



CHATSWORTH  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# IB Diploma Information Booklet 2020–2022

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We are here to help!



Dear Students, Parents and Guardians of Year 11,

The following pages will provide you with information and guidance regarding the different academic programmes available to Chatsworth students in Years 12 and 13. Accompanying this document are application forms. Please read through this information carefully; students should discuss their choices in detail with their parents/guardians as well as our University Advisor. The completed application form, along with supporting documents, is to be submitted by **6 March 2020**.

After a review of the student's application and all supporting documentation (placement tests, school reports, teacher recommendations and feedback, MYP grades, attendance reports, etc.) a proposal will be made by Student Services and approved by the Academic Board with regards to the most suitable programme (IB Diploma with Chatsworth High School Diploma or IB Certificate / Course with Chatsworth High School Diploma) and any possible conditions attached to a placement offered in Year 12. This decision will be communicated to both the student and the parents/guardians in writing in Semester 2 of Year 11.

## Application Process / Timeline

The timeline on the subject selection for the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and its application process is outlined below.

Date	Event	Presenter/ In-charge
January 2020	IBDP overview, Pamoja Online Course	IBDP Coordinator Pamoja Coordinator
January 2020	Application forms released	IBDP Coordinator
January 2020	University advising presentation	University Advisor/ IBDP Coordinator
January - February 2020	IBDP subject presentation (teachers outline their specific IBDP subjects to students to aid in course selection and planning)	Subject Teachers
January - February 2020	<b>Core Components:</b> CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) TOK (Theory of Knowledge) EE (Extended Essay)	TOK Teachers, CAS Coordinator EE Coordinator
February - April 2019	University advisors meetings	University Advisor
27 February 2020	IBDP parent evening (students are encouraged to attend)	Head, IBDP Coordinator & HODs
<b>6 March 2020</b>	<b>Application form submission</b>	<b>To IBDP Coordinator</b>
March 2020	Review of application	Student Services

## IB Diploma Programme - Programmes Offered

- Full IB Diploma
- IB Course (Certificate)

Full IB Diploma (leading to a Chatsworth High School Diploma)	IB Course (Certificate) (leading to a Chatsworth High School Diploma <sup>#</sup> )
6 subjects (3 at Higher Level, 3 at Standard Level <sup>*^</sup> )	6 subjects at Standard Level <sup>^</sup>
Theory of Knowledge <sup>*</sup>	
Extended Essay <sup>*</sup>	
Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) programme <sup>*^</sup>	Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) programme <sup>*^</sup>



\*Compulsory IBDP component

<sup>^</sup> Compulsory Chatsworth graduation requirement

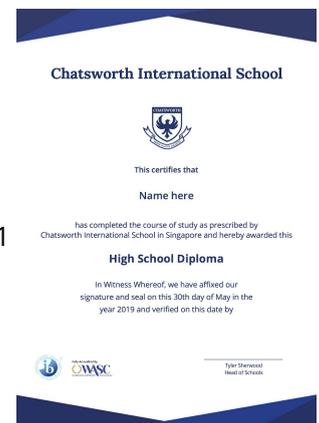
<sup>#</sup> Note that our High School Diploma is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and colleges and has its own set of requirements.

## Chatsworth High School Diploma

The Chatsworth High School Diploma is Chatsworth's school leaving certificate awarded to students who meet our general graduation requirements. It counts credits (courses taken), tracking students from Year 10 through to Year 13 (most courses are 1 credit per year). Students need to obtain a certain number of credits overall and, more specifically, in English, Math, Science and Electives.

If you are passing courses and had a full complement of classes from Year 10 and 11 when joining Chatsworth, then you will almost certainly earn the Chatsworth High School Diploma. However, if you did not pass some classes (i.e you were awarded lower than a grade 3, particularly in English, then you are at risk of not graduating from Chatsworth and should check your graduation status with the University Advisor as quickly as possible.

