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# Mission Statement

- To provide further education opportunities through the comprehensive development of our students' competences in a caring learning environment.

- To offer a second-chance education focused on high academic achievement.

# Message from the PR Team

This year, we are proud to present the GCHSS Prospectus in both printed and digital format. Our goal is to create a comprehensive guide that not only outlines the different courses and extracurricular activities offered at our school, but also gives you a glimpse into the unique culture and community that we have built here. We sincerely hope that this prospectus will help you get a better insight of what our school is all about and will ultimately help you make an informed decision about your future path.

We wish you all the best on your onward journey and look forward to seeing you on our campus in the next scholastic year.

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# Foreword

Dear student,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School.

This coming October, Higher will once again open its doors to students who would like to further pursue their educational journey at post-secondary level. Higher offers you a unique learning experience which is of high quality, personalised, inclusive and holistic. Our school will provide a nurturing experience, equipping you with what it takes to prepare for your tertiary education, the world of work and any other life challenges. Higher's Mission Statement guarantees not only students' learning entitlement but also all the necessary support to all students, to help one and all to maintain high academic standards and to achieve the set goals.

Higher is offering a number of study programmes that are in tune with the changing trends in education. Our programmes are various. We present you with the Matriculation Certificate (MC) course, which caters for students who have completed compulsory education and who have the intention to prepare for a university course. We also offer the Advanced/Intermediate/Ordinary level (AIO) course, which is a flexible programme intended to help students obtain qualifications higher than SEC level. Then, there are the Adult Learning Programmes, which enable any student over 18 years of age to pursue studies in a flexible manner. As our alumni can confirm, at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary school, students grow holistically. Whilst being extremely proud of our 39 successful years, our school intends to keep on striving to guarantee and sustain professional and academical growth.

This Prospectus is aimed at giving you information about various aspects of the Higher Secondary School, namely admission policy, procedures, the services and facilities offered, information about the different study programmes and the subjects on offer, as well as guidance on how to apply. During your time at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School, the main emphasis will be on the academic aspect. However, we also offer you a range of non-formal activities for your personal enrichment. Before you make your choices, do read this Prospectus and consult our guidance services to ensure that you make an informed choice. I hope that your time at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School will be a memorable one, during which you will grow, learn and build new friendships. Our school will surely be that stable stepping stone which will help you embark on the next stage of your educational journey. I am sure that you will make us proud, just as hundreds of other students have done in the past. If at any time you feel you need help, remember that we are all here for you.

We wish you the very best!

*Anna Spiteri Meilak*

Head of school



**"Our school will surely be that stable stepping stone which will help you embark on the next stage of your educational journey..."**

# School Map



# General Information

## Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School Contact Details

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Clerks' Office:	21431407
Guidance Office:	21438001 gchss.guidance@ilearn.edu.mt
Website:	www.gchss.edu.mt

## Useful telephone numbers

Department	Telephone Number
Ministry of Education	25980000/25982463/Freephone 1571
Education Directorate Reception	21221401
Examinations Department	25982953
Maintenance Grants Office	25982305/25982272
MATSEC Office	23402815/23402816
Malta Qualifications Council	23810000
Students Advisory Services (UOM)	23402847/23402034/23403096

# Courses Offered

## Matriculation Certificate (MC) Course

**Duration:** Two scholastic years

**Eligibility:** Refer to Admissions Policy on Page 16

### Course Content\*:

- Two subjects at Advanced Level
- Three subjects at Intermediate level and Systems of Knowledge (SOK)
- 1 subject at SEC level (if applicable)

### Subject Choice\*:

Subjects are divided into four groups. Students are to choose one subject from each of Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 and another two subjects from any group. No subject may be taken at both Advanced and Intermediate levels.

The subjects in every group can be found under [Subject Group Information](#).

\*Choice of subjects may be dependent on timetable constraints.

## Advanced, Intermediate, SEC/O Level (AIO) Course

**Duration:** Two scholastic years

**Eligibility:** Refer to Admissions Policy on Page 17

### Course Content\*:

- **Either** three subjects at Advanced Level (intended for students wishing to enroll in a foreign university)
- **Or** a combination of four subjects at Advanced/Intermediate/SEC Level, with a minimum of one (1) subject at Advanced/Intermediate Level. You cannot choose all four subjects at SEC/O Level only or at Advanced Level only.

### Subject Choice\*:

Students can opt to choose any three subjects at Advanced Level or any four subjects as explained in the [Course Content](#) above

\*Choice of subjects may be dependent on timetable constraints.

# Courses Offered

## Individual Study Programme for Adult Learners (IPAL)

**Duration:** One scholastic year

**Eligibility:** Refer to Admissions Policy on Page 18

### Course Content:

- You can choose any subject/s at any level according to the prerequisites listed under each subject as found in this prospectus.
- You can only take a maximum of 26 lessons per week and in line with guidelines provided in this prospectus.
- If you have never studied the subject, you can choose it at 1st and 2nd year concurrently should this possibility be indicated in the subject page.

### Subject Choice:

- Choice of subjects may be dependent on timetable constraints.
- Subjects may be chosen at any level, according to the prerequisites listed in each subject in this Prospectus.

### Group 1 Languages

Arabic  
English  
French  
German  
Italian  
Malti  
Spanish

### Group 2 Humanities

Accounting  
Classical Studies  
Economics  
Geography  
History  
Marketing  
Philosophy  
Psychology  
Religious Knowledge  
Sociology

### Group 3 Sciences

Applied Mathematics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Computing  
Environmental Science  
Physics  
Pure Mathematics

### Group 4 Arts & Technology

Art & History of Art  
Engineering Drawing/  
Graphical Communication  
Home Economics &  
Human Ecology  
Information Technology  
Music  
Physical Education  
Systems of Knowledge\*  
Theatre &  
Performance Studies

\*compulsory  
for MC Course

# Medicine and Science Specialised Study Programme (MSSP)

GCHSS offers a one-year programme specifically designed for students who want to improve their grades in Biology and/or Chemistry in order to read for medical, healthcare and other science-oriented courses at university level. This intensive programme offers students 8 lessons in theory and 2 practical sessions in both Biology and Chemistry. Students are also given the opportunity to study other subjects of choice at Intermediate level as may be required. This study programme is open for students who have already completed the whole course of study for the subject/s taken at Advanced Level.

## Special Considerations:

1. Students following Biology at Advanced Level must already be in possession of the required coursework, appropriately certified by the institution which they previously attended. During the Biology practical sessions, students can increase/improve their Biology practical portfolio.
2. Environmental Science (Intermediate Level) cannot be taken with Advanced Biology and/or Chemistry.
3. Students are advised to check the entry requirements for the course of specialisation they intend to follow at tertiary level.



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# National Youth Study Programme (NYSP)

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# Admission Policy

## MC Course

### Entry Requirements for Academic Year 2023-2024

#### Regular Students

Students must be in possession of five (5) passes\* at SEC/O level (MQF level 3), which must include at least 2 subjects from Maltese, English Language and Mathematics.

\* Passes must be in:

(i) the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) at Grade 5 or better

OR

(ii) MQF Level 3 for those subjects not offered by MATSEC

OR

(iii) DQSE accredited GEM 16+ Level 3 (equivalent to one pass)

Students applying for the MC course are kindly reminded to refer to important notices on page 18

#### Probationary Students

Students who are not in possession of the full entry requirements but are going to sit for the SEC Second session (September 2023), can apply as probationary students.

To be able to apply as a probationary student, students need a minimum of three (3) passes at SEC/O Level at grade 5 or better in the June 2023 session.

Students who do not obtain a pass mark at O level in the September 2023 session will not be allowed to start their studies at GCHSS

Students applying for the MC course are kindly reminded to refer to important notices on page 18

# Admission Policy

## AIO Course

### Entry Requirements for Academic Year 2023-2024

#### Regular Students

Students must be in possession of four (4) passes\* at SEC/O level (MQF level 3).

\* Passes must be in:

(i) the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) at Grade 5 or better

OR

(ii) MQF level 3 for those subjects not offered by MATSEC

OR

(iii) DQSE accredited GEM 16+ level 3 (equivalent to one pass)

Students applying for the AIO course are kindly reminded to refer to important notices on page 18

#### Probationary Students

Students, who are not in possession of the full entry requirements but are going to sit for the SEC Second session (September 2023), can apply as probationary students.

To be able to apply as a probationary student, students need a minimum of three (3) passes at SEC/O Level at grade 5 or better in the June 2023 session.

Students who do not obtain a pass mark at O level in the September 2023 session will not be allowed to start their studies at GCHSS

Students applying for the AIO course are kindly reminded to refer to important notices on page 18

# Admission Policy

## IPAL Course

### Entry Requirements for Academic Year 2023-2024

#### Regular Students

- The IPAL course is open to students who completed a two year 6th Form Course or are 18 years of age (by 31st December 2023) and over.
- GCHSS students, who are reapplying for this course, can only do so upon satisfactory achievement in the previous year.

Please refer to important notices below.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

The application for probationary students is only available during the first call. The second call will only be open for regular students. Therefore, it is recommended that all students apply during the first call, where possible.

All students joining a course at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School agree to abide with the official GCHSS Policies. To view these policies, kindly log on to the website: [gchss.edu.mt](https://gchss.edu.mt)

Students who, require support because of different educational needs, must provide their statementing report and any Matsec examinations access arrangements they had in the past.

Students, who sit for the September, 2023 examination session, must satisfy the entry requirements for regular students. Otherwise they will not be allowed to start their studies at GCHSS.

For all courses, subject choice is dependent on availability and timetable constraints.

# How to Apply:

## Becoming a GCHSS Student

- Applications will be open during the days following the publication of results by Matsec.
- Applications are available online, through the school website: <https://gchss.edu.mt/>
- Students require their eID, school leaving certificate and exam results to apply.
- Foreign students and students who studied abroad should refer to the relevant section below to view the necessary requirements and application procedure.
- Applications will be accepted against a fee of €15.
- Students already enrolled at GCHSS and who wish to continue their studies at the school are exempted from paying the fee.
- Students not in possession of Mathematics, Maltese and English Language at SEC/O level (MQF Level 3) are kindly reminded that these subjects are still required for entry level at the University of Malta.
- All students who apply and meet the entry requirements will be enrolled.
- Students must hold a functioning email address and a bank account in their name (for maintenance grants purposes).

