

Cambridge International School Dubai



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Year 10 Curriculum Handbook 2026-2027

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Welcome to Cambridge International School Dubai

Cambridge International School is one of the most established and successful international schools in Dubai. The school was initially founded in 1983 in Karama as The Cambridge High School. The school has well over 2997 students from around 69 nationalities attending its current campus in Al Twar.

Cambridge International School has grown from strength to strength over the years and has a well-proven track record of success in both academic and extra-curricular activities.

In Years 10-11 (Key Stage 4) a wide range of courses are offered to prepare students for higher and further education, training and employment. We expect all students to select a balanced range of subjects and encourage students to continue through to Post-16. This will equip them to make choices from a wide range of universities and education providers, as well as preparing them for future employment.

A large percentage of our students who move on to Post-16 carry on to higher education. The most common pathways chosen are UK, Canadian, American, Australian and UAE universities. Students are guided through the various application procedures in school. Information sessions are conducted throughout the year by CIS guidance staff as well as visiting guest speakers.

Cambridge International School offers a unique international learning experience for students. Its education programme maintains a holistic perspective and is based on the principles of Global Citizenship, growing by Learning, Pursuing Excellence and Leading through Innovation

GEMS Education

GEMS, Global Educational Management Systems, manages a growing network of quality international schools, providing high standards of education to children from around the world. High service standards and a strong quality assurance programme are the hallmarks of GEMS systems. With decades of experience GEMS has the expertise to provide a variety of curriculum including the National Curriculum for England.

GEMS, has the desire, passion and capability to unlock the potential of students. Four core principles form the foundation of GEMS educational programmes, designed to guide students to reach their full all- round potential.

Global Citizenship



We respect, care, and have empathy for all, accepting that we are all different but recognising that we are all the same. We see active participation in the community, from the most local to the most global, as the foundation of a valuable life. We celebrate diversity. We take pride in being generous. We believe social, cultural, economic and environmental awareness prepares us to play our part in shaping a sustainable future for ourselves and those around us.

Growing by Learning



For us learning is about acquiring the knowledge, skills, behaviours and insight to expand our horizons and help us to grow. To grow, we must be open to learn. We foster the spirit of enquiry, encouraging equally creative and critical thinking. We value the mental agility to stay flexible in the face of change, adaptable in our relationships with others and nimble in our ability to put ideas into action.

Pursuing Excellence



We see being great at something as a starting point, not an endpoint. We believe in having high standards and aspiring to be the best we can be. We strive to build resilience and strength of character, the moral compass to do the right thing, even when it's not the easy thing to do. We take accountability for our performance, and set ourselves goals we know we can't reach yet, because we know that by stretching to meet them we can get further than we imagined.

Leading through Innovation



Innovation requires bold thinking, fresh ideas and brave leadership. It's about entrepreneurship. Finding better ways of doing things... and doing them. To make a real contribution to a better future we must lead individual by individual, idea by idea, taking calculated risks, spotting opportunities, and acting decisively. Knowing that, by relentlessly exploring our passions, we will open up new possibilities.

Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Year 10 (Key Stage 4) marks the beginning of the IGCSE examination courses that will be examined at the end of Year 11. Decisions now need to be made about the most appropriate courses to be studied for individuals.

In choosing subjects, students should think carefully about the following points:

- What do I enjoy?
- What am I good at?
- What do I need for future A-Level choices?
- Do I have a balance of subjects?

Please read this Year 10 Curriculum Booklet. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Faculty Leader, Head of Year or our Career Counsellor.

The KS4 Curriculum

All students must study the following subjects:

- Arabic (mandatory for Arabs and non- Arabs)
- Islamic Studies (for Muslims) &
- Global Perspectives/Global Futures (Non- Muslims)
- Atleast one Science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- English Language
- Mathematics
- UAE Moral Social Cultural Studies
- Physical Education
- 5 other subjects including the Science subjects.

All options selected are preferences and subject confirmation is dependent on course numbers, teacher recommendations and CAT4 scores.

Feel free to approach the Faculty Leader or Head of Year for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Lourdina Franco
Vice Principal



Subject: Ministry of Education legislation which will affect schools offering UK curriculum

There has been a recent change of legislation by the Ministry of Education (MOE), which will improve Arabic and Islamic Studies provision for British school curriculum students but will also have an impact for those pupils who wish to leave Secondary Education in Year 12 and require an MOE High School Equivalency Certificate.

The background is that, as you will probably know, the British system operates in a different grading system to the IB, MOE and American counterparts in terms of naming the various age stages of learning. So, for example, a six-to seven-year-old entering Year 2 in a British school would be at Grade 1 level in a non-British institution and a 16 to 17-year-old entering Year 12 would be at Grade 11 in an American, MOE or IB school.

In order to align the MOE has decided to remedy the situation by aligning Years and Grades in all schools based in the UAE and some Emirates have done this before others (Abu Dhabi and Sharjah). From **2022-23**, all British curriculum students will have to complete Year 13 before leaving Secondary Education as a result of the MOE Resolution No. (883) of 2019 which we shared with you previously and during the Options Evening.

Year 12 students from British schools (i.e. aged 16-17) can still leave school at this age, but they will not obtain the Equivalency Certificate. This may impact their ability to go into further education, particularly here in the UAE or other regional institutions such as in Egypt. This will depend on the requirements of the various universities. As well as the duration of national services.

We appreciate these new changes to the system are somewhat challenging and so our schools will also offer more explanation as necessary should you wish to discuss further the implications for your child.

Rest assured, the school will support you fully in securing the best possible outcome for your child.

Kind regards,

Lourdina Franco
Vice Principal

High School Equivalency Requirements

1. For Private Schools that apply the **British educational system**, the following requirements must be met to equalize the high school certificate to the Ministry's secondary school certificate (without defining any track)
 - a. Apply the general conditions stipulated in Article 4 of this Resolution.
 - b. The student must complete the 12th grade (Year 13) or equivalent.
 - c. The student must pass 5 GCSE or IGCSE courses with grades: (A *, A, B, C, D, E) or (3 to 9). These 5 courses must include:
 - Mathematics
 - One of the science subjects (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
 - One of the following two English subjects: either English Language or English literature.
 - d. Students must pass two (2) subjects in GCE Advanced Level in one of the success grade scales: (A *, A, B, C, D) or equivalent grades.
 - e. Islamic Education and Arabic Language are not counted in both levels but are mandatory for Muslims and Arabs
 - f. Subjects studied should be chosen from the list defined by the relevant Ministry regulations.

High School Equivalency Requirements Based on Ministerial Decree 199 in 2019							
Approved Courses in the British Curriculum (IGCSE and GCSE)							
الرياضيات وتكنولوجيا المعلومات والاتصالات	علوم الكمبيوتر	Computer Science	Mathematics and ICT	الفن واللغة	فن و تصميم تصميم جرافيك	Art and Design Graphic Design	Art & Language
	الرياضيات	Mathematics		الادب العالمي	World Literature	English	
	مزيد من الرياضيات	Further Mathematics		الادب (الانجليزية) (الولايات المتحدة)	Literature (English) (US)		
	الرياضيات البحتة	Pure Mathematics		الادب باللغة الانجليزية	Literature in English		
علوم	زراعة	Agriculture	Sciences	العلوم الإنسانية	الانجليزية كلغة ثانية	English as a Second Language	Humanities
	الغذاء والتغذية	Food and Nutrition			لغة أولى إنجليزية	First Language English	
	الفيزياء	Physics			تاريخ	History	
	مادة الاحياء	Biology		جغرافية	Geography	Language	
	العلوم مجتمعة	Combined Sciences		الاسبانية	Spanish		
	العلوم المنسقة (مزدوج)	Co-ordinated Sciences (Double)		فرنسي	French		
العلوم الاجتماعية	كيمياء	Chemistry	Social Sciences	لغة	البرتغالية	Portuguese	Mathematics and ICT
	دراسات الاعمال	Business Studies			ألمانية	German	
	تجارة	Commerce			اليابانية	Japanese	
	محاسبة	Accounting			صيني	Chinese	
	اقتصاديات	Economics		الرياضيات وتكنولوجيا المعلومات والاتصالات	تكنولوجيا المعلومات والاتصالات	ICT	
	علم النفس	Psychology		التصميم والتكنولوجيا	Design and Technology		
علم الاجتماع	Sociology						

Year 10 -Option List of Options 2026-2027

Mandatory Subjects: English, Mathematics (CIE or Edexcel Higher, Foundation), Moral Social Cultural Studies, Physical Education, Islamic Studies (only Muslims), Global Perspectives/ Global Futures (Non- Muslims) and Arabic

Option 1: This subject has already been selected in Year 9. Students will continue studying the subject and will sit the external IGCSI examination in Year 10 (May/ June 2027). New students have the option of self- studying the content covered in Year 9.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Business	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Computer Science
Sociology	Biology	ICT	Chemistry	Physics
ICT	Business	Travel & Tourism	Economics	Psychology
Computer Science	Psychology	Economics	Art	Business
French	Physical Education	Environmental M	Accounting	Accounting
		English Literature	History	BTEC Creative Media

At least **one Science subject (Chemistry, Biology, Physics)** must be chosen to fulfil the MOE Equivalency requirement.

Students are not encouraged to select more than one non-equivalent subject (**Physical Education, Environmental Management, Travel and Tourism, BTEC Creative Media**) from the option blocks.

Please select your first and second preference. You may only select one from each Option block:

	Option 1 (currently studying in Year 9)	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
First Preference					
Second Preference					

All options selected are preferences and subject confirmation is dependent on course numbers, teacher recommendations and CAT4 scores. If we are unable to offer the 1st preference, we will consider the second preference in that particular option block

I, (student name) _____ in class _____ confirm my preferred choices

and recognise that these may be amended after consultation.