The credit requirements for earning the Chatsworth High School Diploma are shown on the next page.



# Credit Requirements for the Chatsworth High School Diploma

	For IB Diploma Student	For IB Certificate (IB Course) Student
English	4	4
Math	3	3
Science	3	3
Humanities	3	3
Foreign Language*	2 / 0	2 / 0
Electives (eg. PE, Arts, IT, TOK) (an elective is anything over and above required)	8 / 10	8 / 10
Total Credits (absolute minimum)	23	23
Total Semesters	8	8
Total Years	4	4
Other Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must be in good standing (demonstrating the academic, mature and motivational capability to proceed to the next year level)</li> <li>Successful completion of CAS</li> <li>90% attendance requirement</li> </ul>		
Note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only applicable for students with English as a First Language</li> </ul>		

Note: One credit is awarded for each successfully completed subject per year (semester grade of at least 3) in Years 10-13 or equivalent prior study.

The screenshot shows a detailed credit requirements page for Chatsworth International School. It lists courses for each year (Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, Year 13) and provides a breakdown of credits for each. The page includes the school's name, logo, and contact information. The bottom of the page features logos for 'edmentum', 'iB', and 'IB' along with the text 'School Official Signature & Title' and 'Date Printed September 8, 2017'. The page number 'Page 15' is also visible.

## IB Diploma Programme - Subjects Offered

### Group One: Studies in Language & Literature

- Language A: Language and Literature HL/SL
- (School Supported Self-taught) SL

### Group Two: Language Acquisition

- English B HL
- French B HL/SL
- Mandarin B HL/SL
- Spanish Ab Initio\* SL
- Mandarin Ab Initio SL (Pamoja, extra fees apply)
- Spanish B SL (Pamoja, extra fees apply)
- French Ab Initio SL (Pamoja, extra fees apply)

### Group Three: Individuals and Societies

- Economics HL/SL
- History HL/SL
- Geography HL/SL
- Psychology HL/SL (Pamoja, extra fees apply)
- Business Management HL/SL (Pamoja, extra fees apply)

### Group Four: Experimental Science

- Biology HL/SL
- Chemistry HL/SL
- Physics HL/SL

### Group Five: Mathematics

- Mathematics: Analysis and approaches course (HL)
- Mathematics: Analysis and approaches course (SL)
- Mathematics: Applications and interpretation course (SL)

### Group Six: The Arts

- Music HL/SL\*
- Theatre HL/SL\*
- Visual Art HL/SL

***\*Either Music or Theatre will be offered subject to sufficient student numbers. The school will finalise this after reviewing student subject selections***

Note: Subjects are offered subject to sufficient student demand. Chatsworth reserves the right to amend subject offerings at any time.

Groups	Subjects
<p>Group 1 Studies in Language and Literature</p>	<p><b>English A language and Literature HL/SL</b> This course is designed to support future academic study by developing a high social, aesthetic and cultural literacy, as well as effective communication skills. Focus is directed towards developing and understanding the constructed nature of meanings generated by language and the function of context in the process. The course aims to develop in students skills of textual analysis and the understanding that texts, both literary and non-literary, can be seen as autonomous yet simultaneously related to culturally determined reading practices.</p> <p><b>School Supported Self-taught Language A: Literature</b> This programme is primarily a pre-university course in literature. It is aimed at students who intend to pursue literature, or related studies, at university, as well as at students whose formal study of literature will not continue beyond this level. The former would normally follow the Higher Level (HL) programme and the latter the Standard Level (SL).</p> <p>Students must have native or near native fluency in the target language.</p>
<p>Group 2 Language Acquisition</p>	<p><b>English B</b> <b>French B</b> <b>Mandarin B</b> <b>Spanish B SL (Pamoja)</b></p> <p>The Language B course is for students with some previous experience (ideally between three and five years) of learning the target language. The main focus of these courses is on language acquisition and the development of skills considerably beyond those expected of an ab initio candidate, up to a fairly sophisticated degree at higher level.</p> <p><b>Spanish Ab Initio (Standard Level only)</b> <b>French Ab initio SL (Pamoja)</b> <b>Mandarin Ab initio SL (Pamoja)</b></p> <p>The Language ab initio courses are language learning courses for beginners, designed to be followed over two years by students who have no or very little previous experience of learning the target language. The main focus of the courses is on the acquisition of language required for purposes and situations usual in everyday social interaction. Language ab initio courses are only available at Standard Level.</p>
<p>Group 3 Individuals and Societies</p>	<p><b>Economics</b></p> <p>Economics is essentially concerned with the concept of scarcity and the issue of resource allocation. The study of Economics helps us to understand many real world issues, such as international trade and economic development. Throughout the course, students will gain an understanding of the trade-offs between equity and efficiency whilst also studying the role of private firms, households and government in today's mixed economies. In addition to learning about economic theory and concepts, students will also develop the skills needed to evaluate the ability of economic models to explain the complexities of economies, and the outcomes of decisions made by firms, households and the government.</p>

