



Royal International School  
Kurunegala



# **PROSPECTUS ADVANCED LEVEL EDEXCEL 2023-2025**

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## **The Chairperson**

**Mrs. Sandra B. Wanduragala**

Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public

Mrs. Sandra B. Wanduragala is our present Chairperson and a co-founder of Royal International School. In addition, she's an Attorney at Law by profession and is also the Founder and Chairperson of Selyn Handlooms, a world renowned organization.

**Mrs. Sandra B. Wanduragala has received numerous awards in Sri Lanka and internationally.**

- Presidential Export Award 2014,
- Best Exporter 2015 – SME
- Gold Award; Asia Pacific's Most Prestigious Award for Entrepreneur 2013
- APEA International Award; and Inspirational SME Award People category 2013
- The Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 Asia Pacific
- Professional & Career Woman 2016 Gold Award Winner – Inspirational Woman of the Year
- EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women for Asia Pacific – 2018
- Inspirational Entrepreneur of the Year 2022: Women in Management Global Conference held in Dubai
- Forbes Asia: '50 over 50' in 2023 – First Sri Lankan woman & only Second Sri Lankan to be recognized ever.



## Message from the Managing Director



Welcome to the RIS Advanced Level Section, where educational excellence meets a nurturing environment. We are delighted to present our Advanced Level prospectus to you. Firstly, I must congratulate you on the completion of the Ordinary Level examination. You have all worked so hard to reach this point and now you are in the final years of your schooling life.

Now your challenge is to face choices that will determine and influence so much of your life to come. Please read this prospectus carefully. If you are not sure of anything mentioned in it or if you need any assistance selecting your Advanced Level streams, please do not hesitate to talk to the Heads of school.

If you decide to continue on to your Advanced Levels, you will have many sleepless nights and you will have to overcome a lot of frustration – but they will also be very fruitful two years if you decide to make them so. It has become a trend to not do one's Advanced Levels. There are so many Foundation courses which promise to take you to university – but in our experience, the Advanced Levels is not just about your final exams; it is also about making the most of all the extra opportunities which will come your way if you decide to remain in school. Apply to become a Prefect, take up an extra activity, participate in all the events organized in school – these will become the sources of the additional skills needed to succeed in the job market.

You will find in this prospectus the streams we offer and a description of the subjects within it. I wish you all the very best & success for the journey ahead of you.

**Mr. Ravinath Peiris**

BA (Brighton) MSc (London) MA (Erfurt) EMBA (PIM)



## WHO ARE WE ?

Royal International School Kurunegala is a place where excellence meets opportunities. With a rich history of providing quality education for more than 30 years and a commitment for nurturing well-rounded individuals, we strive to empower our students for success in a rapidly changing world.

## WHAT IS EDEXCEL?

Edexcel is a multinational education and examination board based in The United Kingdom and is one of the leading providers of internationally recognized qualifications and assessments for students and schools worldwide. Edexcel is a part of Pearson, a major education services providing company.

## IGCSE

One of the key offerings by Edexcel is the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), which is typically taken by students in the UK at the end of their compulsory education (around age 16). Edexcel GCSEs are recognized and accepted by many universities, employers, and educational institutions worldwide.

## IAL

In addition to GCSEs, Edexcel also provides other qualifications, such as A-level (Advanced Level), which is taken by students in the UK after completing their secondary education (around age 18) and is often required for university admission.





## SUBJECT DESCRIPTION : PEARSON EDEXCEL A/LEVELS

The International Advanced Level qualifications have been designed to extend learners' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. Key features include modular assessment, comparable content with the UK GCE A Level, a range of types of questions in exams, broad and deep development of learners' skills, and 18 core practical activities. The IAL specification includes 18 core practical activities which form a thread linking theoretical knowledge and understanding to practical scenarios.

### Subject : Biology

Availability: January, May/June, October/November

- Our International AS/Advanced Level in Biology is the new name for the international Edexcel AS/A level, with exactly the same content and assessment.
- The Edexcel International AS/Advanced Level Biology syllabus, regulated by Pearson, builds on the knowledge and skills developed from Edexcel International GCSE Biology and other GCSE programmes of study, encouraging creative thinking and problem-solving.

### Subject : Chemistry

Availability: January, May/June, October/November

- Our International AS/Advanced Level in Chemistry is the new name for the international Edexcel AS/A level, with exactly the same content and assessment.
- Examination series are available in January, June and October.
- The Edexcel International AS/Advanced Level Chemistry syllabus, regulated by Pearson, builds on the knowledge and skills developed from Edexcel International GCSE Chemistry and other GCSE programmes of study, encouraging creative thinking and problem-solving.