Signed _____ Date _____

Countersigned (Parent) _____

PATHWAYS

The first step towards your future career is to plan out the journey. The activity below is designed to help you map this out effectively so that you are able to make better-informed decisions. If you have a couple of different careers in mind, you will need to use multiple pathway maps. In order to complete your map, you will need to complete some research.

My desired career is...

What qualifications are needed? (i.e. degree, vocational cert' etc...)

What are the pre-requisites in order to achieve the above/what would be good to do?

What will the Post 16 requirements/needs be?

What levels do I need to access these courses and what am I predicted to achieve?

Subject						
Level						
CAT4 Prediction						
What I need to achieve						

Positive Education and Curriculum for Life

Cambridge International School recognises the importance of Martin Seligman's Positive Psychology approach and introduced the **Positive Education Enhanced Curriculum (PEEC)** in January 2021. It is a whole school, proactive approach that endeavors to provide students with skills and knowledge for when difficulties arise. At all times, we strive to adopt a strength-based approach; the idea of having a language about what is right within our community. We encourage students to learn from their mistakes, to evaluate if it is increasing the wellbeing of students and giving them the resilience and the ability to successfully cope and manage with life's challenges.

PEEC is an evidence-based approach, that is continually evolving as we tailor it to our curriculum and the needs of students at CIS. This year, we have introduced a **NEW** Curriculum for Life across the whole school. The Curriculum for Life comprises of explicit PEEC lessons that link to the six domains (Positive Engagement, Positive Accomplishment, Positive Purpose, Positive Emotions, Positive Relationships and Positive Health) and bespoke sessions on financial literacy, future careers and sustainability development goals. The amount of time spent teaching Wellbeing differs across departments and year groups and is reviewed annually.

In our Curriculum, we have timetabled 40 minutes of this session called Curriculum for Life. Though we do run other pastoral programs- Moral Ed, House Assemblies, House families or even the Head of Year (HoY) Assembly, this program will be taught by the Learning Manager (LM).

At Cambridge International School, we are committed to promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to all students, their families and members of staff and governors. Wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do! Our open culture allows students' voices to be heard and by using effective policies and procedures we ensure a safe and supportive environment for all. It is our mission to create students who are emotionally resilient, flexible and inspired to reach their full potential.

Studies have shown that where students have access to Positive Education, their performance has remained high. It is important that the relationship and rapport that a teacher has with their students is the best Positive Education tool available and that is why it is important for teachers and students to align and work in collaboration for the wellbeing of both.

The curriculum provides opportunities for our teachers and parents in our community to learn the principles of Positive Education. We endeavor to role model and live according to these principles. We will be explicitly and implicitly teaching the related topics of wellbeing. We endeavor to embed these principles in our whole school practices and policies.

Wellbeing Vision and Mission

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do!



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Vision

At CIS, our vision is for all students to flourish in a safe and nurturing environment, where we uphold our core values of respect, empathy, honesty, responsibility and perseverance.

Mission

We strive to create an inclusive community that empowers all students to be high performance learners, through the promotion of wellbeing and positive mental health.



CIE Accounting IGCSE Syllabus 0452



Course Outline

Accounting is the language of business. It is the study of the processes involved in translating financial transaction data into information used to assist decision-makers to make relevant, accurate and timely decisions. The course covers the concepts of accounting, the use of journals and ledger accounts, and the preparation and analysis of financial statements.

Students focus on the skills of recording, reporting, presenting and interpreting financial information. It forms an ideal foundation for further study and for a future career within the profession.

Assessment Summary

Two written examinations

Paper 1 Multiple Choice

One hour 30 minutes, 40 marks (30% of the marks)

Paper 2 Structured Written Paper

One hour 45 minutes, 100 marks (70% of marks)

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

IGCSE Accounting provides a foundation for further studies in Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, Chartered Accounting and other business-related subjects. Students have gone on to work in the areas of professional accountancy, investment banking, investment analysis, management consultancy and financial management.

CIE Art and Design IGCSE SYLLABUS 0400

Course Outline

Cambridge IGCSE Art & Design has been designed to offer a broad choice of media and approaches so that candidates can produce a personal response and schools can play to their strengths in terms of staff expertise and interests. The broad areas of study are: Painting and related media, print making, three-dimensional design, photography, digital and lens-based media, graphic communication, textiles and fashion.

Candidates can respond to either component using any of the media above

The syllabus helps equip learners with lifelong skills including:

- Confidence and enthusiasm as they develop technical skills in two- and/or three-dimensional form and composition
- The ability to identify and solve problems in visual and tactile forms
- The ability to develop ideas from initial attempts to outcomes.



Assessment Summary

Component 1 Coursework 50% -100 marks

Candidates research, develop and realise a project from one area of study in the subject content from a theme set by the teacher.

There are two parts to the coursework:

- a portfolio and
- a final outcome

Externally Assessed

Component 2: (8 hours) Externally Set Assignment (50%)- 100 marks

Candidates respond to one starting point set by Cambridge International. Candidates may produce work from the same area of study as Component 1, but they do not have to.

There are two parts to the assignment:

- supporting studies and
- a final outcome, produced during a supervised test of 8 hours' total duration. Externally assessed

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Below are a few careers to guide you:

Writing/Analytical: Art Curriculum Writer - Art Historian - Art Critic - Arts Administrator - Arts & Cultural Planner - Website Owner/Blogger

Spatial Design: Architect - Landscape Architect - Urban Designer/Town Planner - Playground/Theme Park/ Sports Arena/Golf Course Designer

Arranging/Display: Food Stylist - Floral Arranger - Display & Exhibition Planner - Art/Design/Colour Consultant - Gallery Owner/Assistant

Organisation/People Management: Art School Director - Primary/Elementary Teacher - Middle/High School Art Teacher - University Lecturer/Professor - Private Art Instructor - Art Therapist - Art Dealer

Photography: Advertising Photographer - Fashion Photographer - Photo Journalist - Food Photographer - Portrait Photographer

Graphic Designer: Advertising Director - Logo/Brand Designer - Advertisement Designer - Sign Writer - Magazine Layout Designer -

Fine Art: Airbrush Artist/Spray Painter - Architectural Illustrator - Book Illustrator - Graphic Illustrator –

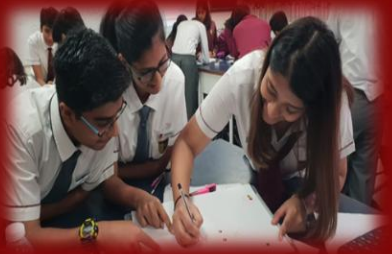
Fashion Textiles: Fibre Artist - Accessory Designer (Shoes/Bags/Hats) - Dressmaker - Embroiderer - Fashion Consultant - Fashion Designer / Sports Costume Designer - Quilt/Rug/Linen Designer - Fabric/Textile

CIE Biology: 0610
CIE Chemistry: 0620
CIE Physics: 0625

Course outline

For the IGCSE course, students must choose Physics and either Chemistry or Biology or both. Teaching of each IGCSE Science subject route ensures that scientific enquiry is taught through context to satisfy knowledge, skills and understanding.

All skills, concepts and background knowledge that students would need will be covered in years 7, 8 and 9. IGCSE Science involves studying concepts in more detail therefore requires a greater understanding of topics and application of knowledge gained which needs to be complemented with analytical and experimental skills.



Assessment Summary

At the end of two years study, students will sit the IGCSE exam as Core or Extended doing **three** papers for each.

Paper No.	Paper Title	Content Assessed	Duration	Weighting
1	Multiple Choice (Core)	Core only	45 minutes	30 %
2	Multiple Choice (Extended)	Core and Supplement	45 minutes	30 %
3	Theory (Core)	Core only	1 hour 15 minutes	50 %
4	Theory (Extended)	Core and Supplement	1 hour 15 minutes	50 %
6	Alternative to Practical Test	Core and Supplement	1 hour	20 %

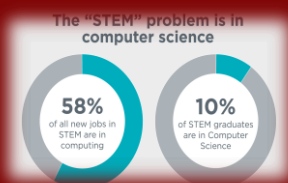
Candidates following the Core curriculum should take paper 1, paper 3 and paper 6. Grades C – G will be available to these candidates. Candidates following the extended curriculum should take paper 2, paper 4 and paper 6. The full range of Grades A* - G will be available to these candidates.

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

The list is endless for careers as well as the job opportunities after taking Science subjects for IGCSE. It gives you a head start and easier beginning to studying Science at A level or its equivalents.

Careers using BIOLOGY
Biology Teacher, Biochemist, Genetic Engineer, Dietician, Doctor, Ecologist, Health Officer, Medical Lab Technician, Marine Biologist, Microbiologist
Careers using CHEMISTRY
Chemistry Teacher, Biotechnologist, Chemical Engineer, Pharmacist, Crime Officer, Forensic Scientist, Material Scientist, Metallurgist, Research Scientist, Chemical Plant Operator
Careers using PHYSICS
Physics Teacher, Aeronautical Engineer, Astronomer, Cyberneticist, Surveyor, Meteorologist, Flight Manager, Engineer, Biophysicist, Nuclear Scientist

CIE Computer Science IGCSE SYLLABUS 0478



Course Outline

Cambridge IGCSE Computer Science provides an ideal foundation in computer science. Learners gain confidence in computational thinking and programming, an appreciation of automated and emerging technologies and the benefits of their use. They develop an understanding of the main principles of problem-solving by creating computer-based solutions using algorithms and a high-level programming language. Learners also develop a range of technical skills including the ability to test effectively and to evaluate solutions. The aims are to enable students to develop:

- computational thinking skills
- an understanding of the main principles of solving problems using computers
- the skills necessary to solve computer-based problems using a high-level programming language
- an understanding of the component parts of computer systems and how they interrelate
- an understanding of the internet as a means of communication and its associated risks
- an understanding of the development and use of automated and emerging technologies.