Group 3  
Individuals and  
Societies

### **History**

The DP history course is a world history course based on a comparative and multi-perspective approach to history. It involves the study of a variety of types of history, including political, economic, social and cultural, and provides a balance of structure and flexibility. The course emphasizes the importance of encouraging students to think historically and to develop historical skills as well as gaining factual knowledge. It puts a premium on developing the skills of critical thinking, and on developing an understanding of multiple interpretations of history. In this way, the course involves a challenging and demanding critical exploration of the past.

### **Geography**

Geography is a dynamic subject firmly grounded in the real world, and focuses on the interactions between individuals, societies and physical processes in both time and space. It seeks to identify trends and patterns in these interactions. It also investigates the way in which people adapt and respond to change, and evaluates actual and possible management strategies associated with such change. Geography describes and helps to explain the similarities and differences between different places, on a variety of scales and from different perspectives.

### **Psychology HL/SL (Pamoja)**

Psychology is the systematic study of behaviour and mental processes. It has its roots in both the natural and social sciences, leading to a variety of research designs and applications, providing a unique approach to understanding modern society. Our students will examine how the interaction of biological, cognitive and sociocultural influences affects human behaviour, thereby adopting an integrative approach. Understanding how psychological knowledge is generated, developed and applied enables our students to achieve a greater understanding and appreciation of the diversity of human behaviour. The ethical concerns raised by the methodology and application of psychological research are key considerations in psychology. Psychology takes a holistic approach that fosters intercultural understanding and respect. Cultural diversity is explored and our students are encouraged to develop empathy for the feelings and needs. The course requires mathematical skills to be able to do statistical analysis. Psychology is offered through our partnership with Pamoja, a leading IBDP online course provider. Extra fees apply.

### **Business Management HL/SL (Pamoja)**

Business Management students will be able to understand the complexity and dynamism of the business environment. They will develop their knowledge and understanding of business theories. Students analyse, discuss and evaluate business activities in a local, national and international context. The course covers the key characteristics of business organisation and environment, and the business functions of human resource management, finance, accounts, marketing and operations management. Through the exploration of six underpinning concepts (change, culture, ethics, globalization, innovation and strategy), the course allows students to develop a holistic understanding of today's complex and dynamic business environment. The conceptual learning is firmly anchored in business management theories, tools and techniques and placed in the context of real world examples and case studies. Links between the topics are central to the course. The course encourages the appreciation of ethical concerns at both a local and global level. It aims to develop relevant and transferable skills, including the ability to: think critically; make ethically sound and well-informed decisions; appreciate the pace, nature and significance of change; think strategically; and undertake long-term planning, analysis and evaluation. The course also develops subject specific skills, such as financial analysis. Business Management is offered through our partnership with Pamoja, a leading IBDP online course provider. Extra fees apply.

