Cambridge IGCSE™
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. 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 gives 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 IGCSE?
Cambridge IGCSE is the world’s most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds, attracting over 800,000 subject entries every year from 150 countries.
Benefits for your child
Cambridge IGCSE helps students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in subject content and intellectual enquiry. Cambridge IGCSE has been designed for students worldwide, including those whose first language is not English.

We offer students the flexibility to choose from over 70 subjects at Cambridge IGCSE, meaning they can study the subjects they enjoy and are best at.

Assessment takes place at the end of the course and offers students a range of ways to demonstrate their learning, including written, oral, coursework and practical assessments. There are also options to suit learners of different abilities. The grades awarded at Cambridge IGCSE are A*–G, with A* being the highest.

This means that Cambridge IGCSE is a great foundation for further study, including Cambridge International AS & A Level, Cambridge Pre-U, the International Baccalaureate Diploma and other post-16 routes.

Opening up opportunities worldwide
A Cambridge IGCSE qualification is recognised by leading universities around the world and employers view it as a valuable certificate of achievement.

In the UK, Cambridge IGCSE is accepted as equivalent to the GCSE. A good grade (grade C or above) in Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language is accepted for entry by a number of universities in the UK as evidence of competence in the English language.

Many universities worldwide require a combination of Cambridge IGCSEs 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 IGCSEs at grade C or above.

A global learning community
With the 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 on the Cambridge Pathway visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/igcse or contact your school.