



GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL®
EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2024

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

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01 VCE Curriculum

CLASSIFICATION OF VCE STUDIES

ARTS	Art Making and Exhibiting	Media	Music	Theatre Studies	Visual Communication Design	VCE/VET III in Music Industry (Performance)
ENGLISH	English	English/EAL	Literature	English Language		
LANGUAGES	French	German (2024 only)	Japanese SL			
BUSINESS STUDIES	Accounting	Business Management	Economics	Legal Studies		
HUMANITIES	Ancient History (Unit 1&2)	Modern History (Unit 1&2)	History Revolutions (Unit 3&4)	Australian and Global Politics	Geography	
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Biology	Chemistry	Environmental Science	Physics	Psychology	
	Agriculture and Horticulture	Product Design Technology (Materials & Textiles)	VCE/VET Furnishing Certificate II in Furniture			
MATHEMATICS	Foundation Mathematics	General Mathematics	Mathematical Methods CAS	Specialist Mathematics		
PHYSICAL						

02 IB Diploma Programme

CLASSIFICATION OF IB PROGRAMME

GROUP 1

English A:
Literature HL/
SL

English A:
Language &
Literature HL/
SL

GROUP 2

French B
HL/SL

German B
HL/SL

Japanese B
HL/SL

Chinese B
HL/SL

Spanish Ab
Initio
SL

GROUP 3

Economics
HL/SL

Geography
HL/SL

History
HL/SL

Psychology
HL/SL

GROUP 4

Biology
HL/SL

Chemistry
HL/SL

Physics
HL/SL

Design
Technology
HL/SL

Sports,
Exercise and
Health Science
HL/SL

GROUP 5

Mathematics:
Analysis and
Approaches
HL/SL

Mathematics:
Applications
and
Interpretations
HL/SL

GROUP 6

Music
HL/SL

Visual Arts
HL/SL

Theatre Arts
HL/SL

CORE (COMPULSORY) STUDIES

Extended
Essay

Theory of
Knowledge
(TOK)

Creativity,
Action, Service
(CAS)

03 VCE English Pathway

To obtain a VCE, all students are required to satisfactorily complete three units from the English group, including a Units 3/4 sequence selected from:

- English/English as an Additional Language
- Literature
- English Language

Specific eligibility requirements apply to students who wish to study English as an Additional Language (EAL).

All of the English group studies are rigorous, with elements that challenge students in different ways. English/EAL remains the most common and accessible English study for all VCE students, and is recommended for all students in Units 1/2.

Students may select multiple English group subjects in Units 1/2, and subsequently decide which subject combination to study in Units 3/4. It is also possible, and advisable for talented English students to complete more than one English group subject in Unit 3/4.

Advice Year 10 into 11

In considering their pathway, all students are encouraged to consult with their Year 10 English teacher, who will be well placed to evaluate each student's strengths and preferences.

Students may choose from any of the three English group subjects: English/EAL, English Language and Literature. It is recommended for some students when choosing to study Units 1/2 English Language or Units 1/2 Literature that they consider studying English/EAL alongside these subjects to keep their options open. Students may then choose which English group subject(s) to pursue in Units 3/4.