Group 4  
Experimental Science

The group 4 project is a collaborative activity where students from different group 4 subjects, within or between schools, work together. It allows for concepts and perceptions from across disciplines to be shared while appreciating the environmental, social and ethical implications of science and technology. It can be practically or theoretically based and aims to develop an understanding of the relationships between scientific disciplines and their influence on other areas of knowledge. The emphasis is on interdisciplinary cooperation and the scientific processes.

**Biology HL/SL**

Biology is the study of life. The vast diversity of species makes biology both an endless source of fascination and a considerable challenge. Biologists attempt to understand the living world at all levels from the micro to the macro using many different approaches and techniques. Biology is still a young science and great progress is expected in the 21st century. This progress is important at a time of growing pressure on the human population and the environment. By studying biology in the DP students should become aware of how scientists work and communicate with each other. While the scientific method may take on a wide variety of forms, it is the emphasis on a practical approach through experimental work that characterizes the sciences. Teachers provide students with opportunities to design investigations, collect data, develop manipulative skills, analyse results, collaborate with peers and evaluate and communicate their findings.

**Chemistry HL/SL**

Chemistry is an experimental science that combines academic study with the acquisition of practical and investigational skills. Chemical principles underpin both the physical environment in which we live and all biological systems. Chemistry is often a prerequisite for many other courses in higher education, such as medicine, biological science and environmental science. Both theory and practical work should be undertaken by all students as they complement one another naturally, both in school and in the wider scientific community. The DP chemistry course allows students to develop a wide range of practical skills and to increase facility in the use of mathematics. It also allows students to develop interpersonal and information technology skills, which are essential to life in the 21st century.

**Physics HL/SL**

Physics is the most fundamental of the experimental sciences as it seeks to explain the universe itself, from the very smallest particles to the vast distances between galaxies. Despite the exciting and extraordinary development of ideas throughout the history of physics, observations remain essential to the very core of the subject. Models are developed to try to understand observations, and these themselves can become theories that attempt to explain the observations. Besides helping us better understand the natural world, physics gives us the ability to alter our environments. This raises the issue of the impact of physics on society, the moral and ethical dilemmas, and the social, economic and environmental implications of the work of physicists.

<p>Group 5 Mathematics</p>	<p><b>Mathematics Analysis and Approaches: HL</b> Students keen on pursuing this course should have strong algebraic skills and enjoy solving challenging problems. Students will have to sit for a placement test within the first three weeks of school start to ensure that they have the necessary mathematics background for this rigorous mathematics course. It is a requirement that students have achieved a MYP 5 e-assessment Standard IBMYP Grade of at least 6 in their May 2019 exams. This new Math HL DP class focuses on calculus and algebra, graphical and numerical approaches. Mathematics HL Analysis and Approaches course is designed for students who wish to study mathematics as a subject in its own right or to pursue interests areas related to mathematics such as engineering and physical sciences. This course will appeal to those interested in exploring real and abstract mathematical concepts.</p> <p><b>Mathematics Analysis and Approaches: SL</b> This SL course is a subset of Mathematics HL but will be run as a separate class. This course is designed for students pursuing economics and social sciences.</p> <p><b>Mathematics: Application and Interpretations: SL</b> This course is designed to focus on the applied nature of the subject and students who wish to apply mathematics in the real world and other subjects will enjoy using technology and exploring mathematical models. It will also appeal to students who wish to apply mathematics in a practical context. Students keen on psychology, business and the natural sciences will find this mathematical course beneficial.</p>
<p>Group 6 The Arts</p>	<p><b>Note: Either Music <u>or</u> Theatre will be offered subject to sufficient student numbers. The school will finalise this after reviewing student subject selections.</b></p> <p><b>Music HL/SL</b> The purpose of the IB Music Course is to provide a strong foundation for the further study of music at the university level or in music career pathways as well as an enriching course of study leading to lifelong participation in the world of music for all students, regardless of their eventual career choice. Students will develop knowledge and awareness of the history and evolution of music from both Western Art Music and non-Western cultures and will be able to identify, evaluate, and reflect upon the similarities and differences of any two musical works. To do this, they will need knowledge of the musical fundamentals of melody, medium, harmony, meter, form, style, context, and technique, together with appropriate musical vocabulary. They will also apply this knowledge to the development of their individual musicianship skills as both performers and creators, with numerous opportunities to perform, compose, and arrange music. In all components, students will engage in a combination of teacher directed studies, independent research, and group research projects. In addition to these musical applications, students will also explore broader issues of musical context, the role of music in the history of humankind, artistic standards, and the relationship of music to other disciplines.</p>

