



## **The Secondary Department**

The Secondary Department is a small yet vibrant part of the school. Classes sizes are usually less than 20 and there is 1 form entry in all years except Year 8. The School offers a broad and balanced curriculum based on the English National Curriculum at Key Stage 3 and on Edexcel or CIE IGCSE/GCSE and GCE examinations in Key Stages 4 and 5.

The Secondary Department is overseen by the Head Teacher who delegates the day to day running of the department to the Secondary Team Leader, who is responsible for teaching and learning, and a second Secondary Leader who is responsible for Pastoral issues.

The Secondary department has high expectations of both staff and students and whilst being only a small school it strives to do the things that would be expected of a much larger establishment.

All IGCSE/GCSE subjects are taught at the higher or extended level and it is very unusual for students not to achieve at least 5 Cs or above and a large number achieve mainly A\* and A grades.

A'level teaching is just becoming established with classes being offered for the past 4 years. The subjects offered each year depend on demand but in previous years we have offered Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematic, Art, Business Studies, History, French and English. The Science and Maths courses are the most popular but even these classes have never gone beyond single figures.

For entry into Egyptian universities 12 years of education are required and this does mean that a relatively large number of our Key Stage 5 students leave after Year 12 and that Year 13 subjects and student numbers are much more limited.

At BSA we try to keep pace with current best practice, with current developments in Key Stage 3, cross curricula work, peer and cross phase lesson observations and the use of ICT all currently high on our agenda. Achieving the highest quality learning is the focus of all that we do.