Note: GCHSS offers guidance and counselling services to assist students to choose the most appropriate course and subjects. This service is also available during the summer recess. Those who wish to avail themselves of this service are kindly asked to contact the guidance team to make an appointment. More details can be found in the guidance section on page 100

## The Application Process

1. Your application is submitted online.
2. Following submission, an automatic acknowledgement email is received.
3. The application will be vetted by the school.
4. You will receive your timetable through email. The timetable will eventually also be available on MySchool.

# Maltese Students who have Studied Abroad

Maltese students, who have studied abroad and are applying to continue their studies at GCHSS, need to present a qualification recognition certificate. To obtain this certificate, students are required to contact the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre. A certificate indicating the level of education compared to the Maltese education system will be issued.

## Foreign Students

Foreign students in possession of an eID can apply online through the school website. Foreign students not in possession of an eID can only apply through the school. All foreign students need to present the following documents:

1. A valid (not expired) Residence Permit Card obtained from Identity Malta;
2. A copy of the original passport or ID card;
3. A copy of the original passports or ID cards of parents or legal guardians;
4. A copy of a valid (not expired) Residence Permit Card of parents or legal guardians;
5. A copy of work permit/or licence to operate a business of one of the parents or legal guardian;
6. A copy of contract of lease of residence of parents or legal guardians;
7. A copy of recognition of the academic qualifications by MQRIC. Only a Level 3 or equivalent (or better) is accepted by GCHSS. The student might be asked to sit for a proficiency test in English;
8. Third Country nationals (non-EU) are requested to pay the required fee at the Education Division, Accounts Section, Great Siege Road, Floriana. A receipt of payment for the whole scholastic year is to be presented;
9. Third Country nationals (non-EU) may request exemption from fees by applying at the Educational Institutions Board, Education Division, Great Siege Road, Floriana.

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# Timetable

Students will receive a timetable at the start of the scholastic year.

- Timetables vary according to the subjects chosen.\*
- Each lesson is 55 minutes long.
- There is a maximum of seven (7) lessons every day, from 08:15 to 15:05, with a break from 11:55-12:20.

Lessons are as follows for most subjects:

## Advanced Level

5/6 lessons + 1 Tutorial\*\*

## Intermediate Level

3/4 lessons\*\*

## SEC Level

3 lessons\*\*

## Medicine and Science Specialised Study Programme

8 lessons and 2 practical lessons for Biology (Advanced Level) and 8 lessons and 2 practical lessons for Chemistry (Advanced Level)

\* Choice of subjects is dependent on timetable constraints

\*\*Some subjects are supplemented by practicals, orals, workshops, seminars, extra lessons and tutorials.



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# Non-Formal Accredited Study Programme

In line with the National Curriculum Framework, GCHSS strives to equip students with the plethora of 21st Century skills that employers expect from their workforce. Together with the ability to achieve academic qualifications, GCHSS is offering the possibility to students to develop life skills to help them adjust to an ever-changing environment in a non-formal manner.

Students are given the opportunity to hone their soft skills such as creativity, leadership, motivation, teamwork and communication through a number of programmes comprising:

- eTwinning
- Education for Sustainable Development
- Introducing EU Affairs
- JAYE Malta Company Programme
- Leadership Skills
- Mind Yoga for Wellness and Achievement
- Photography
- Practising Entrepreneurship Skills
- The Art of Drama

These one-year programmes are accredited at MQF Level 3 (equivalent to a SEC/O Level).

Applications for these one-year programmes will open during the first few days of the scholastic year. Participation is subject to timetable constraints.



# Languages



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### What will I learn in Arabic?

Lessons for both Advanced and Intermediate level Arabic include tasks in Modern Standard Arabic. You will improve your writing skills by doing more advanced Arabic grammar and several tasks, which reflect the respective levels of the Arabic exams.

### How will I benefit from studying Arabic?

Studying Arabic would not only be an asset for many careers, but it will also give you an insight into the Arab world, and will give you a better understanding of the Arab way of life and culture. Being a professional who can also effectively communicate in Arabic, is a great asset in today's multicultural society, not only in Malta, but also in Europe. Being qualified in Arabic opens doors to numerous prestigious careers in Malta and abroad, such as translating, interpreting, teaching, lecturing and linguistic research. Furthermore, the European Union offers great career opportunities for professionals qualified in Arabic.

### Are there any special considerations?

- It is preferable for students studying the subject at Intermediate level to have obtained a certificate in SEC/O level Arabic.
- Native speakers, choosing Arabic at Intermediate level, may do so without having a certificate in SEC/O level Arabic, provided that they have a good command of the language.
- A sound knowledge of English is also a must. This is because certain tasks, like translation, require a good level of proficiency in English.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Arabic at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



### What will I learn in English?

Both English at Advanced and Intermediate Level encompass a wide range of teaching and learning methodologies aimed at improving and strengthening one's proficiency in reading, writing and listening skills. Traditional components such as the essay, comprehension and summary tasks accompany a deeper and more 'scientific' analysis of language and language use through the study of Linguistics while exposure to literature and literary discourse enhances a holistic approach to the multi-dimensional aspects of the English language.

### How will I benefit from studying English?

The benefits of improving one's knowledge of the English language are almost self-evident. English is THE global language, spoken all over the world and with which major activities in business, politics, entertainment, social media and so on are carried out. It is concomitantly a requisite and a gateway into the academic world of post-secondary and tertiary education and is fundamentally important for all kinds of non-professional and professional employment at every level. Finally, English Literature allows you to delve into the intricacies and nuances of creative language through poetry and prose of a high calibre but more importantly it makes them think about, feel and share intellectual and emotional experiences with some of the greatest thinkers and writers who explore the human condition.













### Are there any special considerations?

- Having studied Literature at O Level, greatly facilitates learning and comprehension when furthering studies at Advanced and Intermediate level.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study English at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent in English language is required	Preferably a minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent in English language	The subject must have been studied at SEC Level
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 1st year - 5 lessons 2nd year - 6 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week 1 oral per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



## What will I learn in French?

At Advanced Level, you will be trained to write essays in French, work out written comprehensions, analyse non-literary texts, write essays in either English, Maltese, or French, about 2 prescribed literature books and answer questions in French on an extract from Molière's comedy *Le malade imaginaire*. Besides getting the opportunity to improve their grammar, you will also be trained to read and hold conversations in French. The course will also help you to increase your knowledge of French culture.

At Intermediate level, you will have a written paper which will include a language essay, a summary, questions about culture topics and a literature essay which you may write in either English, Maltese, or French. In the oral exam, you will have to read a short text and answer 2 questions about it. You will also have a topic for free conversation.

At SEC/O level you will be given the opportunity to improve your listening, speaking, writing and reading skills.

## How will I benefit from studying French?













At Advanced and Intermediate Level, you will be given the opportunity to consolidate and increase their knowledge of French language and culture. You will be trained to be able to understand and communicate confidently and accurately in both the spoken and the written forms of the language. You will be encouraged to debate and discuss in French, and you will also be introduced to French literature. If you already have some knowledge of French, you may study French at O Level and you will be given the opportunity to improve your listening, speaking, writing, and reading skills.

Knowledge of French opens opportunities to study at renowned French universities and business schools. Being able to speak French offers an advantage on the international job market. It is also very useful for a career in diplomacy and international relations as well as archival studies. French is spoken by more than 300 million people on the five continents. French is an official and working language of the United Nations, European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study French at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	The subject must have been studied at SEC Level
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



## What will I learn in German?

Learning German should be enjoyable, which is precisely what we aim for. At both Intermediate and Advanced levels, we continue to focus on the four skills, while exploring grammar aspects in context. At this level, culture is also given greater emphasis, and we learn about Germany in terms of geography and history, as well as about the customs and traditions German people embrace. Literature is also featured in the Advanced syllabus, where we will read and discuss one piece of literature. Apart from the scheduled lessons, students have the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a German club once a week.

## How will I benefit from studying German?

As one of the top five most sought-after languages, you may expect a variety of professional prospects. German will take you anywhere. Knowing German enhances your work options abroad in a variety of fields, including business, government, medical and health care, education, technology, travel and tourism, translation and interpreting, media, and publishing. Candidates with both technical expertise and advanced language skills are in high demand and well paid. If you want to succeed in business or academics in Europe, then learning German is a must. The German market's potential makes it one of the future languages. Additionally, research indicates that those who study a second language improve their concentration, multitasking capacity, and listening skills, as well as their critical thinking abilities, memory, creativity, and mental flexibility.













## Are there any special considerations?

- GCHSS is officially part of PASCH and it is the only Post-Secondary School in Malta being part of this initiative. PASCH stands for Partner Schools for the Future, and it is a global network initiative which gives our students a myriad of opportunities to take part in various international competitions and scholarships.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study German at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	Preferably students should have studied German at SEC level or SPA level 2
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



### What will I learn in Italian?

For Advanced and Intermediate levels, at the end of the two-year programme, you will learn to communicate effectively in Italian, both orally and in writing.

For SEC/O Level, at the end of the one-year programme, you will learn to communicate effectively in Italian, both orally and in writing.

The course resources and texts, which are based on familiar topics and day-to-day life situations, will facilitate this journey towards proficiency in the language. Equal importance will be given to the four main language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. You will learn to critically analyse literary works, enjoy reading the novels and gain knowledge on historical aspects.

### How will I benefit from studying Italian?

The course encourages you to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively through both the spoken and written language.













You will not only learn about cultural aspects and the rich Italian civilisation, the cradle of all civilizations and culture, but you will also further develop linguistic skills in general while you enhance your self-esteem.

