

# Cambridge Pre-U

## 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.

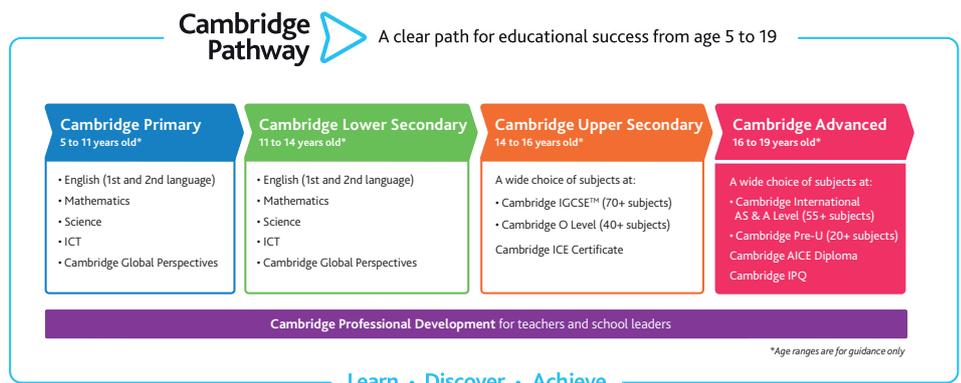
Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our Cambridge Pathway helps give students a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond. Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

- **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 Pre-U?

Cambridge Pre-U is a two-year qualification for students typically aged 16 to 19 who want to go to university. Offered in 24 subjects, it is designed to give students the skills they need for successful university study.





### Benefits for your child

Cambridge Pre-U is designed to give students the skills they need to succeed at university. Students can take a mix of Cambridge Pre-U and A Level courses, or study Cambridge Pre-U qualifications exclusively.

With a focus on independent thinking, study skills and in-depth subject knowledge, Cambridge Pre-U syllabuses are designed to inspire, challenge and reward students. Many courses include independent research, designed to develop skills such as analysis, critical thinking and an ability to write clearly and concisely. These skills are in high demand by universities, with many students reporting how Cambridge Pre-U helped smooth their transition to undergraduate-level study.

Cambridge Pre-U is available in 24 subjects, including Global Perspectives & Research, a cross-curricula programme which schools can offer as an alternative to critical thinking or extended project qualifications.

Global Perspectives & Research is made up of two elements – a seminar-based course (Global Perspectives) and a 5000-word research project (Independent Research Report) which gives students a chance to dig deeper into a subject they enjoy in preparation for university. It is also possible to take Global Perspectives as a standalone one-year course without an extended project.

### Individualised learning and fine-tuned assessment

Cambridge Pre-U encourages individualised learning with a course structure that allows schools and students to plot their own route through the qualification, in response to subject strengths and personal interests. This flexibility adds to the accessibility of Cambridge Pre-U for students of different abilities.

Assessment takes place at the end of each two-year course, with performance reported across three grade bands – Distinction, Merit and Pass – using a nine-grade scale. By offering three grades within each grade band (for example: Distinction 1, 2 and 3), Cambridge Pre-U can differentiate student ability more finely at every achievement level and especially at the top, where Distinction 1 (D1) extends above the equivalent A\* grade at A Level.

Grading Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects	Equivalent A Level boundary
Distinction	1
	2
	3
Merit	1
	2
	3
Pass	1
	2
	3

### Widespread recognition

Cambridge International developed Cambridge Pre-U in collaboration with schools and in consultation with universities and subject associations. It is widely recognised by UK universities and by a growing number of universities around the world, including all Ivy League universities in the US. For more details, search our recognition database at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch)

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