Support for Cambridge International Schools

Resources for teaching and learning in your school

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About us

We work with schools worldwide to build an education that shapes knowledge, understanding and skills. Together, we give learners the confidence they need to thrive and make a positive impact in a changing world.

As part of the University of Cambridge, we offer a globally trusted and flexible framework for education from age 3 to 19, informed by research, experience, and listening to educators like you.

With recognised qualifications, high-quality resources, comprehensive support and valuable insights, we help schools prepare every student for the opportunities and challenges ahead. Our teaching support and resources help to maximise learning time and enable teachers to keep learners of all backgrounds and abilities engaged and developing at pace.

Together, we help Cambridge learners be ready for the world.
Supporting you every step of the way

We provide a wide range of high-quality support for everyone in the global Cambridge community – whether you are new to the Cambridge Pathway, or experienced in delivering our programmes.

We help you to give your students the best possible preparation for every step in their education, and our professional development opportunities empower you to enhance your own practice.

You can adapt our curriculum, high-quality teaching and learning resources and flexible assessment to your local context. Our aligned offer helps Cambridge schools support every learner to reach their potential and thrive.

Our Customer Services team is here to help you 24 hours a day, 6 days a week. You can also find answers to your queries on our online FAQ service.

To speak to us, visit cambridgeinternational.org/help or email info@cambridgeinternational.org

You can find resources marked with this icon on the School Support Hub. Find out more on page 12.
Support for teachers

Discover resources and training for every stage of your teaching journey.

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Get to know us

Learn about Cambridge and the Cambridge Pathway

• Welcome pack – Once you have registered with us, you will be able to access our Welcome pack through the School Support Hub. It will help you get started with Cambridge, signpost support and help you connect with other Cambridge teachers.

• ‘Getting started with…’ guides – Explore key areas of teaching and learning practice, such as evaluating impact, peer observation and mentoring. Learn more: cambridgeinternational.org/gettingstarted

Teaching support

Understand our programmes and get help planning your lessons

• Syllabuses – Our syllabuses are well designed, interesting to teach, accessible to learners and regularly updated. They explain what your learners need to know, how they will be assessed, and the relationship between assessment objectives and papers.

• Schemes of work – Our schemes of work are medium-term teaching plans that provide ideas about how to construct, pace and deliver your Cambridge course. Each syllabus is broken down into teaching units with suggested teaching activities and learning resources to use in the classroom. These documents offer advice, tips and ideas to help you plan your lessons.
Teaching support – resources

Endorsed resources
We work with a range of publishers to produce high-quality textbooks and resources to support our syllabuses. Textbooks are available before first teaching of a new or revised syllabus. Subject experts review and evaluate each endorsed title against detailed criteria to make sure that it:

– aligns with the curriculum framework
– has an appropriate focus on knowledge and skills
– is truly international
– promotes effective teaching and learning.

In order to provide choice for Cambridge International Schools, we encourage publishers to develop resources of varying styles and approaches so that teachers can access the best support for their particular classroom. If a resource is endorsed, you can be confident that all the learning objectives are covered.

Cambridge resources
When we develop our resources, teachers are at the heart of everything we do. We work with leading authors and educators to ensure our resources meet the needs of the classroom. We only use evidence-based approaches to teaching and learning, proven to motivate students to participate in an active classroom.

In all our books, digital resources and professional development materials, we work carefully to use clear language that enables learners to understand new and challenging concepts. Our approach encourages students to be creative and critical thinkers, resourceful collaborators and communicators, and confident problem solvers – ready for the world.
Support for teachers continued

Teaching support continued

- **Teaching tools** – We have a range of useful tools to help you deliver interactive classroom activities and engage learners. You will find a growing collection to use.

- **Everyday Science** – Our Everyday Science digital resource is a fantastic way to promote practical science almost anywhere, helping learners carry out scientific investigations using everyday materials that are readily available in their homes or local area.