Job opportunities include Tourism and Hospitality Industry and EU institutions.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Italian at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	Preferably students should have studied Italian at SEC level or SPA level 2
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week 1 Oral per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



## X'nistudja fil-Malti?

Il-korsijiet kemm fil-livell Intermedju kif ukoll f'dak Avanzat, ikopru f'5 komponenti ewlenin:

- L-oral: hiliel kif wiehed jesprimi ruhu sew bil-Malti f'kuntest ta' diskussjoni. Intom tigu mistiedna biex tipparteċipaw bil-fomm waqt il-lezzjonijiet skont dak li jkun qed jiġi diskuss. (Il-kors jalloka hinijiet formali fit-taħriġ tal-Oral, partikolarment fit-tutorials).
- L-ortografija: peress li s-sillabu qed ikun esiġenti, kif inhu xieraq, fuq l-importanza ta' ortografija korretta, waħda mill-prijoritajiet ewlenin tal-kors f'kull livell hija li intom ikollkom għarfien sod tal-ortografija. Għal dan l-iskop fit-tutorials tingħata importanza speċjali fit-taħriġ sistematiku tal-ortografija u l-grammatika.
- Il-lingwistika: taħriġ fil-hila li intom tagħrfu b'mod xjentifiku l-istruttura, l-istorja u n-natura tal-lingwa Maltija.
- Il-letteratura: apprezzament tal-letteratura u analiżi kritika tagħha.
- Il-Qari u l-Kitba Prattika (Intermedju), Il-Qari (Avanzat): taħriġ (a) fil-hiliel ta' kitba kreattiva (b) fil-hiliel li intom mhux biss tifhmu imma tkunu kapaċi f'għamla ta' taqsira tidentifikaw il-punti ewlenin ta' silta mogħtija.

Fil-każ tal-livell ordinarju (ĊES), il-kors huwa ddisinjat taħt format ta' reviżjoni, u għalhekk huwa mistenni li intom diġà ikollkom għarfien tal-materjal mitlub mis-sillabu.

## Kif se nibbenefika mit-tagħlim tal-Malti?

L-iskop ewlieni tal-korsijiet li d-Dipartiment tal-Malti joffri fil-livell postsekondarju huwa qabel xejn li jharreġ lilkom biex tilhqu l-livelli mixtieqa kif indikat fis-sillabu maħruġ mill-Università ta' Malta. Permezz ta' sistema kontinwa ta' assessjar, testijiet u eżami finali mifruxa fuq hames terms, intom mistennija li tkompli tiżviluppaw il-hiliel immirati kemm f'dak li huwa fehim kif ukoll fl-espressjoni ta' ideat u kunċetti kurrenti. Dan jitlob li fl-aħħar tal-kors, intom tkunu kapaċi tesprimu ruħkom b'mod kunfidenti, ċar u preċiż kemm bil-fomm kif ukoll bil-kitba, mhux biss f'kuntest ta' eżami imma fl-aħħar mill-aħħar anke f'kuntest ta' soċjetà li qed toffri sfidi kbar lil-lingwa materna.

## X'kotba u/riżorsi għandi bżonn?

Jekk jogħġbok irreferi għall-lista tal-kotba li tinsab fl-aħħar parti ta' dan il-Prospett.

## Tista' tistudja l-Malti f':

Livell Avanzat	Livell Intermedju	ĊES
		
Kwalifiki meħtieġa	Kwalifiki meħtieġa	Kwalifiki meħtieġa
Minimu ta' grad 5 fil-livell ĊES (MQF Livell 3)	Preferibbilment Minimu ta' grad 5 fil-livell ĊES (MQF Livell 3)	Preferibbilment il-kors tas-Sekondarja
		
Tul tal-kors Sentejn	Tul tal-kors Sentejn	Tul tal-kors Sena
		
Lezzjonijiet 5 lezzjonijiet fil-ġimgħa	Lezzjonijiet 3 lezzjonijiet fil-ġimgħa	Lezzjonijiet 3 lezzjonijiet fil-ġimgħa
		
Prattiku / Tutorial 1 fil-ġimgħa	Prattiku / Tutorial N/A	Prattiku / Tutorial N/A



## What will I learn in Spanish?

Advanced level and Intermediate level Spanish aim at helping you to gain more depth in the knowledge of Spanish as a foreign language. This is done by focusing on advanced grammar aspects, enriching one's vocabulary and learning idiomatic expressions. By the end of the course, you will understand lengthy articles as well as audio and video clips produced by native speakers. You will be able to write with ease, talk fluently and hold a conversation with a native speaker. You will also be tackling cultural texts about the 21 Spanish-speaking countries. At higher levels, unabridged literature works are analysed, encouraging reflection upon issues raised and their relevance to current times.













## How will I benefit from studying Spanish?

Being able to understand and express oneself in at least one foreign language is an asset in today's globalized world. In the case of Spanish, this is even more so considering that, after English, Mandarin Chinese, and Hindi, it is the fourth most widely spoken language in the world with nearly 550 million speakers (Ethnologue, 2022). At GCHSS, we do not only focus on the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) but also on intercultural issues and aim to develop critical, reflective thinking in our students through exposure to different contemporary texts including literary ones.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Spanish at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	Preferably students should have studied Spanish at SEC level or SPA level 2
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



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# A Accounting

## What will I learn in Accounting?

Accounting is the process of recording, presenting, and analyzing financial information. You will learn how to record financial matters of a business, how to present this information and how to interpret the resulting figures. In addition, you will understand what it entails to prepare budgets and statements to aid the decision-making process of management.

## How will I benefit from studying Accounting?

By studying Accounting, you will learn the necessary financial skills to manage your own finances. Whether your intention is to run your own business, work in an existing one or to further pursue your studies, accounting will provide you with necessary organisation, presentation and analytical skills needed. These skills will be acquired through an expansive explanation of the concepts and layouts of the examinable topics, followed by numerous practical examples.

## Are there any special considerations?

- You cannot study Accounting with both Marketing and Economics.
- Although recommended, prior knowledge of the subject is not required.
- Lessons at both Advanced and Intermediate levels will cover, from scratch, all the topics in the syllabus.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Accounting at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# lassical Studies

## What will I learn in Classical Studies?

In Classical Studies, you shall get an enjoyable foretaste of the whole classical world, gaining a lot of knowledge on the outstanding civilizations of Ancient Greece and Rome. This will surely be a very rare, if not a unique, opportunity to come across the intriguing Ancient Greek and Latin languages. However, this is just the tip of the iceberg, as doing Classical Studies shall also mean digging in many other different aspects of these heavyweight cultures, like history, mythology, literature, drama, philosophy, paintings, sculpture, and architecture.

## How will I benefit from studying Classical Studies?

By studying Classical Studies, you shall, first and foremost, be attaining an essential understanding of our Western culture by appreciating more fully the great indebtedness that the modern world owes to Greece and Rome. Moreover, you shall also be gaining fundamental knowledge and skills that will prove invaluable for any future studies inextricably rooted in these two civilizations.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Classical Studies at:

Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



### What will I learn in Economics?

Economics helps people make the best use of scarce resources by choosing rightly while forgoing the next best alternative. Economics offers an interesting insight into the pricing mechanism, consumer behaviour and the challenges and opportunities entrepreneurs experience. We need to be well informed about government decisions and policies and how they impact our way of living. You will be equipped with tools and be able to analyse, criticise and evaluate issues such as employment, price stability, economic growth, supply-side policies, our welfare, and standard of living. Banking, the EU and our relationship within the international market are also explored.

### How will I benefit from studying Economics?

Economics affects nearly all aspects of our lives. Economics equips you with skills that are needed in a variety of sectors and professions:

- Subject-specific skills – such as the application of economic theory, models and principles, financial markets and so on.
- Transferable skills – interpersonal skills including:
  - Communication – explaining information and presenting findings
  - Numeracy – analysing statistics/simple mathematical methods.
  - Analytical thinking and Problem Solving – gathering information, understanding data, making recommendations, and drawing conclusions.
  - Time Management
  - Critical thinking – the analysis of available economic data, providing one's evidence and observations which lead to a conclusion and judgement.

An education in economics can improve your employability in a variety of industries such as finance, banking, insurance, politics, and healthcare administration. By the end of the course, you will understand and appreciate how the economy works. You will also have acquired the basic skills to analyse and interpret real life situations, problems, and issues.

### Are there any special considerations?

- Economics cannot be taken with both Accounting and Marketing.
- A good knowledge of English is recommended.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Economics at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



## What will I learn in Geography?

Geography deals with the study of places, the interactions between humans and the surrounding environment. It includes the study of social, cultural, economic, and physical aspects. Geography gives a fuller understanding of spatial distribution of societies on the Earth's surface. Physical geography topics include weather, landscapes, soil, water, coasts, and ecology. Human geography topics include population, settlements, energy, and economic activities such as farming, fishing, manufacturing industries and tourism. No previous knowledge is required since the subject covers topics from a global, regional, and local perspective giving you all necessary fundamentals for related more advanced studies.

## How will I benefit from studying Geography?

You will gain an insight of the physical systems that influence everyday life as well as obtain an understanding of dynamics associated with the human environment. Furthermore, following the two-year course you will gain analytical, and problem-solving skills which will prove useful when conducting future research and studies.









## Are there any special considerations?

- IPAL students intending to study geography at A Level in 1 year must be in possession of the 2 short-term fieldwork reports and the individual fieldwork report.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Geography at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level
	
Prerequisites	Prerequisites
Preferably Geography or Environmental Studies at SEC level	No previous knowledge required
	
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years
	
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
	
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



## What will I learn in History?

The subject consists of various topics covering Maltese and International History roughly from 1789 to 2004.

The Advanced Level course covers Maltese, International and Mediterranean History from 1789 to 2004. In the MATSEC exam, the three papers are set in English and you are expected to answer in English.

The Intermediate Level course covers Maltese and European History from 1789 to 1921. In the MATSEC exam, the paper is set in English and you are expected to answer in English.

## How will I benefit from studying History?

The study of History will help you acquire the invaluable skills like chronological thinking, comprehension, analysis, interpretation, research skills, empathy, and decision making. History is a required subject for students taking a BA History Course at the University of Malta and for those who intend to pursue a teaching career by reading for a Masters in Teaching & Learning. It is also very useful for students who wish to study European Studies, International Relations, Languages and Literature, Law, Politics, Sociology, and Tourism.

