Cambridge O Level
A guide for parents

Cambridge International prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge. Our Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

Your child’s needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our Cambridge Pathway aims to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond. Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

• confident in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
• responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
• reflective and developing their ability to learn
• innovative and equipped for new and future challenges
• engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference.

What is Cambridge O Level?
Cambridge O Level is an internationally recognised qualification for 14 to 16 year olds. We are the world’s biggest provider of O Level with entries taken in over 50 countries. Cambridge O Level is equivalent to Cambridge IGCSETM and the UK GCSE.
Benefits for your child

Cambridge O Level helps students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in subject content and intellectual enquiry. Cambridge O Level has been designed for students worldwide, including those whose first language is not English.

We offer students the flexibility to choose from over 40 subjects across a variety of areas, meaning they are able to study the subjects they enjoy and are good at.

Assessment takes place at the end of the course and offers students a number of options to demonstrate their learning, including written, practical and oral assessment. The grades awarded at Cambridge O Level are A*–E, with A* being the highest.

This means that Cambridge O Level is a great foundation for further study, including Cambridge International AS & A Level and other post-16 routes.

Opening up opportunities worldwide

Many universities worldwide require a combination of Cambridge O Levels and Cambridge International A Levels to meet their entry requirements. Leading US and Canadian universities require Cambridge International AS & A Levels, but some US and Canadian colleges and universities will accept students with five Cambridge O Levels at grade C or above. In the United Kingdom, Cambridge O Level is accepted as equivalent to the GCSE.

A global learning community

With Cambridge Pathway, your child is joining a global community of learners from more than 10 000 schools in over 160 countries.

By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners, we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.

Learn more! For more information, visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/olevel or contact your school.