



## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME 2019-20



### WHAT IS THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme was established in 1968 by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), a non-profit educational organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. It is an academically challenging and balanced two-year program of studies aimed at students in grades 11 and 12 that leads to a qualification, which is recognized by the world's leading universities. Today, almost 2800 schools in over 140 countries are authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme.

Students in the diploma programme learn more than a collection of facts; they are encouraged to ask challenging questions, learn how to think critically and apply what they have learned in different contexts and across disciplines, develop a strong sense of their own identity and the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

### THE IB CURRICULUM

Students in the IB Diploma Programme study six courses at standard or higher level, selected from the following subject groups:

- Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature
- Group 2: Language Acquisition
- Group 3: Individuals and Societies
- Group 4: Sciences
- Group 5: Mathematics
- Group 6: The Arts

Students must choose one subject from groups 1 – 5. The sixth subject may be an art subject from group 6, or an additional subject from groups 1 – 5. Three of the subjects are normally studied at Higher level and three subjects at Standard Level. Language acquisition courses are being offered at different levels, based on the student's prior knowledge of the language.

In addition to the six main subjects, the IB Diploma programme has the following core requirements that broaden the educational experience and challenge students to apply their knowledge:

#### *Theory of Knowledge*

A course designed to explore the nature of knowledge by critically examining ways of knowing and different areas of knowledge (scientific, mathematical, artistic, historical).

#### *Extended Essay*

A research paper on a topic chosen by the student, related to one of the selected subjects. The extended essay acquaints students with the independent research and writing skills expected at university

#### *Creativity – Activity – Service (CAS)*

IB Diploma students are expected to participate in various activities, including artistic pursuits, sports and community service, in order to actively learn from the experience of doing real tasks outside the classroom.



### ASSESSMENT

Students take written examinations in May of their second year, which are marked by IBO examiners, and they also complete assessment tasks in the school that count towards their final IB marks. The IB diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points, subject to certain minimum levels of performance across the program. The highest total that an IB diploma student can be awarded is 45 points.

## THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AT PINEWOOD

Pinewood is offering the IB Diploma Programme since September 1999. The language of instruction is English and all IB classes are small in size, typically less than 15 students, allowing students to receive individual attention. IB students attend six classes for their main subjects and an additional Theory of Knowledge class.

Pinewood IB students have the choice between the following two courses of study:

1. Full IB Diploma Programme
2. IB Diploma Courses and American High School Diploma

### Full IB Diploma Program

The IB Diploma Programme at Pinewood is fully integrated into the school's American High School Diploma program, and **all IB students receive the American High School Diploma** after they have successfully completed grade 12. The **IB Diploma** is awarded by the IBO based on the students' grades in the Internal Assessment for their IB courses and the final examinations that take place in May of the second year.

IB students complete the Creativity-Activity-Service component of the IB Diploma Programme by participating in the school's After-School Activities program, school-sponsored field trips and community service projects.

### IB Diploma Courses and American High School Diploma

As an alternative to the full IB Diploma Programme, Pinewood students have the option of graduating with the **American High School Diploma** and receive **IB certificates** for certain IB courses of their choice, either at standard or at higher level. IB Diploma Courses candidates study the same material as full IB diploma candidates and they must complete the Internal Assessment and the final IB examinations for the chosen subjects.

There are no restrictions in the number or the level of the courses for IB Diploma Courses candidates. Diploma Courses candidates are not required to participate in Theory of Knowledge and complete the Extended Essay and CAS components.

## IB COURSES

The following courses are currently offered\*\* at standard level (SL), higher level (HL):

### Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature

- English A Language and Literature (SL/HL)
- Mod. Greek A Language and Literature (SL/HL)

### Group 2: Language Acquisition

- French ab initio SL, French B (SL/HL)
- Spanish ab initio SL, Spanish B (SL/HL)
- English B HL, Mandarin (Chinese) ab initio SL\*

### Group 3: Individuals and Societies

- History (SL/HL), Economics (SL/HL)
- Business Management (SL/HL)
- Psychology (SL/HL), ITGS (SL/HL)\*
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)

### Group 4: Sciences

- Biology (SL/HL), Chemistry (SL/HL), Physics (SL/HL)
- Computer Science (SL/HL)
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)

### Group 5: Mathematics

- Mathematics – Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)
- Mathematics – Applications and Interpretations (SL)

### Group 6: The Arts

- Visual Arts (SL/HL), Dance (SL/HL), Film (SL)\*

\* Official IBO online courses at an additional cost

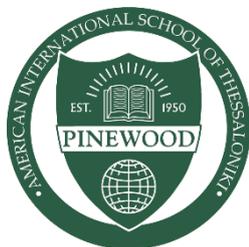
\*\* Courses offered are subject to student enrollment

## IB SCHOLARSHIPS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Scholarships are available for current grade 10 Pinewood students and prospective grade 11 students from other schools in Greece or abroad. The scholarships cover from 20% up to 80% of the tuition and other mandatory fees for the duration of the two years of IB Diploma studies.

Additionally, a financial assistance program is available for families who demonstrate that their resources are insufficient to meet part of the total tuition costs.

For more detailed information about our IB scholarships and Financial Assistance programs, visit our website: [www.pinewood.gr](http://www.pinewood.gr)



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