## Are there any special considerations?

- The course layout ensures that the examination syllabi targets are achieved through various projects, class presentations, discussions, research, talks and excursions to historical places.
- Students are also given the opportunity to carry out a placement programme at the National Archives.
- A good knowledge of English is recommended

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study History at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# M Marketing

## What will I learn in Marketing?

Marketing is a very practical, dynamic, and versatile subject since it is influenced, to a large extent, by social and technological changes happening around us. Marketing is all about understanding customers and finding out how to best provide them with products and services that satisfy them. This entails conducting research, dividing customers into groups according to their preferences, understanding consumer buying behaviour and using marketing tools such as product, price, channels of distribution and communication to be effective and profitable in today's challenging market environment.

## How will I benefit from studying Marketing?

Marketing will provide you with essential practical skills and competencies conducive to your personal growth and development. You will acquire analytical and problem-solving skills when faced with practical examples that require an element of creativity and application. Syllabus coverage and tasks assigned will help you develop and acquire research and evaluation skills that are essential for you to learn to make better decisions. Through assignments and group activities, you will also improve your communication and interpersonal skills.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Marketing cannot be taken with both Accounts and Economics
- A good knowledge of English is recommended

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Marketing at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# P hilosophy

## What will I learn in Philosophy?

At Advanced level, you will study Logic (formal and informal logic), Ethics together with questions related to Personhood, what constitutes true knowledge (Epistemology), issues related to Existence like free will, determinism, the problem of evil, and topics related to Philosophy of Language.

At Intermediate level, you will delve into two main components of Philosophy, namely Logic and Ethics. Students will be exposed to some formal and informal logic, while with respect to Ethics, students will be studying Theoretical Ethics, ethical issues related to the internet and ethical issues linked to life and death.

## How will I benefit from studying Philosophy?

According to the philosophy syllabus itself, you will amongst other things:

- “...gain knowledge and understanding of Philosophy through consideration of some important philosophical issues and approaches to problems;”
- “...practise and enhance their abilities to construct, develop and maintain clear and coherent arguments;”
- “...acquire skills in comprehension, interpretation, analysis, and evaluation that facilitate the development of independent thinking, based on a critical examination of the evidence and rational argumentation.”

## Are there any special considerations?

- A good command of the English language is recommended.
- Advanced Level: one lesson for each area of philosophy proposed in the syllabus plus a tutorial.
- Intermediate Level: one lesson in Logic and two in Ethics per week.
- From time to time, the Philosophy Department also organises special lectures, where a guest speaker, usually an academic, addresses a particular topic.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Philosophy at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
6 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



### What will I learn in Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of how people behave, think, and feel. It is the study of human experience from the basic workings of the human brain to consciousness, memory, reasoning and language to personality and mental health. There are many branches of psychology. Some of the biggest subfields within psychology are clinical psychology, counselling psychology, educational psychology, forensic psychology, sports psychology, developmental psychology, and social psychology.

### How will I benefit from studying Psychology?

Studying psychology equips you to use your knowledge of human behaviour in your daily life. A goal of psychology is not only to understand the processes that determines and regulates human thinking and behaviour but also apply that understanding to solve practical problems such as why do people act the way they do, what shapes our personality and how do we learn and change throughout our life. Therefore, tacking Psychology is a great way to gain greater insight into the human experience.

You will develop research and analytical skills and the ability to be a better communicator by mastering the art of conflict resolution. These are but a few benefits of studying psychology. Psychology is one of the most popular subjects that anyone can take for career development and interest. With advanced training in psychology, you can choose to work in clinical practice, scientific research, or as a consultant in large corporations, hospitals, or government agencies.

### Are there any special considerations?

- A good command of English is recommended.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Psychology at:

Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# R Religious Knowledge



## What will I learn in Religious Knowledge?

In Religious Knowledge, you will learn strong reasoning, writing and critical thinking skills. Religious Knowledge develops key skills for any career you pursue. You will study about relationships, social justice, equality, prejudice, and discrimination. You will examine the issues dealing with God, life and death, explore creation, the environment and our place in the world; examine the issues of peace, forgiveness and conflict; analyse medical ethics and the sanctity of life and examine law and order in religion and society.

## How will I benefit from studying Religious Knowledge?

One chooses to study Religious Knowledge because it is a major factor shaping people's lives, politics, and culture around the world. It gives you skills in empathy and tolerance, so essential in healthcare and social work professions among others. Studying Religious Knowledge builds within you the ability to create interdisciplinary connections, ethical decisions, and solutions to real world problems. If you are aspiring to read for a Law degree, the research, writing, ethical and analytical strengths Religious Knowledge builds, provide an ideal background.

## Are there any special considerations?

- A good knowledge of English or Maltese is recommended. Religious Knowledge is mainly learnt through healthy discussions that will help correct misinformation we might have about God, the Church or religion.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Religious Knowledge at:

### Advanced Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week

### Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



### What will I learn in Sociology?

The discipline focuses on a better understanding of the social world we live in today, the people that make up society, who we are and how we fit in the world around us. Sociology will teach you to have a better understanding, both theoretically and empirically, through various topics like culture, identity, family, religion, media, crime, deviance, race, ethnicity, environment, and gender relations amongst others. In this way, you will become familiar with the social structures that constitute people on a day-to-day basis.

### How will I benefit from studying Sociology?

Throughout the course you will be learning a variety of sociology related skills. These include:

- Cross-cultural understanding
- Communication skills
- Critical and analytical skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Leadership skills
- Research skills









### Are there any special considerations?

A good command of the English language is an asset.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Sociology at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level
	
Prerequisites	Prerequisites
No previous knowledge required	No previous knowledge required
	
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years
	
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
	
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A

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# Applied Mathematics

## What will I learn in Applied Mathematics?

Applied Mathematics is the application of mathematical methods and models in real world situations. You will learn to model a worded problem into mathematics, draw appropriate diagrams and solve it.

1st year Topics include: Drawing velocity-time graphs, using s.u.v.a.t equations, free-fall of objects, Vectors and force diagrams, Newton's Laws, Finding Moments and the Centre of Mass of objects

2nd year Topics include: Power, Hooke's law, Projectile motion, Circular motion and Framework structures

You will learn the subject through a variety of techniques: modelling of new ideas, exploring different ways to solve problems and presenting to or discussing with your peers. Working independently is critical to develop your mathematical abilities. Relevant online platforms, which can offer extra help, will be suggested by the teacher throughout your course.

## How will I benefit from studying Applied Mathematics?

Applied Mathematics is used in different fields such as physics, engineering, medicine, biology, finance, and business. Applied Mathematics, at Intermediate level, is a good complement to Physics and a prerequisite for any engineering and science courses you might be interested in taking up.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Students cannot choose both Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at Intermediate level.
- On choosing Applied Mathematics at Intermediate level, the student should bear in mind that a good knowledge of Pure Mathematics is an asset.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Applied Mathematics at:

Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent in Mathematics is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



## What will I learn in Biology?

Biology is the study of Life, and we will study it from a microscopic to a global level. At the microscopic level, we will be looking at the chemical composition of cells as well as important reactions that happen within them. On a larger scale, we will look at the anatomy of the body with a specific (but certainly not exclusive) focus on the human body. Here, we will see how cells interact to form organs within systems. On an even larger scale, we will look at the huge diversity of life from an evolutionary perspective and see how different organisms interact with each other and also their environment.

In addition to this, you will also learn how to collect and analyse data using the scientific method via practical sessions that are held weekly in our laboratories as well in the field. Thus, Biology is all about dissecting Life — both literally and metaphorically!

## How will I benefit from studying Biology?

Apart from gaining indispensable knowledge and skills that will help you in your everyday life — health, relationships, and problem solving, studying Biology opens doors to a wide variety of career opportunities. These range from medicine and healthcare to sports and fitness to psychology, forensics, genetic counselling and many more! You will also be prepared to make ethical decisions and engage in local actions to help policy-makers protect, sustain and enhance our natural environment.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Biology cannot be taken with Environmental Science

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

For practical sessions, a white lab coat is always mandatory. Advanced level students are also required to bring a dissection kit and a stopwatch. Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Biology at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level	MSSP (Advanced)
			
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	No previous knowledge is required	Preferably subject must have been studied at SEC Level	Students must have previously completed the two year course in any institution
			
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year	Duration 1 year
			
Lessons 6 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 8 lessons per week
			
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week 2 practical lessons per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions 2 practical lessons per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions 2 practical lessons per week



### What will I learn in Chemistry?

In Chemistry, you will learn about the composition, structure, and properties of materials around you. This can be used to manipulate existing materials and create new ones. Such materials include water, acids, bases, organic chemicals, gases, metals and many others. When these materials are subjected to particular processes, new substances can be formed. These processes may be irreversible or exist in equilibrium. They can be monitored and logged to find rate of reactions and finally they can be applied for the benefit of humankind.

During the year, besides the scheduled lessons, tutorials and practicals, there may be site visits, meetings with other professionals and representatives from the industry and University (both foreign and local).

### How will I benefit from studying Chemistry?

You will benefit by developing several skills which are very important in the modern world. Special attention is given to the implementation of the 21st century skills such as verbal and written communication. This is central in creating effective teamwork and team management. Another important skill is problem solving within a specified time frame in an organized scientific manner. This is followed by monitoring and maintaining records and data, which will later be ready for analysis, evaluation, research, and their presentation using IT and related technology would ensue. All these skills are learnt by being thorough while paying attention to detail.

### Are there any special considerations?













- Chemistry cannot be taken with Environmental Science

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

For practical sessions, a white lab coat and safety glasses are always mandatory. Advanced level students are also required to bring a pipette filler.

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Chemistry at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	MSSP (Advanced)
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	No previous knowledge is required	Students must have previously completed the two year course in any institution
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 6 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 8 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week 2 practical lessons per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions 2 practical lessons per week



## What will I learn in Computing?

The Computing syllabus deals mostly with software and hardware systems. You will study computing theory, software design and development, and applications. The main areas covered in Computing include:

- Digital Logic
- Computer Architecture
- Assembly Languages
- Operating Systems
- Networking and Communications
- Language Translators
- Systems Analysis and Design
- High-Level Language programming in Java
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Databases

At Advanced level, students will sit for three practical tasks which are prepared by MATSEC and guided by the school.

At Intermediate level students must design and develop a software project.

## How will I benefit from studying Computing?

The course will enrich your problem-solving and programming techniques, and increase your knowledge on the internal operations of the computer system at both software and hardware level. In addition, you will also gain skills related to the breaking-down of complex problems into simpler solutions, thereby cultivating an analytical mind.

