



VILLA INTERNATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS – 2021-2023

### THE CURRICULUM AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

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#### **VIHS STUDENT PACKAGE 2021-2023: TOWARDS QUALITY EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

##### **VISION**

Villa International High school strives to be the leading Higher Secondary Education provider in the Maldives, highly valued and recognized locally and internationally.

##### **MISSION**

The mission of Villa International High School is to sustain, advance and disseminate knowledge and understanding by providing internationally recognized quality education through teaching and training which develop intellectual capacity and values vital for the development of the Maldivian community.

##### **VALUES**

**Quality education:** VIHS affirms quality as our principal priority by providing programs and services that ensure excellence in teaching and learning, student services and organizational efficiency.

**Empowerment:** We encourage the development of student self-discipline and independence and create opportunities for students to maximize their potential.

**Community engagement:** VIHS is driven by the needs of the society. Through our clubs and short courses, we are committed to promoting a climate that promotes civic engagement.

**Moral and religious values:** VIHS attaches great importance to inculcate moral and Islamic values in our students.

**Equal opportunities:** We offer a diverse environment that provides an equitable education for all our students and emphasize respect for individual and cultural differences.

**Fairness and integrity:** We seek to uphold and instil the highest standards of ethics in our students.

**Lifelong learning:** Our academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs are designed to create the desire to learn, the ability to think clearly and express themselves effectively and to instil the habit of analytical and reflective thought, the awareness and appreciation of their cultural and national heritage.

**Responsible citizenry:** VIHS is committed to a diverse environment that creates opportunities for students to exhibit leadership and citizenship. We foster in students a sense of responsibility for their own development and an understanding of their obligations as members of a democratic society.

## **We maximize our values through:**

- **Interactive classrooms:** Our classrooms are airconditioned and equipped with the latest technology to provide an interactive environment where students are encouraged to use their own devices to access their learning materials. Many of our classrooms are equipped with technology to enable hybrid learning, whereby students can also access teachers from home simultaneously with students in the classroom.
- **Caring teachers:** Our teachers are constantly learning in order to adopt effective and creative approaches to teaching and learning. Through current methodology blended with technology, teachers seek to create cooperative and active classrooms where learners use multiple resources to construct knowledge and apply these skills practically. All our teachers have first degree in their subject with years of experience. More than 90% of our teachers have masters degree.
- **Safe, secure and supervised environment:** Our school environment facilitates students to work cooperatively and in harmony with each other. Students are mentored by their class teachers. Students' development, progress and well-being are of the utmost concern for the staff of VIHS.
- **Learning beyond walls:** Students are exposed to various environments and learning experiences through field trips to local and international destinations. From these trips students will enrich their understanding about the culture, as well as Science and Business worlds. In trips to local destinations students will explore the culture, heritage, dialects and customs of the locals of those atolls. In trips to overseas destinations students will visit garment, automobile and food production factories; banks, universities and other institutions, as well as nature parks, botanic gardens, universities, laboratories and research facilities.
- **Single session schooling:** Students spend five to seven hours per day at school, during which time they complete all class work and assignments. Enrichment and extra classes are also provided for students requiring support.
- **Online learning management system "Dhasvehi":** We seek to fully engage our students as active learners by providing a broad range of learning experiences through online resources and practical classroom sessions.
- **Parent Portal "Belenivehi":** Parents can monitor the students' attendance and performance in real time.

## **For student development:**

- **Clubs and houses:** Students can take part in sports, competitions, exhibitions, symposiums and workshops organized by the houses and clubs of VIHS.
- **Internship:** All Science students will have the opportunity to complete an internship at 4 departments of their choice at IGMH.
- **Career Guidance and Counselling:** We provide career programs to prepare students to enter the workforce and help them choose the best career paths through training and higher education.
- **Special classes and extra co-curricular activities:** Students can enrol in a variety of short skill-building classes and take part in club activities which are conducted throughout the academic year.  
*\*For details of our programs, visit [www.vihs.edu.mv](http://www.vihs.edu.mv) and <https://www.facebook.com/vihs.edu.mv>.*
- **Skills Development Program:** A variety of short courses, certified by Villa College, is available for students who wish to develop employable skills. These may include Graphic Designing, Web Designing, Spreadsheet Management, Robotics, Chinese Language and IELTS.

## **IMPORTANT RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

**Library:** Our state-of-the-art library is equipped with a huge number of physical and online resources (such as EBSCO, E-library USA, Science Direct, JSTOR, Cambridge Journals Online, Royal Society Journals, etc.). For a complete list of all resources, visit <https://library.villacollege.edu.mv>. The library includes discussion rooms and conducive study areas. Other services in the library include photocopying and printing.

