







## IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

# May 2024 examination schedule FINAL VERSION All exam zones (A, B, C)

*An examination cannot be rescheduled without authorization from the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff.*

### Legend of Subject Groups:

	Interdisciplinary subjects		Sciences
	Studies in language and literature and Language acquisition		Mathematics
	Individuals and societies		The arts

**Please note that for Studies in language and literature and Language acquisition, English, French and Spanish are scheduled individually from all other languages.**

### Examination Schedule

#### Week 1

Wednesday 24 April				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	--- No exams ---		Language A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
			Language A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
			Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			* Except: English, French & Spanish	

Thursday 25 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Physics HL paper 1	1h
<b>* Except: English, French &amp; Spanish</b>		Physics HL paper 3	1h 15m
		Physics SL paper 1	45m
		Physics SL paper 3	1h
		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h
		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m
		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m
		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h

Friday 26 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Nature of science SL paper 2	1h	Business management HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m
Physics HL paper 2	2h 15m	Business management HL paper 3	1h 15m
Physics SL paper 2	1h 15m	Global politics HL/SL paper 1	1h 15m
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 15m	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m	Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m

## Week 2

Monday 29 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Tuesday 30 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Wednesday 1 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Business management HL paper 2	1h 45m	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1	2h
Business management SL paper 2	1h 30m	analysis and approaches SL paper 1	1h 30m
Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1	2h
Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m	applications and interpretation SL paper 1	1h 30m
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h		
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m		

Thursday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2	2h	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
analysis and approaches SL paper 2	1h 30m	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2	2h	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
applications and interpretation SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Friday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
---	No exams ---	---	No exams ---

### Week 3

Monday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 20m	Language B HL paper 1 Language B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension Language B SL paper 1 Language B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension Language ab initio SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension  * Except: English, French & Spanish  Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1	1h 30m
	1h		1h
	1h		1h 15m
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3  Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h
			1h
			1h

Tuesday 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension  * Except: English, French & Spanish  Latin HL paper 2 Latin SL paper 2	1h 45m 45m	History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2	1h
			1h 30m
			1h 30m

Wednesday 8 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
History HL paper 3	2h 30m	Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 3  Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h
			1h 15m
			45m
			1h
			1h
			1h 30m

Thursday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Chemistry HL paper 2	English A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Chemistry SL paper 2	English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Design technology HL paper 3	English A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
		English A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
		English B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		English B HL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		English B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		English B SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		English ab initio SL paper 1	1h
		English ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h

Friday 10 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	English A Literature HL/SL paper 2	Digital Society HL paper 1	2h 15m
	English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	Digital Society SL paper 1	1h 30m
	English B HL paper 2	Geography HL paper 1	2h 15m
	- Listening comprehension	Geography SL paper 1	1h 30m
	English B SL paper 2		
	- Listening comprehension	Psychology HL paper 1	2h
	English ab initio SL paper 2	Psychology SL paper 1	2h
	- Listening comprehension		
	Literature & performance SL paper 1	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
		Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m

## Week 4

Monday 13 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Digital Society HL/SL paper 2	Biology HL paper 1	1h
	Digital Society HL paper 3	Biology HL paper 3	1h 15m
	Geography HL/SL paper 2	Biology SL paper 1	45m
	Geography HL paper 3	Biology SL paper 3	1h
	Psychology HL paper 2		
	Psychology HL paper 3		
	Psychology SL paper 2		
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2		
	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2		

Tuesday 14 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Biology HL paper 2	2h 15m	Classical Greek HL paper 1	2h
	Biology SL paper 2	1h 15m	Classical Greek SL paper 1	1h 30m
			Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
			Spanish A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
			Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			Spanish B HL paper 1	1h 30m
			Spanish B HL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h
			Spanish B SL paper 1	1h 15m
			Spanish B SL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h
			Spanish ab initio SL paper 1	1h
			Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h