Computing will open many new job opportunities in the Software Development, Computer Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Business Intelligence, Data Analytics, and Gaming to name a few. Computing is immersed in various fields, thus offering unique and specialised opportunities which are highly rewarded.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Computing cannot be taken with Information Technology at any level.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

It is recommended that students will have their own laptop equipment to work on the projects and to practise the programming techniques necessary to prepare for the practical programming tasks.

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Computing at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week  
2 practical lessons per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# Environmental Science

## What will I learn in Environmental Science?

Environmental Science is a subject which focuses on planet Earth and how it is impacted by human activities. The subject aims to connect you with the world from a different perspective, understand how the planet functions, identify major issues such as climate change and pollution and explore their relationships with human health and the environment.

Topics covered include sustainable development, physical geography, basic scientific concepts, biological and human populations, ecology, energy, atmosphere, climate change, air pollution, water, water pollution, solid waste management, soil and agriculture.

## How will I benefit from studying Environmental Science?

Besides acquiring more knowledge and awareness about the world around us, you will also develop skills related to scientific literacy, problem solving and critical thinking. Many students would like to make a difference by improving their quality of life and the quality of the environment around us. Environmental Science is a platform to achieve this goal since besides learning about current environmental issues and challenges on a local, national, regional and global scale, Environmental Science also allows you to develop analytical skills and propose potential solutions to human-induced issues to the benefit of the environment, society and future generations.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Environmental Science cannot be studied with Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics at Advanced and/or Intermediate levels.
- No prior knowledge of Biology, Chemistry or Physics is required to study this subject.
- Environmental Science is a science subject, which is not related to Environmental Studies at SEC Level.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Environmental Science at:

Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



### What will I learn in Physics?

Physics is one of the natural sciences. The study of physics is about matter and energy, forces and fields, waves and particles, space, and time. You will learn what makes the universe tick. Physics forms the basis of all the sciences.

### How will I benefit from studying Physics?

When studying physics, you will be training your mind to think analytically and not let your emotions cloud your judgement. You will learn to solve problems by breaking them down into tiny, more manageable pieces. You will also learn how most things are connected in the physical world.

### Are there any special considerations?

- Physics cannot be taken with Environmental Science

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

For practical sessions, safety glasses are always mandatory. Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Physics at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) is required  
Preferably also a grade 4 or better in Maths at SEC level (paper2A)



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
6 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week  
2 practical lessons per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# Pure Mathematics

## What will I learn in Pure Mathematics?

Pure Mathematics builds on the base which was laid at SEC level but goes into more depth and with further new content.

The Advanced Level course builds on the Intermediate course but takes a wider and deeper level of work. Some of the extra content at Advanced level includes Vectors, Complex Numbers, Numerical Methods and Proofs. You will also learn about the 3-dimensional coordinate system and the Polar coordinates, which lead to a much wider array of interesting graphs and functions. At Advanced level, an opportunity is given to develop team-working skills and to solve challenging maths tasks with students of other post-secondary institutions with the possibility to participate in the MYMC competition abroad.

At Intermediate level, you will extend your acquired Algebraic and Trigonometric knowledge together with their graphical representations. New topics are introduced, such as Surds, Binomial Expansion, Matrices, Differentiation and Integration and their applications.

Pure Mathematics is learnt through a variety of techniques, modelling of new ideas, exploring different ways to solve problems and presenting to or discussing with peers. Also, working independently is critical to the development of mathematical abilities and success. Relevant online platforms are suggested throughout the course as a further help.

## How will I benefit from studying Pure Mathematics?

The course helps you to develop problem-solving and reasoning skills, in ways which are beneficial to many other possible studies and career paths. It also empowers determination and commitment skills to higher levels. Pure Mathematics is also an entry requirement to many Maths and Science degrees and can open doors for all sorts of jobs and careers.













## Are there any special considerations?

- Students cannot choose both Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at Intermediate level.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Pure Mathematics at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level	SEC Level
		
Prerequisites	Prerequisites	Prerequisites
A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is required	Subject must have been studied at SEC Level
		
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years	Duration 1 year
		
Lessons 6 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
		
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A

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# Art & History of Art

## What will I learn in Art & History of Art?

The Art and History of Art course consists of practical and theoretical lessons. You will become familiar with different artistic techniques and concepts. You will have practical lessons in:

- free-hand drawing on natural and life objects
- studies in the human figure
- drawing (en-plein air) of landscapes
- contemporary art
- three-dimensional projects in fine art
- fine art print making
- digital art

You will also attend for History of Art lessons which cover 2000 years of historical art.

## How will I benefit from studying Art & History of Art?

Art will help you develop your creative skills and will increase your perseverance and ability to focus. During your sessions of art production, you will also sharpen your higher order thinking skills such as problem solving, application and evaluation.

History of Art is intended to develop your critical powers to enable you to criticise and analyse different works of art.

## Are there any special considerations?

- A Level students have four practical sessions and two History of Art lessons.
- Intermediate Level students have two practical and two History of Art lessons.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

You will be informed about the necessary materials at the start of the course.

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Art & History of Art at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is recommended



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
6 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
Refer to Special Considerations

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or equivalent is recommended



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
4 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
Refer to Special Considerations



## Engineering Drawing/ Graphical Communication

### What will I learn in Engineering Drawing/Graphical Communication?

First and foremost, you will learn how to read and interpret information from drawings. These drawings are often presented in a 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional manner. It also teaches you the ability to convey messages through sketches, drawings, and presentations. This area of study can be considered as a universal language in the engineering and built environment sectors. A strong focus is given to solid geometry, developments of solids and their use in industry and drawing offices. Enhancement and proper presentation of your work will also play an important role in the classroom and at work.

### How will I benefit from studying Engineering Drawing/Graphical Communication?

This subject will help you in interpreting plans of rooms, buildings, or even smaller items such as furniture, gadgets and the like. It is very effective for students who are considering following an architecture, interior designer, or engineering course. The syllabus will help you acquire skills such as plan drawing, signage and logos, 3-dimensional representations and other technical aspects. When it comes to design and engineering, you will engage in problem solving.

### Are there any special considerations?

- \* At Advanced Level, this subject is offered as Graphical Communication
- \*\* At Intermediate Level, this subject is offered as Graphical Communication & Engineering Drawing.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Required resources include:

- A2 drawing board
- Spring compass
- Set-squares
- Clutch pencil
- Protractor

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Engineering Drawing/Graphical Communication at:

#### Advanced Level\*



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week  
2 Computer Aided Design tutorials  
per week

#### Intermediate Level\*\*



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



# Home Economics & Human Ecology

## What will I learn in Home Economics & Human Ecology?

Home Economics and Human Ecology focuses on the acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to foster a healthy and sustainable environment within the family and the community. The core sections in the study of the subject are: The Family, Home and Society and Food, Nutrition and Health. Topics within the core section of The Family, Home and Society include the wellbeing of different family members, housing needs, environmental issues, and consumer education. The study of Food, Nutrition and Health includes topics such as nutrient goals and guidelines, planning healthy meals for specific dietary requirements, food hygiene and food production.

## How will I benefit from studying Home Economics & Human Ecology?

The study of Home Economics and Human Ecology encourages critical thinking, especially when processing the vast sources of information directed towards individuals and families in today's world. It fosters a sensitive, caring attitude towards people's needs and positive health attitudes. Moreover, it creates a sensitivity towards the natural environment. It also helps one to learn important life skills such as budgeting, financial management, choosing a home to meet family needs, and planning economical nutritious meals. The subject may lead to careers in the Paramedical and Caring Professions, Education, Social Wellbeing, Hospitality, Food and Textile Industries, Consumer Services and other related careers.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Coursework for Advanced Level students carries 25% of the final MATSEC mark.
- The Advanced Level syllabus includes a coursework component consisting of a Food Study Task and an Investigation.
- Students can only present their coursework as GCHSS candidates after completing the two-year course and handing in all the components of the coursework.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Home Economics & Human Ecology at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
First year - 1 tutorial per week  
Second year - 2 tutorials per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A

# I nformation Technology

## What will I learn in Information Technology?

In IT, you will obtain an insight of the digital tools used in business and management. The course consists of major topics in the IT field which include Information Systems in organisations, Software, and Programming techniques. You will learn how to apply IT applications and concepts in business. Your decision-making and problem-solving skills will be enhanced through practical business scenarios. You will learn web-design, database design, and software development.

At Advanced level, you will work on a databases design project, a web design project, and a software development project.

At Intermediate level, you will work on a databases project, a web design project, and communication and business organisation presentation project.

## How will I benefit from studying Information Technology?

IT will open ample opportunities to take future undergraduate courses in business, IT, and management.

During the course, your decision-making, problem-solving, and managing business application skills will be enhanced through practical business scenarios. You will also learn web-design, database design, and software development.

Moreover, the IT course promotes constructive thinking, widens knowledge in the use of business applications and enriches web design skills. It also teaches and solidifies time-management and communication skills, whilst enhancing teamwork and research skills. Undoubtedly, IT has several transferable skills which may be applied in any future endeavours.









## Are there any special considerations?

- Information Technology cannot be taken with Computing

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

- It is recommended that students have their own laptop equipment to work on the projects.
- Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Information Technology at:

Advanced Level	Intermediate Level
	
Prerequisites	Prerequisites
No previous knowledge is required	No previous knowledge is required
	
Duration 2 years	Duration 2 years
	
Lessons 5 lessons per week	Lessons 3 lessons per week
	
Practical / Tutorial Sessions 1 tutorial per week 2 practical sessions per week	Practical / Tutorial Sessions N/A



### What will I learn in Music?

You will learn advanced theory skills, namely harmony and counterpoint, as well as history of music and analysis of set works. You will also have tutorials and practicals and can choose between performance (singing or playing an instrument) and composition as a specialisation. Choosing music at GCHSS will surely equip you with the necessary skills to become a better musician and will provide a gateway to further studies at University level, thereby opening doors to various career prospects within the music industry.

### How will I benefit from studying Music?

You will be exposed to various genres of music and will be taught to understand their historical context. You will improve your knowledge of your chosen instrument, adding more music to your repertoire, and will gain the necessary skills to write better music.

