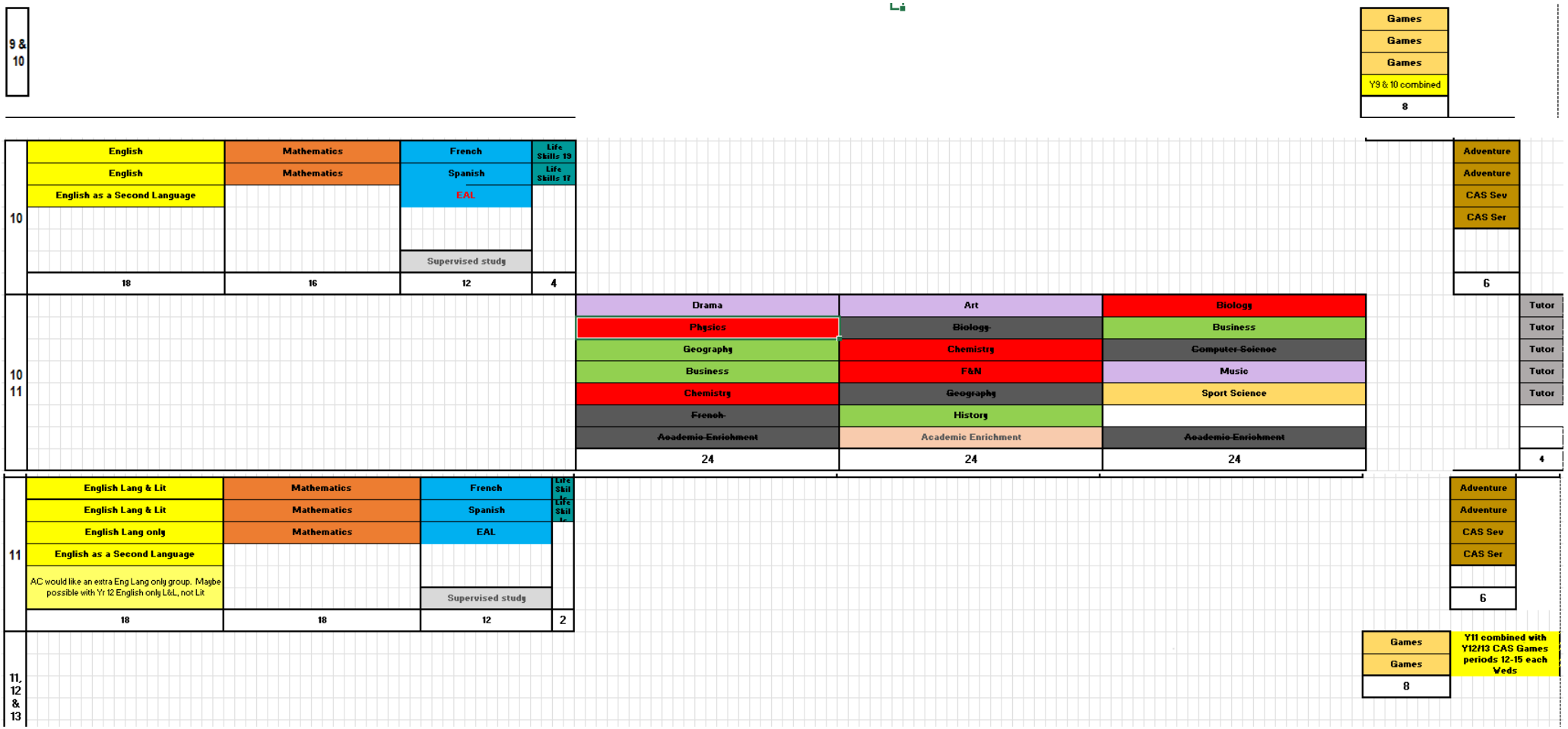
SUBJECT	Optional?	Number of lessons per cycle	Number of teaching groups	Setting arrangements
Adventure	N	6 (+ activity slot)	Varies	Activity groups change to reflect the activity.
Art	N	4	1	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
Biology	N	6	2	Taught in class sets (8A/8B). Includes Outdoor Science.
Chemistry	N	6	2	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
Design & Technology	N	4	2	Taught for half the year against F&N
Drama	N	4	1	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
EAL	Y	10	1	Group lessons with Year 7 (+ paid extra if required)
English	N	18	2	Taught in ability sets
Food and Nutrition	N	4	2	Taught for half the year against D&T
French	N	9	2	Taught in ability sets

Games	N	10	Varies	Taught with Year 7
Humanities	N	14	2	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
Computer Studies	N	6	2	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
Life Skills	N	5	1	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
Maths	N	19	2	Taught in ability sets
Music	N	4	1	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
PE	N	6	2	2 groups
Physics	N	6	2	Taught in class sets (8A/8B).
Spanish	N	9	2	Taught in ability sets
TUTOR	N	4	6	Mixed Y8 & 9

Year 9 - pupils are shared between set 9A and 9B. These are mixed ability groups.