**Science Laboratories:** Our Science labs are fully equipped with all necessary equipment and good quality chemicals. Scheduled lab sessions are conducted for all Science students in Physics, Chemistry and Biology to provide a hands-on experience.

**Computer Labs:** Four computer labs with the latest facilities are available for students' use.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE AND FREE EDUCATION

Entrance requirements for VIHS are based on IGCSE, O Level and SSC results. Please note that grades A\*, A, B and C are passes at O Level and that VIHS will only consider O Levels taken in the last two years. For this year's admission, O Levels taken since October 2019 will be considered.

Students must have passes (C and above) in at least 2 subjects from any subject combination below.

**You must study at least 2 Edexcel/Cambridge IAL subjects at VIHS.**

**Applicants should have passes in a total of five (5) subjects at O Level/IGCSE/SSC AND study Dhivehi and Islam at VIHS in order to be eligible for free education under government sponsorship. If NOT, you can still study the subjects which you have passed in O Level / IGCSE, for a monthly fee of MVR 2400/- from September 2021 until the end of the IAL examinations.**

## CHOOSING SUBJECTS TO STUDY AT VIHS:

### CORE SUBJECTS:

**IGCSE ENGLISH:** This subject is compulsory for all students who achieved below C grade in O Level/IGCSE English.

**DHIVEHI and ISLAM:** Dhivehi and Islam will be taught for National HSC Syllabus and are **compulsory for all Maldivian students who gain admission under MoE sponsorship.**

### ELECTIVE SUBJECTS AND COMBINATIONS:

Accounting (Edexcel IAL)

Business (Edexcel IAL)

Economics (Edexcel IAL)

Biology (Edexcel IAL)

Chemistry (Edexcel IAL)

Physics (Edexcel IAL)

Mathematics (Edexcel IAL)

Travel and Tourism (Cambridge IAL)

COMBINATION	SCIENCE 1	SCIENCE 2	SCIENCE 3	BUSINESS 1	BUSINESS 2	BUSINESS 3	MIXED 1	MIXED 2
SUBJECTS	BIO CHEM MATH PHY	BIO CHEM MATH TT	PHY CHEM MATH TT	ACCT BUS ECON MATH	ACCT BUS ECON TT	ACCT MATH ECON TT	BIO CHEM ECON ACCT	MATH CHEM ECON ACCT

- *You can choose any subject combination you wish to study at VIHS. However, if the combination contains a subject which you have attained below C grade at O Level/IGCSE that subject may not be offered to you.*
- *4 subjects will only be awarded based on academic merit as demonstrated by your O Level/IGCSE results.*
- *You must choose at least 2 subjects in any combinations.*
- *Formation of classes with your desired combination will only be possible if a reasonable number of students apply for it.*

### OPTIONAL SUBJECTS OFFERED TO ALL STUDENTS

Students may choose to study any ONE of the optional subjects offered below. However, we advise you to consider the following:

VIHS offers Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) and Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) as options.

Students who achieved A\* or A in IGCSE English may choose CPE.

Students who have achieved A\*, A or B in O Level English may also opt for CPE.

CAE is offered for students who have achieved B/C in IGCSE English or C in O Level English.

\* *Students with a C in IGCSE English (Core) cannot opt for CAE.*

\* *Students who are eligible for CPE may choose CAE if they wish.*

## VIHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Villa International High School offers scholarships to the following categories of students:

Category 1: Brilliant Student Scholarships

Category 2: Subject Expert Scholarships

Category 3: Sports and Co-curricular Scholarships

Please refer to VIHS Scholarship Awarding Policy (available from <https://vihs.edu.mv/downloads>) for details.

### APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

- Applications are open from: 10<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- Application can be made online (via our website, <https://vihs.edu.mv>) or hard copies of application forms can be collected from and submitted to VIHS office between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm of weekdays, from 10<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Personal information form and uniform code for students who gain admission will be issued within 3 working days of submitting the application (online or hard copy). **Students will be registered once the completed personal information form is submitted (online or hard copy), latest by 2:00 pm of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**
- Selected students' list will be displayed on school website on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- Orientation program schedule will be displayed on school website on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- Meeting parents and students: There will be a meeting for all newly admitted students and their parents on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The venue and other details will be informed later.
- Orientation program: 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021
- Commencement of First Semester: 26 September 2021