

Gr 7 and up

Rapale International School desires to meet the educational needs of our international student body. Our senior students will follow the International General Certificate of Secondary Education of Cambridge (IGCSE) in Grades 10 & 11 which later leads to the Cambridge AS and A Level examinations. This curriculum is internationally well recognized and should allow your child to enter colleges and universities worldwide. The books, teaching methods and grading system will be in line with the IGCSE system. Without the personnel resources to teach all the subject learning areas in the Cambridge IGCSE curriculum and due to the small number of pupils at this level, we as a school will, for a period of time use the *North Star Academy* distance learning curriculum for some of subjects. North Star is a UK base educational distance learning centre.

The IGCSE exams are prepared for during grade 10 & 11 with international examinations written at the end of the second year of study. Pupils following this curriculum will be mentored and tutored during these two years of studies. At this time we are not yet a qualified examination centre. We will be working towards these exams and keep you informed on the developments in this area.

The overall focus is develop pupils into independent learners who are fully equipped to tackle the IGCSE exams.

Main Subjects covered:

Mathematics:

For grades 7 & 8 we use the Cambridge Checkpoint Mathematics series. This is a trusted and well-established series which offers comprehensive preparation for IGCSE in mathematics. The books include sections on calculations, mental strategies, investigations and problem-solving, helping students to apply Mathematics to real-life situations.

For grades 9 & 10 we use the Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics Core & Extended Coursebook. This has clearly marked core & extended material, plenty of useful tips for students, exam style practice sessions & presents the methods to the students in a practical & easy-to-follow way.

English:

Students complete the checkpoint syllabus in grade 8 and start IGCSE English in grade 9. Our aim is to develop their intellectual, personal and professional abilities. The students are taught basic language skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing in order to communicate effectively and for them to acquire the linguistic competence needed for interactions in various life situations.

Science:

Students follow the checkpoint syllabus up to grade 8. This covers general scientific concepts laying the foundation for the IGCSE syllabus in which they branch off into the pure sciences namely, Physics, biology and Chemistry. We aim to provide students with an enjoyable learning experience while equipping them with the sufficient knowledge, investigative and practical skills to tackle their final exams.

Assessment:

Students are assessed regularly through in class tests which are carried out at the end of each topic. Every term there is a test week in which pupils carry out tests in exam type conditions. In the last

term before IGCSE examinations pupils undertake mock examinations to ascertain their predicted grades for the final examinations.

Assessment

At the end of each grade, pupils are expected to have grasped the concept taught during that year in preparation to move to the next level. Revision of work done during the previous grade is done before new concepts are introduced. A written report is sent home at the end of each term, to give you a clear picture of your child's achievement. In addition to this, there are three parent consultations held in the year so that parents may come and look at their child's work and discuss it with the teacher.