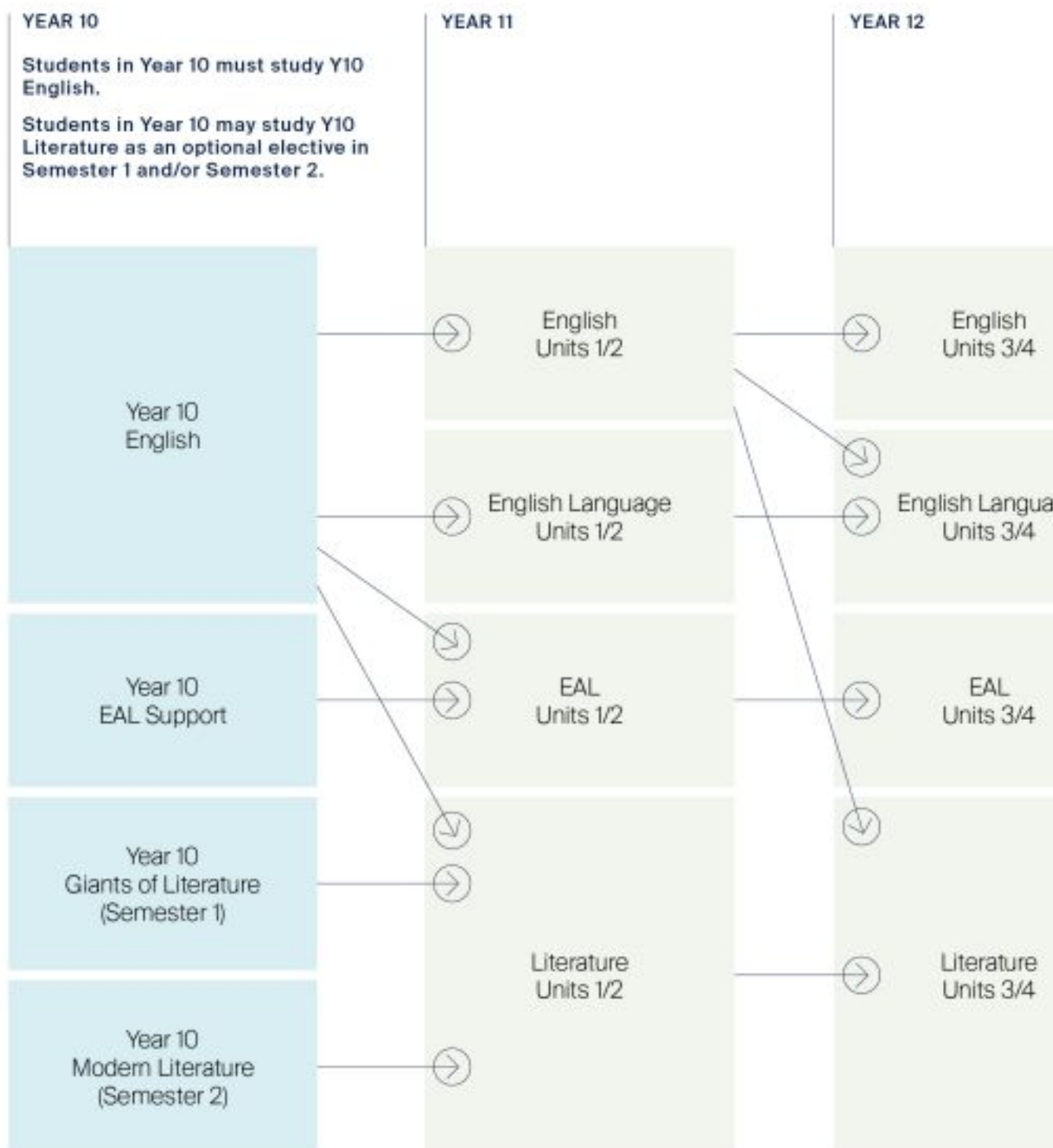
Students considering English Language or Literature as their **only** English group subject should have a consistent record of academic achievement and learning behaviours.

Advice Year 11 into 12

At the end of Year 11, students decide which subject they would like to complete as their English group subject in Year 12. Students considering English Language or Literature as their *only* English group subject **in Unit 3/4** should have a consistent record of academic achievement and learning behaviours.

