

THE IMPORTANCE OF LOWER SECONDARY



A LOVE FOR A SUBJECT



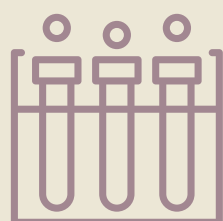
A love for a subject is often born in Lower Secondary, as this is a time where students can work without the constraints of external exams. This period is when students build upon the learning of their primary years and 'put down strong roots'.

A SAFE SPACE



Lower Secondary is a safe space: students can- try things out, have a go, make mistakes. This is vital for developing resilience and independence, as well as imagination and flexible thinking- all of which are essential to higher grades at IGCSE.

A BREADTH OF SUBJECTS



In Lower Secondary, students can study a breadth of subjects, which they may not have the opportunity to study in the future. Learning is not only about tests and exams!

A STRONG FOUNDATION



Lower Secondary is where teachers equip students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to prepare them for IGCSE. The courses at Lower Secondary ensure a solid base knowledge and smooth transition to IGCSE, when topics may be repeated in greater depth.

TIME TO MATURE



In many cases, students who are below IGCSE age are not emotionally or academically mature enough to be able to respond correctly to IGCSE-style questions as they require the ability to 'think outside the box'. Lower Secondary also gives students the time to thoroughly immerse themselves in the subjects and refine these thinking skills.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



Lower Secondary courses are essential for language development and allow time to absorb and activate new vocabulary. This is best achieved incrementally, over time - and of course language stimulates intellectual development.

ANALYTICAL ABILITY



Lower Secondary courses build analytical ability. Students become well-informed, more judicious, more able to make comparisons, acquire a range of concepts to work with and will be better able to notice and decode what holds significance in material encountered at IGCSE.

