

Welcome to Secondary 2011 – 2012

Aims for Secondary

- To create stronger links between our Primary (Primary Years Programme, International Baccalaureate – IB) and Secondary programmes (Cambridge – IGCSE)
- To provide students with a broad knowledge base
- To introduce students to the system of testing and exam technique at an early stage
- To give students choices of what they study

PYP to Cambridge? Can it work?

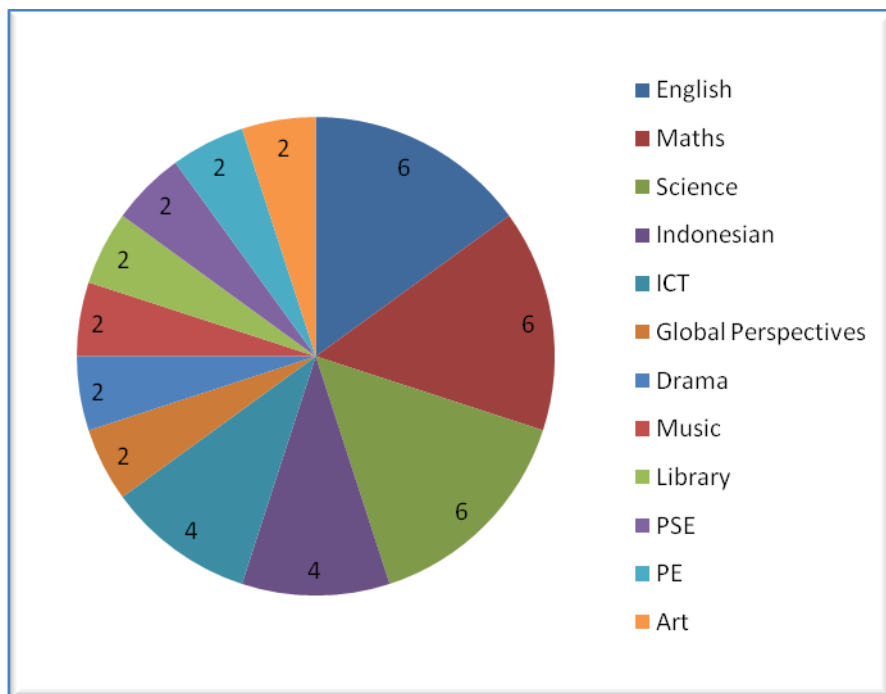
- Yes.
- By completing PYP and then moving onto the Cambridge curriculum, we have found the perfect balance for developing our student's mind, body and spirit as well as preparing them for the competitive global environment of the world today.
- This is further strengthened by some new, innovative courses from Cambridge which have strong links to the IB curriculum including Global Perspectives which we will talk more about later.

Year 7 and Year 8 – The Lower Secondary Programme

- In Year 7 and 8 students will work towards their first set of exams in 'The Lower Secondary Programme'
- Students take externally moderated exams at the end of Year 8 in English (First or Second language, Maths and Science.)



Breakdown for Year 7 and 8 Subjects (number of periods per week)



At the end of Year 8, students will be asked to make some choices regarding their courses for IGCSE.

For the coming academic year, 2011-2012, the options are as follows;

Core Subjects for Year 9 students:

- English as a First Language or English as a Second Language
- Mathematics
- Co-ordinated Science (Physics, Biology, Chemistry) – 2 IGCSEs
- ICT
- Indonesian as a Foreign Language



What else?

In addition to this students will also be able to choose:

- Art and Design or Global Perspectives

AND

- Physical Education or Business Studies

This means students will obtain **8 IGCSEs** in total. This is three more than JIMS has been able to offer in the past. Our aim is to broaden the knowledge base of our students as they move into higher education.

What is Global Perspectives?

- Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives is a groundbreaking new course that is cross-curricular, stretching across traditional subject boundaries.
- Meeting government ministers, organising a local river clean-up project and writing to the United Nations about climate change, are just some of the activities students are pursuing through the Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives course.
- The emphasis is on developing the ability to think critically about a range of global issues where there is always more than one point of view.
- Global Perspectives, which JIMS students will be studying from year 7 level (replacing Social Studies) creates a perfect link with our PYP curriculum, encouraging ideas of global citizens, nurture of our environment and an awareness of the world's future.
- It taps into the way today's students enjoy learning – including group work, seminars, projects, and working with other students around the world.

Please see attachment for information on all IGCSE courses offered.

Structure of Secondary

- Next year all year levels will be completely split.
- Year 7 through to Year 10 will be separated for every class.
- As we grow, we are able to cater more and more to the specifics of each year level, offering the best possible chance of success for each student.



Extending the School Day

- From August 2011, Secondary students will finish at 3.30pm.
- From 2.30pm to 3.30pm, students will be doing extracurricular subjects such as Art, Music, Drama and PE.
- This is the beginning of a move to separate the Primary and Secondary timetables, which we aim to be possible by 2012 – 2013 Academic Year.

If you have any questions or queries regarding Secondary please contact Ms Emily Westwood (Secondary Coordinator) or Mr John Godbold (IGCSE Corodinator).



Option Form

For Year 8 students going into Year 9,

Please fill in and hand option form to Ms Emily no later than **Monday 9th May 2011.**

Name.....

Core Subjects	Sitting
Mathematics	✓
Science (Co-ordinated)	✓
Indonesian	✓
ICT	✓
English First Language*	
English Second Language*	

*Please tick either English First Language **or** English Second Language

Option Block 1 Subjects (choose 1)	
Art and Design	
Global Perspectives	

Option Block 2 Subjects (choose 1)	
Physical Education	
Business Studies	