Assessment Summary

Students sit an external examination set by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE). The examination consists of two papers, the details of which can be found in the table below.

Paper 1 - Computer Systems	Paper 2 – Problem Solving and Programming
1 hour 45 minutes duration	1 hour 45 minutes duration
50% - weightage 75 marks - Short-answer and structured questions Questions will be based on Topics 1–6 of the subject content.	50%- weightage 75 marks- This written paper contains short-answer and structured questions and a scenario-based question. Questions will be based on Topics 7–10 of the subject content

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Student may continue with Applied ICT and Computing in AS and A level after completing this course. This qualification will provide an option to prepare for an advanced level of ICT qualification in their further education. Professions and areas IT graduates can take up in future include Computer Networking, Information System Management, Information Analyst, IT Coordinator and Technicians, Database Administrator and programmer.

CIE Economics IGCSE SYLLABUS 0455



Course Outline

Economic events and economic choices affect everybody and every day of their lives. The study of Economics will help students understand these events and participate effectively in today's world. Students who choose to study Economics are expected to be interested in world affairs and should remain abreast of world and local news. Levels of learning range from learning basic definitions of concepts to fully applying theoretical concepts to real-life situations and events. They should be able to present arguments, explain situations in terms of economic theory and should be able to communicate fluently in order to achieve good marks.

Assessment Summary

Two written examinations

Paper 1 Multiple Choice

1 hour, 40 marks (30% of the marks)

Paper 2 Structured Questions

Two hours, 80 marks (70% of the marks)

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

AS Level and A-Level Economics, B.A./B.Sc. Honours – Economics, B.A Honors – Finance, MBA Finance and Marketing, Bachelor of Business Administration, Computer Information Systems.

Students go on to pursue careers in the financial sector, for example in banking and financial services, analytical and trading fields, take up positions as economic or management consultants, engage in entrepreneurial activity, or pursue careers in Marketing or Law.

CIE Environmental Management IGCSE SYLLABUS 0680



Course Outline

Cambridge IGCSE Environmental Management is a challenging and interesting subject concerned with sustainable development in a world where the security of resources and life-sustaining systems is endangered by human impact.

The syllabus draws upon disciplines such as Biology, Earth Science, Geography, Economics and Anthropology. The course is structured in such a way that it starts with the interdependence of the Earth's natural systems and how people use natural resources, and moves on to examine the impact of development on the environment. Issues such as environmental pollution and resource depletion are examined to discuss, plan and implement environmental sustainability.

Assessment Summary

Paper 1 (Principles of Environmental Management) 1 hour 45 minutes	Paper 2 (Environmental Management in context) 1 hour 45 minutes
This paper consists of short-answer and structured questions with extended response questions based on source material. Externally assessed	This paper consists of short-answer, data processing and analysis, and extended response questions based on source material. Externally assessed
Total: 80 marks 50% of total assessment	Total 80 marks: 50% of total assessment

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Environmental Management equip the individuals to work with decision-makers, governments, and large businesses, making a practical contribution towards solving environmental problems. Environmental Management graduates work with Ecology, Energy Management, Health and safety, Quality management, Quarry Management, Recycling, Waste management, Air Quality Monitoring, Emergency Response, Environmental Science and consultancy, Environmental Compliance, Environmental Education, Policy and Regulation Development.

Environmental Management is a corporate social responsibility, and every organization has a competent person in charge of that responsibility.

EDEXCEL French GCSE SYLLABUS 2FR01 9-1 Grading scale



Course Outline

- Develop an understanding of French in a variety of contexts
- Acquire a knowledge of French vocabulary and structures
- Build transferable language skills
- Be able to get the ability to communicate effectively in French
- Increase awareness and understanding of countries and communities where French is spoken
- **Manageable content:** A flexible programme of study that allows time for a focused revision period at the end of the course
- Assessments that place an emphasis on spontaneity and grammar, as well as providing plenty of opportunities for students to apply their knowledge independently, creatively, and in authentic situations
- Straightforward and clear question papers and mark schemes.
- **Continuous progression** –a specification that builds on KS3 prior learning and provides a firm foundation for students to make a smooth transition to A level

Assessment Summary

- Emphasis is placed on the four core skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing
- 100% external assessment –all exam papers will be set and marked by the Awarding Organisation
- 25% assessment weightings per skill (listening, speaking, reading and writing)

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

This includes studying French at AS and A-Level. Knowledge of French can also open doors to a whole range of different careers in the fields of Languages, Law and Diplomacy providing opportunities in Medicine, the Environment, Business, Engineering, Science and Technology.

CIE Literature in English IGCSE SYLLABUS 0475

IGCSE Cambridge Literature (English) offers learners the opportunity to read, interpret, evaluate and respond to a range of literature in English. The range includes drama, prose and poetry from the works of Shakespeare to contemporary literature. This course enables learners to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the ways in which writers use English to express meaning and achieve effects. Cambridge IGCSE Literature (English) will stimulate learners to read for pleasure, to explore wider and universal issues, promoting a better understanding of themselves and the world.



Course Outline

The aims are to develop learners who:

- enjoy the experience of reading literature
- understand and respond to literary texts in different forms and from different periods and cultures
- communicate an informed personal response appropriately and effectively
- appreciate different ways in which writers achieve their effects
- experience literature's contribution to aesthetic, imaginative and intellectual growth
- explore the contribution of literature to an understanding of areas of human concern.

Assessment Summary

Assessment Objective	Component 1 Poetry & Prose	Component 2 Drama	Weighting
AO1	25%	25%	25%
AO2	25%	25%	25%
AO3	25%	25%	25%
AO4	25%	25%	25%

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Universities and employers accept Cambridge IGCSE Literature (English) as proof of knowledge and understanding of Literature in English.

Candidates who are awarded grades A* to C in Cambridge IGCSE Literature (English) are well prepared to follow courses leading to Cambridge International AS and A Level English, International Baccalaureate Certificates in English or the equivalent.

The skills you develop through the study of English Literature (effective written and verbal communication, time-management, organisational skills, teamwork, independent study and research, developing persuasive arguments) are applicable to a wide variety of professional areas. Some areas, which have traditionally attracted English Literature graduates, include Advertising, Marketing and PR work, Arts Administration, Library and Information Management, the Legal Profession, Editing and Publishing, Journalism and other areas of the Media. Academic careers are also popular choices.

CIE First Language English IGCSE SYLLABUS 0500



Course Outline

The aims are to enable students to:

- read a wide range of texts, fluently and with good understanding, enjoying and appreciating a variety of language.
- read critically, and use knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve their own writing.
- write accurately and effectively, using Standard English appropriately.
- work with information and with ideas in language by developing skills of evaluation, analysis, use and inference
- listen to, understand, and use spoken language effectively.
- acquire and apply a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology and linguistic conventions.
- complement students' other areas of study by developing skills of a more general application (e.g. analysis, synthesis, drawing inferences)

Assessment Summary

Component	A01 Reading	A02 Writing	Whole Assessment %
P1: Reading	80 marks	20 marks	50%
P2: Directed Writing and Composition	20 marks	80 marks	50%

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Cambridge IGCSEs are general qualifications that enable learners to progress directly to employment or to proceed to further qualifications.

Candidates who are awarded grades A* to C in Cambridge IGCSE First Language English are well prepared to follow courses leading to Cambridge International AS and A Level English Language, or the equivalent.

Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in English as a Second Language (4XES2) 9-1 Grading Scale



Course Outline

The aims and objectives of this qualification are to enable students to develop:

- an understanding of a wide variety of complex reading texts, recognising implicit meaning and adapting own style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes.
- an understanding of standard spoken language, whether live or broadcast, on both unfamiliar and familiar topics normally encountered in personal, social, academic or vocational contexts.
- the ability to write clear, well-structured texts using an appropriate style, highlighting relevant salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view with supporting arguments (where relevant) and showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices the ability to express themselves fluently, spontaneously and appropriately in a range of speaking contexts with little obvious searching for expressions or use of avoidance strategies.
- an understanding of the nature of language in different cultural contexts in order to build up competence in communication.

Assessment Summary

International GCSE English as a Second Language	
Paper 1: Reading 4WES1/01	25% of the total
Paper 2: Listening 4WES2/01	25% of the total
Paper 3: Writing 4WES3/01	25% of the total
Paper 4: Speaking 4WES4/01	25% of the total

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Universities and employers accept GCSE in English as a Second Language as proof of knowledge and understanding of English for further study or employment, either in English-speaking countries or where English is used as the main medium of communication for business and commerce.

Global Futures Singularity University



Course Outline

The Global Futures Curriculum (GFC) provides students with the insight, conceptual framework and tools to understand, and succeed in, a rapidly changing society.

More specifically, it provides students with:

- Deep intellectual insight into a range of exponential technologies (e.g. Artificial Intelligence, Digital Biology, Robotics, etc.)
- Conceptual frameworks for discussing both the positive and potentially negative implications of these technologies from an ethical perspective, for society as a whole and for them as individuals.
- A “tool kit”, centred around design, future forecasting and critical thinking approaches that will help students to make more informed career and life decisions in an era of exponential change.
- An appreciation of the extent to which both technically and non-technically minded students can leverage exponential technologies and thinking in addressing some of society’s greatest challenges.

