

## **Additional Subjects that are taught at RIS**

Apart from the major subjects mentioned above, the following subjects are also taught to the students to give them a broad range of knowledge. Here is a brief outline of the aims objectives behind teaching these subjects.

### **Bible**

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Bible is not considered an 'academic' subject but is critical to our students' development as we encourage them to develop personal relationships with Jesus. As a Christian school, we believe that the bible is the word of God and that it is important that your children know it. It is through our Bible classes as well as integrating God's word in academic classes that we seek for students to see how God is at work in their lives and in the world around us. Bible activities include Scripture Memorization as well as learning the books of the Bible, teamwork activities, class discussions and praise and worship.

As part of character building, students are encouraged to show responsibility for their own learning by demonstrating good organizational skills. They are also encouraged to recognize their individuality as learners and also be able to work with others in group tasks.

### **Music**

We believe that music is a God-given gift. It is a universal language that allows people to connect with each other. Music is taught in order generate in children an appreciation of music, for them to develop musical literacy that will enable them to perform and create music. The lessons are intended to impart practical music skills through an understanding of the basic elements of music such as harmony, rhythm, melody, pitch, tempo, etc.

### **Social Science/ History**

Revolves around people of the world, their lifestyles, geographical situations and different traditions. In teaching social studies, pupils learn about how people lived in the past in different nations. Pupils need to learn about conflict resolution because we live with other people. Every person was created in God's image so they are valuable no matter what country or culture they come from — we need to learn about them, understand & accept them as they are. Celebrating diversity and generosity of God's world.

The purpose of this is to allow students to have good general knowledge. It is an opportunity for students to use different forms of research as well as presentation skills whilst learning about the world around them.

### **Arts and Craft**

God is the creator of the universe and the giver of artistic abilities and creativity. When we express ourselves through arts we are simply apply what God as our father did long ago. Not only is Art

important in developing and expressing creativity, it also is important in your child's development. To give one example, Art promotes the development of fine and gross motor skills

### **Physical Education**

Pupils need to learn that their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We need to look after ourselves, so that we may have healthy bodies and healthy minds. (1Corinthians 6:19). Physical Education (P.E) teaches self-discipline as those who succeed are self-disciplined people. Physical Education is also an essential tool for children to express excessive energy and clear their minds in order to be able to focus on academics. Physical Education teaches a child many fine and gross motor skills, communication and social skills, sportsmanship, listening and following instructions and rules.

### **Portuguese and Mozambique History**

God has blessed us with the capacity to learn other languages. In Mozambique, Portuguese is one of the major official languages. It is the medium of communication for local people living in our region, therefore there is a need to teach it in schools. Language unites. Failure to understand or speak a language immediately puts a barrier between people. Understanding a people's language helps one appreciate their culture more. Therefore, teaching Portuguese helps pupils to communicate effectively with each other.

Mozambique History is taught to help the children understand the culture and community that they live in. We believe that it is important that the children are aware of the story of Mozambique so that they can better understand events that happen around them.

### **Geography**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.....and it was good. The world we live in is a dynamic and vast place. Place is ultimately at the heart of *geography*; in Geography we aim to ensure that all pupils understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human *geographical* features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time. Learning basic map work skills, continent studies and environmental awareness.

### **Business Studies/Commerce**

The syllabus develops learners' understanding of business activity in the public and private sectors, and the importance of innovation and change. Learners find out how the major types of business organisation are established, financed and run, and how their activities are regulated. Factors influencing business decision-making are also considered, as are the essential values of cooperation and interdependence. Learners not only study business concepts and techniques but also enhance related skills such as numeracy and enquiry. The syllabus provides both a foundation for further study at Cambridge International A Level and an ideal preparation for the world of work.