



Sixth Form Pathways Evening September 2019

The Sixth Form at Rossall School

- Students who are known as individuals
- Curriculum choice
- Small class sizes
- Outstanding UCAS support
- Excellent pastoral care
- Pre-university experience
- Independence
- High-quality careers guidance
- Leadership roles and opportunities

“Sixth Form Pupils expressed appreciation for the support they received in the decision making process about their future, displaying a mature confident attitude as a result”

ISI Report, June 2019

IBDP or A level?

What subjects should I take?

How to choose?

- **Start from the finish: what are your future plans?**
- **Look at your progress through school to date: what are your strengths?**
- **Do your research into the A Level and IBDP routes and into individual subjects.**
- **Ask lots of questions and listen to advice BUT make your own decision!**

**Sixth Form Options Evening
Thursday 7th November
18:00**



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The International Baccalaureate

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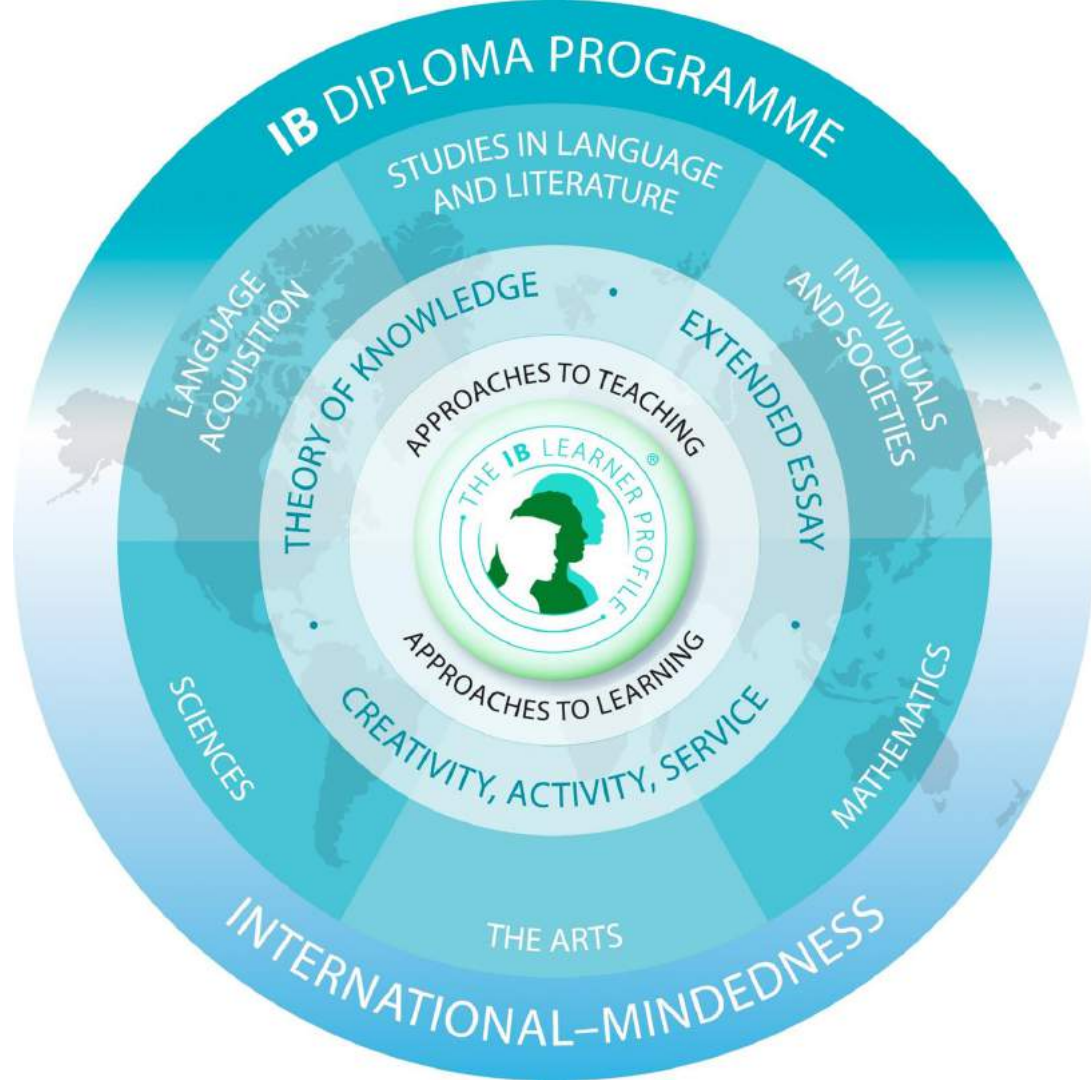