### What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Music at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or a grade 5 in theory and practice or equivalent is recommended (External Boards).



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week  
1 practical lesson per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

A minimum of grade 5 at SEC Level (MQF Level 3) or a grade 5 in theory and practice or equivalent is recommended (External Boards).



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 practical lesson per week

# Physical Education

## What will I learn in Physical Education?

Intermediate Physical Education focuses on helping you broaden your knowledge of how some of the body's systems work during activity and sports. It is a dynamic and interesting subject since it can influence and enhance the understanding of what is happening to our body and mind during sports and physical activity. Physical education analyses the various methods and systems to improve coaching and teaching methods in various sports activities. Intermediate Physical Education also promotes awareness of various local sport associations advocating sport and physical activity for all, and how sport is developing on an international level.

## How will I benefit from studying Physical Education?

The skills and knowledge taught in Physical Education will improve your performance, sharpen your knowledge of strategy and tactics, and help you to transfer knowledge from one context to another. Physical Education helps you to foster and strengthen the need to develop motor skills and to engage in various forms of games, sports, and other physical activities throughout your lifetime. The syllabus covered helps you to enhance and develop your communication, problem solving, organisational and concentration skills. Through group work, students' presentations, practical fitness testing and assignments, you will be encouraged to stretch beyond your comfort zones and challenge yourself physically, mentally and emotionally.

## Are there any special considerations?

- Anybody can opt to study Physical Education but a basic knowledge of Biology with regards to the body's systems is recommended.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Physical Education at:

Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
N/A



# Theatre & Performance Studies

## What will I learn in Theatre & Performance Studies?

Theatre and Performance studies gives you the opportunity to discuss and explore theatrical events as phenomena which involve communities. As an area of study and research, theatre studies investigates the performative nature of these events, how communities express themselves through performance and structures within which they operate, and the reasons and outcomes of this behaviour.

The field of theatre studies investigates how people relate to their immediate social, political, and religious contexts, and how these in turn inform the performance of events. Therefore, theatre studies deals with the aesthetics and ethics of performance.

## How will I benefit from studying Theatre & Performance Studies?

Theatre and Performance studies will enhance your critical stance, thereby motivating you into practising group discussions about various elements of the productions combined together; such as performers, directors, designers and the use of architecture. Assignments and group activities will kindle ideas and your performing skills to help you convey emotions and communicate meaning with an audience in today's environment.

Leadership, autonomy, mentoring, theatre-making and self-assessment skills are essential tools required in an active theatre career and are also transferrable skills for other places and fields of work.

## Are there any special considerations?

- A good understanding of English is required.
- First year students are advised to enrol in the Non-Formal accredited award, The Art of Drama

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

## You can study Theatre & Performance Studies at:

### Advanced Level



#### Prerequisites

Knowledge of Theatre and Dramatic Art is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
5 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 tutorial per week  
1 practical per week

### Intermediate Level



#### Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 practical per week

# Systems of Knowledge

## What will I learn in Systems of Knowledge (SOK)?

Systems of Knowledge empowers you to learn to think beyond the established views and question the grounds for many aspects of life that are often taken for granted and thus not being questioned. Systems of knowledge encourages the development of a body of knowledge which goes beyond the traditional boundaries of specific fields and promotes the importance of the need to relate different fields of knowledge to each other and also to be critical and creative, enabling one to inculcate an awareness and application of values within a civic, cultural and historical framework.

## How will I benefit from studying Systems of Knowledge?

Systems of Knowledge is not a purely academic subject because it includes both the direct exposure to academic content in class and also the practical application of this knowledge within society. The Systems of Knowledge project seeks to bridge the gap between what is learnt in class to your own real-life situations.

## Are there any special considerations?

- SOK is an obligatory intermediate subject for those taking the Matriculation Course
- SOK is obligatory for those who intend to further their studies at the University of Malta.
- During the first year, the first three modules are taught.
- During the second year, two weekly lessons cover the fourth module. These are complemented with a revision lesson of the first three modules.

## SOK Project

- The explanation and first project meeting is held during the first year, while the second and final project meeting is held during the second scholastic year.
- IPAL students who choose to study SOK at first and second year concurrently, must present their project as private candidates.

## What textbooks and/or resources do I need?

Kindly refer to the booklist at the end of this prospectus.

You can study Systems of Knowledge (SOK) at:

Intermediate Level



Prerequisites

No previous knowledge is required



Duration  
2 years



Lessons  
3 lessons per week



Practical / Tutorial Sessions  
1 project meeting in First Year  
1 project meeting in Second Year

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## Guidance & Counselling

Change brings challenges and opportunities. The students' transition to post-secondary can be an exciting, new experience affecting them both socially and academically. The guidance unit helps students develop new study skills and time management strategies for the challenges of post secondary education. Students are also welcome to discuss any psychological/emotional issues related to this new phase in their lives.

Besides offering general support, the guidance team offers the following services:

- personal counselling to students who are facing situations such as the break-up of an important relationship, conflict within the family, the loss of a friend or a family member, sexuality issues, loneliness, lack of self-esteem and other personal issues;
- guidance regarding choice of course and/or subjects at the school in view of further and higher education and/or future career paths;
- sessions focused on difficulties encountered during the course
- the organisation of an annual careers fair;
- group and/or individual study tips sessions;
- support to students with disabilities and/or different educational needs, including participation during IEPs.

What is discussed in a counselling session remains confidential unless there is a perceived risk to self or others.

### Contact Information:



[gchss.guidance@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:gchss.guidance@ilearn.edu.mt)



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GCHSS Guidance & Counselling

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

The Student Representative Council, better known by the acronym SRC, represents the students' interests in any matter which is of concern to them. The council's primary goal is to provide students with opportunities to participate in the school's management while advocating for higher standards of school services. Another aim of SRC is to enable students at GCHSS to become responsible leaders in the community and to instil in them a sense of active citizenship. The students' council offers assistance to minority and vulnerable groups while emphasising the importance of equality and accessibility. As a democratic unit within GCHSS, the SRC strives to eliminate any form of inequality, negative discrimination or injustices on the students.

The SRC facilitates communication between students, staff and the administration of GCHSS by providing an accessible platform for open discussions between the parties concerned. All decisions taken within the council are geared to strengthen the school values, enrich the student experience within the school and promote a holistic approach to education. The SRC believes that GCHSS and its students have the potential to play an even greater role in society and it works hard to ensure that this is recognised on a national level.

## Library Services

The library at GCHSS provides a quiet area for reading and studying, at the same time offering a varied selection of resources for the use of the school community. Our books are grouped as Reference and Melitensia, as well as a lending area comprised of information books and an abundant selection of fiction. To further encourage the love of reading ongoing displays of books are organised.

The library is open throughout the school day, between 08:00 and 15:00, and is totally accessible. It is found on Level 0 in the New Block.

The highlight of the scholastic year is Library Week which is held in January. Library Week revolves around a particular theme and apart from book displays, talks and other activities are held in collaboration with subject departments. Film adaptation of novels are also shown during this week. A fundraising book sale is also held throughout library Week.

The GCHSS Library supports personal development at all ability levels.

For all updates on what is happening in the GCHSS library, visit the Library SharePoint. Students must use their iLearn account to enter.

### Contact Information:



gchss.library@ilearn.edu.mt



@gchss\_library



Library Sharepoint

## Chaplaincy

The chaplaincy at GCHSS provides spiritual support and pastoral care to the student and staff community. Since spiritual development is one of the fundamental elements of a truly holistic education, the chaplaincy offers spiritual support and companionship to all those who seek spiritual growth. The on-site chaplain also offers the sacrament of reconciliation to anyone who seeks it.

Spiritual sessions take place in the chapel which is situated near the SOK Block (in front of the New Block). The Eucharist is celebrated four times a week in the chapel.

On particular occasions of the year such as the opening of the scholastic year, Christmas, Ash Wednesday and our Lady of Sorrows, the Eucharist is celebrated for all the school community in the school Hall.

The chaplaincy offers different opportunities for voluntary work and discussion groups. These events continue to contribute towards the holistic development of the members of the school community.

In collaboration with the Department of Religious Studies, the chaplaincy organises various religious activities throughout the scholastic year. These include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist four times a week as well as on special occasions.

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# Testimonials



The minute you enter the school gate it is the moment you have entered your second home for the coming 2 years.

My experience at GCHSS is quite unique, as I have experienced post secondary in a pandemic and ironically enough with all it's ups and downs, I wouldn't change a thing. The teaching staff held our hand every step of the way and made sure that no matter what we reached our full potential and succeed!

The thought of repeating the year was becoming less of a thought and more of a plan. I am now experiencing GCHSS post pandemic and honestly it is the best and most fruitful experience I ever had. I now form part of the chaplaincy. Until now I had never believed that friends could become family but the chaplaincy team proved me wrong. From the simple yet most fun activities we organise not only we see the greatness of God working in youths but personally it gives me hope for a better future.

If I had to start sixth form all over again, without a shadow of a doubt I would choose again Giovanni Curmi higher secondary school. The school where you are not a number but a valued student.

*Emma Maria Buhagiar*



# What our students say...



"At Higher, I encountered open-minded and hardworking people who inspired me to continue with my academic journey"

*Arantza Sofia Ortiz Scure*

"As a student-athlete, the teachers were very supportive when it came to training schedules and competitions abroad. It was easy to catch-up with missed lessons and combine sports with school."

*Anthea Cutajar*



"Starting school in a new environment was a challenge, until I met the right students and teachers who made it easier. Joining the SRC was the best choice that I've made, especially considering that I am very passionate about politics."

*Shianne Grima Butler*

## What past students say...



"My experience at GCHSS continued to increase my yearning for learning and inquiry. The considerate and caring environment provided an excellent mould to continue to enhance my experience of knowledge as well as empowering to pursue different aspirations."

*Matthew Vella*

*Permanent Secretary for the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR)*

"GCHSS will forever be the place close to my heart. It provided a great and professional support system over the crucial two years of study when tackling the next step after secondary school and onto advanced education."

The teachers were always there for my needs, providing a great environment for both learning and skill development in every subject I chose during my years of study. But most importantly, students' mental health was always a priority at the school.

