



## GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS

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The mission of The International School of Paphos is to provide opportunities for all students to achieve their personal best and become responsible, productive global citizens who embrace lifelong learning. All students, whatever their academic ability, background or race, deserve a quality education in which their individual needs are met and supported. We provide a safe and positive environment for teaching and learning that values diversity and co-operation, while inspiring our students to be proud of their own heritage. We aim to ensure that their expectations are high and their self-esteem even higher and encourage them to become critical, independent thinkers. Our valued partners in this endeavour are not just students and staff, but also families, parents and members of the local and wider community. We believe that a balanced education is the root of true excellence. This is what we mean by our motto: 'Pan Metron Ariston'.

**Παν Μέτρον Ἀριστον (Pan Metron Ariston)** stems from ancient Greek wisdom and reflects our commitment to setting admirable standards while providing balance, moderation, stability and harmony in education. We aim to offer every child an education for life, with academic achievement as its core but with life skills at its heart.

The school has been registered with The Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture since 1987 and functions under its regulations and the laws of The Republic of Cyprus.

The school has strong links with the British Council and is registered as a centre with two of the most prestigious and well-known Examination Boards in England: Pearson/Edexcel and Cambridge Assessment International Education.

The International School of Paphos is also the only registered centre and the first school in Cyprus to offer the Ellinomatheia Examinations. These examinations were developed by a group of eminent academics at the Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki in Greece. In addition, the school is registered as a centre with the Cyprus Computer Society (CCS).

The school caters for the needs of children from Kindergarten to Year 13. Our mission is to serve each and every one of our students, from the youngest to the oldest, as part of our school family and as an individual.

The Primary School covers, under its umbrella, the Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1 to 5. Our Primary School consists of the Kindergarten, the Infant Classes (Reception, Year 1, Year 2) and the Junior School (Years 3 to 6). The Secondary School (Years 7 to 13) prepare students for external examinations up to A Level in Year 13 and for the School's Apolytirion (School-leaving Certificate), which is recognised by The Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture.

The school follows the English National Curriculum, but has a more flexible approach, as it is mindful of both local and international educational needs and cultures. It is a private Cypriot school which adheres to directives from The Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture. The staff displays empathy towards our students and their varied academic needs. Furthermore, our staff members are specialists in their subjects and most are bilingual.

The programme of study in Years 10 and 11 follows a structured options scheme where students choose, for IGCSE, up to six subjects in addition to English and Mathematics, which are compulsory. If students join the school in Year 10, they may not be able to take all eight subjects and therefore be limited to six or seven.

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Additionally, students of Greek or Cypriot origin must take IGCSE Greek as a Foreign Language and may do so in an accelerated programme. Some students, at the end of Year 9, are selected to follow an Advanced Mathematics programme in Year 10 and complete the IGCSE in Mathematics in one year.

Students in Years 12 and 13 also follow a structured options scheme of up to five A Level subjects: the normal expected is four in Year 12 and three in Year 13. Some students may have the option of taking the A Level in Modern Greek or Mathematics early. The school's policy does not recommend that students take units in January, but sit all examinations in June, at the end of Year 12 or 13. In addition to A Level courses set by the UK Examination Boards, the school offers a number of compulsory courses such as Citizenship, Physical Education and Writing Skills (only in Year 12). During Year 13, students may also opt to take a course in English Language qualification - IELTS or Greek Culture.

Predicted grades given to institutes of tertiary education are based on the AS Level results, teachers' judgement and internal assessments.

From Years 7 to 10, reports for students are based on percentages from internal testing. During Years 11 to 13, students will sit external examinations from the UK Examination Boards: Cambridge Assessment International Education or Pearson/Edexcel. In addition,

during Years 12 and 13, students will undertake tests for the Apolytirion which is approved by The Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture.

ISOP GRADE DESCRIPTION	ISOP GRADE	ISOP PERCENTAGE YEARS 7 - 9	ISOP PERCENTAGE YEARS 10 - 13
Excellent	A*	90-100	85-100
Very Good	A	80-89	75-84
Good	B	66-79	65-74
Satisfactory	C	50-65	50-64
Room for Improvement	D	45-49	45-49
Causing Concern	E	40-44	40-44
Fail	U	0-39	0-39

GRADE DESCRIPTION	YEAR 11 External Examinations	GRADE DESCRIPTION	YEAR 12 and 13 External Examinations
Excellent	A*	Outstanding	A*
Very Good	A	Excellent	A
Good	B	Very Good	B
Satisfactory	C	Good	C
Room for Improvement	D	Room for Improvement	D
Causing Concern	E,F,G	Poor	E
Fail	U	Fail	U

DESCRIPTION	YEARS 12 + 13 APOLYTIRION GRADE OUT OF 20
Distinction	19-20
Merit	16-18
Good	13-15

Pass	10-12
Fail	0-9