



Cambridge IGCSE media information

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University of Cambridge International Examinations developed the first IGCSE more than 20 years ago. Its worldwide success has encouraged other UK awarding bodies to develop similar qualifications. Cambridge IGCSE is now the world's most popular international curriculum for 14–16 year olds and is the original linear IGCSE.

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Key statistics

Cambridge IGCSE is taken in **144** countries.

A choice of over **70** subjects.

Worldwide entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2011 are up **17%** on last year – with strong growth in China, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia and the UK.

Over **550** UK schools – more than **200** state and **350** independent – teach Cambridge IGCSE. And rising!

19 Cambridge IGCSEs are available to teach in UK state schools, with more to come.

Following Ofqual accreditation, UK entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2011 are up a massive **104** per cent on last year.

Cambridge IGCSE at a glance

- a linear, two-year course, not broken into modules
- benchmarked to the same standard as UK GCSE and is the equivalent, grade-for-grade, of UK GCSE
- students are assessed alongside their peers in 144 countries, including USA, India, China, South Africa, New Zealand, Spain, Italy and Sweden
- Cambridge IGCSE subjects support skills-based learning
- grading scale from A* to E.

What are the differences for teachers?

- no controlled assessment
- greater freedom to plan lessons and structure the programme.
- time to return to key concepts and subjects to ensure students gain full understanding across the whole syllabus.
- freedom from the interruptions of modular assessments
- core and extended curricula are available for students of differing abilities.
- more interesting and stimulating content for teachers and learners.

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About University of Cambridge International Examinations

Alongside our sister awarding body, OCR, we are part of the Cambridge Assessment Group, a not-for-profit organisation and a department of the University of Cambridge.

We are the world's largest provider of international programmes and qualifications for 5–19 year olds. For over 150 years we have worked with ministries of education and assessment agencies around the world to deliver excellence in education.

Cambridge international programmes and qualifications are taken in 160 countries and recognised by universities and employers around the world.

Cambridge IGCSE in the state sector

There are over 70 Cambridge IGCSE subjects available, of which 19 are available to state schools. More than 550 schools in the UK teach Cambridge IGCSE (200 state maintained and 350 independent).

Cambridge IGCSE was the first international GCSE to be made available to state schools and it offers the widest range of Ofqual-accredited subjects to state schools, including:

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- English Language
- English Literature

- English (Second Language)
- Enterprise
- French (Foreign Language)
- Geography
- German (Foreign Language)
- Greek (Foreign Language)
- Hindi (Second Language)
- History
- ICT
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Spanish (Foreign Language)

We are currently seeking accreditation from Ofqual for Cambridge IGCSE:

- Chinese Mandarin
- Global Perspectives
- International Mathematics.

School league tables and the EBac

The inclusion of Cambridge IGCSE in school performance tables is a new development in the UK. Previously the Government did not consider IGCSE as a performance indicator, and so schools offering IGCSE had to compromise their position in the league tables. The change in Government policy recognises the growth of IGCSE in the UK, and is welcomed.

University of Cambridge International Examinations is the only awarding body offering state school funded IGCSEs in all EBac subjects. Schools can achieve the EBac through a curriculum made up exclusively of Cambridge IGCSEs.



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