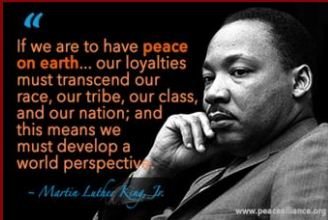
Assessment Summary

Assessment in Global Futures is based on student’s development of skills within the curriculum. There will be a range of assessments that occur including but not limited to formal written assessments, presentations in groups and independently, peer to peer assessment on contribution and performance. Students will be assessed on their ability to think outside the box, their ability to apply new ideas to Global Challenges, their ability to bring in aspects of other subjects to aid their thinking process. Global Futures is very much about preparing the students for the future and enable them to be successful. Singularity University are also accrediting this course and certification will be provided by the university along with the opportunity for the best ideas to be developed through the university.

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

By studying Global Future, you will gain a comprehensive and flexible qualification that will equip you to take up career paths that include entering into Entrepreneurship, Science related careers, IT based careers, Politics, Law, Environmental based careers among many others. This course is incredibly flexible.

CIE Global Perspectives IGCSE SYLLABUS 0457



Course Outline

Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives provides opportunities for enquiry into, and reflection on, key global issues from a personal, local/national and global perspective. Young people globally face unprecedented challenges in an interconnected and information-heavy world, not least, in how they will gain a sense of their own active place in the world and cope with changes that will impact on their life chances and life choices. Students will have opportunities to acquire and apply a range of skills, including gathering, synthesising and communicating information, collaborating with others to achieve a common outcome, analysing and evaluating planning, processes and outcomes, developing and justifying a line of reasoning, students will explore stimulating topics that have global significance. They will assess information critically and explore lines of reasoning. They will learn to collaborate with others from another culture, community or country, directing much of their own learning and developing an independence of thought.

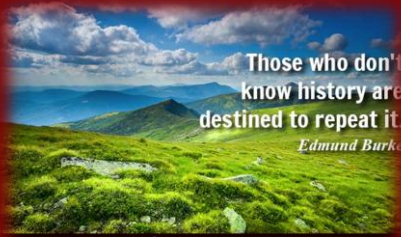
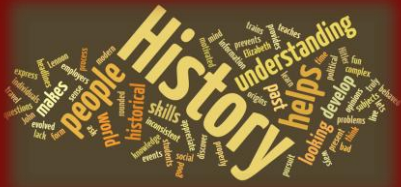
Assessment Summary

Component 1 Written Examination	Component 2 Individual Report	Component 3 Team Project
<p>Candidates answer four compulsory questions based on a range of sources. Sources will present a global issue from a range of perspectives, personal, local and/or national, global, and will be drawn from the topic list. Externally assessed</p>	<p>Candidates research one topic area of personal, local and/or national and global significance and submit a report based on their research. The title is devised by candidates themselves. The report must be 1500–2000 words and written in continuous prose. Internally set and externally marked</p>	<p>Candidates work in teams to choose from the topic list and identify a local issue. They devise and develop a collaborative project on an aspect of the issue considered from a range of perspectives. The Team Project has two elements. Team Element (25 marks) Each team produces one Explanation of Research and Planning and one Evidence of Action. The Explanation of Research and Planning must be 300–400 words. Personal Element (45 marks) Each candidate writes a Reflective Paper on their research, their contribution to the Team Element and their personal learning. The Reflective Paper must be 750–1000 words. Internally assessed and externally moderated</p>
(70 marks: 35 % of total assessment)	60 marks: 30 % of total assessment	70 marks: 35% of total assessment

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

By studying Global Perspectives, you will gain a comprehensive and flexible qualification that will equip you to take up career paths that include entering into International Relations, Trade, Foreign Affairs, Diplomacy, Politics, Local Government, Environmental Research and Planning and International Development.

CIE History IGCSE SYLLABUS 0470



If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.
Michael Crichton

We believe that through taking a more engaging and more honest look at the past, we can help equip students with the analytical tools to make sense of – and improve – the world today.

Course Outline

History is the study of the past. This syllabus offers the opportunity to study world history from the nineteenth century to the beginning of the twenty-first century. Learners will explore history from a diversity of perspectives, including social, economic, cultural and political. Cambridge IGCSE History encourages learners to raise questions and to develop and deploy historical skills, knowledge and understanding in order to provide historical explanations. Learners studying Cambridge IGCSE History are given the opportunity to:

- develop an interest in and enthusiasm for learning about and understanding the past, explore historical concepts such as cause and consequence, change and continuity, and similarity and difference, appreciate historical evidence and how to use it, gain a greater understanding of international issues and inter-relationships and learn how to present clear, logical arguments

Assessment Summary

Paper 1 – 2 hours Structured Questions	Paper 2- 1 hour and 45 minutes Document Questions	Paper 4 –Alternative to Coursework 1 hour [Written Paper]
Candidates answer two questions from Section A (Core content) and one question from Section B (Depth studies)	Candidates answer six questions on one prescribed topic taken from the Core Content.	Candidates answer one question on a depth study.
All questions are in the form of structured essays, split into three parts: (a), (b) and (c)	All questions are in the form of structured essays, split into two parts: (a) and (b). Externally assessed	
(60 marks: 40 % of total assessment)	40 marks: 30 % of total assessment	40 marks: 30 % of total assessment

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

The rigorous research, communication skills and writing requirements asked of history majors also offer excellent preparation for careers in Law, Journalism, Public Relations, Technical Writing, Administration, Domestic and Foreign Government Service, Educators, Docents, Education Directors, Curators, Guides, and Interpreters, Historical Consultants, Contract Archivists, Public Historians, Writers, and even Filmmakers.

CIE Information and Communication Technology IGCSE SYLLABUS 0417

Course Outline

The syllabus aims to summarise the context in which you should view the syllabus content and describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus. The aim is to develop: knowledge of ICT including new and emerging technologies; autonomous and discerning use of ICT skills to enhance work produced in a range of contexts; skills to analyse, design, implement, test and evaluate ICT systems; skills to consider the impact of current and new technologies on methods of working in the outside world and on social, economic, ethical and moral issues; ICT-based solutions to solve problems; the ability to recognise potential risks when using ICT, and use safe, secure and responsible practice.



Assessment Summary

Students sit an external examination set by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CIE). The examination consists of three papers, the details of which can be found in the table below.

Paper 1 Theory 40% 80 marks	Paper 2 Practical Document Production, Data Manipulation and Presentations 30% 70 marks
1 hour 30 minutes Examination	2 hours 15 minutes Examination
Questions will be based on sections 1–21 of the subject content. All questions are compulsory Externally assessed	This test assesses the practical skills needed to use the applications covered in sections 17, 18 and 19 of the subject content Candidates must demonstrate the practical skills relevant to sections 11–16 All tasks are compulsory Externally assessed
Paper 3 Practical Data Analysis and Website Authoring 30% (70 marks)	
2 hours 15 minutes Examination	This test assesses the practical skills needed to use the applications covered in sections 20 and 21 of the subject content Candidates must demonstrate the practical skills relevant to sections 11–16 All tasks are compulsory Externally assessed

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Student may continue with Applied ICT and Computing in AS and A level after completing this course. This qualification will provide an option to prepare for an advanced level of ICT qualification in their further education. Professions and areas IT graduates can take up in future include Computer Networking, Information System Management, Information Analyst, IT Coordinator and Technicians, Database Administrator and Programmer.

Edexcel International GCSE in Mathematics A (4MA1)

Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics Curriculum encompasses a comprehensive range of topics designed to equip students with foundational mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills. It begins with fundamental arithmetic operations, including fractions, decimals and percentages and progresses to algebraic concepts such as equations, inequalities, and graphing functions. Geometry components such as equations, inequalities, and graphing functions. Geometry components cover properties of shape, measurements, and basic trigonometry. Students also delve into statistical analysis, learning to interpret data, calculate measures of central tendency and dispersion, and understand basic probability concepts. The curriculum emphasizes practical application through handling data and applied Mathematics encouraging students to apply mathematical reasoning to real-world scenarios. Overall, this syllabus aims to foster a solid understanding of mathematical principles and their relevance in various contexts, preparing students for further academic pursuits and practical problem-solving challenges.

Course Outline

Years 10 to 11 (Edexcel Higher) will follow the Edexcel International GCSE (4MA1).

For more information about syllabus and examinations, you may visit.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/International%20GCSE/Mathematics%20A/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/International-GCSE-in-Mathematics-Spec-A.pdf>

The International GCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on a nine-grade scale from 9 to 1 using the total subject mark where 9 is the highest grade. For Higher Tier grades 9–4 is available (grade 3 allowed). If you wish to study Mathematics further at AS and A Level, then you will need to achieve a point scale 8 or above.

Assessment Summary

Edexcel International GCSE (4MA1) - A two-year programme

Students should be able to demonstrate problem-solving skills by translating problems in mathematical and non-mathematical contexts into a process or a series of mathematical processes. Questions will assume knowledge from the Foundation Tier leading to Higher Tier subject content.

International GCSE Higher curriculum

Point scale available 9-4 with 3 allowed

Paper 1H (2 hours)

100 Marks Weightage: 50%

Calculator paper

Paper 2H (2 hours)

100 Marks Weightage: 50%

Calculator paper

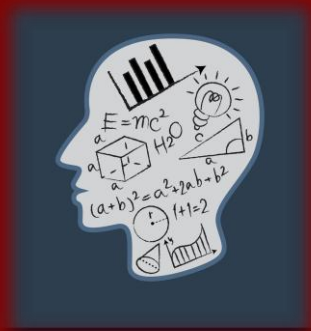
Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Candidates can study Mathematics Edexcel Higher syllabus where the available Point Scales are 9-4 with 3 allowed. If you wish to study Mathematics further at AS or A levels, then you will need to achieve a Point Scale 8/9 in this curriculum.

