



St. George's
The English International School Cologne
Lower School – Middle School Transition



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Middle School Department

Introduction to Middle School

Although it can often be seen as a transient step for pupils, due to the absence of State set examinations, Middle School is of vital importance to consolidate work studied in Lower School and to provide the necessary groundwork for future studies in the Upper School. We wish to encourage Middle School pupils to progress successfully through the vitally important three stages of Key Stage 3 of the National Curriculum. Each stage is a holistic unit and pupils must be motivated to achieve their greatest potential through the entire three year course.

All Middle School classrooms are situated on the first floor of the school. Pupils have separate subject teachers, but still have a Form Tutor, who takes registration twice daily and looks after the pupil's immediate pastoral concerns. Middle School and Upper School work in conjunction with each other and the timetable, teachers and extra-curricular activities run parallel.

Middle & Upper School Timetable

Registration	08:30 – 08:45
Lesson 1	08:45– 09:30
Lesson 2	09:30 – 10:15
Lesson 3	10:15 – 11:00
First Break	11:00 - 11:20
Lesson 4	11:20 – 12:05
Lesson 5	12:05 – 12:50
Lunch/Break	12:50 – 13:50
Lesson 6	13:50 – 14:35
Lesson 7	14:35 – 15:20
Registration	15:20 – 15:30

Lessons per week

English 5
Mathematics 5
General Science 4
German 4
French 3
History 3
Geography 2
Art 2
Sport 2
ECA 2
Music 1 (2 in Year 7)
IT 2 (1 in Year 7)



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A **House system** is in place in Middle and Upper School whereby pupils are allocated to a House from Year 7 to 13. Competitions between the Houses occur throughout the year.

ECA (extra-curricular activities) occurs every Wednesday during lessons 6 and 7.

Assessment

There is a set homework timetable in Middle School. Normally, the homework is submitted the day after it is issued. Pupils are also formally assessed once a fortnight in each subject. In addition, Pupils sit examinations in December and at the end of the academic year in all subjects studied. The end of year examinations usually take place three weeks before the end of the third term. Teachers also award pupils a Monthly Grade based on both the quality of the pupil's work and effort demonstrated.



St. George's The English International School Middle School Monthly Assessment Card

Name:	John Lambie	Date of Birth:		Form:	9H
House:	Scotland				

Date	English	Maths	French	German	Science	Geography	History	Music	I.T.	Sport	Art	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Credits	Detentions
26-Sep-08															

Attainment		Effort	
A (Excellent)	Pupil has demonstrated a complete understanding of the concepts taught and applies them well.	1 (Excellent)	All work is attempted to the best of the pupil's ability.
B (Good)	Pupil has demonstrated an understanding of the concepts taught and applies them occasionally.	2 (Good)	Most of the work is attempted to the best of the pupil's ability.
C (Satisfactory)	Pupil has understood many of the concepts taught, but has experienced difficulty applying them.	3 (Satisfactory)	Acceptable work, but it could have been improved if more time and effort had been spent on it.
D (Poor)	Pupil has a limited understanding of the concepts taught.	4 (Poor)	Work shows a lack of care and attention.
E (Unacceptable)	Pupil has demonstrated little or no understanding.	5 (Unacceptable)	Little or no effort demonstrated.



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Rewards

In Middle School, pupils are awarded Green Points for positive behaviour, excellent or improved work and being helpful to others. Four Green Points equals one Credit. Once a pupil has ten credits a certificate of achievement is awarded at the next assembly.

Clubs

Clubs usually occur after school (3.30 - 4.30) Monday to Friday. Some clubs also take place during lunchtime. Clubs range from different forms of sport and music to extra help sessions in subjects. A supervised room is also available for Prep Hour in which pupils can do their homework.

Class Trips

Each Year group in Middle School takes part in separate residential class trips towards the end of the Summer Term. The trips take place within Germany and last for five days (Monday to Friday).

Contact and communication

Especially in Year 7, when the daily routine and separate teachers are a major change, it is vital that the parents and the school keep in close contact. The first line of communication between teachers and parents is the child's homework diary. Parents are also welcome to meet the Subject Teachers, Form Teachers and the Head of Department before or after school. Since it will take time for the teachers to get to know the new Year Group, if you notice a change in your child please inform the school.