- **Resource Plus** – Resource Plus gives you access to high-quality videos, ready-made lesson plans and teaching materials to help you deliver engaging lessons and explain challenging topics and skills to your learners. It also includes past paper questions and mark schemes, arranged by topic, so you can identify areas where your learners are struggling and help them prepare for their exams. Resource Plus is available for some of our most popular syllabuses.

- **Teaching skills** – We are working on resources to help you develop your teaching skills. Look out for Skills Exercises supporting several of our Humanities and Social Sciences syllabuses, as well as writing skills tips and lesson plans for our English and language syllabuses. We have videos to help with listening and speaking components too.

Our **Cambridge Teacher Standards** define the key characteristics of effective teaching and leadership. They focus on supporting teachers and leaders in their professional learning and development. You can use them to:
- evaluate your teaching practice
- help identify, prioritise and plan areas for professional development.

Learn more: [cambridgeinternational.org/teacher-standards](http://cambridgeinternational.org/teacher-standards)

For more teaching support: [cambridgeinternational.org/support](http://cambridgeinternational.org/support)
Exam support

Administering and planning exams

- **Coursework support** – We provide guidance on administering, planning and delivering coursework components, alongside marked examples of candidate work including examiner comments.

- **Speaking and listening test support** – We provide a range of support for our speaking and listening tests, including videos, which gives guidance on preparing for, conducting and delivering the tests.

- **Specimen materials** – Use our specimen papers and mark schemes to familiarise yourself with the overall assessment approach. We also provide specimen paper answers with responses written in the style of a Cambridge candidate and examiner comments to demonstrate high-level answers.
Support for teachers continued

Exam support continued

Prepare your students for their exams

- **Example Candidate Responses** – These booklets use examples of candidates’ work to show how different levels of performance relate to syllabus requirements. Each candidate response is annotated with examiner comments about where and why marks were awarded or omitted. This is followed by comments on how the answer could be improved. There is also a list of common mistakes and guidance for candidates.

- **Past papers and mark schemes** – Past papers help your learners become familiar with exam requirements and command words in questions. Mark schemes explain how learners should answer questions to meet the assessment objectives.

- **Principal examiner reports** – Get insight into candidates’ overall performance on each exam question and learn about the features of high-level candidate responses as well as common mistakes.

- **Test Maker** – Test Maker is our online service that makes it easy for teachers to create high-quality, customised practice tests for their learners using Cambridge questions. Test Maker is available for some of our most popular Cambridge IGCSE™ syllabuses.
Global community

Share ideas and resources with our global community

- **Cambridge School Community** – Connect with other Cambridge schools in your area to share best practice and ideas.
- **Cambridge Schools Conferences** – Meet with other Cambridge schools to learn about current educational practice, share knowledge and discuss common challenges.
- **Cambridge Outlook eNews** – Learn about new developments and activities from the global Cambridge community with our regular eNewsletter.
- **Cambridge Principals Forums** – Meet with other principals to discuss and share ideas and challenges.
- **Social media** – Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X (Twitter) or WeChat.

Professional development

Find the next step on your professional development journey

- **Introduction courses** – for teachers who are new to Cambridge programmes or new to a specific syllabus.
- **Focus on teaching courses** – for teachers who want to explore a specific area of teaching and learning within a syllabus or programme.
- **Focus on assessment courses** – for teachers who want to understand the assessment of a syllabus in greater depth.
- **Marking workshops** – workshops to help you become more familiar with what the examiners are looking for, and to raise questions and share your experiences of the syllabus.
- **Enrichment Professional Development** – Transform your approach to teaching with our Enrichment workshops. Each workshop focuses on a specific area of teaching and learning practice.
- **Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications (PDQs)** – Transform professional learning for practising teachers. Available at Certificate and Diploma level.

Learn more: cambridgeinternational.org/professionaldevelopment
Support for school leaders

Find everything you need to successfully deliver the Cambridge Pathway in your school.

