

School Curriculum and Standards Authority

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Course	2011 Mean scaled mark*	2011 Course loading	2012 Mean scaled mark*	2012 Course loading
Accounting and Finance	60.04	0.04	59.57	-0.43
Ancient History	62.84	2.84	63.14	3.14
Animal Production Systems	40.72	-19.28	44.49	-15.52
Applied Information Technology	52.71	-7.29	53.13	-6.87
Arabic	60.06	0.06	62.5	2.5
Aviation	52.49	-7.51	53.65	-6.35
Biological Sciences	59.93	-0.07	59.68	-0.32
Business Management and Enterprise	51	-9	53.51	-6.49
Career and Enterprise	52	-8	51.93	-8.07
Chemistry	65.52	5.52	65.49	5.49
Children, Family and the Community	51.98	-8.02	52.34	-7.66
Chinese: Background Speakers	60.96	0.96	58.77	-1.23
Chinese: Second Language	69.41	9.41	69.8	9.8
Computer Science	53.98	-6.02	53.29	-6.71
Dance	54.7	-5.3	56.85	-3.15
Design	55.43	-4.57	54.45	-5.55
Drama	58.51	-1.49	57.76	-2.24
Dutch **			61.51	1.51
Earth and Environmental Science	55.34	-4.66	56.42	-3.58
Economics	62.43	2.43	62.44	2.44
Engineering Studies	58.72	-1.28	58.45	-1.55
English	58.09	-1.91	58.26	-1.74
English as an Additional Language or Dialect	60.9	0.9	59.44	-0.56
Food Science and Technology	54.36	-5.64	53.31	-6.69
French	68.29	8.29	67.5	7.5
Geography	56.59	-3.41	56.38	-3.62
German	67.77	7.77	66.33	6.33
Health Studies	50.66	-9.34	50.28	-9.72
Hebrew	77.97	17.97	74.02	14.02
Heritage Chinese Mandarin **			77.45	17.45
Heritage Japanese **			55.16	-4.84
Heritage Korean **			48.92	-11.08
Human Biological Science	58.43	-1.57	58.22	-1.78
Indonesian: Background Speakers **	49.88	-10.12		
Indonesian: Second Language	60.29	0.29	62.25	2.25
Integrated Science	50.89	-9.11	50.25	-9.75
Italian	62.59	2.59	63.26	3.26
Japanese: Background Speakers	50.36	-9.64	42.11	-17.89
Japanese: Second Language	64.3	4.3	64.85	4.85

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Literature	68.33	8.33	67.94	7.94
Malay: Background Speakers **			50.75	-9.26
Marine and Maritime Studies	52.62	-7.38	57.97	-2.03
Materials Design and Technology	54.01	-5.99	53.74	-6.26
Mathematics	59.76	-0.24	59.68	-0.32
Mathematics: Specialist	69.47	9.47	69.21	9.21
Media Production and Analysis	55.84	-4.16	56.21	-3.79
Modern Greek	63.42	3.42	56.23	-3.77
Modern History	59.58	-0.42	59.18	-0.82
Music	64.38	4.38	62.21	2.21
Outdoor Education	51.64	-8.36	51.74	-8.26
Persian: Background Speakers	94.06	34.06	53.68	-6.32
Philosophy and Ethics	64.25	4.25	64.05	4.05
Physical Education Studies	55.65	-4.35	55.73	-4.27
Physics	65.6	5.6	65.73	5.73
Plant Production Systems	39.36	-20.64	43.26	-16.74
Polish **	71.15	11.15		
Politics and Law	63.04	3.04	62.83	2.83
Portuguese **			71.39	11.39
Psychology	56.51	-3.49	58.07	-1.93
Religion and Life	60.51	0.51	60.79	0.79
Russian	55.72	-4.28	69.56	9.56
Sinhala **			62.85	2.85
Spanish	75.47	15.47	64.82	4.82
Tamil **			46.98	-13.02
Turkish **			28.38	-31.62
Vietnamese	52.26	-7.74	49.87	-10.13
Visual Arts	57.65	-2.35	57.26	-2.74

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