IB or A Level?

Choosing the
right path for
you

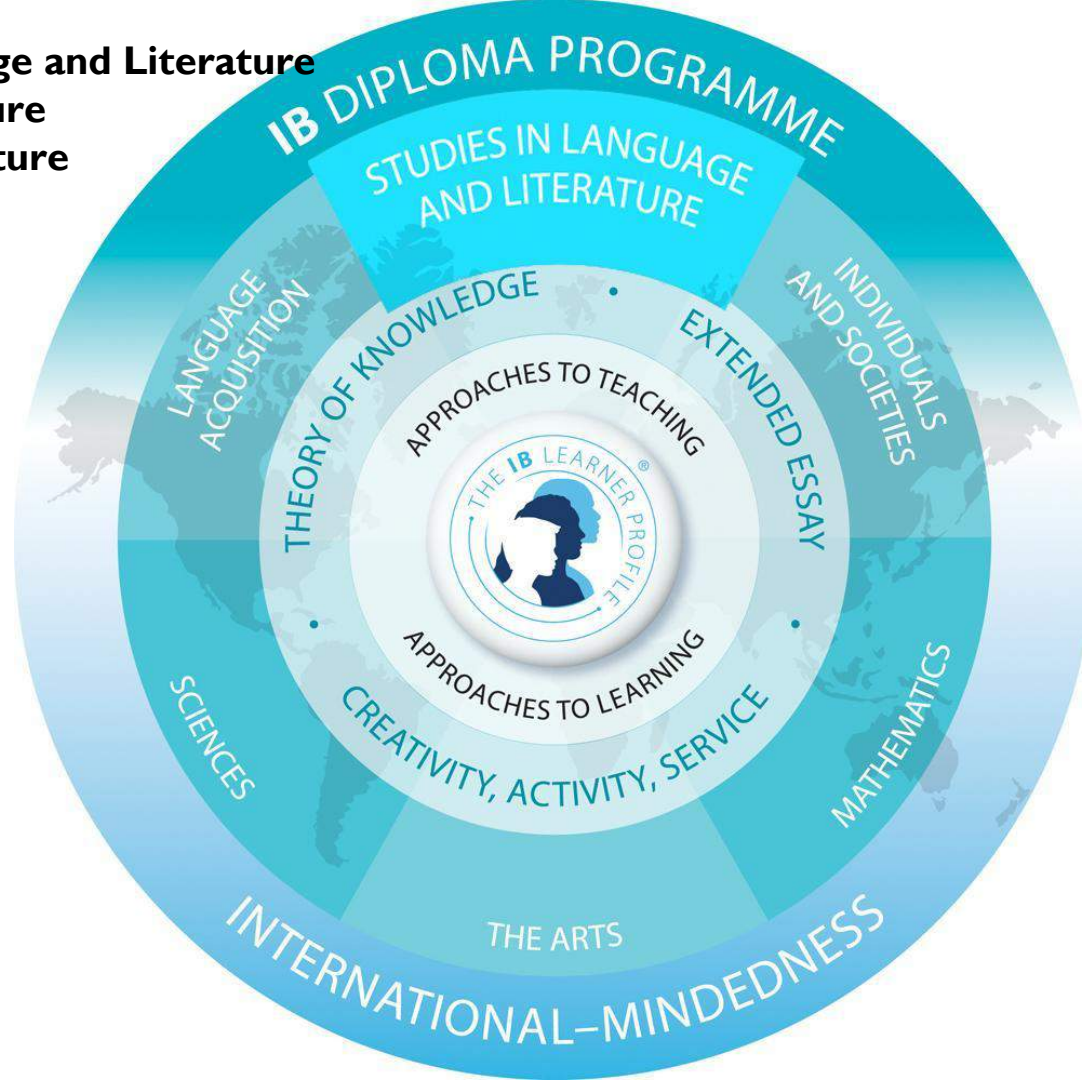
Understanding the IB grading

- Six subjects studied
- 3 Higher Level Subjects + 3 Standard Level Subjects
- Each of the IB's six subjects is marked out of seven, with a further three points available for the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Creativity, Action, Service components (CAS), making a possible total of 45 points



