

## **NEW VISION LOWER AND UPPER BASIC SCHOOL**

### **CURRICULUM**

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##### **1. THE LOWER BASIC NATIONAL CURRICULUM**

The Curriculum Framework for **LOWER BASIC** School provides a comprehensive progressive learning objectives for English, Mathematics, Science and Social and Environmental Studies in preparing students for the National Assessment Test (**NAT**) Examinations at the end of Grade 6 in:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social and Environmental Studies

The objectives highlighted what the learner should know or should be able to do in these subjects in each level of the Primary Education. The National Curriculum is available in all the six stages according to the Year group. In each Year group, the learner develops thinking skills in Numeracy, Literacy, Scientific Enquiry Method and History and Geography. The West African Examinations Council (**WAEC**) incorporates ICT Curriculum to facilitate digital teaching and learning across the curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and Social and Environmental Studies. Students will be tested in Grade 3 and 5 alternately in Reading, Writing and Usage. The Mathematics curriculum tests students in Number, Geometry and Measure and Statistics and Probability while the Science curriculum tests students in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Scientific Enquiry. The SES test students in History and Geography. The framework provides a solid Foundation of which the latter stages of Education can be built. At the end of Year 6, students will take a comprehensive exam to move to the Upper Basic School after obtain a minimum pass mark to proceed to grade 7.

##### **2. THE NATIONAL PRIMARY CURRICULUM TEST**

The National Primary Curriculum Test developed the student's Progression Tests for use by teachers for formative assessment to evaluate the performance and progress of learners in Grade 3 to 6.

Component Tested:

The National Primary Curriculum framework provides the basic support in teaching and learning of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Environmental Studies. There are a series of learning objectives for each grade presented in different content areas. Questions in the National Assessment Test (NAT) are linked to the different contents and learning objectives. After the test, learners performances are analysed by the Ministry of Education in graphical form. A child who maintains a high performance from Grade 3 to Grade 6 is expected to perform exceptionally well in the Gambia Basic Education Certificate Education (GABECE) at the end of Grade 9.

### **3. THE GABECE EXAMINATIONS:**

There will be a GABECE Examination organised by the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Environmental Studies only.

### **4. ELECTIVE SUBJECTS:**

In addition to English, Mathematics, Science and Social Environmental Studies, the following elective subjects will also be offered in the school and are examinable.

- French
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

The aim is to build a student's foundation in the High School offering French as a foreign language. As a bilingual school, the students will take the DELF exams in all stages. Information Technology ( ICT) at WASSCE. The non-academic subjects that are not examinable are:

- Arts and Design
- GERMAN
- Music
- Physical Education ( P. E.)

### **HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM:**

Vision High School will prepare students for the following School Certificate Examinations:

1. National Assessment Test- Grade 8
2. GABECE Examinations - Grade 9
3. WASSCE Examinations- Grade 12

Students entering High School Grade 8 to 12 is mandatory to do the following subjects:

- English Language
- Literature-in-English
- French
- German
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- Arts and Design
- Design and Technology
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Music
- Personal Social Health Education ( PSHE)

PSHE is a non-examinable subject but important especially during circle-time. In Grade 10, is the beginning of WASSCE curriculum and so students are encouraged to offer a minimum of eight subjects. To qualify for the optional West Africa Senior School Certificate of Education ( **WASSCE**). Certificate students will be expected to pass a minimum of seven WASSCE subjects. TWO subjects from group 1 and ONE from each of groups 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**A. Group One - Languages:**

- English Language
- Literature in English
- French

**B. Group Two- Social Sciences and Humanities**

- Economics
- Sociology
- Geography
- History

**C. Group Three - Sciences**

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology

**D. Group Four - Mathematics**

- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics

**E. Group Five - Technical, vocational and Creative**

- Design and Technology
- Art and Design
- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Home Economics
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Physical Education
- Music

**CHOICE OF SUBJECTS IN SIXTH FORM**

Students will be encouraged to choose one subject from each group but will be allowed to study three subjects only.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** This is compulsory but not examinable. Students with self-study periods must always be in the library.