International GCSE Mathematics is a useful introduction to Edexcel IAL, AS and A-Level Mathematics. Mathematics is also a relevant qualification for many careers such as:

Accountancy, Actuarial work, Aeronautics, Air-traffic Control, Architecture, Business and Finance, Civil Engineering, Computer programming, Computer Science, Cryptography, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Forensic Science, Geodesy, Geophysical Mathematics, ICT, Law, Management, Mathematics, Medicine etc.

CIE Mathematics IGCSE SYLLABUS 0580



Mathematics has been defined as the classification and study of all possible patterns. By a pattern, we mean any kind of regularity that can be recognized by the mind. Life is only possible since there are certain regularities in the world. Pattern is the only relatively stable thing in a changing world. Today is never exactly like yesterday. We never see a face twice from exactly the same angle. Recognition is possible not because experience ever repeats itself, but because in all the flux of life certain patterns remain identifiable. This definition of mathematics accounts for the power of mathematics, its numerous applications to natural science, and the beauty of mathematics, the fascination that it has for the mind.

Course Outline

Years 10 to 11 will follow the Cambridge IGCSE (0580).

For more information about syllabus and examinations, you may visit www.cie.org.uk

Candidates can study Mathematics Extended syllabus where the available grades are A* - E. If you wish to study Mathematics further at AS or A levels, then you will need to achieve grade A and above.

Assessment Summary

Cambridge IGCSE (0580) - A two-year programme

Extended candidates take Paper 2 and Paper 4. The questions are based on the extended subject content only.

IGCSE Extended curriculum

Grades available A* -E

Paper 2 (Extended) (2 hours)

100 Marks Weightage: 50%

Structured and Unstructured questions

Non -Calculator paper

Paper 4(Extended) (2 hours)

100 Marks Weightage: 50%

Structured and Unstructured questions

Calculator paper

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Candidates can study Mathematics Extended syllabus where the available grades are A* - E. If you wish to study Mathematics further at AS or A levels, then you will need to achieve a grade A and above.

IGCSE Mathematics is a useful introduction to AS and A-Level Mathematics. Mathematics is also a relevant qualification for many careers such as:

Accountancy, Actuarial work, Aeronautics, Air-traffic Control, Architecture, Business and Finance, Civil Engineering, Computer programming, Computer Science, Cryptography, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Forensic Science, Geodesy, Geophysical Mathematics, ICT, Law, Management, Mathematics, Medicine etc.

Edexcel International GCSE in Mathematics A (4MA1)

Edexcel International GCSE mathematics curriculum encompasses a comprehensive range of topics designed to equip students with foundational mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills. It begins with fundamental arithmetic operations, including fractions, decimals, and percentages, and progresses to algebraic concepts such as equations, inequalities, and graphing functions. Geometry components cover properties of shapes, measurement, and basic trigonometry. Students also delve into statistical analysis, learning to interpret data, calculate measures of central tendency and dispersion, and understand basic probability concepts. The curriculum emphasizes practical application through handling data and applied mathematics, encouraging students to apply mathematical reasoning to real-world scenarios. Overall, this syllabus aims to foster a solid understanding of mathematical principles and their relevance in various contexts, preparing students for further academic pursuits and practical problem-solving challenges.

Course Outline

Years 10 (Edexcel Foundation tier) will follow the Edexcel International GCSE (4MA1).

For more information about syllabus and examinations, you may visit: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcses/international-gcse-mathematics-a-2016.htm>.

The International GCSE Higher qualification will be graded and certificated on a nine-grade scale from 5 to 1 using the total subject mark where 5 is the highest-grade. Students who take the Foundation tier are not eligible to study Mathematics at AS or A Level.

Assessment Summary

Edexcel IGCSE (4MA1) - A two-year programme:

Students should be able to demonstrate problem-solving skills by translating problems in mathematical or non-mathematical contexts into a process or a series of mathematical processes.

International GCSE Foundation curriculum

Point Scale available 5 – 1

Paper 1F (2 hours)

100 Marks Weightage: 50%

Calculator paper

Paper 2F (2 hours)

100 Marks Weightage: 50%

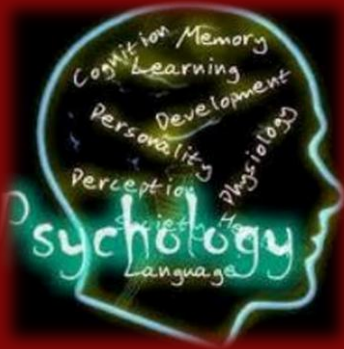
Calculator paper

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

The Edexcel International GCSE Foundation Mathematics course provides students with essential mathematical skills required for everyday life, further education, and a wide range of vocational pathways. This qualification supports progression to post-16 courses where Mathematics is required as a supporting subject, including vocational programs, foundation diplomas, and career-focused pathways.

While the Foundation tier does not allow progression to AS or A Level Mathematics, it remains a valuable qualification for entry into many college courses, training programs, and career routes such as business support roles, hospitality, healthcare assistance, administration, ICT support, retail management, and technical apprenticeships. The course develops practical numeracy, problem-solving, and data-handling skills that are essential for workplace readiness and further study across multiple disciplines.

**EDEXCEL
Psychology
GCSE SYLLABUS 1PS0
9-1 grading scale**



A negative mind
will never give you
a positive life.



Be
authentically
yourself, and
then you will
know that you
are special.

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OSHO

Course Outline

Welcome to the fascinating world of human mind - Psychology — the science concerned with the power to investigate, explore and identify the behaviour of all living things. One of the earliest and most exciting adventure into mind, Psychologists follow scientific methods, using careful observation, experimentation and analysis. Students are encouraged to carry out practical work to develop a working understanding of how psychologists carry out research. Students learn **five** compulsory topics: Memory, Development, Psychological Problems, Social Influence and The Brain and Neuropsychology. They also study **two** optional topics from a list of 5: Language, Communication and Thought, Criminal Psychology, Perception, The Self and Sleep and Dreaming.

Assessment Summary

Paper 1: 1PS0/01 Paper 2: 1PS0/02

Paper	Duration	Marks	Weightage
Paper 1	1 hour 45 minutes	98	55%
Paper 2	1 hour 20 minutes	79	45%

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

Psychology students generally report being pleased that what they studied in school has helped prepare them for both life and work. Psychology is a straightforward path towards career in becoming clinical Psychologist, Researcher, University Professor, Psychophysics Psychologist, Developmental Psychologist, Counseling Psychologist, Army and Air-force Psychologists, Child Psychologist, Cognitive Neuroscientist, Forensic Psychologist, Gerontologist, Geriatric Psychologist and many, many more such lucrative and high- profile careers.

CIE Sociology IGCSE SYLLABUS 0495

Cambridge IGCSE Sociology encourages learners to think critically about contemporary social, cultural and political issues. The syllabus provides opportunities to explore concepts and arguments that underpin the discipline of sociology. Learners are supported in developing key transferable skills such as the interpretation of evidence, analysis and evaluation while studying a range of stimulating topics and real-world issues.



SOCIOLOGY THE SCIENCE OF SOCIETY

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT SOCIETY

"The function of sociology, as of every other science, is to reveal that which is hidden."
Peter Berger, Sociologist

DEVELOP



GLOBAL OUTLOOK AND CROSS CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING



LEADERSHIP, CRITICAL THINKING, RESEARCH SKILLS



COMMUNICATION, CONFIDENCE, INTELLECTUAL SKILLS

"The skills and ideas we get from sociology can be applied to such a wide range of subjects and professions; it is a subject that has taken me to many interesting places and allowed me to study a wide variety of areas. There are always new and exciting areas to be explored and researched. The social around us is constantly changing and is, therefore, never dull."

Professor Gary Crawford, University of Salford

Course Outline

Sociology is an exciting and illuminating field of study that studies, analyses and explains human social relationships and institutions. Sociology's subject matter is diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies.

Sociology provides the candidates with lifelong skills, including: a better understanding of how we become who we are, the ability to analyse human behaviour within their own society, between different cultures and across different periods of time, the ability to use sociological evidence and ideas to challenge one's own beliefs and the beliefs of other people about social issues at the local, national and international level.

Assessment Summary

Paper	Time (duration)	Total marks	No. of questions to be attempted	Weightage
Paper 1	2 hours	80 marks	Two structured questions: Question 1 Research methods(compulsory) – all candidates answer this question, which includes data response. Question 2 and Question 3 – candidates choose to answer either Question 2 or Question 3	50%
Paper 2	1 hour 45 min.	80 marks	Two optional structured question from a choice of three	50%

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers

IGCSE course in Sociology is accepted by schools, universities and employers as proof of knowledge and understanding about the socio-economic and political conditions of the world, people are part of.

Sociology is an excellent preparation for careers in Law, Public Policy, Social Work, Public Administration, as Educators, Researchers, Public Relations, Consumer Research, Media, Political organisations, Human Resources Management, Corporate Training and Development, Guidance and counselling and many more.

UAE Moral Social Cultural Studies

According to the Ministry of Education ruling, it is compulsory that students study UAE Moral Social Cultural Studies. Students receive 2 lessons per week (min. 40 minutes)

United
Arab
Emirates



Course Description

UAE Moral and Social Studies is a core subject, its new international program provides the students with an orientation to their place in the world both in terms of location and time. It explores the ways in which different people acquire and use resources and the way in which they organize and govern themselves to create productive societies. Students also learn the mutual impact people and landforms have on each other and the importance of geography in understanding the human condition. To assist students in their studies they learn to use maps, globes and a wide range of print and electronic resources. Social Studies units are often integrated with the writing program to provide an authentic context for student writing.