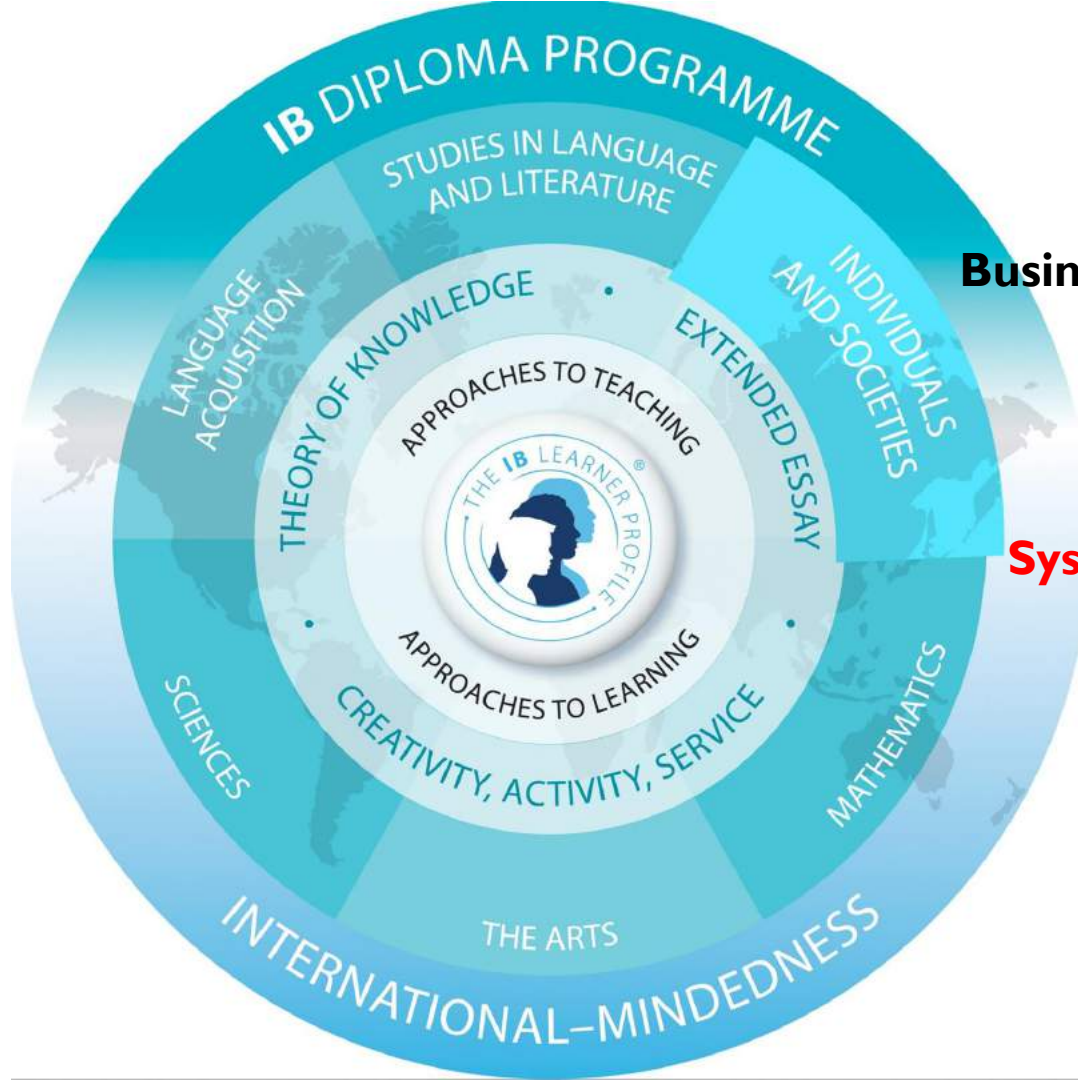


English Language and Literature
English Literature
German Literature



Classical Languages
French B
German B
Spanish B
Mandarin B
English B
French Ab Initio
Spanish Ab Initio

