

# The Diploma Programme Model

## at the International School Hilversum 'Alberdingk Thijm'

The curriculum consists of six subject groups: Generally Students choose one from each of the first five Groups and a sixth subject from any of the six groups. Three subjects are taken at higher level and three at standard level (SL)

### **GROUP 1 – Mother tongue or best language:**

Option 1: Language A Literature Usually English or Dutch, including the study of selected texts from world literature. A self-taught option is also available at standard level only.

Option 2: Language A Language and Literature. English or Dutch.

All students must choose an option 1 and either an option 2 or a group 2 subject.

### **GROUP 2 - Language B**

Second modern language: French, Dutch (SL only) and Spanish are offered. Other languages may be available for private tuition (this can only be arranged via the DP coordinator or the Assistant Principle). All costs for online or private tuition are to be met by the student.

### **GROUP 3 - Individuals and Societies**

History, Geography, Economics, Business and Management.

### **GROUP 4 - Experimental Sciences**

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Systems and Societies (SL only)

### **GROUP 5 - Mathematics**

Mathematics HL, Mathematics SL, Mathematical Studies SL.

### **GROUP 6 - The Arts and Electives**

Visual Art.

### ***Additional programme requirements:***

Theory of Knowledge (assessed course) – 100 hours of instruction

Creativity, Action, Service (completion of a balanced programme equivalent to approximately 50 hours per component).

Extended Essay - a 4000 word piece of original work on a topic of the student's choice, usually one of the higher level subjects.