SUBJECT	Optional?	Number of lessons per cycle	Number of teaching groups	Setting arrangements
Adventure	N	6	Varies	Activity groups change to reflect the activity.
Art	N	4	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B).
Biology	N	7	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B). Includes Outdoor Science.
Chemistry	N	7	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B).
Drama	N	4	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B).
EAL	Y	10	1	Group lessons (+ paid extra if required)
English	N	18	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B)
Food and Nutrition	N	4	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B).
French	Y	9	2	Taught in option sets, by ability.
Games	N	8	3	Taught with Year 10
Geography	N	7	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B)
History	N	7	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B)
Computer Studies	N	6	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B)
Life Skills	N	4	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B)
Maths	N	19	3	Taught in ability sets
Music	N	4	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B).
PE	N	6	2	2 groups
Physics	N	7	2	Taught in class sets (9A/9B).
Spanish	Y	9	2	Taught in option sets, by ability.
TUTOR	N	4	6	Mixed Y8 & 9

Key Stage 4



Note: There are 140 teaching periods for Middle School.
Option blocks have a mix of supervised study, academic enrichment and independent study as an alternative to studying a GCSE subject.

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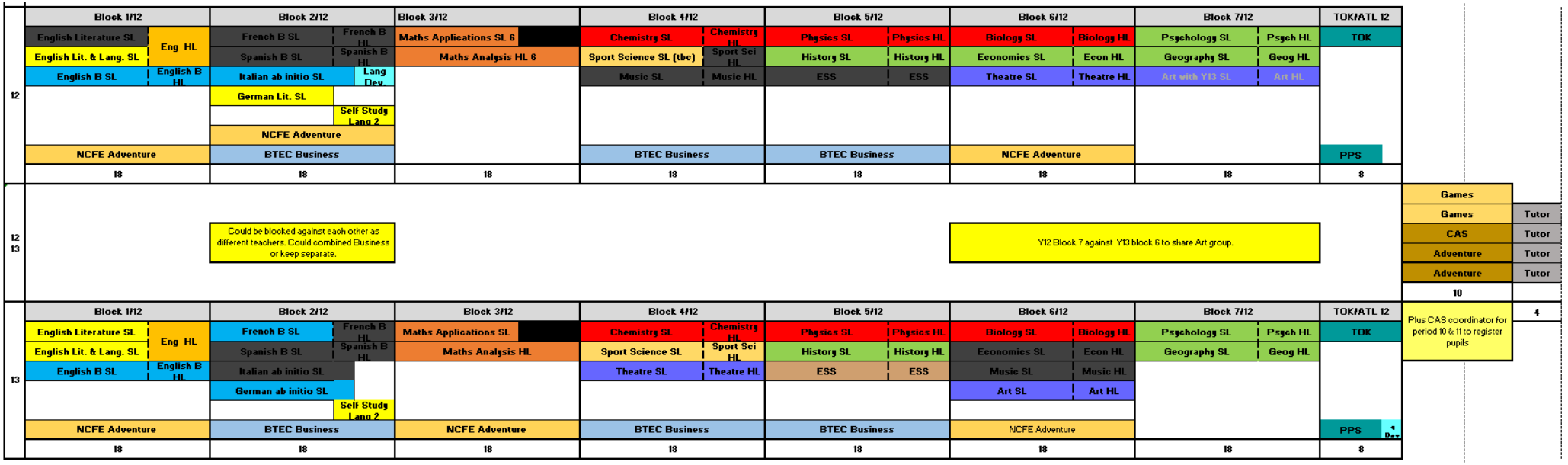
Year 10 Plan – pupils

SUBJECT	Optional?	Number of lessons per cycle	Number of teaching groups	Setting arrangements
English (Lit and Language)	N	18	3	Taught in ability sets
Maths	N	16	3	Taught in ability sets
Main MFL Choice (French, Spanish or EAL)	Y	12	1 per subject	Taught in option blocks (mixed ability)
One-year GCSE Option Choices – see three blocks	Y	24	1 per subject	Taught in option blocks (mixed ability)
Life Skills	N (except Sex Ed)	4	2	Taught in mixed ability groups
Games	N	8	3	Boys and Girls sport plus use of gym, 4 periods combined with Year 11
Service / Adventure	N	6	varies	Groups based on student choices
TUTOR	N	4	8	Combined Year 10 & Year 11 mixed groups

Year 11 - pupils

SUBJECT	Optional?	Number of lessons per cycle	Number of teaching groups	Setting arrangements
English (Lit and Language)	N	18	4	Taught in ability sets
Maths	N	18	3	Taught in ability sets
Main MFL Choice (French, Spanish, EAL or F&N)	Y	12	1 per subject	Taught in option group blocks (mixed ability)
One-year GCSE Option Choices – see three blocks	Y	24	1 per subject	Taught in option blocks (mixed ability)
Life Skills	N (except Sex Ed)	2	2	Taught in mixed ability groups
Games	N	8	3	Boys and Girls sport plus use of gym, 4 periods combined with Year 11
Service / Adventure	N	6	varies	Groups based on student choices
TUTOR	N	4	8	Combined Year 10 & Year 11 mixed groups

IBDP and IBCP Pathways 2025



Note: There are 148 teaching periods available for Sixth Form. An IBDP student would be taught across in 130 periods. Other pathways vary in terms of contact time with the teacher, depending on the combination of subjects and levels.