What will students learn?

Topics of study in KS3 include but are not limited to:

Individual and Community-Develop the language, understanding and skills of moral thinking and reasoning to grow as a moral individual Understand and apply factors that contribute to ethical decision making Understand moral issues confronting individuals in a variety of contexts Apply moral thinking to the development of individuals as members of their communities

UAE Connecting to the World, looking at UAE's location in the continent and on the globe, students will explore landforms and how societies interact with their environments. Common commodities and natural resources, imports and exports, transportation, and other aspects of looking at how parts of the world are interconnected.

UAE- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Students will learn about the roots of UAE and its role in history, moving through history to the present day, and projecting UAE's role in the future.

The study of Moral and Social Studies will focus on the following key areas:

Knowledge of the components

- History- Students show knowledge of how significant events and developments have an impact and play a role in constituting other communities in the region over different periods of time and in different places
- Geography- Students are able to show knowledge of the earth, its properties and how such are related to human interactions as well as between human societies and the natural environment
- National Identity- Students show sense of belonging and loyalty to their country and society. Students are able to share the basis and different forms and duties of the government and role of members of the society
- Economics-Students understand how markets operate and the role of government in the development of national economy.

Assessment

Assessment methods are both summative (tests, major projects, and presentations) and formative (quizzes, discussions, role-plays, and other class activities).

**Pearson Edexcel
Level 1/Level 2 GCSE
(9-1) in Physical
Education (1PE0)**



Course Outline

- Component 1: Fitness and Body Systems
- Component 2: Health and Performance
- Component 3: Practical Performance
- Component 4: Personal Exercise program (PEP)

Assessment Summary

Students must:		% in GCSE
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport	25
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport	20
AO3	Analyse and evaluate the factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport	15
AO4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate and apply relevant skills and techniques in physical activity and sport • Analyse and evaluate performance 	40
Total		100

Breakdown of Assessment Objectives

Component	Assessment Objectives				Total %
	AO1 %	AO2 %	AO3%	AO4%	
Component 1: Fitness and Body Systems	15	12	9	0	36
Component 2: Health and Performance	10	8	6	0	24
Component 3: Practical	0	0	0	30	30
Component 4 Personal Exercise Programme (PEP)	0	0	0	10	10
Total	25	20	15	40	100

Post 16, University Pathways and Careers:

GCSE PE is a very diverse course that can help to develop students career pathway. GCSE PE can help develop a career in Physiotherapy & Medicine, Teaching and Sports Coaching, Leisure-Management, Armed forces/military service, Outdoor Adventures, Sports Science and Sports Journalism.

Arabic B

Subject Overview

Arabic B in Year 10 is designed for students who are non-native speakers of Arabic and aims to develop their functional proficiency in the language across the four core language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The programme is aligned with the UAE Ministry of Education curriculum framework and the requirements of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) in Dubai.

Key Topics

The curriculum covers a range of topics designed to develop language proficiency while promoting cultural awareness, including:

- Daily life and personal experiences
- School and education
- Emirati culture and traditions
- Travel and tourism
- Environment and sustainability
- Technology and communication

In accordance with the UAE Ministry of Education requirements, Arabic for non-native speakers is taught as a compulsory subject from Year 1 through Year 10. In Year 10, students receive four lessons per week, with each lesson lasting 40 minutes, resulting in a total instructional time of 160 minutes per week.

The curriculum aims to enable students to communicate effectively in Arabic in familiar social and academic contexts while also developing an appreciation of Emirati culture, traditions, and values. Through engaging learning activities and exposure to culturally relevant topics, students gradually develop confidence in using Arabic as a means of communication within the UAE context.

Course Description

Year 10 has four Arabic lessons each week. Each lesson is 50 minutes each. Students are grouped according to their ability and lessons are differentiated to support all learners.

What will students learn?

Listening

- Listening skills focus on enabling students to understand spoken Arabic in familiar contexts. Students listen to short dialogues, classroom instructions, and audio materials related to everyday situations. Through these activities, they learn to identify main ideas, recognise key vocabulary, and respond appropriately to spoken Arabic. Listening tasks help students improve their comprehension skills and build confidence in understanding the language in real-life situations.

Speaking

- Speaking activities aim to develop students' ability to communicate clearly and confidently in Arabic. Students participate in guided conversations, role-play activities, and classroom discussions on familiar topics such as school life, daily routines, culture, and social interactions. Emphasis is placed on correct pronunciation, appropriate vocabulary usage, and the ability to express simple opinions and ideas using accurate sentence structures.

Reading

- Reading skills focus on helping students understand a range of short texts, including descriptive passages, dialogues, and informational texts related to everyday life and culture in the UAE and the Arab world. Students practise identifying main ideas, understanding context, and recognising key vocabulary within texts. Reading activities also support vocabulary expansion and enhance students' understanding of Arabic language structures.

Writing

- Writing skills are developed through structured tasks that guide students in producing short written texts. Students practise writing descriptive and narrative paragraphs using appropriate vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structures. By the end of Year 10, students are expected to write structured paragraphs of approximately 100–120 words, demonstrating clarity of ideas, correct basic grammar, and appropriate vocabulary. Writing tasks may include descriptions, short narratives, and responses to prompts related to familiar topics.

Assessment

Student progress is evaluated through a combination of formative and summative assessments. Assessment methods include reading comprehension tasks, listening activities, speaking tasks and presentations, written assignments, classroom

Arabic A



اللغة العربية للطلاب الناطقين بها
القسم : اللغة العربية للناطقين بها

المعلم : صهيب طالب
المنهج : منهج اللغة العربية للطلاب العرب التابع لوزارة التربية والتعليم

وفقا لوزارة التربية والتعليم يجب على كل الطلاب العرب دراسة اللغة العربية من الصف الأول حتى الصف الثاني عشر

وصف المنهج
يعتمد المنهج الوزاري لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة على أسس وطرائق التعلم العالمية لإكساب اللغات لأبنائها، وتأتي اللغة العربية على رأس أولوياتها بفروعها المختلفة، حتى يتمكن الطلاب من إتقانها ويكونوا قادرين على تطوير مهاراتهم اللغوية وجعلهم يقرؤون بصورة مستقلة، يحلون، يناقشون، يُبدعون، يبحثون وذلك من خلال تكيف الطالب مع عدد ساعات لتعلم اللغة العربية (160 دقيقة) في الأسبوع لطلاب الصف (10) وذلك حسب توجيهات الوزارة
المهارات التي ينبغي على الطالب إتقانها لهذا العام حسب معايير الوثيقة الوطنية هي -

مهارة الكتابة

يتميز المتعلم بقدرته على التخطيط المستقل لأعماله الكتابية، حيث يقوم بإعداد الأسئلة المناسبة للبحث وتطبيق استراتيجيات متنوعة للاستفادة من المصادر المرجعية الرقمية. كما ينتج نصوصًا متكاملة العناصر، ذات جودة عالية في الإخراج، تشمل النصوص السردية، الإقناعية، الوصفية، والمعلوماتية، مع الالتزام بعدد كلمات مناسب (250 كلمة لكل نص) يحرص المتعلم على التقيد بقواعد النحو والإملاء، مع توظيف بعض الأساليب البلاغية لتعزيز جودة النص، مما يعكس مهارته في الكتابة الأكاديمية والإبداعية
مهارة القراءة

يتمكن المتعلم من تحليل العلاقات بين الموضوعات الرئيسية المتعددة، والحبكات، ووجهات النظر المختلفة في النصوص بدقة وتفصيل. كما يقرأ النصوص الأدبية بأسلوب معبر ومنغم، ويحدد ويقيم اللغة المجازية والمعاني الدلالية، مع إبراز دور الخيال والأساليب البلاغية يستطيع المتعلم مقارنة النتائج المختلفة في موضوع محدد، مستخرجًا أوجه التشابه والاختلاف، كما يحلل الأعمال القصصية الحديثة بناءً على الأنماط الأدبية المعتمدة
مهارة الاستماع والمحادثة

يشارك المتعلم بفعالية في النقاشات الجماعية، مستعينًا بالقراءة والبحث المسبق حول الموضوعات المطروحة. كما يقدم عروضًا معلوماتية فردية، مع مراعاة استخدام الهياكل التنظيمية، والتواصل البصري، واللفظ الواضح
يحلل ويفسر الوسائط الرقمية والعروض المرئية، مستخرجًا الأهداف ووجهات النظر المقدمة. كما يعرض آراءه ونتائجه مدعمة بالأوصاف، الحقائق، والأمثلة المحددة، مستعينًا بالكتب والأدوات الأخرى لضمان تواصل فعال أمام الجمهور
تقدير

طرق التقييم هي كل من (اختبارات ، مشاريع كبرى ، عروض تقديمية) وتكوينية (مسابقات ، إملاء ، مناقشات ، لعب أدوار ، وأنشطة دراسية خرى.

**Faculty: Islamic
Leader: Lina**

According to the
Ministry of Education
ruling, it is compulsory
that Muslim students
study Islamic Studies



Course Description

Students receive 2 Islamic lessons a week (40 minutes each). We have two sections for each year group (Islamic for Arabs and Islamic for Non-Arabs)

We hope every Muslim student at CIS is proud to be a Muslim and learns the basic knowledge of the religion. Our aim is to acknowledge all Muslim students regarding the Islamic values that Qur'an and Sunnah are assert on, so they can reflect what they learned in real life situations. Also, to refer to Qur'anic verses and Ahadith to analyse contemporary issues in accordance to the Islamic shari'ah.

Since the role model of Islam is the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH); students will extract the learned lessons from His biography and apply them in their life.

What will students learn?