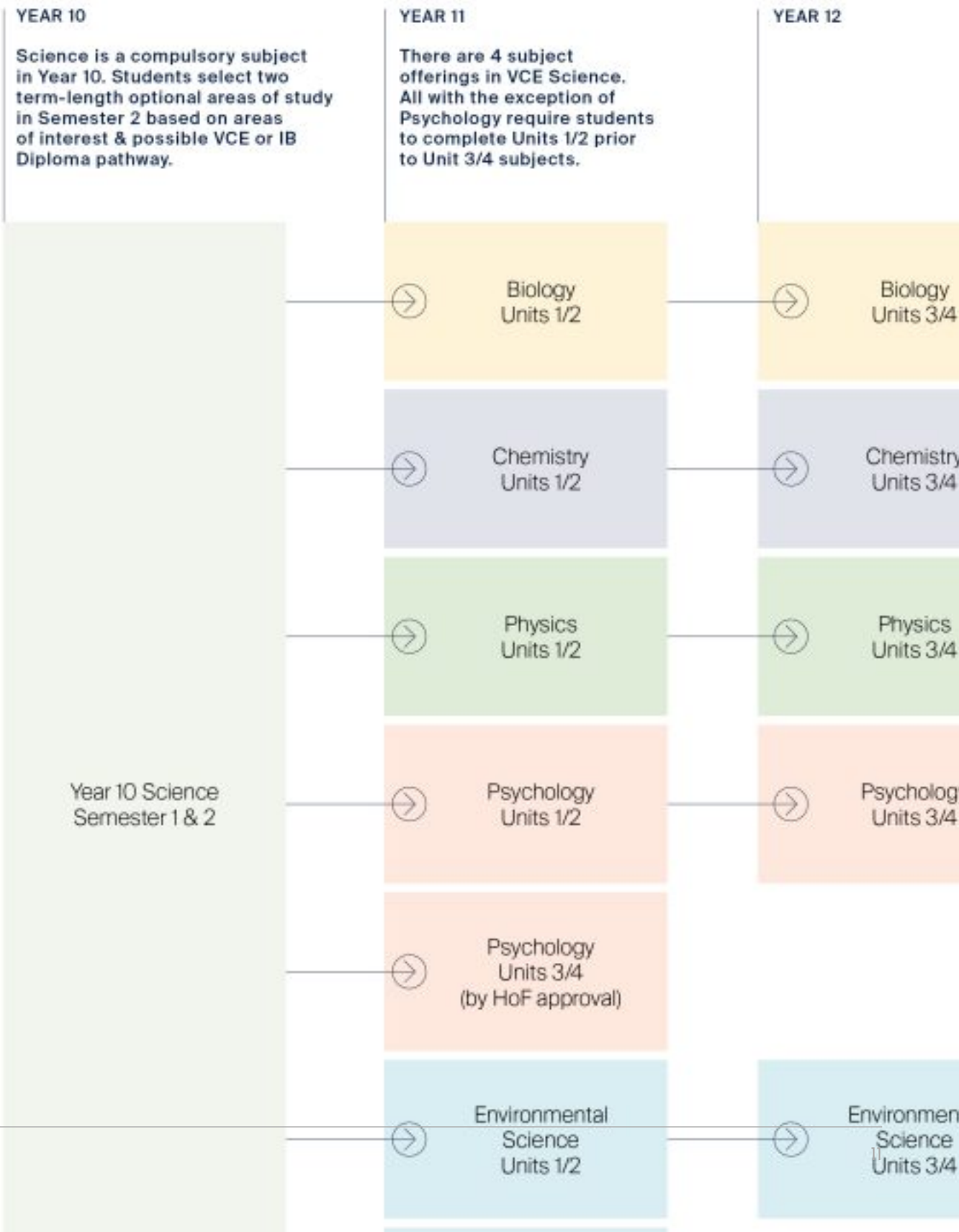
Students may be asked to interview with the Head of English to confirm their selections.

ENGLISH – VCE PATHWAYS



04 VCE: Science Pathway

SCIENCE – VCE PATHWAYS

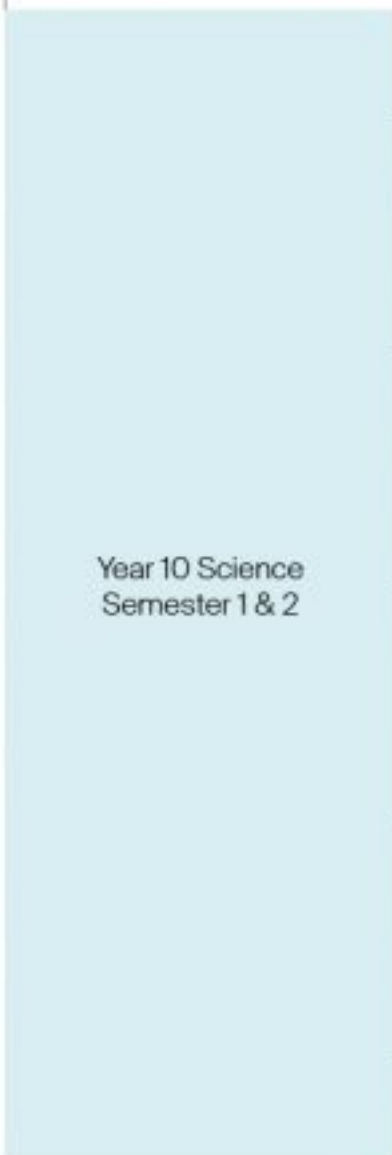


05 IB: Science Pathway

SCIENCE – IB PATHWAYS

YEAR 10

Science is a compulsory subject in Year 10. Students select two term-length optional areas of study in Semester 2 based on areas of interest & possible VCE or IB Diploma pathway.



Year 10 Science Semester 1 & 2

YEAR 11

There are 5 Science courses offered at Standard Level and Higher Level.

