THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Theory of Knowledge is what makes IB diploma different than other courses. By studying ToK, IB DP students deal with the complex problems of the knowledge they acquire in the different academic subject they select and study alongside. By focusing on beliefs, justification, and the epistemology of different areas of knowledge, IB Dp students experience some of questions that are introduced at university undergraduate level and beyond. ToK is more than simply a course in critical thinking, as it is inextricably linked to the knowledge acquired in disciplanary subject areas.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in learning and curiosity about how knowledge is constructed, shared and manipulated.

GCSE or equivalent
IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

EXAM BOARD

IB

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2

Core Theme – Knowledge and the knower (Areas of knowledge)	**Optional Theme 1** – Knowledge and technology **Optional Theme 3** – Knowledge and politics

ASSESSMENT

Grades are determined by two coursework components submitted respectively during the 1st and the 2nd year of study.

Paper (Externally Marked)	Weighting
1. Exhibition	10 marks
2. Essay	20 marks

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Theory of Knowledge (Oxford IB Diploma Programme)	978-0-19-849770-7	Marija Uzunova Dang and Arvin Singh Uzunov Dang

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be the major source of revision.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Theory of Knowledge is a compulsory component of the IB diploma programme as this focuses not only on the academic enrichment of the student, but their personal development as a well-rounded individual. Theory of Knowledge complements the academic enrichment of IB diploma students and allows explicit development of a range of skills that are desirable for any successful university-level educational pathway.

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