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ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL – HIGH SCHOOL

Profile 2023-2024

St. Ignatius Catholic School – High School, is a Catholic, co-educational, independent day school established in 1994 on the Island of Grand Cayman, the largest of the Cayman Islands (population c.65,000) in the western Caribbean. Banking and tourism are at the heart of the vibrant economy and Caymanians enjoy the highest income per capita in the region. As a British Overseas Territory, English is spoken and there are strong American and Canadian influences. St. Ignatius Catholic School is viewed as one of the leading non-selective schools in the British Caribbean. Following an inspection in October 2022, the Cayman Islands Office of Education Standards (OES) judged the school overall as 'Good,' with an outstanding profile for the Secondary (Years 7 – 11) and Sixth Form.

There are 350 students of 22 nationalities in Grades 7-13, 102 of whom have graduated from a high school programme and are following advanced courses in Years 12 and 13. The 35 highly qualified teachers provide the school with a student teacher ratio of 10:1.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to nurture the spiritual, academic, social and personal development of every student in our care in a supportive Catholic atmosphere which welcomes and embraces all denominations.

Academic Programme

The school offers a British based curriculum with the addition of the PSAT and the SAT 1 which are available to all senior students.

Those in **Years 7-9** follow a broad foundation programme comprising English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science, Computer Science, History, Geography, Spanish, French, Art, Music, Drama, Physical Education and Lifeskills. It is intended that all students get experience of knowledge, understanding, skills and values from a wide range of subject areas.

In **Years 10-11** students follow a core curriculum of English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Religious Education (R.E.), Double Award Science, Physical Education (P.E.), and Careers Education (C.E.), with Work Experience (W.E.) in Year 10. In addition, they choose options (electives) in which they specialize for two years. The option subjects are Accounting, Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, Digital Technology, Drama, French, Geography, History, Music, Physical Education and Spanish, from which the students choose three subjects. They graduate at the end of Year 11 having taken I/GCSE examinations.

Those students selected to study advanced courses in **Years 12 and 13** are required to achieve a minimum of 5 higher I/GCSE passes (Grades A*-C) before being considered for advanced level study on Honours courses. Each advanced level subject is 160 hours of study. Twenty subjects are currently offered: Accounting, Art and Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Digital Technology, Drama, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Law, Marine Science, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Spanish and Travel & Tourism, of which students may opt for 3 or 4 in any one year. In addition, non-examination classes are compulsory in Physical Education (P.E.). A University preparation course and Community Service (C.S.) is also required on a weekly basis from all college bound students.

Testing

Students in Years 10-11 prepare for the Cambridge Assessment International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examinations and the WJEC GCSE Examinations which they take in 9 subjects at the end of Year 11. 81.4% of the graduating class of 2023 achieved 7 or more higher passes (Grades A*-C) at I/GCSE level. Many graduates move directly into U.S. universities and colleges at this stage of their education.

A large percentage of Year 11 graduates move directly into Year 12 pre-university courses from Cambridge Assessment International Education and WJEC. The Advanced Subsidiary Examination (AS) and A2 Examination is offered in Years 12-13. A total of 6 AS subjects is equally as demanding as 3 full A level subjects and equivalent credit may be awarded to successful AS candidates. A grade 5 in the US Advanced Placement examination is also regarded as the equivalent of an "A" grade in AS. For institutions that choose to award advanced standing on a course-by-course basis, it might be considered appropriate to offer one-fifth of a full year's credit for individual AS subjects, say an average of six credit hours per subject in a thirty-credit year.

Grading Policy	
Scale for I/GCSE courses in Years 10-11 Ages: 14-16 Suggested US Equivalent: A*: 85 – 100 A: 75 – 84 A+ B: 65 – 74 A- or B+ C: 55 – 64 B D: 45 – 54 C+ E: 35 – 44 C- F: 25 – 34 D+ G: 15 – 24 “Five passes at Grade C or higher would indicate a Fail: 0 – 15 student’s readiness to begin freshman level courses in US universities.” (Source Cambridge Int’l Examinations briefing paper to US Admission Counsellors.)	Scale for AS/A2 courses in Years 12-13 Ages: 16-18 AS: A2/A Level: A: 75 – 100 A*: 90 – 100 B: 65 – 74 A: 75 – 89 C: 55 – 64 B: 65 – 74 D: 45 – 54 C: 55 – 64 E: 35 – 44 D: 45 – 54 Fail: 0 – 34 E: 35 – 44 Fail: 0 – 34

See transcript for grade point conversion scale.

St. Ignatius Catholic School does not rank its students.

College Enrollment

100% of St. Ignatius Catholic School Advanced Level students plan to attend four-year colleges and universities. Our students have graduated from or are presently enrolled at:

U.S.A.:

Boston College	Boston University	Brenau University	Brigham Young University
Brown University	California Baptist University	Canisius College	Embry-Riddle University
Emory University	Florida Institute of Technology	Grand Valley State University	George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Indiana University	Johnson & Wales University	Liberty University
Louisiana State University	Loyola University	Michigan State University	North Carolina State University
Notre Dame University	Pace University, NY	Pennsylvania State University	Philadelphia College of Tech.
Purdue University	Rice University	Rollins University	Savannah College of Art & Design
St. Leo University	St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX	Southern Methodist University	Stetson University
University of Advancing Tech.,AZ	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Florida	University of Miami
University of Michigan	University of North Carolina	University of Northern Colorado	University of North Texas
University of Pennsylvania	University of San Diego, CA	University of South Carolina	University of South Florida
University of Tampa	Virginia Tech		

Canada:

Brock University, Ontario	Bishop’s University, Quebec	Dalhousie University, NS	Guelph University, Ontario
Queen’s University, Ontario	Ryerson University, Ontario	Saint Mary’s University, NS	St. Thomas University, NB
SAIT, Alberta	University of British Columbia (UBC)	University of King’s College, NS	University of Toronto, Ontario
University of Waterloo, Ontario	University of Western Ontario	York University, Ontario	

United Kingdom:

Abertay University	Brunel University	Canterbury Christ Church University	Cardiff University
De Montfort University	Edinburgh Napier University	Hull York Medical School	Imperial College London
Keele University	King’s College London	Leeds College of Music	Leeds Metropolitan Uni.
Manchester Metropolitan Uni.	Nottingham Trent University	Oxford Brookes University	Plymouth University
Queen Mary University of London	Royal Holloway College	Solent University	Southampton University
University College Birmingham	University College London (UCL)	University of the Arts, London	University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire	University of Birmingham	University of Bradford	University of Bristol
University of Chester	University of Derby	University of Dundee	University of Durham
University of East London	University of Essex	University of Exeter	University of Gloucestershire
University of Hull	University of Kent	University of Lancaster	University of Leeds
University of Leicester	University of Liverpool	University of London	University of Manchester
University of Newcastle	University of Northumbria	University of Nottingham	University of Oxford
University of Portsmouth	University of Sheffield	University of Southampton	University of Sunderland
University of Surrey	University of Warwick	University of the West of England	University of Wales
University of Worcester	University of York		

Caribbean:

Truman Bodden Law School	University College of the Cayman Islands	University of the West Indies, Jamaica
International College of the Cayman Islands		

Other:

Trinity College – Dublin, Ireland	University College Dublin – Ireland	University of Galway – Ireland
University of Brisbane – Australia	University of Sydney – Australia	University D’Ex-Marseille - France
University of Oslo – Norway	University of Otago – New Zealand	Washington University of St. Louis, Madrid Campus – Spain