STADIRA · STUDY DESK

IGCSE or BGCSE? The family checklist

Fill it in together. Take it to the next parents' meeting.

1. Where do we want to be in five years?

- [ ] A degree in Botswana (UB, BIUST, college)
- [ ] University abroad
- [ ] Not sure yet: keep both roads open
- [ ] Government sponsorship is part of the plan
- [ ] We can budget for two more years (A Levels or IB)

Careers we are thinking about

Subjects those careers need

2. Questions to ask the school

Question	Answer
Is our child entered for Core or Extended maths? When is it decided?	
Which subjects are needed for the degree our child talks about?	
What do most of your leavers do after Form 5?	
If our plans change, what is the last sensible point to switch?	
What extra maths help is there before Form 4?	

3. Decision points, Form by Form

Form 1 to 2

- [ ] Placement check in maths
- [ ] Reading and study habits in place
- [ ] Switching systems is easy now

Form 3

- [ ] Ask: Core or Extended?
- [ ] Close maths gaps before Form 4
- [ ] Best moment for a planned switch

Form 4

- [ ] Subject choices fit the career plan
- [ ] Extended maths if science or engineering
- [ ] Switch only with a written bridging plan

Form 5

- [ ] Past papers in the real exam style
- [ ] University entry rules checked
- [ ] Next step booked (degree, A Levels, IB or foundation)

4. Student: this term I will…

- [ ] Look up what two possible careers need
- [ ] Find out which maths paper I am entered for
- [ ] Fix my weakest maths topic now, not in Form 5
- [ ] Ask someone a year ahead what they wish they had known