Wednesday 15 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Classical Greek HL paper 2	1h 30m	Economics HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m
	Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m		
	Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	World religions SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
	Spanish B HL paper 2			
	- Listening comprehension	1h		
	Spanish B SL paper 2			
	- Listening comprehension	45m		
	Spanish ab initio SL paper 2			
	- Listening comprehension	45m		

Thursday 16 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Economics HL paper 1	1h 15m		French A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Economics HL paper 3	1h 45m		French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Economics SL paper 1	1h 15m		French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
				French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
	World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m		French B HL paper 1	1h 30m
				French B HL paper 2	
				- Reading comprehension	1h
				French B SL paper 1	1h 15m
				French B SL paper 2	
				- Reading comprehension	1h
SBS			French ab initio SL paper 1	1h	
			French ab initio SL paper 2		
			- Reading comprehension	1h	
			School-based syllabus SL paper 1		

Friday 17 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	French A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	--- No exams ---
	French A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	
	French B HL paper 2		
	- Listening comprehension	1h	
	French B SL paper 2		
	- Listening comprehension	45m	
	French ab initio SL paper 2		
	- Listening comprehension	45m	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		

### Local start times for the May 2024 examination session

- Schools must ensure that they are aware of their allocated exam zone, which will not change between examination sessions.
- The local start times for all zones are detailed in the table below. There is no variance in start times within morning or afternoon sessions.
- The local start times indicated are based on the local time and do not need to be adjusted for daylight saving.

Exam zone		Morning session start time	Afternoon session start time
A	12	10.00	14.00
A	11	10.00	14.00
A	10 (includes 9.5)	09.30	13.30
A	9	09.00	13.00
A	8	09.00	13.00
A	7	09.00	13.00
A	6 (includes 6.5)	09.00	13.00
A	5 (includes 5.5 + 5.75)	09.00	13.00
A	4	09.00	13.00
A	3 (includes 3.5)	10.00	14.00
B	3	10.00	14.00
B	2	09.30	13.30
B	1	09.00	13.00
B	0	09.00	13.00
C	-3	10.00	14.00
C	-4 (includes -3.5)	09.30	13.30
C	-5	09.00	13.00
C	-6	09.00	13.00
C	-7	09.00	13.00
C	-8	09.00	13.00
C	-9	09.00	13.00
C	-10	09.00	13.00

Please note, schools that were allocated an exam zone with a decimal in the May 2023 examination session (shown in parenthesis above), will now be under a whole number from the May 2024 examination session. The individual schedules for the following will no longer exist:

- A, 9.5 (now A, 10)
- A, 6.5 (now A, 6)
- A, 5.5 and A, 5.75 (now A, 5)
- A, 3.5 (now A, 3)
- C, -3.5 (now C, -4)

### Principles used in creating the IB Examination Schedule:

- It is not possible to take into account public, national or school holidays because of the number of countries in which the IB Diploma Programme is offered.
- Registration data has been used to ensure that the minimum number of students globally are impacted by subject timetable clashes.
- Where there are subjects with particular regional or cultural links the IB will endeavour to take these into account, for example Arabic literature/language examinations will not be scheduled on a Friday.
- Almost all subjects are scheduled on consecutive days. This is to minimise the impact of absence on any given day, whilst maintaining continuity for students.
- Subjects with the highest candidature are not scheduled consecutively and are spread as evenly as possible over 4 weeks to try and distribute the workload for students. Language examinations and science examinations are scheduled on each of the 4 weeks for the same reason.
- The examination schedule is as short as possible to maintain an acceptable balance between the number of conflicts in the schedule.

### Rescheduling Policy

- Rescheduling of an exam for a student requires approval from IB.
- The criteria and the process for applying for a reschedule can be found in the Diploma Programme/Career-related Programme *Assessment procedures*.

### 2025 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2025 will start on Wednesday 23 April 2025, and end on Friday 16 May 2025, subject to confirmation in 2024.