### Subject: Physics

Availability: January, May/June, October/November

- Our International AS/Advanced Level in Physics is the new name for the international Edexcel AS/A level, with exactly the same content and assessment.
- Examination series are available in January, June and October.



**Subject: Mathematics****Availability: January, May/June, October/November**

- Our International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level Further Pure Mathematics have been developed to be engaging for international learners and to give them the necessary skills to support progression to higher education or further study in Further Pure Mathematics and a wide range of other subject.
- We designed the International Advanced Level mathematics to develop their understanding of mathematics and mathematical processes in a way that promotes confidence and fosters enjoyment.
- 14 units are available across Pure Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Mechanics, Statistics with modular assessment and AS results contributing to overall A level results.
- Develop an awareness of the relevance of mathematics to other fields of study and the world of work.

**Subject: Accounting****Availability: January, May/June, October/November**

- Our International Advanced Level in Accounting replaces the international version of the Edexcel GCE A Level in the subject.
- Covering the principles, concepts and techniques of accounting, the Edexcel International Advanced Level in Accounting is designed to be studied over two years, with the option of a one-year AS-level course.
- The specification is available for teaching in international centres only and offers 100% external assessment with no coursework.

**Subject: Business****Availability: January, May/June, October/November**

- Our International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level Business have been developed to be engaging for international learners and to give them the necessary skills to support progression to higher education or further study in Business, as well as to a wide range of other subjects.
- Key qualification features reflect today's global world – students develop an understanding of current global issues that impact business, preparing them for their next steps in today's global world.
- Helps develop a holistic understanding of business – the assessment culminates with a final paper that draws on the knowledge and skills students developed from Units 1, 2 and 3.

**Subject: Economics****Availability: January, May/June, October/November**

- Our International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level Economics have been developed to be engaging for international learners and to give them the necessary skills to support progression to higher education or further study in Economics, as well as to a wide range of other subjects.
- Key qualification features Engaging content – Content allows students to develop an awareness of trends in the global economy, researching developed and developing economics, including a focus on contemporary issues.



## WHY CHOOSING IAL...?

### Global Recognition

- IAL Edexcel is recognized worldwide as a reputable qualification, opening doors to universities and employers internationally.
- It is accepted by leading universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and many other countries.

### Academic Rigor

- IAL Edexcel offers rigorous academic programs that provide in-depth knowledge and skills in various subjects.
- The curriculum is designed to challenge students and develop critical thinking, research, and analytical abilities.

### Broad Subject Choices

- IAL Edexcel offers a wide range of subject choices across various disciplines, including sciences, humanities, business, and arts.
- Students have the flexibility to choose subjects according to their interests, passions, and career aspirations.

### Flexible Assessment Options

- IAL Edexcel provides flexibility in assessment options, allowing students to choose between modular and linear assessment structures.
- Modular assessments offer the opportunity to take exams in different stages, reducing the pressure of a single high-stakes exam.

### Continuous Assessment

- In addition to exams, IAL Edexcel emphasizes continuous assessment, which includes coursework, projects, and practical assessments.
- This approach helps students develop skills related to research, practical, and presentation, fostering a holistic learning experience.

### Supportive Learning Resources

- Edexcel provides a range of learning resources, including textbooks, online materials, and past papers to support students in their studies.
- These resources facilitate independent learning, enabling students to strengthen their understanding of the subjects.

### Experienced Teachers and Support

- IAL Edexcel is supported by a network of experienced teachers who are trained to deliver quality education.
- Teachers provide guidance, support, and personalized attention to students, helping them achieve their academic goals.



## Recognition of Prior Learning

- IAL Edexcel recognizes prior learning, allowing students to receive credit for previous qualifications or coursework completed.
- This recognition ensures a smooth transition for students and acknowledges their previous educational achievements.

## Personal Development

- IAL Edexcel not only focuses on academic knowledge but also emphasizes the development of transferable skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- These skills are highly valued by universities and employers, enhancing students' future prospects.

## Multiple Examination Opportunities

Examinations are available in May / June / October / November

- As exams are spread throughout the course, revision is broken down into unit-sized chunks, and there are less 'all-or-nothing' exam periods, enabling learners to focus their revision appropriately.







## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

At Royal International School Kurunegala, we offer a comprehensive curriculum that combines academic rigor with practical skills development. Our students benefit from a diverse range of subjects, including Mathematics, Science, Languages, Humanities, and Arts. As an Edexcel-affiliated school, we ensure international standards of education and provide our students with a solid foundation for future academic pursuits.

