

# The IB Diploma Programme

## At the International School Hilversum

The curriculum consists of six subject groups. Generally students choose one from each of the first five groups and a sixth subject from any of the six groups. Three subjects are taken at higher level (HL) and three at standard level (SL).

### **GROUP 1 – Mother tongue or best language:**

Option 1: Language A Literature (HL/SL). English or Dutch.

A self-taught (SSST) option is also available at standard level only.

Option 2: Language A Language and Literature (HL/SL). English or Dutch.

*All students must choose an option 1 and either an option 2, or a group 2 subject.*

### **GROUP 2 - Language B**

Second modern foreign language:

French (HL/SL), French Ab Initio (SL only), Dutch (SL only) and Spanish (HL/SL) are offered. Latin (HL/SL) is offered for Bilingual (IT) students only.

*Other languages may be available for private tuition (this can only be arranged via the DP coordinator or the SSST coordinator). All costs for online or private tuition are to be met by the student.*

### **GROUP 3 – Individuals and Societies**

History (HL/SL), Geography (HL/SL), Economics (HL/SL), Business Management (HL only).

### **GROUP 4 - Experimental Sciences**

Biology (HL/SL), Chemistry (HL/SL), Physics (HL/SL), Environmental Systems and Societies (SL only)

### **GROUP 5 – Mathematics**

Mathematics Analysis and Approaches (HL/SL), Mathematics Applications and Interpretations (SL only).

### **GROUP 6 - The Arts and Electives**

Visual Art (HL/SL)

***Additional programme requirements:***

- Theory of Knowledge (assessed course)
- Creativity, Activity, Service (completion of a balanced programme equivalent to approximately 50 hours per component).
- Extended Essay (a 4,000 word piece of original work on a topic of the student's choice, usually one of the higher level subjects).