CIS Islamic Education Syllabus is based on UAE recommended Curriculum of study and aims to develop in learners the following:

What will students learn?

1. Qur'an:

Students will be able to memorize Surah Al-Hujurat and Surah Al-Waq'ah and recite the assigned Qur'anic surahs from the curriculum while applying Tajweed rules. They will also be able to explain the meanings of key Qur'anic vocabulary.

1. Prophetic Hadiths:

Students will memorize selected hadiths of the Prophet ﷺ and explain their general meanings. They will understand the importance of advice and guidance as an Islamic duty.

1. Values and Responsibility:

Students will learn about the concept of accountability for actions and its relation to the Day of Judgment.

Seerah (Prophetic Biography): Students will extract practical lessons from the life of the Prophet ﷺ as a teacher. They will also explore the biographies of some scholars of Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh) and learn about their contributions and personalities.

1. Contemporary Issues:

Students will be able to analyze current issues related to halal and haram in the Islamic world. They will study the concept of tolerance and examine the contributions of the United Arab Emirates to the global community

التربية الإسلامية

قسم التربية الإسلامية
رئيسة قسم التربية
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عبد السلام
المنهج : التربية الإسلامية
الخاصة بالعرب



يجب على جميع الطلاب المسلمين دراسة مادة التربية الإسلامية وذلك طبقاً لقواعد وزارة التعليم.

وصف المنهج:

سيقوم الطلاب بدراسة حصتين للتربية الإسلامية في الأسبوع وسوف تكون المدة الزمنية للحصّة أربعين دقيقة، كما ينقسم الطلاب في المرحلة الدراسية إلى قسمين: قسم التربية الإسلامية للعرب وقسم التربية الإسلامية لغير العرب .

ونأمل أن يكون كل طالب مسلم من طلاب مدرسة كامبردج الدولية فخوفاً بكونه مسلماً وأن تتكون عنده المعرفة الأساسية للدين الإسلامي، كما أن هدفاً هو أن يتعرف الطلاب المسلمون على القيم الإسلامية التي أکدها القرآن الكريم والسنة النبوية فيمكنهم حينها تطبيق ما تعلموه في مواقفهم الحياتية، كما يمكنهم تحليل القضايا المعاصرة مع الاستدلال بآيات من القرآن الكريم والأحاديث النبوية والشريعة الإسلامية.

سوف يقوم الطلاب بدراسة سيرة سيدنا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم؛ فهو قدوتنا في الإسلام وسوف يستخلص الطلاب الدروس المستفادة من سيرته العطرة وتطبيقها في حياتهم.

منهج التربية الإسلامية للطلاب العرب

يستند منهج كامبردج للتربية الإسلامية إلى المنهاج الدراسي الموصى به في دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة والذي يهدف إلى تطوير المتعلمين فيما يلي:

القرآن الكريم:

سيتمكن الطلاب من حفظ سورتي الخجرات والواقعة، وتلاوة السور المقررة في المنهج مع تطبيق أحكام التجويد. كما سيكونون قادرين على شرح معاني المفردات القرآنية الأساسية.

الأحاديث النبوية: سيحفظ الطلاب بعض أحاديث النبي ﷺ، ويشرحون المعنى الإجمالي لها. كما سيتعرفون على أهمية النصائح والارشادات كواجب إسلامي.

القيم والمسؤولية: سيتعرف الطلاب على مفهوم المسؤولية عن الأفعال وعلاقتها بالجزاء في يوم القيامة.

السيرة النبوية: سيستخلص الطلاب الدروس العملية من حياة النبي ﷺ كمعلم. كما سيكتشفون بعض سير علماء المذاهب الفقهية ويتعرفون على شخصياتهم وإسهاماتهم.

Pearson BTEC International Level 2 Award in Creative Media

Qualification Size and Structure

- **Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 120**
- **Equivalent to: One International GCSE**



Course Outline

The work students carry out can include the following activities:

- Reports, Assignments, Short projects, Case Studies and Presentations

Structure - Two units in total - **One mandatory unit (50%)**, externally assessed through a **Pearson Set Assignment** and **One optional unit**, chosen from a range of creative media specialisms

This qualification is designed to be studied alongside other academic or vocational subjects as part of a broader program of study.

Qualification Purpose

The Pearson BTEC International Level 2 Award in Creative Media provides learners with an **introduction to the creative media sector** through applied, practical learning. It is suitable for learners who wish to explore creative media as a complementary subject, while developing foundational skills relevant to further study or employment. The qualification supports learners in understanding how creative media products are researched, planned, developed, and proposed in response to client briefs. It encourages creativity, independent learning, and problem-solving within realistic vocational contexts.

This qualification is designed primarily for learners aged **14–19** who:

- Have an interest in creative and digital media
- Wish to develop practical and transferable media skills
- Are considering progression to Level 3 creative media or related courses

Through this qualification, learners develop **transferable knowledge and skills**, including:

- **Cognitive and problem-solving skills:** using critical thinking, approaching non-routine problems, applying expert and creative solutions, using systems and technology
- **Interpersonal skills:** communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- **Intrapersonal skills:** self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

Progression Opportunities

The Level 2 Award supports progression to:

- **Pearson BTEC International Level 3 qualifications** in Creative Media
- More specialized Level 3 pathways, including photography, video production, advertising, games, and web design.

Student Contract for BTEC Vocational Courses-2026-2027

The nature of vocational courses is that you will take ownership of your work. You are responsible for meeting **deadlines** and ensuring you have covered the criteria set out for you. You are responsible for asking members of staff if there is something you do not understand. In taking a vocational course, you are preparing for the world of work, where you will be expected to work using initiative.

Deadlines

When you are given an assignment, you will be given a clear deadline. You **MUST** have all work completed for assessment by this deadline. Failure to do so will result in contact with parents and risk of not passing the criteria.

Once your work has been checked it will be handed back to you with details of whether you have achieved the criteria or not. No feedback or guidance will be given on how to improve the evidence to achieve higher grades. The learner must submit a signed and dated declaration of authenticity which confirms they have produced the evidence themselves. The Internal Verifier may authorise **one** opportunity for a learner to **resubmit** evidence based on certain conditions. If initial deadlines are not met, a resubmission will not be allowed, and the learner will be Ungraded for the task.

All deadlines **MUST** be met. Should you fail to meet the deadline, we will call your parents in to discuss your suitability to complete the course and you will be expected to stay back after school till the assignment deadlines are met. Deadlines have been very carefully set with course completion in mind.

Should you be absent on the hand-in date, you should find an alternative way of getting your assignment to us, all staff are accessible by email. A medical certificate may be required in cases where an assignment has not been completed due to illness or other exceptional circumstances.

Printer problems on hand-in day are **NOT** a valid excuse for handing work in late. Plan to complete your assignment early. This will enable you to avoid last-minute printer problems. Work being left at home or laptop issues are also not an acceptable problem. Students must have backup copies of all their work on a USB flash drive or cloud storage to evidence their progress.

If you need to speak to outside parties as part of your research, plan it early to ensure availability within your time scale. If you need information to be sent to you, request it as soon as you receive your assignment. Waiting for information is **NOT** a valid excuse for a late assignment.

Research

You should not rely solely on resources given to you by your teacher. In order to gain higher grades, you are expected to show a wide range of research. The internet alone is **NOT** wide ranging – although it can be a very useful resource.

In order to get full credit for the research you have done, ensure you include a bibliography. This should be updated as you go along. Ensure you include all sources.

BTEC students to bring in school their own laptops for all lessons complying with the school's BYOD policy.

Plagiarism/Copying

This will not be tolerated. Any student found to have copied the work of another (from a book or a fellow student) will receive no mark for that unit. In severe cases you may be excluded from the course. In cases where work has been copied from another student, both students will be penalised unless it can be proven that that student was unaware of the copying. Please look after your work and do not allow others access to it.

It appears to have become increasingly tempting to cut/copy and paste work from the internet to hand in as your own. This is classed as plagiarism. Information from the internet **MUST** be processed in some way to become your work. If you are in any doubt as to what you can/can't use, please ask your teacher.

Academic Integrity

The use of AI to engage in cheating, plagiarism, or any form of academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited. Students must **disclose AI assistance** in their work when applicable and adhere to proper citation practices.

Submission of Work

All assignment submissions to be on **Turnitin**. Once approved, digital submission (as suggested by the teacher) or printed work should be handed in plastic sleeves. Please ensure that you have **proof read** your work, checking spelling, punctuation and grammar before handing in.

Work should be presented in a format suitable for the document type being assessed. Reports should generally be in size 12 font.

When You Can Expect Your Marked Work to be Returned

In most cases you should have your marked assignments returned within 2 working weeks.

What to do if You Disagree with Your Grade

A selection of student work is cross marked by other assessors. This is done so that we can ensure your work is marked accurately and consistently. However, should you have a genuine cause to query your grade, you should ask your assessor to have it cross-marked. Work from all students is assessed by a standards verifier from Edexcel at the end of your course, allowing another opportunity to ensure your work is marked accurately and consistently.

There is an official appeals procedure for BTECs. Should you wish to initiate an appeal, you should see the Faculty Leader in the first instance.

Fees and Registrations

1. Students will be entered on to the course at the beginning of September.
2. A letter will be given to parents (on enrolment) informing them of their child's registration and confirming the costs of the selected BTEC course. You also need to **provide a passport copy** for name verification.
3. If your name is on the Phoenix register, you will then be registered and have to pay for the course.
4. If you move out of the BTEC course between the 1st September and the 1st October you must make sure the Faculty Leader is aware otherwise you will be charged. **If you move out after the 1st October you will still be charged the registration fee.** The fee will then be added to your account and must be paid before you are able to access reports or collect certificates at the end of the course, if you have not paid this will also delay the assessment of your work.