## FACULTY

At Royal International School Kurunegala, we have a dedicated team of highly qualified and experienced educators who are passionate about shaping the minds of our students. Our teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise, constantly engaging in professional development to stay abreast of the latest educational practices and techniques.

- **Ms. Sonia Dharmasena,**  
Graduate Teacher from Louisiana University (USA)  
More than 20 years of expertise in teaching the Edexcel curriculum and 22 years of service at RIS, specially trained in teaching English Language & Literature, Edexcel IGCSE & IAL  
Helped many students achieve the best results.



- **Mr. Cyril Chandrasekara,**  
First Class Science trained.  
Chief Examiner for the National O/L Science Subject in Seychelles (20 years) With more than 25 years of expertise in teaching the Edexcel curriculum and 11 years of service at RIS.  
Specially trained in Physics and Chemistry, Edexcel IGCSE & IAL.  
Former United Nations lecturer in science and curriculum developer at Nikruma Teacher's College, Tanzania (3 years)





• **Mrs. A.R.W. Dilini Randima Wickramasinghe,**

Graduate Teacher in Information Technology, with more than 8 years of expertise in teaching the Edexcel curriculum and 13 years of service at RIS  
Specially trained in ICT, Edexcel IGCSE, & IAL.



• **Ms. Gayani Hathurusingha,**

B.A. English (Second Class Upper Division)- University of Kelaniya,  
M.A. Linguistics - University of Kelaniya,  
M. Ed. (Reading) Lincoln University, Malaysia,  
With more than 13 years of expertise  
Specially trained in English Language and Literature, Edexcel IGCSE & IAL

• **Mrs. Chamila Thilakarathne**

BBA(Hons) from the University of Colombo  
MBA at Wayamba University (Reading)  
More than 10 years of expertise in teaching the Edexcel curriculum and 10 years of service at RIS  
Partly qualified in Chartered Accounting and specially trained in Edexcel IGCSE & IAL.  
Edexcel Coordinator



• **Ms. Kumudini Weerasinghe**

Graduate teacher from the University of Peradeniya.  
Pearson Chemistry and Physics Examiner for Edexcel IGCSE and IAL  
With more than 14 years of experience instructing the Edexcel curriculum and 8 years of experience at RIS.  
Holding PGDE-University of Colombo.  
Currently pursuing M.Ed. at the Asia e University, Malaysia.  
B. Ed at the University of Technology, Cambodia.

• **Mrs. Dinusha Karunarathna**

B.Com (Special) at the University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka  
Higher Diploma in IT SLIIT Malabe  
MBA at Wayamba University Sri Lanka (Reading)  
With her competence in teaching the Edexcel curriculum and thirteen years of experience at Edexcel IGCSE & IAL.



• **Mr. Thilanka Ariyawansa**

B.Sc(Hons) BTEC HND in Edexcel, and a PGDip. (Education).  
Has worked at RIS for 12 years and has 14 years of experience instructing the Edexcel curriculum.  
Helped the kids achieve their IGCSE and IAL goals.





• **Ms. Shahaniya Ameer**

Bachelor of Science – Open University of Sri Lanka  
contributed to the students' accomplishment at the Edexcel IGCSE & IAL exams with teaching experience at RIS and expertise in the Edexcel curriculum.

• **Mr. Chamara Premathilake**

MBA in International Business – University of Colombo  
MSc in Strategic Marketing – Asia e University  
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management – university of Colombo  
Postgraduate Diploma in professional Marketing – Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) – UK, An experienced Advanced Level teacher for Edexcel Business Studies with more than 6 years of teaching experience for Edexcel IGCSE & IAL Business Studies, Degree Programs and Professional Courses including CIMA, CMA, AAT, SLIM, & IBSL has produced island prize winners.



• **Ms. Sarala Shalini Gunasekara**

B.Sc. Hons in Physics – University of Jaffna  
Former Instructor in Physics, University of Jaffna  
Former Instructor in Physics, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University, An experienced online tutor for EDEXCEL A/L and IGCSE (9-1) Physics for foreign students. Produced island rank winners in Physics Olympiad and Astronomy Olympiad, and national A/L.

• **Ms. Indeewari Tennakoon,**

BA (Hons) University of Kelaniya (First Class)  
Master of Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL):  
Postgraduate Institute of English, Open University of Sri Lanka (Reading)  
Two years of experience teaching the Edexcel curriculum, assisting the students in achieving good results in IGCSE & IAL.



• **Ms. Thilina Fernando**

B.Sc in Biological Sciences (Hons)- University of Kelaniya  
MSc. (Business Management)  
Master In Chemistry Education – University of Colombo  
An experienced Advanced Level teacher for Edexcel Chemistry with more than 3 years of teaching experience at RIS.

