

STRUCTURE FOR THE S4 AND S5 COURSES

The Digest of Decisions of the Board of Governors of the European Schools, Chapter XIV states: "Each pupil will have to take 31 to 35 periods per week. The scheme shown below is made up of 27 to 29 periods of core subjects, common to all pupils, plus 4 to 8 option periods. For the latter, pupils have to choose from six subjects. The same timetable will apply in both the 4th and the 5th years." The structure consists of:

1. Compulsory subjects (core subjects) for all pupils:

Core subjects (compulsory)	Number of periods
Biology	2
Chemistry	2
Gymnastics	2
Geography	2
History	2
Language 1 (L1)	4 (a)
Language 2 (L2)	3 (b)
Language 3 (L3)	3 (c)
Maths (NB.1)	4 or 6
Physics	2
Religion/Ethics	1
TOTAL	27 or 29 (according to the choice between maths 4 or maths 6)

a) - basic language section or L1 for the ET and HR pupils (Swals);

b) - working language ;

c) - language chosen in S1

NB: the choice between Maths 4 or Maths 6 is compulsory for all pupils (see enrolment form).

2. Optional subjects (a minimum of 4 periods) :

Optional subjects	Number of periods
Ancient Greek	4
Art	2
Economics taught in L2	4
Music	2
ICT	2
Language 4 (L4) (NB.2)	4
Latin	4

In total, the pupil will have a weekly timetable of 31, 33 or 35 periods according to the number of optional subjects chosen.

Remark 1: The choice of options cannot be changed after 15 December 2023, except for the mathematics course and according to the procedure below:

- A pupil who has chosen the 6 period Mathematics subject at the beginning of S4 and who realizes that he/she has made the wrong choice and that his/her chances of success in this course are limited, may opt for the 4 period Mathematics course with the agreement of the Deputy Director and the Class council. A written request should be sent by the parents to the Deputy Director by the end of the first semester.
- A pupil who has chosen the 6 period Mathematics course in S4 and who is promoted to S5 may opt to take in S5 the 4 period Mathematics course with the approval of the Deputy Director and the class council (a written request should be sent by the parents to the Deputy Director) before the S4 June class council. It is not possible for the pupil to start a subject in S5 which he/she did not follow in S4.

Remark 2: Language 4 (L4):

The L4 language is taught as an optional course from S4 onwards. Pupils may choose any official European Union language which is not already studied as L2 or L3.

The L2 and L3 languages chosen and attended in previous years are compulsory in S4.

Remark 3: Please note that following combinations are not allowed:

- Economics 4 + Latin 4
- Ancient Greek 4 + L4
- 2 different L4 courses
- ONL (Irish) + L4

Remark 4: To create courses/options in S4, the school applies the European Schools rules, i.e:

- An option course is created if a minimum of seven pupils are enrolled;
- Under no circumstances can a pupil leave a course if his withdrawal results in the cancellation of the course.

CHOICE GRID – S4 CLASSES FOR 2023-2024

SUBJECT CHOICE		
COMPULSORY SUBJECT	NUMBER OF PERIODS	YOUR CHOICE
Mathematics 4	4	
OR		
Mathematics 6	6	

SHARED SUBJECTS	27 or 29 (according to the choice of math 4 or math 6)
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OPTION CHOICES	NUMBER OF PERIODS	YOUR CHOICE
German L4	4	
Dutch L4	4	
Spanish L4	4	
Italian L4	4	
French L4	4	
Other EU language as L4	4	
ONL (Irish)	4	
ICT	2	
Art	2	
Music	2	
Economics	4	
Latin	4	
Ancient Greek	4	
The total amount of periods must be between 31 and 35		

- Impossible combinations:
- Economics 4 + Latin 4
 - Ancient Greek 4 + L4
 - 2 L4 courses
 - ONL (Irish) + L4