Group 4: Sciences
Biology – SL / HL

Group 4: Sciences
Chemistry – SL / HL

Group 4: Sciences
Design Technology – SL / HL

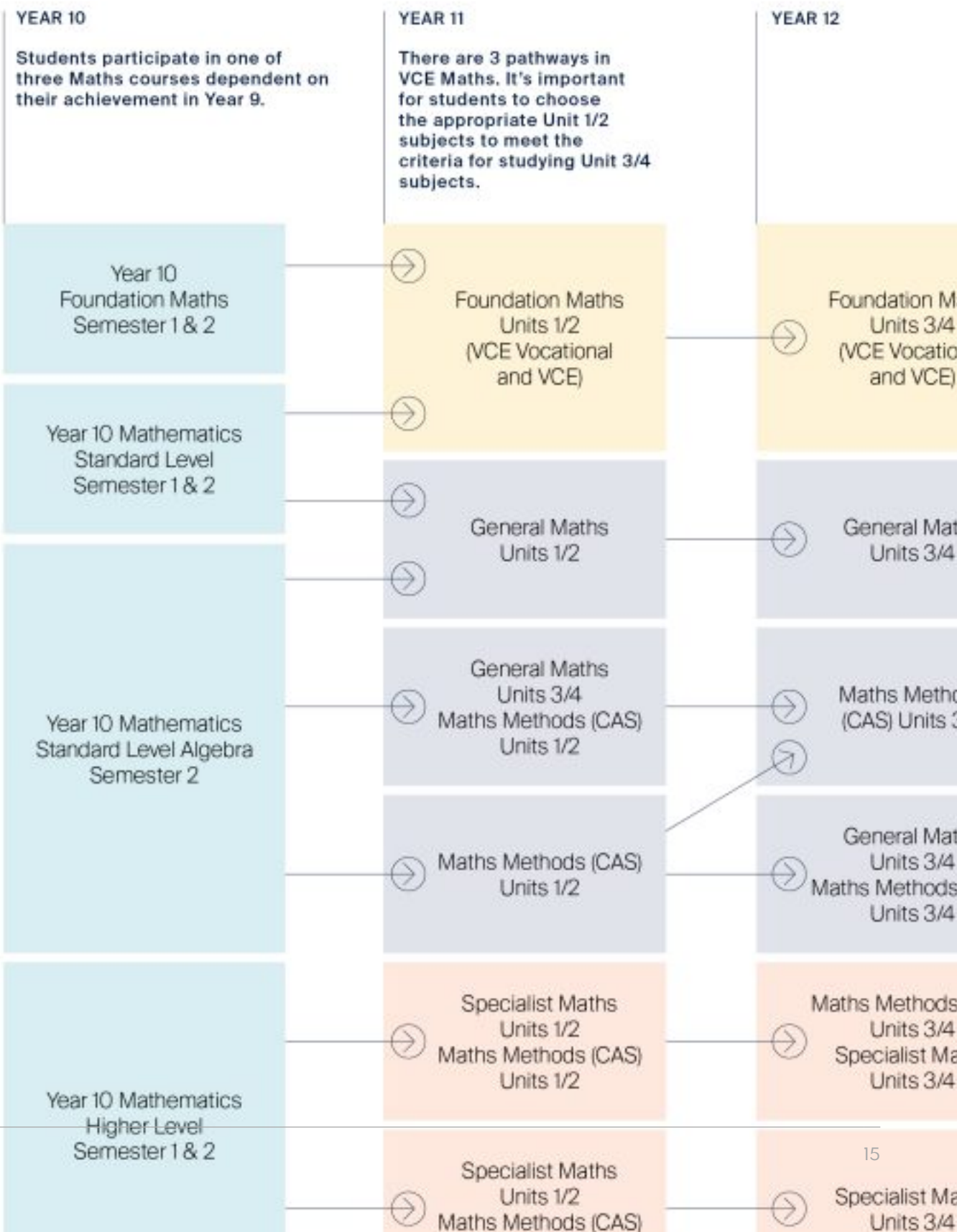
Group 4: Sciences
Physics – SL / HL