The friends I had met during my first year, are some of the people I would consider family today. And to the educators that provided their help, I am forever grateful, as I go on to study for my Bachelors Degree. They set out a path for me to follow and flourish in."

*Luke Chappell*



"When I first came to Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School, I was unprepared, and had no idea what would happen to me once I stepped in. Yet, I have never looked back. GCHSS has improved my character and helped me adapt to the different school experience. It gave me the opportunity to become independent and better equipped for the future. I met new friends, and kind and supportive teachers. So far, it has been the greatest experience of my life. I am glad that I have chosen this post-secondary school."

*Kieren Abela*

## What parents say...



"This is my 26th year teaching Physical Education in a Secondary State School. I have also been involved in the sport of Olympic Wrestling for the last 30 years, first as a national athlete and now as a local coach and international referee."

During my academic career, I had the pleasure to be a student at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary myself, where I managed to get all the needed qualifications to further my studies at the University of Malta.

Nowadays, my son attends Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary school, and I truly believe that this school offers the best transition from secondary education to tertiary education. While students are given the liberty to educationally be more independent, parents are still updated regularly about the their children's academic improvement."

*Abraham Vassallo*

"Bhala omm li ghandi bint li tattendi l-iskola post sekondarja Giovanni Curmi nhoss li l-esperjenza ta' binti f'din l-istituzzjoni edukattiva hija pozittiva hafna. Kont beghana meta mill-hames sena sekondarja se tattendi ghal istituzzjoni ohra, b'sistema differenti u iktar avvanzata. Biss nistqarr li din l-istituzzjoni toffri ambjent sabih, fejn l-istudenti ghandhom attenzjoni partikolari mil-lezzuri, f'ambjent iktar bhal dak ta' familja, milli f'ambjent fejn student jithalla ghal rasu. Istituzzjoni bhal din taghti serhan il-mohh lill-istudenti anki minhabba l-fatt li fil-madwar tal-istituzzjoni m'hemm xkiel ta' attivitajiet li jistghu jtellfu lill-istudent. Mhux darba jew tnejn heggiġt ġenituri li jibaghtu lil uliedhom f'din l-istituzzjoni minhabba l-esperjenza pozittiva tieghi."

*Maria Muscat - La Barokka*



"Meta ibni temm is-sekondarja, kellu għażla fejn se jkompli bl-istudju postsekondarju. L-għażla għal GCHSS kienet imsejsa fuq il-fatt li din l-istituzzjoni edukattiva toffri tranżizzjoni tajba għal-livell postsekondarju, għajna anke lil studenti bi htigijiet speċjali u aktar minn kollox, thares lejn kull student u studenta b'mod holistiku. L-istaff kollu tal-GCHSS dejjem offrieli s-sapport mehtieg kif ukoll l-opportunità ta' involviment shih fis-sehem tieghi bhala ġenitur."

*Marlon Barbaro (HOD Malti - Gen16)*

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## Erasmus+

GCHSS is an Erasmus+ accredited institution that has been awarded funds to enable students to travel abroad to various partner countries within the Erasmus+ network. Such mobilities enhance student experiences in terms of intercultural awareness and adaptability, better understanding of different educational experiences and a wider network of peers in different countries.



## Music

The Music Department offers the opportunity to students who can sing and/or play a musical instrument to participate in school concerts and other activities. Rehearsals take place mainly in the music room during break time. Students' musical abilities are taken into consideration when forming bands/groups for these sessions.

Students, who would like to participate in school based events, are to contact Mr John Fsadni on [john.anthony.fsadni@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:john.anthony.fsadni@ilearn.edu.mt).

## Jamming Sessions

The PlaKard Project organises music sessions and masterclasses covering a mixture of genres.

This project, based on the philosophy that everyone can be a musician, encourages students to practise and experiment with different music styles and rhythms. These practices provide an opportunity to those who believe they are not musically gifted to become confident and to those who are music oriented to improve their effectiveness.

Jamming sessions are held frequently during break in various spots on campus.

## Sports & Fitness

The PE Department offers students the use of two newly-refurbished gymnasiums where one can play volleyball, basketball, badminton, handball, rounders and dodgeball. There is a 7 a-side football pitch, an outdoor basketball court, a fitness room with weights and machines and a table-tennis room. These facilities are open all day for students to make use of either during break or free lessons. It is also possible to use the facilities for dance practice. During break time, the department organises football, basketball, volleyball and table-tennis leagues.

## Horticulture Field

The horticulture field was set up in 2016 by members of the Biology Department with the indispensable help of the minor staff in order to provide Biology students with resources needed for their coursework.

It has since grown and become a living laboratory and a place where students and staff members, who have nature and agriculture at heart, can meet, learn about plant biology in an informal setting, lend a hand with growing and harvesting crops and offer suggestions.

Students are given the opportunity to develop skills in horticulture, gardening and landscaping as well as life-long social skills such as teamwork, responsibility and ownership. Visiting the horticulture field also has a significant positive impact on mental health and wellbeing and increases one's appreciation of the environment.

## Drama Troupe

GCHSS Drama Troupe serves as a platform to explore, develop and organise theatre and performance activities within a safe and supportive environment. In line with the school ethos of providing a holistic education to students, the Drama Troupe provides an added value to the educational experience that guarantees the achievement of educational goals and objectives through formal and non-formal learning.

It aims to produce activities which include the Drama Day and the GCHSS Soirée. This year's production Teen Beach – The Musical was chosen for the Soirée and staged on three consecutive days in the school hall.

The Drama Troupe also collaborates with other departments to organise educational drama activities to enhance the learning experience for particular subjects.



## Non-Formal Accredited Studies

### eTwinning

eTwinning provides a safe and lively place to collaborate, communicate, present and share ideas online with partner schools. This makes students feel part of a learning community in Europe. It is one of the main platforms of communication that is recognised by the European Union.

### Introducing EU Affairs

This programme gives young people the opportunity to learn about Europe, the European Union and the progress of European integration. Students discuss their expectations and share their ideas with peers from other European Union countries. For the past fourteen years, GCHSS has thoroughly prepared its students for the Europe-wide EUROSCOLA competition and has had extremely positive results.

Participants from the 27 EU Member States are selected to experience the life of a Member of the European Parliament for one day. The experience takes place at the Parliament's premises in Strasbourg, France.

### JAYE Programme

This programme provides students with a hands-on experience which bridges the gap between the theoretical and practical implications of business.

In this programme, students learn how to take a business idea from concept to reality. They form their own real enterprise and discover first-hand how a company functions. They elect a board of directors from amongst their peers, raise share capital and market and finance a product or service of their own choice. This programme is delivered in conjunction with JAYE Malta.

## Photography

The programme is divided into two stand-alone accredited modules:

### Non-Formal Award in Photography

The main competences acquired include the ability to take quality photos in different scenarios, identifying the right lens for the best photos, and learning about focusing, depth of field, shutter speed and lightning. Students will also learn to recognise main attributes of good quality photos, maintain an organised portfolio and plan, design and set up an exhibition as a team.

### Non-Formal Award in Advanced Photography and Photo Editing

Themes covered in this module include nature and portrait photography, studio work and its equipment and photo editing. The pinnacle of this module is a photographic exhibition which is organised on an annual basis. Learners with positive disposition and talent will be encouraged to further pursue their educational development in the field within higher education institutions.

## Practising Entrepreneurship Skills

This programme provides students with the knowledge of the concept of entrepreneurship. This award undertakes the process and skills that a business should involve. Students will be able to relate to business terms, be aware of the business environment and different types of business entities. After attending this course, the students will be equipped with what it entails in becoming an entrepreneur and also with important business proficiency that will help them in the world of work.

## The Art of Drama

The programme is divided into two stand-alone modules:

Introducing the Art of Drama is the first module and aims to introduce participants to the basic skills and competencies in the Art of Drama. This is done through practical training sessions, presentations and talks, workshops and seminars, site-visits and attendances to performances and preparation, rehearsals and performances in which the participants are directly involved.

Non-Formal Award in the Art of Drama focuses on leadership, autonomy, mentoring, theatre-making and self-assessment skills. These skills are essential tools required in an active theatre career and are also transferrable skills for other places and fields of work.

## Book List



# Languages

## Arabic

### Advanced Level

- Links to online resources will be provided by the teacher

### Intermediate Level

- Links to online resources will be provided by the teacher

## English

### Advanced Level

- Atonement – Ian McEwan; ISBN 9780099507383
- The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood; ISBN 9781784871444
- Othello – William Shakespeare; ISBN 9780435193058
- English AS & A2 – Alan Gardiner; Pearson (2008); ISBN 9781408206539

### Intermediate Level

- Short stories booklet will be available from the school.

### SEC Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course. Students will be given notes during this course.

## French

### Advanced Level

- Clés pour la France, Denis C. Meyer, Hachette, 2010; ISBN-10: 2011557364 ISBN-13: 978-2011557360
- Grammaire Progressive du français Niveau Intermédiaire 4e édition, M. Grégoire, O. Thiévenaz, Clé International, 2017; ISBN10 2090381035 ISBN13 9782090381030
- Le Malade imaginaire, Molière, Bibliocollège, Classiques Hachette, 1999; ISBN9782017064572
- La jeune fille au pair, Joseph Joffo, Livre de poche, 1995; ISBN10 2253137502 ISBN13 9782253137504
- Concerto à la mémoire d'un ange, Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt, Livre de Poche, 2011; ISBN10 225316030X ISBN13 9782253160304
- Dictionnaire le Robert Micro Poche, Le Robert Editions, Paris; Nouvelle édition (24 May 2018); ISBN-10 2321010517 ISBN-13 978-2321010517

### Intermediate Level

- Clés pour la France, Denis C. Meyer, Hachette, 2010; ISBN-10: 2011557364 ISBN-13: 978-2011557360
- Oscar et la dame rose, Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt, Magnard Classiques et contemporains, 2001; ISBN-10: 2210754909 ISBN-13: 978-2210754904
- Grammaire Progressive du français Niveau Intermédiaire 4e édition, M. Grégoire, O. Thiévenaz, Clé International, 2017; ISBN10 2090381035 ISBN13 9782090381030
- Dictionnaire le Robert Micro Poche, Le Robert Editions, Paris; Nouvelle édition (24 May 2018); ISBN-10 2321010517 ISBN-13 978-2321010517

