



## Why Choose A-Levels at BIST?

- ▶ Established and well trusted qualifications. They have been in existence since 1951.
- ▶ They allow students to specialize and acquire in-depth knowledge in their chosen fields.
- ▶ Students develop a wide range of skills under the guidance of experienced and knowledgeable teachers.
- ▶ A-Levels are respected and trusted by universities worldwide.
- ▶ The qualifications prepare students for life as an undergraduate, encouraging independence, application of knowledge and critical thinking.

## How do A-Levels Work?

- ▶ Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) break down the qualification into 2 parts: the Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS Level) studied in Year 12 and the Advanced Level (A-Level) studied in Year 13.
- ▶ Students chose a maximum of 4 subjects at AS Level in Year 12, in some cases reducing this to 3 A-Levels in Year 13.

## What do universities expect from A-Level applicants?

- ▶ Universities trust the A-Level qualifications as they represent academic rigour.
- ▶ For most university courses the subject requirements are broad.
- ▶ Students wishing to apply for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science will need to fulfill specific requirements.

## Are A-Levels better than the IB qualification?

*There is no such thing as better, only different! Some main points of comparison include:*

A-Level	IB
3 or 4 subjects	6 subjects as well as compulsory elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theory Of Knowledge (TOK)</li><li>• CAS element (Creativity Activity Service),</li><li>• 4000 word essay component</li></ul>
Specialise in an area and free choice of the subjects	<b>Must</b> study a range of subjects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maths</li><li>• Science</li><li>• A language</li><li>• An arts or humanities subject</li></ul>
CIE board used by BIST offers exams at the end of Year 12	IB exams taken across a 3 week period at the end of the second year