



IGCSE/IAL 2019/2020 ORIENTATION SESSION

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WELCOME

September 2019

INTRODUCTION

- ◉ When our students start year 11, they do international exams rather than school exams.
- ◉ How are these exams different?
- ◉ Exams are set and sent by exam board in the UK. Exam scripts are marked in the UK. Results and certificates are sent to school from the UK.

TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL EXAMS

International
Exams

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IGCSE exams
(Year 11)

IAL/AS exams
(Year 12)

TAALLUM SCHOOLS' REQUIRED NUMBER OF IGCSE AND IAL SUBJECTS

To get Thanaweya,
students need at least
5 IGCSE subjects + 2
IAL subjects * (subject
to change by MOE)

3 to 4 IAL subjects (Year
12)+Islamic studies

7 IGCSE subjects (Year 11)+Islamic studies

WHAT ARE IGCSE'S ?

- ◉ ***International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) allows students in countries throughout the world to gain a British qualification that is highly respected.***

WHY IGCSE ?

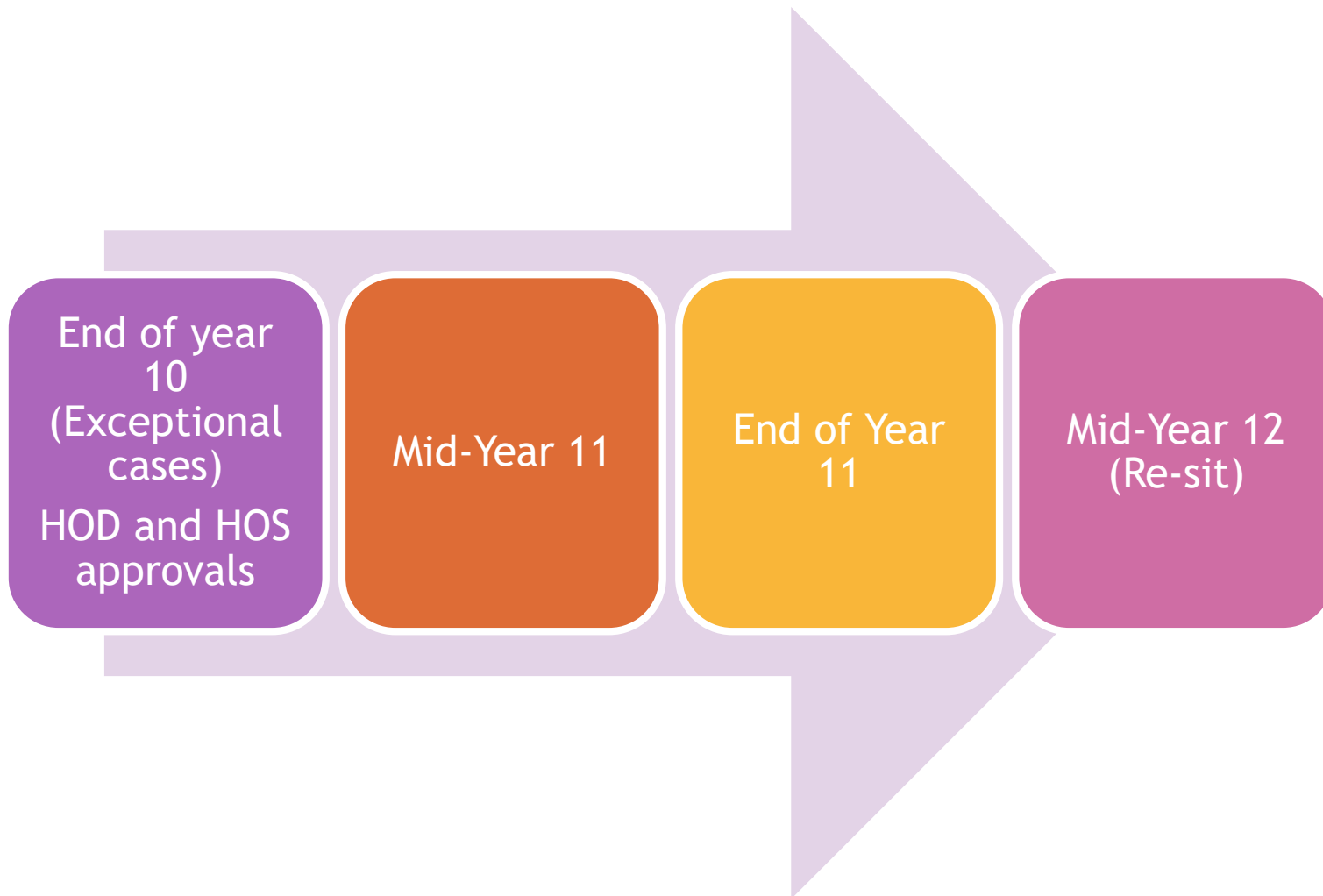
- The IGCSE curriculum is a comprehensive two year programme for Year 10 & Year 11 that develops learners' skills in creative thinking, in inquiry and problem-solving, giving pupils excellent preparation for the next stage of their education.
- The IGCSE curriculum is compatible with other curricula and is internationally relevant and sensitive to different needs and cultures.
- The IGCSE develops pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills in many ways.
- Exam entries are flexible and can be customised according to the students' ability.

IGCSE AT TAALLUM SCHOOLS

Taallum schools' students will be externally examined in **7 IGCSE subjects**, where Arabic, English, Mathematics and 2 Science subjects are mandatory.

