

Cambridge IGCSE®

A guide for parents

University of Cambridge International Examinations is the world’s largest provider of international education programmes and qualifications for 5 to 19 year olds. We are part of the University of Cambridge, one of the world’s top universities and trusted for excellence in education. Our qualifications are recognised by the world’s universities and employers.

Your child’s needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our programmes and qualifications aim to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond.

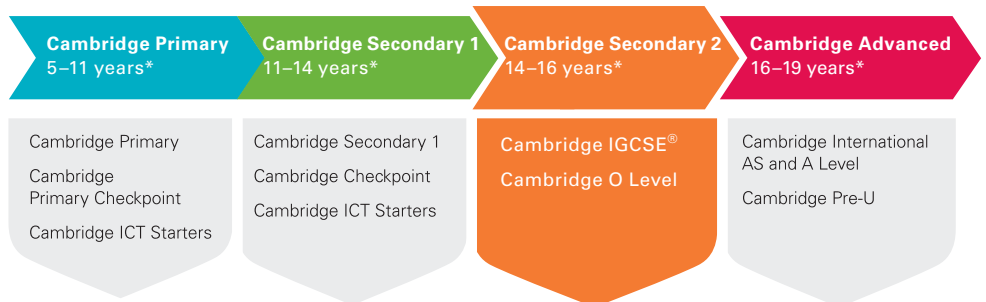
Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

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



What is Cambridge IGCSE?

Cambridge IGCSE is the world’s most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds, attracting almost 500 000 entries every year from 144 countries.



**Age ranges are for guidance only*

Cambridge IGCSE is an international passport to progression, recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide as evidence of academic ability.



Benefits for your child

Learners develop a strong understanding of each Cambridge IGCSE subject they study, and acquire skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving. We offer over 70 subjects across languages, maths, sciences, arts, and technical subjects like Information and Communication Technology, giving your child a wide choice of subject areas.

Cambridge IGCSE builds a great foundation for further study. Your child will be fully prepared to progress to pre-university study, including Cambridge International AS and A Level, Cambridge Pre-U, the International Baccalaureate Diploma and other post-16 routes.

Our world-class assessments are designed to give your child a variety of ways to show their knowledge and skills, and we offer options to suit learners of different abilities.

Cambridge IGCSE is accessible for a learner whose first language is not English, and all subjects develop skills in working and communicating in English.

We also offer a group award for Cambridge IGCSE called Cambridge ICE. This award is recognised in the US and South America, and acknowledges the achievements of students who pass Cambridge IGCSE examinations in at least seven subjects chosen from five subject areas.

Opening up opportunities worldwide

A Cambridge IGCSE qualification is recognised by leading universities around the world and employers view it as a valuable certificate of achievement, bearing the Cambridge name. It opens up global opportunities for your child.



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

Many universities worldwide require a combination of Cambridge IGCSEs and Cambridge International A Levels to meet their entry requirements. Leading US and Canadian universities require Cambridge International AS and A Levels, but some US and Canadian colleges and universities will accept students with five Cambridge IGCSEs at grade C or above.

Learners can easily find out which universities worldwide accept Cambridge qualifications by searching our online database at www.cie.org.uk/recognition

A global learning community

With Cambridge programmes and qualifications, your child is joining a community of learners from more than 9000 schools in over 160 countries. We have created our programmes and qualifications for students worldwide but we make sure there is plenty of space for local content too.

Distance does not create a barrier between Cambridge learners around the world. Our online communities bring schools and learners together to discuss their projects and activities. By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners, we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.

Learn more! For more information on [Cambridge IGCSE](http://www.cie.org.uk/igcse) please visit www.cie.org.uk/igcse