Group 4: Sciences
Sports, Exercise & Health Science – SL / HL

YEAR 12

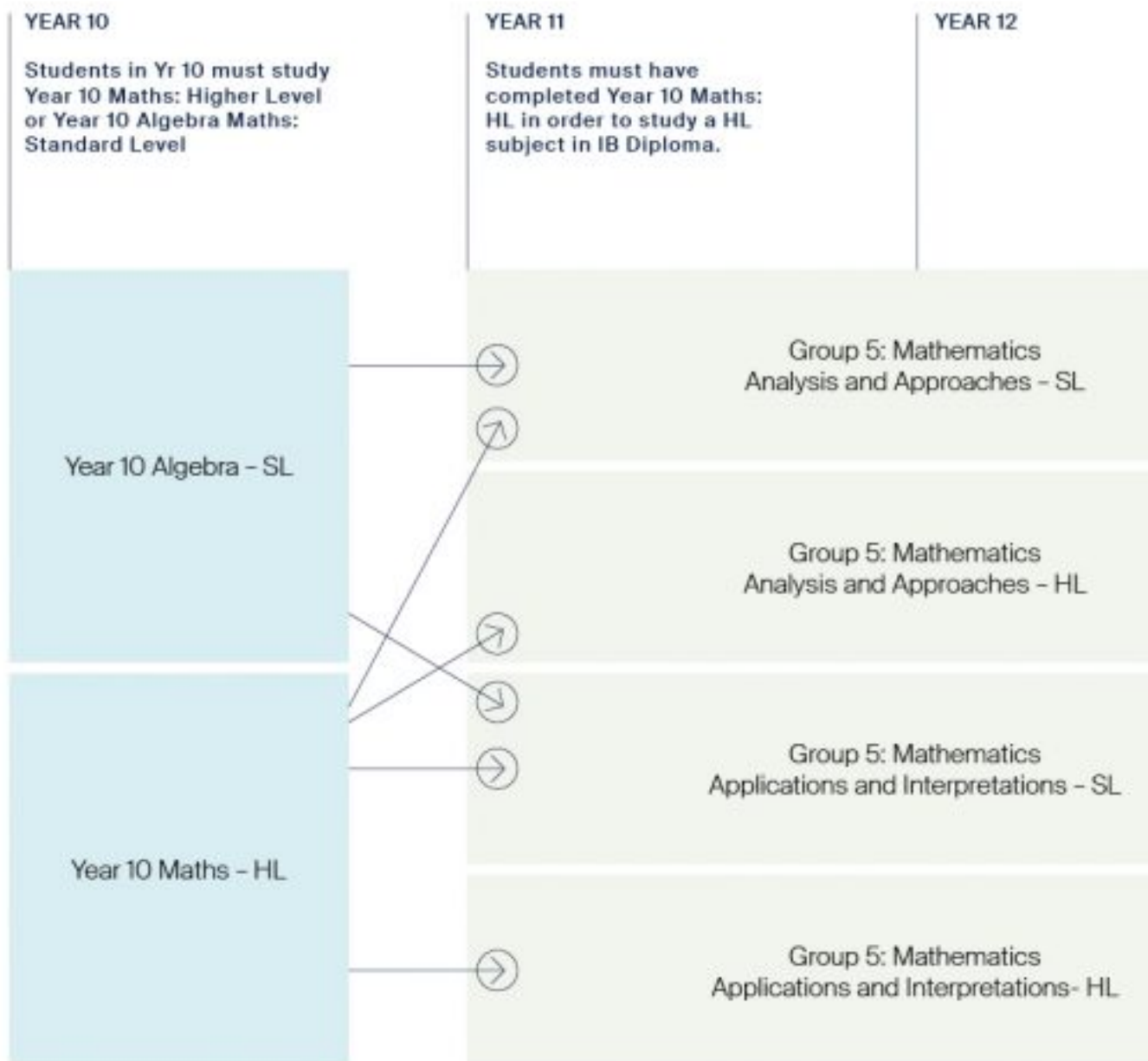
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MATHEMATICS – VCE PATHWAYS