• **Mr. Sudheera Wijekoon,**

B.Sc. (Hons) in Chemistry – University of Sri Jayewardenepura  
MSc. (Analytical Chemistry) – University of Sri Jayewardenepura  
With 2 years of experience at RIS and 5 years of skill in teaching the Edexcel curriculum.







• **Ms. Rashini Wijesinghe**

B.com (reading final year) at the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education

Has been teaching the Edexcel curriculum at RIS for five years.

• **Mr. Sandun Bandara**

Bachelor of Science (BSc-Hons) Management – University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Passed Finalist of Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka

With four years of experience at RIS and five years of teaching the Edexcel curriculum.



• **Ms. Bhagya Dissanayake**

B.Sc (Hons) in Botany, PGD Science Education University of Peradeniya helped the students well.

Accomplish on the Edexcel IGCSE & IAL exams.

Two years of teaching experience at RIS and expertise in the Edexcel curriculum.

• **Ms. Lakshika Dharmapala**

HND in English at SLIATE

BA at the University of Peradeniya

Two years of teaching experience at RIS and expertise in the Edexcel curriculum.



• **Ms. Gagani Bandara**

Bachelor's degree in business management at the University of Jaffna.

Two years of teaching experience and expertise in the Edexcel curriculum.





## FACILITIES

Our state-of-the-art campus provides a conducive environment for learning and growth. From spacious classrooms equipped with modern teaching aids to well-equipped science and computer laboratories, our facilities cater to the diverse needs of our students. We also boast extensive sports facilities, a well-stocked library, and advanced technology resources to enhance the learning experience.



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



At Royal International School Kurunegala, we believe in the holistic development of our students. Along with academic excellence, we offer a wide range of co-curricular activities that foster creativity, physical fitness, and personal growth. From sports teams and performing arts groups to debate clubs and community service initiatives, our students have ample opportunities to explore their interests and talents.





## STUDENT SUPPORT

We prioritize the well-being and success of our students. Our dedicated student support services include comprehensive counseling programs, mentorship opportunities, and academic enrichment initiatives. We have a team of trained professionals who provide guidance and support to help students excel academically and navigate the challenges of personal and social development.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At Royal International School Kurunegala, we believe in making a positive impact on the community. Our students actively participate in various community service projects and engage in partnerships with local organizations. We foster a sense of social responsibility, encouraging our students to become compassionate and empathetic individuals who contribute meaningfully to society.





## ACHIEVEMENTS

At RIS, we take pride in our commitment to provide quality education and fostering academic excellence. As an accredited centre for Edexcel qualifications, our institution has consistently produced outstanding results and achievements that reflect our dedication to vision.

Royal International School has consistently achieved the best results in Edexcel exams in Kurunegala District past over the 20 years.

We proudly hold the reputation of being the top-performing Edexcel examination centre in Kurunegala.

We are dedicated in providing a supportive learning environment that nurtures the potential of our students, allowing them to excel in their Edexcel examinations.

Every year, our students receive the prestigious Edexcel Awards for their exceptional achievements, recognizing their excellence in academics.

## ADMISSION PROCESS

Joining the Royal International School community is a seamless process. We welcome students from diverse backgrounds and provide a fair and transparent admission procedure. To learn more about the requirements, deadlines, and any available scholarships or financial assistance programs, please visit our website or contact our admissions office.





Please fill the above clearly and either;

1. Hand it physically to the school Registrar;
2. Email it to [registrar@ris.edu.lk](mailto:registrar@ris.edu.lk). Please indicate your Index Number (For the RIS Students Only) & Name in the subject heading of your email.

Please be kind enough to submit your application on or before 7th July 2023.

3. Please note that the school can only accommodate a given subject if a minimum of five students have selected it. If for any reason there are less than five students per subject, the subject will not be considered.
4. You may contact the (RO) Registrar's Office if you need further clarification. TP: 0740140607/0762922703/0779459048

1. .... 3. ....  
2. .... 4. ....

Signature of Student : .....

Signature of Father : ..... Mother : .....

Guardian : ..... Date : .....

### For RIS Students only.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE REGISTRAR.

Please note that your entry into the AL will depend on your Grades at the Public Exam. Minimum criteria have to be met in addition to the student's behavior being very good during the last two years.

*The Management will be selecting students into the A/L according to the above-mentioned criteria.*

Name of Student : .....

Present Grade : .....(If applicable)

This is to certify that the above mentioned student's Edexcel A Level choices Application Form was received.

See Next Photo

..... Registrar's Signature

Date Recd.: / / 2023









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