



## University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

### About CIE

University of Cambridge International Examinations is the world's largest provider of international qualifications for 14 – 19 year olds. We are part of the University of Cambridge and a not-for-profit organisation.

Over a million students in 150 countries take Cambridge international qualifications, through a network of more than 6,000 Cambridge schools.

We offer a broad range of internationally recognised education programmes and qualifications, both academic and vocational, designed to develop successful students worldwide.

Cambridge works in partnership with schools and Ministries of Education to extend access to the benefits of education around the world.

### The Cambridge International Curriculum

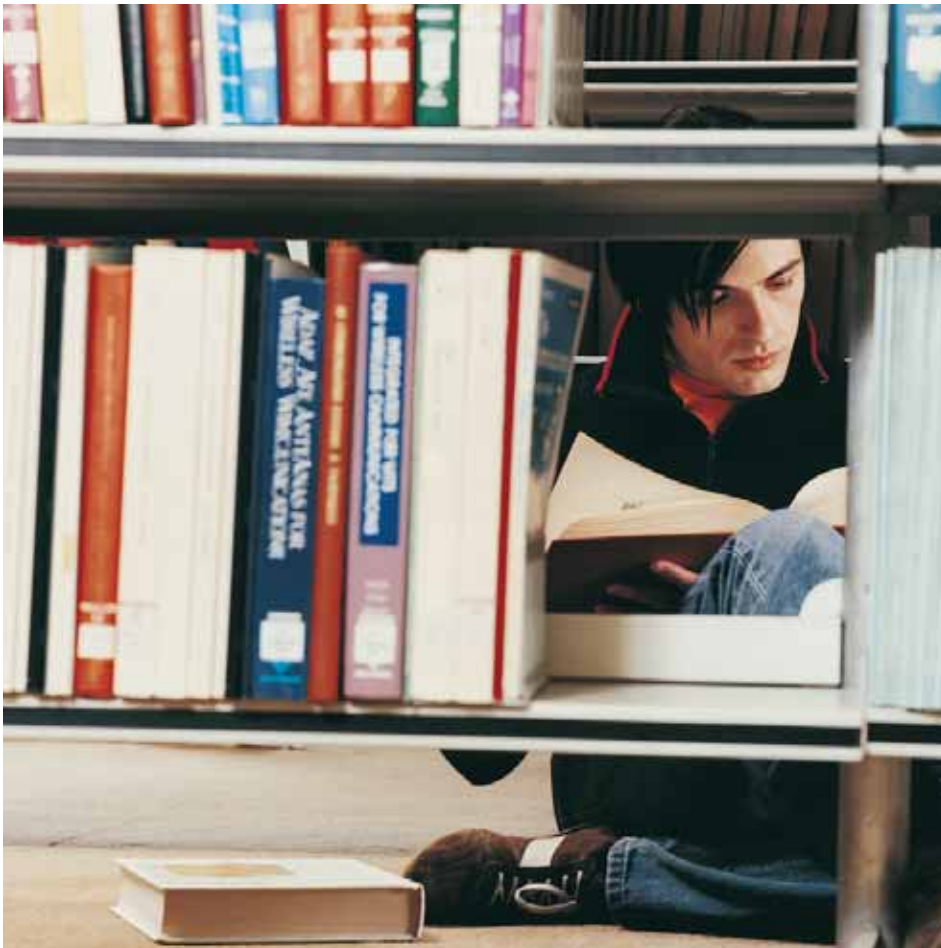
The Cambridge International Curriculum develops successful students in primary and secondary education. It is a flexible framework and the qualifications in it share common principles, underpinned by the best educational and assessment practice:

- quality and coherence delivered through the curriculum
- guaranteed assessment standards
- high quality resources
- training and professional development
- international in outlook and commitment
- a partnership approach

The Cambridge International Primary Programme gives schools a framework to develop numeracy, literacy and science skills and knowledge in young children aged 5 – 11 years. It helps teachers to assess children's learning as they progress and provides guidance on curriculum development.

The Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme follows the same pattern. It provides a framework for success for students approximately 11 – 14 years. It builds on the primary stage, and develops children's knowledge and skills in Mathematics, English and Science.

Cambridge Checkpoint tests during the Lower Secondary Programme provide detailed feedback on





students' strengths and weaknesses, before they move into the 14 – 16 external assessment stage, including Cambridge IGCSE and O Level.

Cambridge IGCSE and O Level gives students excellent preparation for their next steps in education, including progression to Cambridge International A and AS Level. Cambridge IGCSE and O Level are recognised and accepted by universities and employers worldwide. They are popular with students because they are flexible qualifications that develop problem-solving, investigative and practical skills. Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 – 16 year olds. Both qualifications are available in a very wide range of subjects.

Cambridge International A/AS Level allows tens of thousands of students every year to win places at top universities worldwide. It is a stimulating, flexible course of study that gives students the freedom to select the mix of subjects right for them.

### **Teacher support, professional development**

CIE's excellent teacher support ensures effective, confident teaching to help students reach their full potential. Support includes face-to-face and online professional development, textbooks, schemes of work and a large bank of exam materials. Many Cambridge schools have developed their staff using our professional qualifications for teachers.

### **International recognition and acceptance**

Choosing a course of study is one of the most important and difficult decisions. Teachers and students consider whether a qualification is internationally recognised, is from a reputable assessment provider, and whether it is at the right level for the students.

CIE operates a continuous recognition programme to ensure that its qualifications are globally accepted.

### **Quality assessment provider**

As part of the Cambridge Assessment Group, CIE has offered assessments overseas for more than 150 years. We have an excellent reputation for high quality examinations. By working closely with the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education, CIE is at the forefront of current thinking on education and assessment.

### **Further information**