

**IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme**

**May 2025 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**

Friday 25 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1
			Language & culture SL paper 1
			1h 30m

## Week 1

Monday 28 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Language A Literature HL paper 1 Language A Literature SL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1
	Language & culture SL paper 2	1h 30m	2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m

Tuesday 29 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 45m	Physics HL paper 1 (1a and 1b) Physics SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)
			2h 1h 30m
			Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3
			1h 1h 15m 45m 1h

Wednesday 30 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 2	2h 30m 1h 30m	Business management HL/SL paper 1 Business management HL paper 3
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 15m	1h 30m 1h 15m

Thursday 1 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---

Friday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	1h 45m 1h 30m	Computer science HL paper 1 Computer science SL paper 1
			2h 10m 1h 30m
			Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1
			1h

## Week 2

Monday 5 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 20m 1h 1h	History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	1h 1h 30m

Tuesday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
History HL paper 3	2h 30m	Language B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		Language B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h
		Language B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		Language B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h
		Language ab initio SL paper 1	1h
		Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension	1h
		Latin HL paper 1	2h
		Latin SL paper 1	1h 30m

Wednesday 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h	Psychology HL paper 1	2h
Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Psychology SL paper 1	2h
Language ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m		
Latin HL paper 2	1h 30m		
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Thursday 8 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Psychology HL paper 2	2h	English A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Psychology HL paper 3	1h	English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
Psychology SL paper 2	1h	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 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
English A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Geography HL paper 1	2h 15m
English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Geography SL paper 1	1h 30m
English B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
English B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m
English ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	45m	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
		Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m
Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 45m		





### Local start times for the 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	09.30	13.30
A	9	09.00	13.00
A	8	09.00	13.00
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	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	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

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

- It is not possible to take into account public, national or school holidays (apart from 01 May) 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*.

### **2026 Examination Schedule**

- The exam schedule in 2026 will start on Friday 24 April 2026, and end on Wednesday 20 May 2026 (with no exams on 1 May).