<p>Group 6 The Arts</p>	<p><b>Theatre HL/SL</b> Theatre is a practical subject that encourages discovery through experimentation, risk-taking and the presentation of ideas. The IBDP Theatre course is multifaceted and gives students the opportunity to actively engage in theatre as creators, designers, directors and performers. It emphasizes working both individually and collaboratively as part of an ensemble. The teacher's role is to create opportunities that allow students to explore, learn, discover and collaborate to become autonomous, informed and skilled theatre-makers.</p> <p>The Theatre course at both HL and SL requires no previous experience in drama or theatre. Since the course is designed to enable students to experience theatre on a personal level, achievement in this subject is reflected in how students develop, extend and refine the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for studying this art form. Students' individual ability to be creative and imaginative, and to communicate in dramatic form, will be challenged and extended through the theoretical and practical content of the course.</p> <p><b>Visual Arts HL/SL</b> The IB Diploma Programme Visual Arts course encourages students to challenge their own creative and cultural expectations and boundaries. It is a thought-provoking course in which students develop analytical skills in problem-solving and divergent thinking, while working towards technical proficiency and confidence as art-makers. In addition to exploring and comparing visual arts from different perspectives and in different contexts, students are expected to engage in, experiment with and critically reflect upon a wide range of contemporary practices and media. The course is designed for students who want to go on to study visual arts in higher education as well as for those who are seeking lifelong enrichment through visual arts.</p>
<p>IBDP core requirements:</p>	<p><b>Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS)</b> Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) is at the heart of the DP. With its holistic approach, CAS is designed to strengthen and extend students' personal and interpersonal learning from the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP).</p> <p><b>Theory of Knowledge (TOK)</b> Theory of knowledge (TOK) is a course about critical thinking and inquiring into the process of knowing, rather than about learning a specific body of knowledge. It plays a special role in the DP by providing an opportunity for students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, to make connections between areas of knowledge and to become aware of their own perspectives and those of the various groups whose knowledge they share. It is a core element undertaken by all DP students, and schools are required to devote at least 100 hours of class time to the course. The overall aim of TOK is to encourage students to formulate answers to the question "how do you know?" in a variety of contexts, and to see the value of that question. This allows students to develop an enduring fascination with the richness of knowledge.</p>

IBDP core requirements:	<p><b>Extended Essay</b></p> <p>The Extended Essay is a compulsory, externally assessed piece of independent research into a topic chosen by the student and presented as a formal piece of academic writing. The extended essay is intended to promote high-level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity while engaging students in personal research. This leads to a major piece of formally presented, structured writing of up to 4,000 words in which ideas and findings are communicated in a reasoned, coherent and appropriate manner.</p>
	<p><b>Pamoja (online DP education - extra fees apply)</b></p> <p>Pamoja Education offers high quality online courses in the IB Diploma. Students undertaking studies through Pamoja will have the opportunity to learn with independence, space and control over their own learning, and will do so with the assistance of Pamoja based teacher who will deliver the content and assessment, and under the continual supervision of Chatsworth's Online Course Coordinator. The offering of Pamoja courses will afford students greater choice in the study of languages and humanities subjects, and offers a progressive and flexible manner of study. Subjects undertaken through Pamoja follow the full IB curriculum and assessment model.</p> <p>From the academic year of 2019-2020 onwards, Chatsworth Year 12/DP 1 students will be offered the opportunity of taking one of the following Pamoja online courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandarin Ab initio SL</li> <li>• French Ab initio SL</li> <li>• Spanish B SL</li> <li>• Psychology SL/HL</li> <li>• Business Management SL/HL</li> </ul> <p>The school will support the student by providing a subsidy for one online course. In an unusual case such as a transfer student from another school and/or country where the student is required to take a second Pajoma online course, the family will have to bear the full course fees for the additional course.</p> <p>The Pamoja offering will help to expand the subject selection options of Chatsworth IB Diploma and support the students to be more successful in the programme.</p>