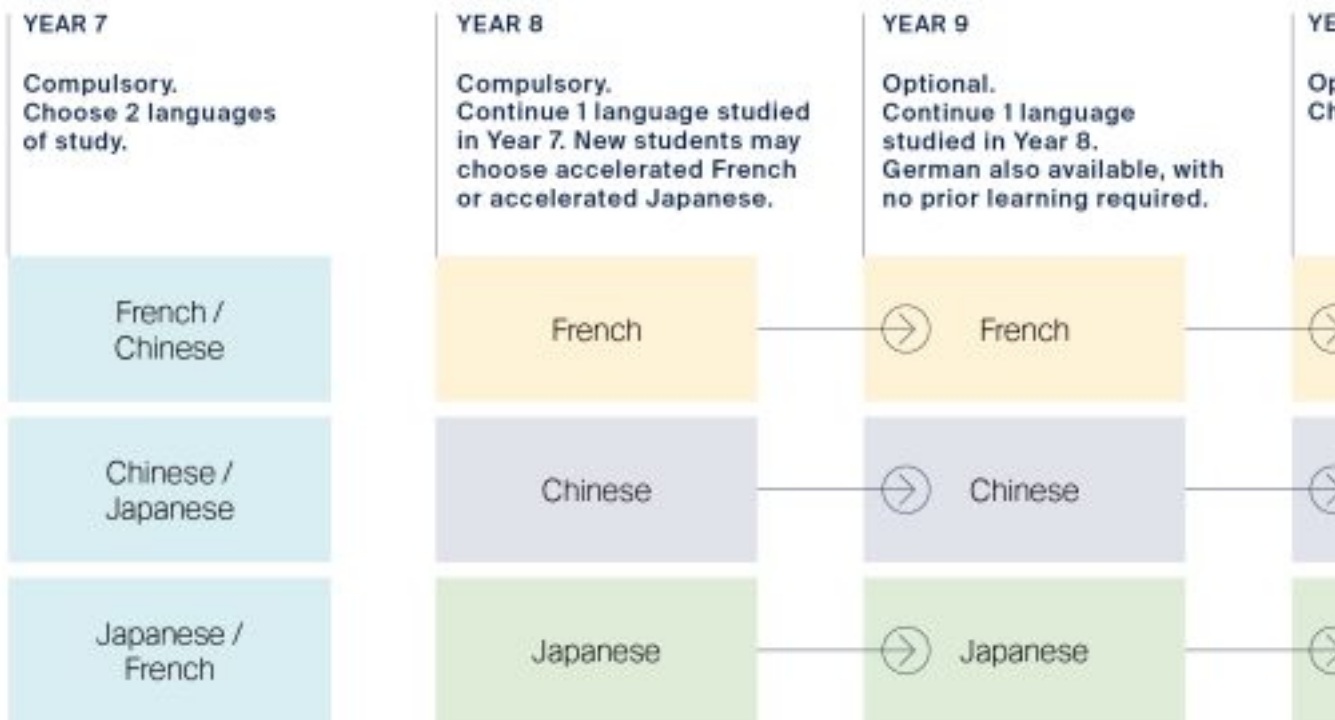
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MATHEMATICS – IB PATHWAYS



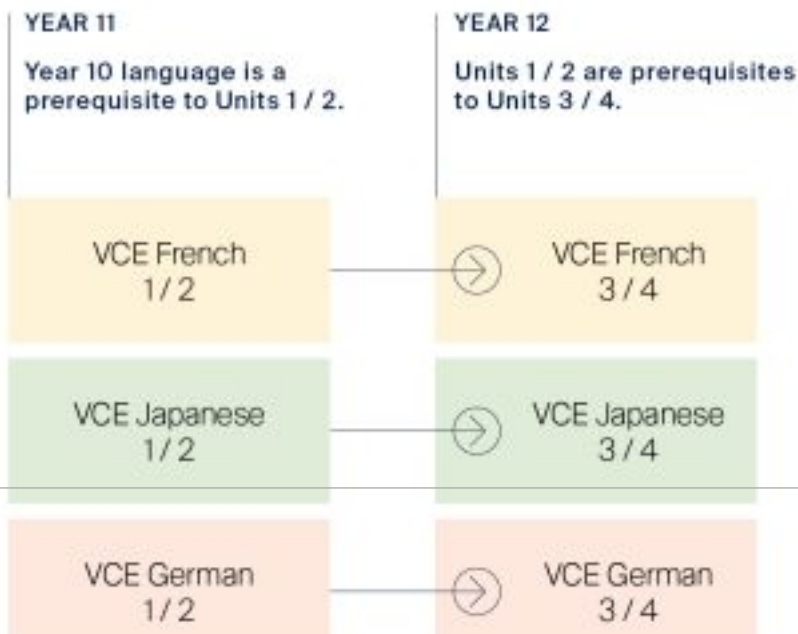
08 Languages Pathway : VCE and IB

LANGUAGE PATHWAYS



Students who show aptitude in Language may choose to study VCE Units 1 / 2 in Year 10, and then VCE Units 3 / 4 in Year 11, or commence with the IB Diploma Language stream.

VCE LANGUAGES



IB DIPLOMA LANGUAGES