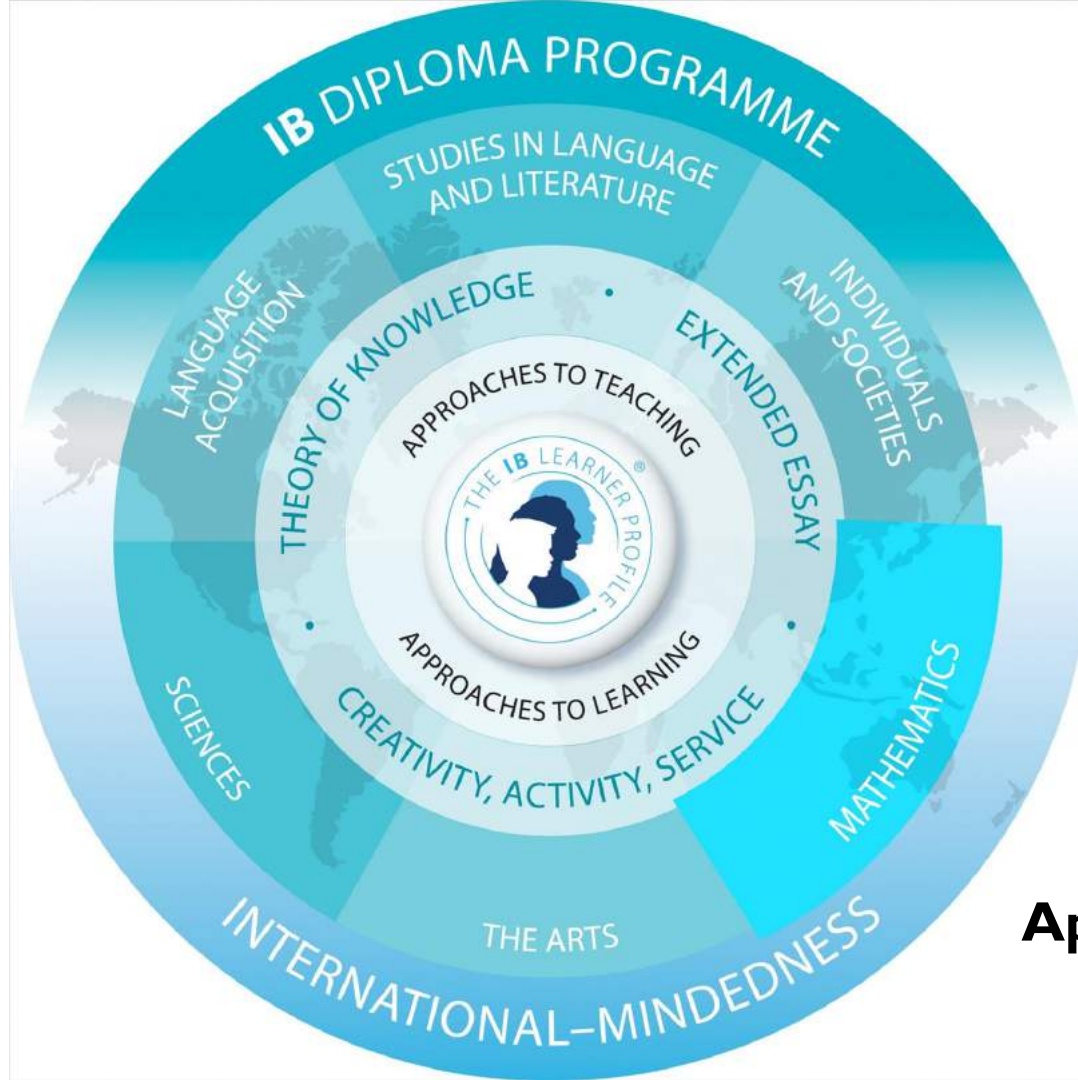




Economics
Business Management
Geography
History
Psychology
Environmental
Systems & Societies

