

Media information

Cambridge IGCSE® in the UK – June 2015 exam series

Cambridge International Examinations developed the International GCSE (IGCSE) over 25 years ago. Cambridge IGCSE is now the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds.

Key facts about Cambridge IGCSE

- It is recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide as evidence of academic ability, providing an international passport to progression and success.
- It is available in 70 subjects, including over 30 languages.
- Syllabuses use learner-centred and enquiry-based approaches to learning.
- Learners are assessed at the end of the course. This linear structure gives more uninterrupted teaching time.
- Learners are awarded a grade for each subject. The grade scale is from A* to G, with A* being the highest.
- Core and extended curricula are available in many subjects for students of differing abilities.
- 2013 marked the 25th anniversary of the first Cambridge IGCSE exam. It is tried, tested and trusted.



Worldwide statistics

Cambridge IGCSE is taken in over **140** countries.

It is taught by over **5500** schools worldwide.

Over **900 000** exam entries made by schools worldwide in 2014/15.

Worldwide entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2015 up **23%** on June 2014.

UK statistics

Cambridge IGCSE is taught by over **2600** schools in the UK

UK schools made over **285 000** entries in June 2015.

UK entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2015 up **56%** on June 2014.

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Cambridge IGCSE in UK schools

- **UK take-up is growing fast.**
The number of UK state schools entering candidates for Cambridge IGCSE exams now exceeds the number of independent schools.
- **Ofqual has approved 22 Cambridge IGCSE qualifications.**
All of these are funded for teaching in state schools in England.
- **Ofqual-approved Cambridge IGCSEs count in league tables*.**
The Ofqual-approved qualifications are included in school performance tables. The following Ofqual-approved qualifications also count towards the English Baccalaureate: Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Geography, History, English First Language (when taken with English Literature), French, German, Greek, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.
- **Cambridge IGCSEs have no controlled assessment.**
This gives teachers more freedom to plan lessons and structure the programme.
- **Cambridge IGCSE is international.**
UK learners are assessed alongside their peers from around the world.

* The Department for Education (DfE) has announced that, in the first year in which a reformed IGCSE is examined, the equivalent Cambridge IGCSE will cease to count towards school performance tables.

About Cambridge International Examinations

Cambridge International Examinations prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of Cambridge Assessment, a department of the University of Cambridge.

Our international qualifications are recognised by the world's best universities and employers, giving students a wide range of options in their education and career. As a not-for-profit organisation, we devote our resources to delivering high-quality educational programmes that can unlock learners' potential.

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