



Cambridge Lower Secondary Parent information meeting



We prepare students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning



Cambridge Pathway

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A clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19

Cambridge Primary

5 to 11 years old*

A broad and balanced curriculum:

- 10 subjects (including English, Mathematics and Science)
- Classroom and external assessments

Cambridge Lower Secondary

11 to 14 years old*

A broad and balanced curriculum:

- 10 subjects (including English, Mathematics and Science)
- Classroom and external assessments

Cambridge Upper Secondary

14 to 16 years old*

A wide choice of subjects at:

- Cambridge IGCSE™ (70+ subjects)
 - Cambridge O Level (40+ subjects)
- Cambridge ICE Certificate

Cambridge Advanced

16 to 19 years old*

A wide choice of subjects at:

- Cambridge International AS & A Level (55+ subjects)
 - Cambridge Pre-U (20+ subjects)
- Cambridge AICE Diploma
Cambridge IPQ

Cambridge Professional Development for teachers and school leaders

**Age ranges are for guidance only*

Learn • Discover • Achieve

Cambridge Lower Secondary international curriculum

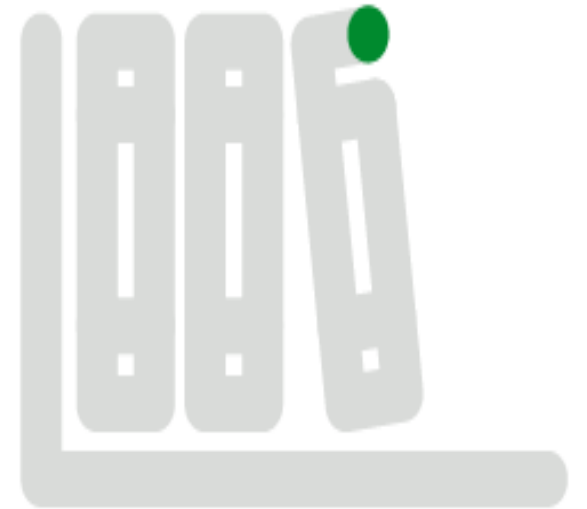
- Natural progression from Primary.
- Builds skills, knowledge and understanding in 10 subjects including:

English

Mathematics

Science

- Compatible with other curricula.



Cambridge Lower Secondary – teaching and learning



- We help schools encourage learners to become:
 - confident
 - responsible
 - reflective
 - innovative
 - engaged.



Cambridge Lower Secondary – assessment



- Two testing options available to help monitor students' progress:
 - Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Tests.
 - Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint.
- Assessments identify and address strengths and weaknesses.
- Provide international benchmarks.
- Detailed reporting of student performance.

What are Checkpoint Examinations

- Standardised exams administered by Cambridge World wide
- Final year of lower secondary (Form 3) education
- Provides international benchmarks

Why do we do them

- Check.....
- External examination
- Examination experience
- Integrity of the exams and marking
- Diagnostic feedback, school and individual

What will happen



- Mock exams week beginning 2nd, 3rd, **March 2023**, two papers per subject
- Checkpoint Exams **17th, 19th & 21th April 2023**, (two papers per subject and two papers per day)
- Students will continue with the programme until the end of the year
- Results....

Strands for each subject

English

Reading

Usage

Understanding

Mathematics

Geometry and
measure

Handling Data

Number

Algebra

Science

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Scientific Enquiry

Global

perspective

Research report

FOCUS : Global Perspective



- Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Global Perspectives is designed to be completed in the final year of lower secondary education.
- There are no written tests provided by Cambridge International
- Learners work individually to write a **Research Report** on one of the programme topics.

FOCUS : Global Perspective

This research report must be between **800-1000 words**.

With the support and guidance of the teacher, students have to:

- Identify an issue related to one of the programme topics
- Formulate a research question based on this issue
- Respond to the research question by exploring both a **global** and **national perspective** on this issue

FOCUS : Global Perspective



- **The national perspective** does not have to be from the country in which the learner lives.
- The report should also explain how the **global perspective** chosen is genuinely global in nature. This could be because it is a viewpoint held by many people in different countries or cultures
- Report submission date: **March 29**

What you can do to help your child...

- Make sure they have submitted their checkpoint global perspective report
- Make sure they are well rested.
- Make sure they eat a light, but healthy breakfast!
- Make sure they get to school on time (7.45am at the latest)
- Make sure they bring their own equipment: 2 blue pens; 2 pencils; an eraser; a ruler; a pair of compasses; a calculator; a protractor; a simple translating dictionary; a see through bottle of water

What happens with the results

- Results will reach the school near the end of June 2023
- Results will be shared with students, parents and staff
- Each student will have a statement of achievement and a diagnostic report
- The school will share the results with the wider school community

Checkpoint Scale

- Scores on the Checkpoint scale are from **0.0 to 6.0**
- Students achieving **less than 2.0** have a basic understanding of the curriculum content
- Students achieving between **3.0 and 4.0** have a sound understanding of most of the curriculum content
- Students achieving **more than 5.0** have and excellent understanding of the curriculum content

Average requirement



- Students should have a minimum of **3/6** in Mathematics, Science and English language/ESL; **and a silver in global perspective** to be admitted in upper secondary (IG 1)

Diagnostic Reports



- Helps schools to:
 - Tailor individual learners' learning programmes
 - Provide information for reporting to parents
 - Compare the performance of all learners taking tests in that session
 - Manage learning programmes as learners move between schools
 - Evaluate the impact our curricular have on attainment

Some useful links

- <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/cambridge-checkpoint>
- <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-lower-secondary/resource-list/>

THANKS

Questions