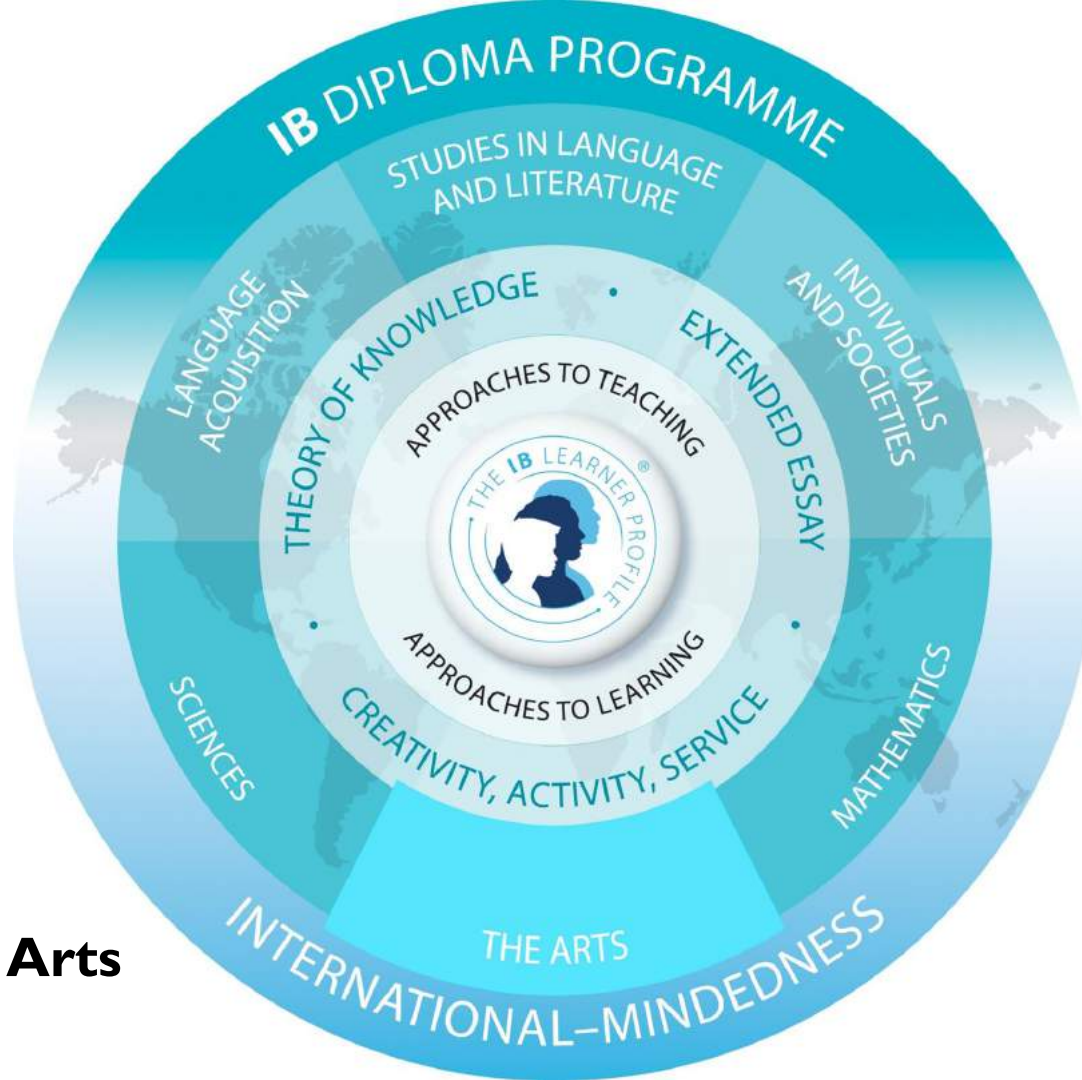
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
**Environmental Systems
& Societies**
Design Technology





