



**Everyone Counts, Everyone Contributes, Everyone Succeeds.**

### **Post 16 Admissions Policy 2023/24**

Horizon International School Post 16 is committed to providing places on an open-access basis. Our entry requirements are generic and indicative only. We are committed to recruiting for our Post 16 with integrity and transparency. We reserve the right to refuse admission to a course in some cases, even where the generic requirements are met, where our professional judgement is that this will affect student success. This will be on a case-by-case basis and in full consultation with the student and their parents.

### **16-19 Study Programme Requirements**

The pathway available to our Post 16 students is an academic one consisting of A Levels; within this, individual subject combinations 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.

### **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.

Student's 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**

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.

### **Application Process**

Applications 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 for 2023/24:**

#### Tuesday 17th January 2023

- A Level Options Evening for Students and Parents
- Prospectuses distributed Wednesday 25th January 2023
- A Level Options Taster Day for Students
- Option cards distributed

#### w/c Monday 30th January 2023



**Everyone Counts, Everyone Contributes, Everyone Succeeds.**

- A Level Options Interviews with Ms. Young, Year 13 tutor and Careers Advisor and Ms. Peacock, Assistant Principal and Head of Post 16

Monday 20th February 2023

- 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 October of the new academic year.

### **Progression into Year 13**

Progression to Year 13 is not automatic. Horizon International School Post 16 re-enrols Year 12 students onto Year 13 courses only if the following standards 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 re-sit 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).

- Students must have greater than 95% attendance and no unauthorised 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 x 55 minutes per week
- 15 hours of learning outside of lessons (minimum)
- IPQ or Inclusion – 3 hours per week
- Tutor time – 50 minutes per week
- PSHE & Moral Education – 2 x 40 minutes per week
- Assembly / Enrichment – 40 minutes per week
- MoE Arabic – 3 hours per week (Arab passport holders only)
- MoE Islamic – 1 hour 20 minutes per week (Muslim students only)
- PE – 55 minutes per week

### **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.

Individual questions and concerns can be discussed with the Head of Post 16 who can be contacted on the following email address: [nicolap@hisdubai.ae](mailto:nicolap@hisdubai.ae)