## German

### Advanced Level

- Maya und Domenico Band 1
- Die krasse Geschichte einer ungewöhnlichen Freundschaft

### Intermediate Level

- Students will be provided with the study material during this course

## Italian

### Advanced Level

- Il Nuovo Progetto Italiano 3, Libro dello Studente, Edilingua, Roma
- Il Giardino dei Finzi Contini, Giorgio Bassani isbn 978-88-06-17435-4
- A miracol mostrare - Nuova Edizione, Vol 1 e Vol 2, Merlin Publications

### Intermediate Level

- Il Nuovo Progetto Italiano 3, Libro dello Studente, Edilingua, Roma
- Io non ho paura, Niccolò Ammaniti isbn 978-88-06-20769-4

## Malti

### Advanced Level

- Mal-Fanal Hemm Harstek Tixghel ta' Oliver Friggieri; ISBN 978999 0911701
- Xi Drabi Mqar Persuna ta' Simon Galea; ISBN 9789993277262
- Karnival ta' Francis Ebejer; ISBN 978-99932-7-725-5
- Hsien ta' Ġuże Bonnici; ISBN 9789993217626
- Xemghat ta' Trevor Zahra; ISBN 9789990916874

### Intermediate Level

- Hsien ta' Ġuże Bonnici; ISBN 9789993217626
- Xi Drabi Mqar Persuna ta' Simon Galea; ISBN 9789993277262

### SEC Level

- Bejn Haltejn; ISBN 978-99909-44-46-4

## Spanish

### Advanced Level

- "Esp@ña, Manual de civilización" by Sebastián Quesada Marco, Editorial Edelsa Español Lengua Extranjera (ISBN: 978-84-7711-619-6)

### Intermediate Level

- "Esp@ña, Manual de civilización" by Sebastián Quesada Marco, Editorial Edelsa Español Lengua Extranjera (ISBN: 978-84-7711-619-6)

# Humanities

## Accounts

### Advanced Level

No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

### Intermediate Level

No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

## Classical Studies

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course. Students will be given notes during this course.

## Economics

### Advanced Level

- Economics, John Sloman, Dean Garratt, Jon Guest, 10th Edition – ISBN10 1292187859; ISBN13 9781292187853
- Extra Reference Books:
  - Economics, Principles and Policy, Baumol and Blinder, International Edition (12th Ed.); ISBN10 0538453699; ISBN13 9780538453691
  - 'Economics AS Level', Anderton, A. (5th Ed.); ISBN10 1405892358; ISBN13 9781405892353
  - Further Readings: Briguglio, L. 'Macroeconomics and the Maltese Economy'

### Intermediate Level

- Stanlake's Introductory Economics. Grant, S.J. (7th Ed.) – ISBN10 0582405483; ISBN13 9780582405486

OR

- Economics AS Level, Anderton, A. (5th Ed.) – ISBN10 1405892358; ISBN13 97814058923

## Geography

### Advanced Level

- Waugh, D. (2009), Geography: An Integrated Approach, 4th edition. Nelson, Walton-on-Thames – ISBN 9781408504079

### Intermediate Level

- Waugh, D. (2009), Geography: An Integrated Approach, 4th edition. Nelson, Walton-on-Thames – ISBN 9781408504079

## History

### Advanced Level

- The following is a list of books mainly intended for reference purposes only. Most of these publications can be availed of from the school library.
- For International and European History:
  - Europe 1760-1871, by Collins
  - Europe 1870-1991, by Collins
  - Europe Since Napoleon, by David Thomson
  - A History of Modern Europe 1789-1981, by H.L. Peacock
- For Maltese History:
  - The Maltese Constitution and Constitutional History Since 1813, by J. J. Cremona
  - The British Colonial Experience 1800-1964: The Impact on Maltese Society, by Victor Mallia Milanese
  - Storja ta' Malta, by Henry Frendo

### Intermediate Level

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- For International and European History:
  - Europe 1760-1871, by Collins
  - Europe 1870-1991, by Collins
  - Europe Since Napoleon, by David Thomson
  - A History of Modern Europe 1789-1981, by H.L. Peacock
- For Maltese History:
  - The Maltese Constitution and Constitutional History Since 1813, by J. J. Cremona
  - The British Colonial Experience 1800-1964: The Impact on Maltese Society, by Victor Mallia Milanese
  - Storja ta' Malta, by Henry Frendo

## Marketing

### Advanced Level

- Principles of Marketing, 8th European Edition – Philip Kotler, Gary Armstrong, Lloyd Harris and Hongwei He: ISBN – 9781292269566

### Intermediate Level

- Principles of Marketing, 8th European Edition – Philip Kotler, Gary Armstrong, Lloyd Harris and Hongwei He: ISBN – 9781292269566

## Philosophy

### Advanced Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course. Students will be advised which selected texts should be read during the course.

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course. Students will be advised which selected texts should be read during the course.

## Psychology

### Intermediate Level

- Simply Psychology 5th Edition, Michael W. Eysnck – ISBN 9780367550158

## Religious Knowledge

### Advanced Level

- Introduction to Catholicism, Lawrence S. Cunningham' Cambridge University Press 2009; ISBN 9780521608558
- Christianity: An Introduction, Alister E. McGrath, Oxford : Blackwell Publishers 2004; ISBN 978118465653

### Intermediate Level

- The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth – Second Edition, Saint Mary's Press, Winona MN, 2008. ISBN 978-0-88489-987-7 or ISBN 978-0-88489-988-4.

## Sociology

### Advanced Level

- Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton, 2013, Sociology; 8th edition, Polity Press ISBN 9780745696683
- Ken Browne, 2015, Sociology for AQA Volume 1, 5th edition, Wiley-Blackwell ISBN 9780745691305

### Intermediate Level

- Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton, 2013, Sociology; 8th edition, Polity Press ISBN 9780745696683
- Ken Browne, 2015, Sociology for AQA Volume 1, 5th edition, Wiley-Blackwell ISBN 9780745691305

# Sciences

## Applied Mathematics

### Intermediate Level

- Understanding Mechanics; A.J. Sadler, D.W.S. Thorning; ISBN:9780199146758

## Biology

### Advanced Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

### Intermediate Level

- Biological Concepts For Intermediate Level — 2nd Edition; Karen Buttigieg & Robert Tanti

### SEC Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

### MSSP

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

## Chemistry

### Advanced Level

- Cambridge International AS and A level Complete Chemistry; 2020; ISBN : 9781382005340
- A guide to Advanced Practical Chemistry 4th edition; J.P. Tabone Adami; ISBN: 97899957883358
- Calculations in AS/A level chemistry; ISBN : 9780582411272

### Intermediate Level

- Calculations in AS/A level chemistry; ISBN : 9780582411272

### MSSP

- Cambridge International AS and A level Complete Chemistry; 2020; ISBN : 9781382005340
- A guide to Advanced Practical Chemistry 4th edition; J.P. Tabone Adami; ISBN: 97899957883358
- Calculations in AS/A level chemistry; ISBN : 9780582411272

## Computing

### Advanced Level

- Understanding Computer Science for Advanced Level by Ray Bradley
- Head First Java Second Edition.

### Intermediate Level

- Head First Java Second Edition.

## Environmental Science

### Intermediate Level

- Suggested textbooks (latest editions are recommended but this is not obligatory). Course tutors may recommend other textbooks and website links from time to time. Textbooks are mainly intended for reference purposes.
- The following is a list of books mainly intended for reference purposes only. Most of these publications can be availed of from the school library.
- Cunningham, W.P., Cunningham, M.A. & Saigo, B. Environmental Science, a Global Concern. (8th edition). McGraw-Hill (Boston)
- Nebel, B.J. & Wright, R. Environmental Science: Toward a Sustainable Future.
- Tyler Miller, G. Living in the Environment: Principles, Connections, and Solutions. Belmont, Calif.: Brooks/Cole
- Wright, R.T. Environmental Science - toward a Sustainable Future. Pearson Education International, Prentice Hall Publishers

## Physics

### Advanced Level (Suggested)

- Advanced Physics, Tom Duncan; ISBN 9780719576690
- Advanced Level Physics Q&A, Martin P. Farrell; 9789995752217ISBN
- A Dictionary of Physics, Jonathan Law and Richard Rennie; ISBN 9780198821472

### Intermediate Level (Suggested)

- Intermediate Physics, Martin P. Farrell; ISBN 9789995774967
- A Dictionary of Physics, Jonathan Law and Richard Rennie; ISBN 9780198821472

- Physics data booklet:

[https://www.um.edu.mt/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/427385/DataandFormulaeBooklet202005PSF\\_updated29Nov18.pdf](https://www.um.edu.mt/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/427385/DataandFormulaeBooklet202005PSF_updated29Nov18.pdf)

## Pure Mathematics

### Advanced Level

- First Year: Pure Mathematics 1A & 1B; ISBN:9789993286363 & ISBN:9789993286950
- Second Year: Pure Mathematics 2A & 2B; ISBN:9789990921151 & ISBN:9789995737832

### Intermediate Level

- A Revision Guide To Pure Mathematics at Intermediate Level; ISBN:9789995737665

### SEC Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

# Arts & Technology

## Art & History of Art

### Advanced Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

## Graphical Communication/Engineering Drawing

### Advanced Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

## Home Economics & Human Ecology

### Advanced Level

- Shelly, U. (2017). Modern Home Economics, Gill Education: Dublin. ISBN: 978-0-7171-71262

### Intermediate Level

- Shelly, U. (2017). Modern Home Economics, Gill Education: Dublin. ISBN: 978-0-7171-71262

## Information Technology

### Advanced Level

- 'A' Level Ict Heathcote
- Head First Java Second Edition.

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

## Music

### Advanced Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course

## Physical Education

### Intermediate Level

- OCR PE for AS by Graham Thompson, Nesta Wiggins-James and Rob James ISBN: 978-0-340-95868-1

## Systems of Knowledge

### Intermediate Level (Recommended)

- Systems of Knowledge – An Interdisciplinary Approach', Agenda Bookshop, ISBN 978-99957-5-293-4

## Theatre and Performance

### Advanced Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.

### Intermediate Level

- No specific textbook has been assigned for this course.







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