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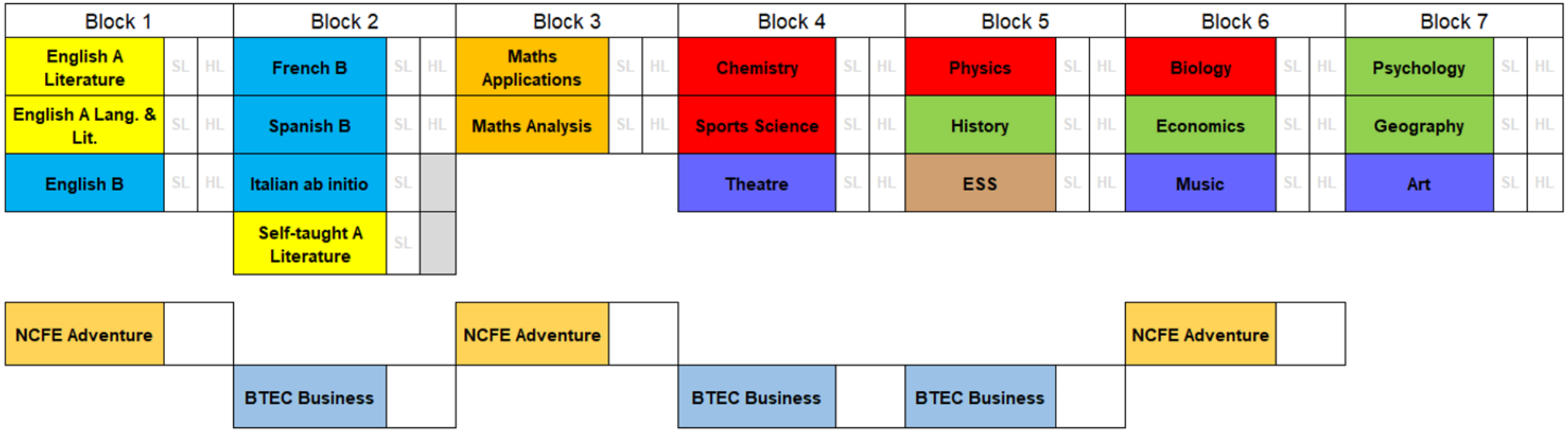
IB, BTEC & NCFE Option Choices for September 2025 start



Instructions

IBDP: Choose one subject only from each block 1, 2 and 3. You must select at least one yellow subject block. Then choose three subjects from the remaining four blocks 4-7, ensuring you select at least one green and one red subject option, or ESS. Ensure **three** subjects are selected at Standard Level (SL) and **three** at Higher Level (HL).

IBCP: Select **two** IB Diploma Courses that you would like to study alongside **all** the BTEC Business or **all** the NCFE Adventure & Sport blocks. Each IB subject must be chosen from a different block. We recommend at least one subject be chosen at Higher Level.

Vocational route: You can choose to study both vocational courses. To do this select all six blocks of BTEC Business and NCFE Adventure & Sport.

Diploma Courses: Choose any number of subjects, one from each block, at either Higher Level (HL) or Standard Level (SL).

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Year 12 & 13

SUBJECT	Optional?	Number of lessons per cycle	Number of teaching groups	Setting arrangements
Group 1	Y	HL 18, SL 12	1 per subject per year group	Mixed ability
Group 2	Y	HL 18, SL 12	1 per subject per year group	Mixed ability
Group 3	Y	HL 18, SL 12	1 per subject per year group	Mixed ability
Group 4	Y	HL 18, SL 12	1 per subject per year group	Mixed ability
Group 5	Y	HL 18, SL 12	1 per subject per year group	Mixed ability
Group 6	Y	HL 18, SL 12	1 per subject per year group	Mixed ability
BTEC Business	Y	54	1 in each year	Mixed ability
NCFE Adventure	Y	54	1 in each year	Mixed ability
CAS / Service Learning	Y (unless following the IBCP or IBDP)	10	Varies	Mixed ability
ToK / PPS	Y (unless following the IBCP or IBDP)	8 / 6 respectively	TOK: 1 class in each year group PPS: 1 in each year	Mixed ability
Language Development	Y (unless following the IBCP)	6	1 class in each year group	Mixed ability
TUTOR	N	4	4	Mixed Y12 & Y13 groups