### Additional Information

Students with documented medical conditions requiring additional services from the school may be provided with accommodations through the Student Health Management Policy. Students with documented learning disabilities requiring additional services from the school may be provided with accommodations through the Learning Support program. Students who require these additional accommodations in the classroom or on examinations will be subject to the applicable charges as defined in the Chatsworth Student Contract.

## IB Diploma Programme Entrance Requirements

The IB Diploma Programme may not be suitable for all students and a range of entrance criteria must be met by students, in order to be considered for the programme. It is our explicit aim to place students in programmes where they will experience academic success and social success.

The criteria that we use to evaluate student suitability is linked to: academic achievement, English language proficiency, approaches to learning and attitude and commitment, with indicators such as:

Domain	IB Diploma	IB Course (Certificate)
<p><b>Academic Achievement</b> Students need to have a sufficient foundation at MYP or equivalent level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher feedback</li> <li>• Minimum MYP grade 5, IGCSE grade B (or equivalent) for Higher Level (HL)</li> <li>• Minimum MYP grade 4/ IGCSE Year 11 report grades</li> <li>• SE grade C (or equivalent) for Standard Level (SL)</li> <li>• Recommendation from 3 teachers to take a course at Higher Level (HL)</li> <li>• Good MAP scores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 report grades</li> <li>• Teacher feedback</li> <li>• Typical minimum MYP grade 4, IGCSE grade C (or equivalent) for Standard Level (SL)</li> <li>• Good MAP scores</li> </ul>
<p><b>English Language Proficiency</b> (for non-native English speakers) Due to the high academic demands of the course, students need to be proficient in English and not require language support. Chatsworth entry criteria for year 12 is B2 European Common Framework level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 report grades</li> <li>• Teacher feedback</li> <li>• Oxford Placement Test: 87 - 109 points</li> <li>• MAP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 report grades</li> <li>• Teacher feedback</li> <li>• Oxford Placement Test: 57 - 86 points</li> <li>• MAP</li> </ul>

Domain	IB Diploma	IB Course (Certificate)
<p><b>Approaches to Learning</b> Students need to have the time management and interpersonal skills to keep on top of their studies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teacher feedback</li> <li>● Year 11 report</li> <li>● 'Approaches to Learning' (ATL) feedback</li> <li>● Attendance</li> <li>● Progress concern reports (lack of)</li> <li>● Discipline reports (lack of)</li> <li>● Report card - teacher comments and student reflections</li> <li>● Attendance</li> <li>● Participation in study support (when required)</li> <li>● Work submission</li> <li>● Teacher recommendation</li> <li>● Interaction with teachers</li> <li>● Academic honesty</li> <li>● Time management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teacher feedback</li> <li>● Year 11 report</li> <li>● 'Approaches to Learning' (ATL) feedback</li> <li>● Attendance</li> <li>● Progress concern reports (lack of)</li> <li>● Discipline reports (lack of)</li> <li>● Report card - teacher comments and student reflections</li> <li>● Attendance</li> <li>● Participation in study support (when required)</li> <li>● Work submission</li> <li>● Teacher recommendation</li> <li>● Interaction with teachers</li> <li>● Academic honesty</li> <li>● Time management</li> </ul>
<p><b>Attitude &amp; Commitment</b> Students are expected to demonstrate the IB Learner Profile and be fully committed to participating in this course.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Letter of Application</li> <li>● Teacher feedback</li> <li>● Homeroom teacher feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Letter of Application</li> <li>● Teacher feedback</li> <li>● Homeroom teacher feedback</li> </ul>
<p><b>Emotional Resilience</b> Due to the rigorous nature of the course students are expected to have a very high degree of emotional resilience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homeroom teacher feedback</li> <li>● Student Services recommendation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homeroom teacher feedback</li> <li>● Student Services recommendation</li> </ul>