I have read and understood all parts of this contract and agree to the terms within it, I am also including a passport copy as requested.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Recommended Laptop Specifications - (Suitable for both Level 2 and Level 3 BTEC Creative Media)

Operating System

- Windows 11 (preferred) or Windows 10
- macOS (latest supported version)

Processor (CPU)

- Minimum: Intel i5 (11th generation or newer) / AMD Ryzen 5 (4000 series or newer) / Apple M1
- Recommended (especially for Level 3): Intel i7 / Ryzen 7 / Apple M2 or newer

Memory (RAM)

- Minimum: 16GB
- (8GB is not recommended as it significantly limits performance when using Adobe software.)

Storage

- Minimum: 512GB SSD
 - Recommended: 1TB SSD
- (Students working with video may use an additional external SSD for backups.)

Graphics

- Integrated graphics are suitable for most Level 2 work and photography-based projects
- **(Optional)** A dedicated GPU (e.g., NVIDIA RTX series or AMD Radeon) is beneficial for Level 3 students specialising in video, animation, or motion graphics

Display

- Minimum 13-inch Full HD (1920 × 1080)
- IPS panel recommended for accurate colour work

Connectivity & Ports

- USB-C and USB-A ports
- HDMI output
- SD card reader preferred (especially for photography students)

Core Software Used on the Course:

Students will use a range of industry standard creative tools.

Please note: Students may purchase the Adobe Creative Suite at a discounted student rate offered by Adobe. Alternatively, they are welcome to use free applications if they prefer.

Software Overview

Category	Software / Tools	Notes
Design & Photography	Adobe Photoshop	Industry standard
	Adobe Illustrator	Industry standard
	Adobe Lightroom	Industry standard
	Affinity	Free / Open-source alternative
	Canva Pro	Free with school email
Video & Audio	Adobe Premiere Pro	Video editing
	Adobe After Effects	Level 3 / advanced projects
	CapCut	Free
	Audacity	Open-source
	Adobe Audition	Professional audio editing
Interactive / UX Design	Figma	Pro version free with school email
	Stitch	UI/UX tool
Additional (depending on pathway)	Canva Education	Free with school email
	Adobe InDesign	Layout & publishing
	Blender	Free / Open-source, 3D work
	Google AI Studio	AI creation tools
	Unity	For game-based projects

Why These Specifications Are Important

Across both Level 2 and Level 3, students are required to:

- Produce high-resolution media content
- Work with layered design files
- Edit HD video
- Export large digital files
- Maintain a professional digital portfolio

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is an integral part of Teaching and Learning and is required to optimise all students' learning and teachers' teaching by providing a picture of progress and achievements and to identify the next steps to success.

1. Types of Assessment

Assessment for / of Learning / as Learning:

- There are three principal functions of assessment- **assessment for learning, assessment of learning and assessment as learning**
- Assessment for learning highlights and emphasises the contribution assessment can make to the day to day process of teaching and learning (formative)
- Assessment of learning helps to create a cumulative record of children's progress and attainments (summative)
- Assessment as learning is the use of a task or an activity to allow students the opportunity to use assessment to further their own learning. This offers students the chance to set their own personal goals and advocate for their own learning

I. Summative is Assessment **of** Learning. It is used mainly to measure performance and clearly identifies a standard of pupil attainment against given criteria. It is carried out at the end of a period of learning. Examples:

- Internal School Examinations

II. Formative is Assessment **for** Learning. It is ongoing and provides evidence of and for progression in learning.

- It supports learning through identifying difficulties, providing feedback and diagnosing future learning priorities.
- Formative assessment can also be used to evaluate the effectiveness with which a teacher in mediating the curriculum and thus inform his/her future planning.
- This includes:
 - a. Weekly tests
 - b. Homework
 - c. Class work
 - d. Group Activity – Project work Research- based

III. Self-Assessment encourages pupils to take responsibility for their own learning by:

- a. Evaluating their own achievement against shared learning outcomes
- b. Identifying their own strengths and areas for improvement
- c. Encouraging individual learning goals and action plans for future progression
- d. Fostering a self-reflective learning culture

- e. Encouraging independence in learning

IV. Peer Assessment is used when relevant. Pupils are encouraged to clarify their own ideas and understanding of both the learning intention and assessment criteria while assessing other pupils' work.

V. External Assessments at CIS

CIS takes part in the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4), and Progress Tests (PT English, Maths and Science), TIMSS, PISA, PASS and IGCSE, GCSE, AS & A level.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4)

CAT4 assesses a pupil's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability tasks. Together, these four tests provide teachers with a comprehensive profile of a pupil's reasoning abilities, and as such the core abilities related to learning.

The resulting data can then be used to identify a pupil's strengths, weaknesses and learning preferences, providing accurate and reliable information that is essential for personalised learning. The more we know about a pupil, the better position we should be in to offer a learning environment and ways of teaching and learning that allow pupils to maximise their potential. Information about a pupil's reasoning ability will be key to many decisions and is considered alongside attainment data and other factors known to impact on learning, such as attendance and attitude.

Progress Tests (PT)

These are nationally benchmarked assessments. They will *be* used year-on-year to support teachers at CIS in identifying current levels of attainment and monitoring progress. The group of tests reflects the English National Curriculum as well as the other UK curricula, making it up-to-date and highly relevant.

Year 10

Year 10 students will undertake both formative and summative assessments through the term and records of all subjects will be kept in Phoenix mark sheets tracking progress against a quantitative measure of attainment.

Assessments in Year 10 will be consistent with the IGCSE criteria. Assessments are an integral component of teaching and learning. CIS will use Progress Tests (PT) in English, Maths and Science to monitor progress and attainment. These are externally set and intended to provide feedback with respect to how well the student is grasping the concepts being taught. PT tasks are graded and these scores are maintained for the purpose of term end reports. However, all assessments conducted will be shared with parents on an ongoing basis.

External Examinations

At the end of Year 10 (Summer 2027), students will sit for the external examination for the subject course started in Year 9 (Option 1). They will continue to study the remaining 6 IGCSEs courses started in Year 10 and will sit the external examinations in Year 11 (Summer 2028).

PASS Survey Report

The success of young people’s educational experience is heavily determined by the attitudes that they bring to their learning, their sense of aspiration and the feelings they have about their place in the broader social context of the school. The PASS diagnostic is a powerful, multi-factorial measure of students’ attitudes to school, learning and success. Its robust nature enables the data it yields to be used as a means of establishing baselines and to support effective planning, implementation and evaluation of interventions at individual, group and whole school levels. The data combined with other student data such as GL CAT4, Progress Test, gives staff in school, in collaboration with the young people, greater opportunity to make informed decisions about their future learning and to help them towards further success.

IGCSE/ GCSE/ AS & A Level:

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), Pearson Edexcel and AQA are the world’s largest providers of international education programmes and qualifications for 5-19 years old. Universities, education providers and employers recognise these qualifications across the world. At CIS students in Year 10 embark on IGCSE/GCSE courses that include English Language, Mathematics, Sciences such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Humanities such as Sociology, Psychology, Environmental Management, Commerce subjects such as Accounting, Economics, Business, Travel & Tourism and Creative subjects such as Arts, Physical Education or Creative Media.

At AS/ A Levels students choose 4 subjects to pursue their career pathways. At AS/ A Level we offer a range of BTEC Vocational courses that include internally and externally verified and assessed. The BTEC courses are currently under the MOE consideration.

Assessment Cycle in the Calendar Proposed dates 2026-2027

- The school calendar will publish the summative assessment dates

Year	Internal Examinations/ Assessments													
	CAT4	NGRT A	PASS 1	Pre-Mock	Term1	NGRT B	Mock	Term 2	NGRT C	PASS 2	Term3	IGCSE	Progress Test	
10	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov- Dec	Nov-Dec	Jan	Feb-March	March	April	April	May	May	June	

Report Release Dates:

Year Group	Dates	Report
Year 10	December	Term 1
Year 10	January	Pre-Mock (One IGCSE subject)
Year 10	April	Term 2 and Mock
Year 10	June	Final (Term 3)

CIS - Point Scale				
Marks	Indicator by colour	Point Scale	IGCSE Grade	Descriptor
91 -100	Blue	9	A*	Student demonstrates both breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding of the topic/curriculum standard. Originality and insight are consistently evident.
85 - 90		8	A*	
80 - 84	Green	7	A	Student demonstrates extensive knowledge and understanding of the topic using them effectively in a wide range of contexts. Originality and insight are generally evident.
77 - 79		6+	B+	Student applies a wide range of technique to exhibit his/her understanding of the topic and use abstract knowledge in a range of contexts.
74 - 76	6	B		
71 - 73	Yellow	6-	B-	Student is able to apply and use knowledge and understanding in unfamiliar contexts. Analysis, synthesis and evaluation are occasionally evident. He/ She meets the expected curriculum standards.
68 - 70		5+	C+	
65 - 67		5	C	
62 - 64	Orange	4	C-	Student understands and relates to the topic using appropriate terminology. He/She applies and uses knowledge and understanding in familiar contexts.
59 - 61		3	D	
56 - 58	Red	2+	D-	Student shows his/her developing knowledge and understanding of the topic. He/She begins to identify the different the ways in which the topic is represented and suggest answers relevant to the questions.
53 - 55		2	E	
50 - 52		2-	E-	
40 - 49	Dark Red	1+	F	Student shows his/her emerging knowledge and understanding of the topic. He/She begins to recognise and respond to the questions with the help of prompts and suggestions.
30 - 39		1	F-	
20 - 29		1-	G	
0 - 19	Dark Red		U	Ungraded

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