Leadership support

Learn more about us and how to implement our programmes in your school

- **Welcome pack** – Get started with Cambridge – find out where to look for support and how to engage with our global community. We will send you a welcome pack when you register with us.

- **Cambridge School Leader Standards** – Use our standards as a benchmark of effective leadership to help you assess your current position, identify training needs and measure the impact of your development.

- **Developing the Cambridge Learner Attributes** – Discover how to nurture the Cambridge learner attributes: confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged.

- **Developing your School with Cambridge** – Get practical advice on enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in your school.

- **‘Getting started with...’ guides** – Explore key areas of teaching and learning practice, such as evaluating impact, peer observation and mentoring.

- **Implementing the Curriculum with Cambridge** – Find guidance to help you build the Cambridge Pathway into your school curriculum.

- **School Self-Evaluation service** – Work with us to review your school’s performance and identify strengths as well as areas for improvement.

Learn more: cambridgeinternational.org/school-improvement

Learn more: cambridgeinternational.org/teaching-cambridge
Help your teachers, parents and students to understand the Cambridge Pathway and its benefits

- **Communications toolkit** – Explain the Cambridge Pathway to parents, students and other audiences with our free marketing materials, including:
  - event banners, flags and posters
  - factsheets and guides
  - presentation slides
  - logos and guidelines
  - videos.

Learn more: cambridgeinternational.org/toolkit

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Support for exams officers

We offer guidance and support to help you administer our exams effectively.

**Regulations**

Resources and key documents every exams officer needs

- **Cambridge Handbook** – Understand the administrative tasks you need to complete during each exam series and the regulations for running our exams and assessments.
- **Carry-forward entry rules** – understand our regulations for making carry-forward entries.
- **Timetables** – Make sure you know when our exams will take place.
- **Key dates and activities** – Stay informed about the important dates for each exam series.
- **Additional materials list** – Understand which materials are required for our exams and who needs to provide them. Updated before each exam series.

**Guidance**

Find everything you need to get started and keep up to date with our latest news and developments

- **Getting Started guide** – Learn what it means to be a Cambridge exams officer and where to find the resources you will need to get started.
- **Cambridge Exams Officers’ Guide** – Understand how to deliver our exams with this step-by-step guide to all six phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle.
- **Exams Officer eNewsletter** – Get monthly reminders about key dates and activities, guidance on processes and updates on new services.
- **Factsheets and other guidance documents** – Find guidance on every aspect of the Cambridge Exams Cycle.
Training

Webinars, videos and self-study courses to guide you each step of the way

- ‘Welcome to being a Cambridge exams officer’ webinar – Find everything you need to get started as a new exams officer.
- Exams cycle support videos – Get to know each phase of the Cambridge Exams Cycle.
- ‘Getting to know the Cambridge Exams Cycle’ – Understand key concepts, regulations and processes within each phase of the Cambridge Exams Cycle with our self-study modules.
- ‘How to’ webinars – Learn more about making entries, administering exams and preparing for results release for each exam series.
- Invigilator training – We provide step-by-step guidance to support you as you train your invigilators.

For more information:
cambridgeinternational.org/examsofficers
Discover the School Support Hub

The School Support Hub is our secure online site for teachers at Cambridge schools. Log in to find all the support you need to teach our programmes in one easy place.

There are over 30,000 high-quality teaching and learning resources on the School Support Hub, including schemes of work, specimen paper answers, past papers and Example Candidate Responses.

Who can use the School Support Hub?
Teachers at all registered Cambridge schools can use the School Support Hub. However, it is especially important if you teach our Cambridge Upper Secondary or Cambridge Advanced programmes.

If you do not have a School Support Hub account, your school support coordinator will be able to set one up for you. If you do not know who your school support coordinator is, contact our Customer Services team at info@cambridgeinternational.org

How do I log in?
Access the hub from any connected device at: cambridgeinternational.org/support
All you need is your email address and password.