Note: In extenuating circumstances, the school may offer a placement to a student based on other factors.

## Pathways for Year 12/13

There are generally two pathways for graduation for our students at Chatsworth International School. Students are either placed into DP courses/certificates or the full IB Diploma. Either way, all students graduate from Chatsworth with a WASC accredited high school diploma, except under special circumstances (such as attendance issues or incomplete academic backgrounds in High School prior to admission etc).

Upon successful completion, universities around the world will recognise our WASC accredited high school diploma (called the Chatsworth High School Diploma). However, some may require the full IB DP for direct entry into their programmes, while some may not. If you are a DP course/certificate student looking at a university requiring the full IB DP, then you may need to consider taking a foundation year first before entering their programme. Otherwise, you may need to consider a different university in a different country. Though there are broadly understood admissions requirements based on regions of the world, please note each university will have their own admissions requirements depending on the programme you are considering. It is best to look directly at the university's website to discover their admissions requirements. The university process is never clear cut, and admissions requirements may change from year to year.

## Pathways for Year 12/13

IB Diploma is a pre university course and a very demanding program. Placement letters in IB Diploma are issued by the IB Diploma Coordinator to all the students in Year 12

New students start our IB Diploma Programme with conditional offers, meaning that they are on probation so that we are able to guide them more closely as they start with our school. Every year, the report of students from Year 12 and 13 are reviewed and the students who are underperforming are required to sign a probation contract with the school. Eventually the student's performance determines whether or not they will be offered a Diploma or Course (Certificate). It is our sincere aim that every student graduates successfully, in an academic programme that is challenging to them. In principle, we seek for our students to be appropriately challenged and not overwhelmed by their academic course while with us.

## Sample Acceptance Letter into our Year 12 programme

Dear Parents / Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

### **Re: Final confirmation of Year 2020-2022 academic pathways**

As you know, Year 12/ Grade 11 marks the start of our final academic programs at Chatsworth. Students in Year 12/ Grade are eligible for either:

- the full IB Diploma or
- the "IB Course" (typically taking IBDP "standard level" certificates, without TOK or EE)

Both of these typically lead to the Chatsworth High School Diploma, if students pass the required number of courses each year. While the certificates earned in the IB Course tend to strengthen the Chatsworth High School Diploma, the IB Diploma itself is often viewed as an alternative to a high school diploma by some universities.

Chatsworth offer students places in these programs based on a number of factors. An evaluation committee meets to make final decisions, and takes into consideration evidence regarding the following domains in a holistic review:

#### Student's application

- Academic Achievement
- English Language Proficiency (for non-native English speakers)
- Approaches to Learning
- Attitude & Commitment
- Emotional Stability

Based on the above and having thoroughly reviewed your child's file, Chatsworth is pleased to offer:

- IB Diploma (unconditional offer)
- IB Diploma (conditional offer)
- IB Course (unconditional offer)
- IB Course (conditional offer)

Please note further information will be sent to parents of students offered 'conditional' places. Should you have any questions, please get in touch with me at anytime.

Sincerely,

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## High School Academic Structure 2020-21

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## IBDP Subject Groups and Department Heads

Group	Head of Department	Email
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