

## School Internal Assessment

Students are assessed internally in our school throughout the two years of the IB programme. The assessment aims to the continuous supervision of a student's progress by a wide range of assessment tools. These tools are listed below. Examples are presented in the next chapters.

- **Quizzes** are short questions or problems to be answered in written in class with a time allowance of about 10 min. They are mainly used to check the understanding of a concept that has just been or that has been recently taught.
- **Tests** are questions and/or problems to be answered in written in class with a time allowance of about 1 hour. They are mainly used to check the understanding of a thematic unit that that has been recently taught.
- **Exams** are made of two papers; paper 1 consists of 30 multiple-choice questions and paper 2 of short answer questions and problems. The two papers are assessed independently with a time allowance of 45 min for paper 1 and 2 hours for paper 2. Exams cover cumulatively all the material taught until the day of the exam. There are three types of exams:
  - **Mid-term exam** taken in the middle of the first and second term of IB1 (October, February) and in the middle of the first term of IB2 (October)
  - **Term exam** taken at the end of the first and second term of IB1 (December, March) and at the end of the first term of IB2 (December)
  - **Mock exam** taken in the middle of the third term of IB1 (May) and in the middle and at the end of the second term of IB2 (February, March)

Internal Assessment Exam Specifications					
Component	Duration	Points	Overall weighing	Format	Syllabus Coverage
<b>Paper 1</b>	45 min	30	30%	30 multiple-choice questions	Core / Options
<b>Paper 2</b>	120 min	80	70%	- data-based questions - short answer questions - extended response questions	Core / Options

- **Homework** is given after every lesson, is based on the material covered in class and is required to be completed and returned to the instructor within the set deadline, usually at the next class. **The completion of homework in time is compulsory** and is a key factor for a thorough understanding of the material of the course.

- Internal Assessment (lab work).** During the lab work that last two teaching hours, the instructor provides the students with instructions on how to perform an experiment or how to design an appropriate experiment to address a specific research question. The students work in groups of 2 or 3, set the experiment on their own, make the measurements needed, and record the relevant raw data. After each lab session, students process their data, draw conclusions from their findings and write a lab report. The instructor assesses the reports according to the eight criteria described above and gives the students a feedback.
- Oral Assessment** accounts for the active and constructive participation of the student in the class.

The table below shows how the Term Grades and the Final IB1 Grade are determined. The grades of quizzes, tests, mid-term exams and mock exams are taken into account under "tests". **The IB scale (1-7) is used for all Exam, Term and Final Grades.**

<b>CHEMISTRY SL</b>					
<b>Determination of Term Grades and IB1 Final Grade</b>					
Term Exam	Tests	Homework	Oral	<b>Total 1st Term Grade</b>	% to Final IB1 Grade
40%	30%	20%	10%	=100%	<b>20%</b>
Term Exam	Tests	Homework	Oral	<b>Total 2nd Term Grade</b>	% to Final IB1 Grade
40%	30%	20%	10%	=100%	<b>25%</b>
End of Year Exam	Internal Assessment (lab work)			<b>Total 3rd Term Grade</b>	% to Final IB1 Grade
80%	20%			=100%	<b>55%</b>
<b>Final IB1 Grade =</b>					<b>100%</b>

**For the IB2 students,** the 1st Term Grade is determined as shown above and the 2nd Term Grade is the grade of the first Mock Exam taken in February. There is no 3rd Term Grade for the IB2 students.

Passing Conditions from the IB1 to the IB2 year

Maximum score for IB1 year is  $6 \times 7 = 42$ . All students with an overall score of 24 points out of 42 and no more than one 3 in a HL and a SL module continue to the IB2 year. Any student that does not meet the above requirement has to take a Re-Sit Exam in August. In case of failure, students may repeat the entire IB1 year or attend the 2nd of Lyceum. All students have the right to sit on a Make-up Exam in August if they wish to improve their final grades.