**Mathematics
Analysis and
Approaches**

**Mathematics
Applications and
Interpretation**



Music
Visual Arts

Perceptions of the IB Diploma – the myth

It's a course for the intellectual elite.

I will have no life if I do the IB.

The IB is harder than A Level.

Universities demand higher grades from IB students.

Comparison with A Level Grades

A Level results	IB Diploma Points /45
A*A*A*	42-43
A*A*A	40-41
A*AA	38-39
AAA	36-37
AAB	34-35
ABB	32-33
BBB	30-31
BBC	28-29
CCC	24-25

Exploding the myth!

- **Universities recognise that the IB is offering something special**
- **The IB Diploma keeps your options open**
- **We often see more progress in students who ordinarily struggle at school, for the simple reason that it provides structure, small class sizes and the ability to bank vital points at standard level**
- **TOK, along with the international perspective of the Diploma, means that IB pupils develop a depth of understanding of the world around them. All courses are tied together by the IB philosophy. This offers a rich and varied curriculum**

The IB 'Core'

- All diploma students complete an **Extended Essay**, a 4,000-word project on a topic of their choosing. This requires independent research, as well as an ability to think widely around a subject.
- Students on an A-level programme will complete a comparable piece of work with the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**
- IB students also take a course on critical thinking, called **Theory of Knowledge**, which nurtures the kind of open and inquiring mind that is needed at university
- Studied throughout the Diploma Programme, **CAS** involves students in a range of activities alongside their academic studies. These activities can be evidenced in a variety of creative ways

Employability

The IB Diploma develops the 'soft skills' that employers favour:

- A strong work ethic
- Communication skills
- Creative problem solving
- Time management
- Team work
- Leadership

**If you're not excited about it,
it's not the right path.**

-Abraham Hicks-



A Level Programme

A Level

3 A Levels + EPQ

4 A Levels

4 A Levels + EPQ

A Level + BTEC

BTEC + 1 A Level + EPQ

An Enriched A Level Curriculum

The benefits of the EPQ

- 1 Carries UCAS points equivalent to half an A Level and can influence - and lower - university offers.**
- 2 Allows students to develop an area of academic interest outside the constraints of their A Level subjects.**
- 3 Develop research and writing skills in preparation for university study.**
- 4 Gives students the opportunity to experience one-to-one teaching / supervision and seminar teaching.**

How do
A Level students
develop those
'soft skills'

Art
Sport
Young Enterprise
Duke of Edinburgh
Service
MEDSOC
World Challenge
Debating Society
Eco-Society
Physics Olympiad
Music
Drama
Fundraising
Model United Nations
etc. etc. etc.

Dates for your diary

**Saturday 5th October
Whole School Open Day**

**Thursday 7th November
Sixth Form Options Evening**

**Friday 8th November
Lower Sixth Entry Scholarship
Application Deadline**