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### Clarification of Option Selection for Junior High

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To alleviate any confusion with regards to option selection, we would like to clarify several commonly asked questions:

1. **Is my child in the IB Middle Years Programme, regardless of what options they choose?** YES. All students at St. Edmund are IB learners and are part of the IB Programme. No matter which options you and your child choose, you will be in the IB Programme.
2. **What is the difference between the Partial IB certificate and the Full IB certificate?** All students at the end of grade 9 will receive a Partial IB certificate. The final year of the IB Middle Years Programme is completed in grade 10 at Archbishop MacDonald High School. If your child chooses to attend MAC in grade 10, they will be eligible for a Full Certificate. Partial or full certificates does not affect acceptance into High Schools.
3. **My child is in an academy; do they need to take French?** NO. Students in academy have less option choices, as academy is considered an option. If your child would like to receive a *Full IB certificate*, they **DO** need to take the French & Fine Arts cohort as their options. To receive the *Partial IB certificate*, your child does not need to take the French & Fine Arts cohort as an option.
4. **My child is in the regular IB (Non Academy) program; do they need to take French?** YES. All students not in an academy program do take French; this is mandatory. Your child will have the choice of TWO other options in addition to French, to be selected from the Fine Arts and CTF options for your child's grade level.

If you have any other questions regarding option selection for next year, please contact the school at 780-453-1596.

Kind regards,

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