



Post 16 Admissions Policy

Horizon International School Post 16 is committed to providing places on an open-access basis. Our entry requirements are generic and indicative only. The Post 16 is committed to recruiting with integrity. The Post 16 reserves the right to refuse admission to a course in some cases, even where the generic requirements are met. This is in the interests of student success.

16-19 Study Programme Requirements

All our Post 16 pathways are designed to provide structure and a challenging personalised learning programme. Every student in Years 12 and 13 will study academic qualifications that are linked to their future plans.

Students who embark on a study programme who do not yet have a grade 4 or higher in Mathematics or English will be required to work towards the achievement of these qualifications as part of their programme.

The pathways that students follow will maximise progression opportunities onto the next stage of their education, employment or apprenticeship.

There is one pathway available in Key Stage 5:

- Academic – A levels. These are mainly exams based assessed.

Planned learning hours

All students must be on a programme of above 540 planned learning hours. Students will not be accepted on programmes less than 540 hours.

Students who have not achieved a grade 4 in GCSE English or Maths must enrol onto a GCSE course or at least be working towards GCSE on a suitable alternative qualification e.g. entry level.

This will be agreed with the student on enrolment and form part of their learning agreement.

Subsequent changes to this programme must be agreed by the Head of Post 16, but the hours must not fall below 540, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Students' programmes should also contain an element of work either experience or employability skills. Students will be given the opportunity to experience these aspects within their Year 12 programme.

Entry requirements

In order to study A Levels:

The general entry requirements for students wanting to study A Level is 5 GCSEs. These must comprise three subjects at 9-4 (or equivalent, such as BTEC) and a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.

However, individual subjects have their own entry requirements, please see the Post 16 Prospectus 2020/21.

Application Process

Application for admission into Horizon International School Post 16 are detailed below. An applicant will only be admitted into Post 16 provided they meet the admission criteria for individual courses; applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements to progress onto A Levels. All those seeking admission into Post 16 must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen.

Timetable for Application and Admission:

Sunday 9th February

- A Level Options Evening for Students and Parents
- Prospectuses distributed

Wednesday 12th February

- A Level Options Taster Day for Students
- Option cards distributed

Thursday 13th February

- A Level Options Interviews with Anna Howell, Careers Advisor at The Careers Lounge

Monday 24th February

- A Level Final Interviews with Mr. Whittaker, Head of Post 16
- All A Level options cards signed and returned.

External students can apply for study in Post 16 from January of the previous year. The cutoff date for applications is in October of the new academic year.

Progression into Year 13

Progression to Year 13 is not automatic. Horizon International School Post 16 reenrolls Year 12 students onto Year 13 courses only if the standards laid out in this paragraph are met.

- Students have successfully completed their exams (AS external exam or internally assessed exam).at a Grade E in January of Year 12. If students are not successful in their exams, they have the opportunity to take a resit the exam in May, which they must pass at a Grade E.
- To continue with an A-level course a student must have achieved a E or above in the subject in their end of Year 12 exams (AS external exam or internally assessed exam).

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- Students must have greater than 95% attendance and no unauthorized absence, except in the case of students with known mental or physical health concerns under the supervision of a hospital consultant.
- There must be no outstanding disciplinary concerns known to the Head of Post 16. Where a written warning has been given to a student about conduct and a contract has been agreed, a student must have met any conditions specified in the warning.

Typical Year 12 / 13 Schedule

- 3 A Level courses – 5 hours per week
- 15 hours of learning outside of lessons (minimum)
- EPQ or Inclusion – 3 hours per week
- Tutor time – 4 x 15 minutes per week
- PSHE – 1 hour per week
- Assembly / Enrichment – 1 hour per week
- MOE Arabic – 3 hours per week (Arab passport holders only)
- MOE Islamic – 1 hour 20 minutes per week (Muslim students only)

Please Note

- We will endeavour to personalise the learning of all students to match their needs.
- Individual A Level subjects may have specific minimum GCSE grade requirements.
- The subjects listed will be offered in Post 16 subject to sufficient demand and staffing availability.

Matthew Whittaker, Head of Post 16