

IGCSE PROGRAM BRIEF



Verdala
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Students in 10th grade at Verdala International School are enrolled in the two-year International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) programme. The 2023-2024 academic year is the final year the IGCSE will be offered as a Program at VIS, and the June 2024 Summer Exam Series is the final year external IGCSE exams will be offered at our Exam Center.

VIS is an authorized Exam Center for both the Cambridge International Examinations and the Pearson Edexcel examination boards.

We strive to ensure that all of our students become knowledgeable, inquisitive and ethical contributors to our world.

Knowledgeable

Students at VIS have an understanding of concepts, ideas and issues across a broad range of disciplines with global and local significance.

Inquisitive

Students at VIS participate in their learning by exploring a variety of situations with courage and an open mind. They are reflective and appreciate diverse points of view.

Ethical

Students at VIS act with integrity and honesty. They demonstrate a strong sense of justice and fairness by respecting individuals, communities and the environment.

Contributors

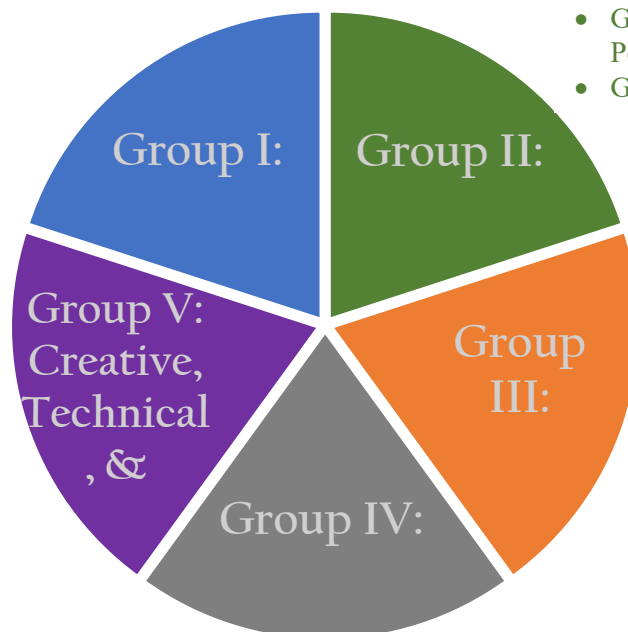
Students at VIS actively pursue opportunities to contribute responsibly to their local and global communities.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Verdala International School is committed to providing students with a wide range of courses that will lay a solid foundation for later entry into the school's International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Our school's current course offerings in

- First Language English
- English Literature
- Additional Languages
 - English
 - French
 - Italian
 - Spanish

- World History
- Global Perspectives
- Geography



- Coordinated Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, & Physics)

- Art & Design
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Music

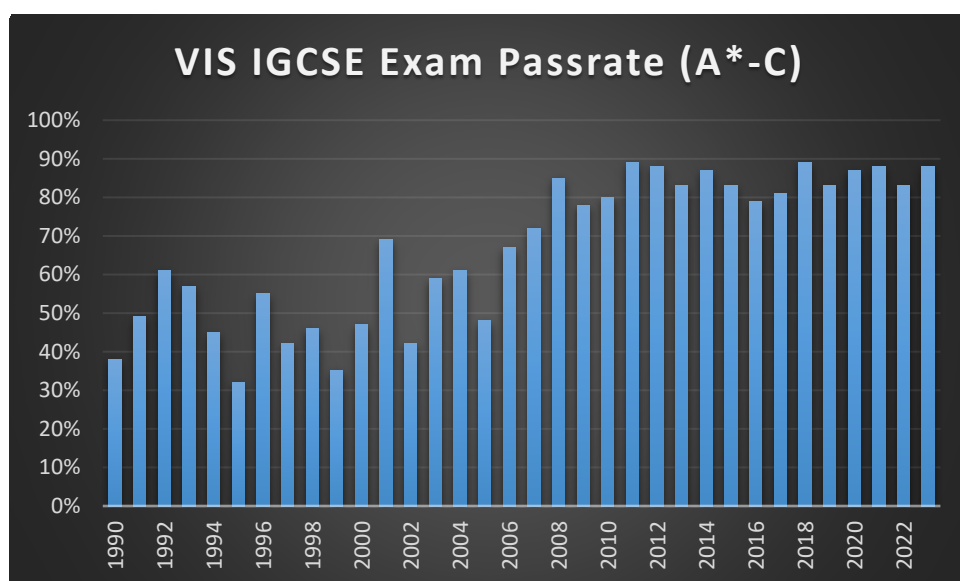
- International Mathematics

IGCSE Physical Education

Students in our IGCSE Programme are expected to take one course in each Groups II, III, IV, and V; and two subjects in Group I (one English course and one Additional Language). The Combined Sciences course is a Double Award subject. The Group 1: First Language & Literature English course is taught as two subjects in one course. Lastly, all Grade 9 and 10 students have Physical Education as a subject, but it is not an IGCSE course subject. In Group V, Art & Design and Computer Science are a part of Pearson Edexcel International GCSE, separate from Cambridge International Education.

ACADEMIC RESULTS

Verdala International School is an open enrolment school, catering to students with a wide range of abilities and backgrounds; students in the VIS High School hold passports from over forty different countries and use over twenty native languages on campus. In order to cater for the highly heterogeneous nature of our student population, each examination candidate is set his or her own personal targets that are designed to reasonably push the student to achieve at his or her own full potential. Verdala is proud of its record of student achievement, with IGCSE candidates regularly performing above world standards in their subject areas. In the most recent examination session (June 2023), 88% of students achieved A* to C grades in the subjects they took.



Verdala International School’s IGCSE students regularly perform above world averages, with students scoring above their global peers in the A* to C range for all subjects examined. We are an inclusive High School Programme that encourages all students to sit for examination, regardless of their academic strengths and weaknesses. Our challenging two year IGCSE Program prepares learners for the rigours International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Grades 11 and 12.

CREATIVE SERVICE IN THE IGCSE PROGRAMME

Students develop awareness of the needs in VIS and Malta’s community; and address those needs through service and experiential learning in during Monthly Hour to Serve sessions.

ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS

Additional unique components to the IGCSE Programme at Verdala are the incorporation of weekly sessions in Advisory and PSHE (Physical, Social, and Health Education). Advisory sessions allow opportunities for students to improve study skills, organization, critical thinking and additional approaches to learning that strengthen their academic and mental well-being in High School. Our PSHE course focused on developing young learners’ social and emotional health.