CORE Subjects (mandatory)
Arabic
English
Mathematics
Science 1
Science 2

WHEN CAN STUDENTS DO IGCSE EXAMS ?



WHAT ARE IAL ?

- ◉ IAL stands for International Advanced Level.
- ◉ Students at Taallum schools study usually study 3 to 4 IAL/AS subjects in Year 12.

WHEN CAN STUDENTS DO IAL EXAMS ?

End of Year 11
(Exceptional cases)

With HOD and
HOS approvals

Mid-Year 12

End of Year 12

1. UNIVERSITIES' REQUIREMENTS

QATAR FOUNDATION

For higher education, most of *Qatar Foundation Universities* (QF) require:

- ◉ 6 to 7 IGCSE subjects.
(B or above is mostly preferred)
- ◉ 3 to 4 IAL/AS Level subjects.
(B or above is mostly preferred)

2. QATAR UNIVERSITY

For higher education, *Qatar University* (QU) requires:

- ⦿ 6 IGCSE subjects with a minimum of a D.
- ⦿ 2 IAL/AS Level subjects with a minimum of a D.

THE NEW GRADING SYSTEM

- The new reforms in National Curriculum in UK, Edexcel is introducing new Grading Scale 9-1.

MAPPING THE OLD SCALE WITH THE NEW SCALE

CURRENT	NEW INTERNATIONAL GCSE
A*	9
A	8
B	7
B	6
C	5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

EXTRACT FROM TAALLUM ASSESSMENT POLICY (PROMOTION CRITERIA)

- ◉ **Years 11 -12**
- ◉ In order to raise academic standards across our Taallum Group and to meet the needs and best interests of our students, the level of expectation for our minimum mandatory entry requirements for students to be promoted from Year 11 to Year 12 has been raised.
- ◉ **The following minimum criteria for promotion of students from Year 11 to Year 12 is below:**
- ◉ Pass a minimum of 5 A* - E of the IGCSE subjects.
- ◉ These guidelines are aimed at students who have a lower profile of IGCSE grades to ensure that we enrol them in appropriate courses in which they stand a chance of success in the British curriculum and of meeting the Qatar Thanaweya. (minimum 5 A*- F IGCSE grades and 2 IAL/AS levels).

IAL SUBJECT ENTRY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS



AS course entry levels:

IGCSE Subject	Minimum Passing Grade	AS Subject	Passing grade at IGCSE within the Subject (where specified)
English	C	Biology	B
English	C	General Paper	
English	C	English	
English	C	Global Perspectives	
English	B	Psychology	
Business Studies	C	Business Studies	
Chemistry	B	Chemistry	B
Maths	B	Physics	B
Maths	B	Maths	
ICT	D	ICT	

**These are agreed parameters that must be applied with consistency across the three Ta'allum schools. Subject to Head of School and Principal agreement, there may be certain promotions that are based on significantly exceptional circumstances, to be analyzed on a discretionary, case-by-case basis.*



Al Maha Academy for Girls

Examinations Services – School Candidates (Year 11)
January 2020

Edexcel	IG		
	IAL		

Step 1: Candidate Details

Please ensure that all your information provided are accurate and all necessary documents are attached to this form.

Candidate Name:																		Attach two recent coloured passports – sized photos.

(Write your full name in CAPITAL letters, as you want it to appear on the Certificate.)

Date of Birth	DD/MM/YYYY	ID Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Qatari ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport
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All candidates are required to attach a copy of their valid Qatari ID/ Passport.

Parent's Mobile #															Candidate's Mobile #															
E-mail Address																														

Step 2: Subjects Entry

UCI #:						
Level	Subject / Unit Title (minimum 1 subject, maximum 3 subjects)					
IGCSE	Arabic (4AA1)	Biology (4BI1)	Chemistry (4CH1)	Physics (4PH1)	Math A(4MA1)-H	
	English B (4EB1)	English as a Second Language (4ES1)	Other: (Please specify)			

Step 3: Declaration

- I certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate and that I have referred to the syllabus specifications to ensure that I am registering for the correct subject.
- I recognise that I am liable to pay fees for any entry/amendment fee after deadline for registration.
- I agree to comply with Pearson Edexcel exams regulations and with the arrangements made by Al Maha Academy.
- Cancellations before the first closing date will result in a 75% refund.
- I understand that fees are neither refundable nor carried forward to next examination session. Refunds are not applicable for any cancellation after the first closing date.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent

I parent of the above mentioned student, approve that my daughter sit the January session for the following subjects _____, _____, _____ despite teacher/head recommendation not to.

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Name: _____

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Level	Number of Subjects/ Units	x Fees	Totals
Total			
Exam Officer Signature			
Date			



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Examinations Services – School Candidates

Price List for January 2020

IGCSE Level (Edexcel) Exam Fees (QAR) per Subject			
Entry stage	Final Entry Deadline – 13 th of October	Late Entry Period Deadline- 10 th of November	Very Late Period From 11 th of November onwards
IGCSE Subject	1100	2200	3300

IAL Level (Edexcel) Exam Fees (QAR) per Unit			
Entry stage	Final Entry	Late Entry Period	Very Late Period
	Deadline – 13 th of October	Deadline- 10 th of November	From 11 th of November onwards
For Sciences & Math* *C12 is considered two units	600	1200	1800
For Humanities (Business Studies, ICT & Psychology)	800	1600	2400
For Arabic	900	1800	2700

*Thank you for
listening !*

Questions & Answers