

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

November 2026 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 and Spanish are scheduled individually from all other languages.

Examination Schedule

Friday 23 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No Exams ---		SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Week 1

Monday 26 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2	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 & Spanish	

Tuesday 27 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Biology HL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	2h
Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Biology SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	1h 30m
* Except: English & Spanish			

Wednesday 28 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Biology HL paper 2	2h 30m	Business management HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m
Biology SL paper 2	1h 30m	Business management HL paper 3	1h 15m

Thursday 29 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Business management HL paper 2	1h 45m	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Business management SL paper 2	1h 30m	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

Friday 30 October			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Spanish B HL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	1h		
Spanish B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m	Environmental systems & societies HL paper 1	2h
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2		Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
- Listening comprehension	45m		

Week 2

Monday 2 November				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 2	1h 20m		History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
	Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 1h		
	Environmental systems & societies HL paper 2 Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h 30m 2h		1h 1h 30m

Tuesday 3 November				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3	2h 30m		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
				1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h 1h
				* Except: English & Spanish
				Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1
				2h 1h 30m

Wednesday 4 November						
Morning session			Afternoon session			
	Language B HL paper 2	1h	Physics HL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	2h		
	- Listening comprehension		Physics SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	1h 30m		
	Language B SL paper 2	45m	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	1h 45m		
	- Listening comprehension					
	Language ab initio SL paper 2	45m			Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	1h 30m
	- Listening comprehension					
	* Except: English & Spanish					
Latin HL paper 2	1h 30m					
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m					

Thursday 5 November				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Physics HL paper 2	2h 30m		English A Literature HL paper 1 English A Literature SL paper 1 English A Language & Literature HL paper 1 English A Language & Literature SL paper 1
	Physics SL paper 2	1h 30m		
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 30m		English B HL paper 1 English B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension English B SL paper 1 English B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension English ab initio SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension
	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 30m		
				2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m 1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h 1h

Friday 6 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
English A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Digital Society HL paper 1	2h 15m
English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Digital Society SL paper 1	1h 30m
English B HL paper 2		Geography HL paper 1	2h 15m
- Listening comprehension	1h	Geography SL paper 1	1h 30m
English B SL paper 2		Global politics HL/SL paper 1	1h 15m
- Listening comprehension	45m	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
English ab initio SL paper 2		Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 45m		

Week 3

Monday 9 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Digital Society HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1	2h
Digital Society HL paper 3	1h 15m	analysis and approaches SL paper 1	1h 30m
Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1	2h
Geography HL paper 3	1h	applications and interpretation SL paper 1	1h 30m
Global politics HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m		
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Tuesday 10 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2	2h	Economics HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m
analysis and approaches SL paper 2	1h 30m	Global politics HL paper 3	1h 30m
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2	2h		
applications and interpretation SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Wednesday 11 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Economics HL paper 1	1h 15m	Chemistry HL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	2h
Economics HL paper 3	1h 45m	Chemistry SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)	1h 30m
Economics SL paper 1	1h 15m	Design technology HL paper 1	1h
		Design technology SL paper 1	45m
		Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m

Thursday 12 November			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 30m	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 30m	Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m
Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	Psychology HL paper 1	2h
		Psychology SL paper 1	2h

Friday 13 November				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h	Mathematics:	
	Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m	analysis and approaches HL paper 3	1h 15m
	Psychology HL paper 2	2h	Mathematics:	
	Psychology HL paper 3	1h	applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h 15m
	Psychology SL paper 2	1h		

Local start times for the November 2026 examination session

- Schools must ensure that they are aware of their allocated exam zone, which does 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	10.00	14.00
A	9	10.00	14.00
A	8	09.30	13.30
A	7	09.00	13.00
A	6	09.00	13.00
A	5	09.00	13.00
A	4	09.00	13.00
A	3	09.00	13.00
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	09.30	13.30
C	-5	08.30	12.30
C	-6	08.30	12.30
C	-7	08.30	12.30
C	-8	08.30	12.30
C	-9	08.30	12.30
C	-10	08.30	12.30

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. Where possible, 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*.

2027 Examination Schedule

The exam schedule in 2027 will start on Friday 22 October 2027, and end on Friday 12 November 2027, subject to confirmation in 2025.