

# Update for schools

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Springbank School, New Zealand



Livingstone Kolobeng College, Botswana



Pinehurst School, New Zealand

## Cambridge learners turn theory into profit

**Cambridge learners worldwide are learning how to set up their own businesses – and make a profit – thanks to our new Cambridge IGCSE® Enterprise.**

Acquiring skills that boost your employability is crucial in today's tough economic climate. In the UK, global businesses including Tata Steel, Procter & Gamble and NatWest bank, have recently signed a Young Enterprise charter calling for the UK government to prioritise enterprise education in schools. A Cambridge school in India – Mallya Aditi International School – has also told us about a project between four Bangalore schools, with support from Intel, to increase and promote enterprise education.

Schools teaching our new Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise confirm that learners enjoy having a chance to turn enterprise theory into action. The course requires learners to set up their own enterprise, applying classroom learning to a real business environment.

Cambridge learners at Livingstone Kolobeng College in Botswana put their enterprises to the test at an 'Entrepreneurs' Day'. The Enterprise coordinator, Mrs Neeru Kapoor, said her students carried out market research and prepared business plans before launching their enterprises at the event: "My students hosted a

fantastic show, a true reflection of entrepreneurial skills, motivation, self-confidence and determination to succeed."

**"Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise is preparing our teenagers with life skills."**

At Pinehurst School in New Zealand, Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise students learnt how to secure investment when they pitched their enterprises to staff at The National Bank (pictured). Mark Mills, father of one of the students, said: "I feel that the Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise programme is very valuable because it is preparing our teenagers with life skills that so many of them will need when they enter the workforce."

Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise develops skills in creativity, financial planning, team working and problem solving. It aims to give learners an understanding of how enterprises succeed.

You can download the Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise syllabus at [www.cie.org.uk/newquals](http://www.cie.org.uk/newquals)

## World Literature course gets underway

**We have had an excellent response from Cambridge schools to pilot our new Cambridge IGCSE in World Literature. Schools in 10 countries have come on board to help trial the qualification for first examination in June 2013.**

The schools are spread across the globe – in Argentina, China, Hong Kong, India, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey and the UK – making sure we get a really good range of feedback. The aim of Cambridge IGCSE World Literature is to encourage learners to engage with literature from other countries and cultures.

All the schools have told us they like the breadth and flexibility of the course. One school said they liked the oral assessment which prepares learners for higher study; another said the course would be ideal for its international student body.

If your school is interested in joining the pilot for examination in June 2013, there is still time. You can contact us at [international@cie.org.uk](mailto:international@cie.org.uk). Please enter 'World Literature pilot' in the subject line of your email.



## Young composer on course for success

**A talented Cambridge IGCSE Music student from Ockbrook School in Derby, UK, beat hundreds of applicants to win a place on a BBC music course in August 2011.**



Sophie Kimmitt (pictured far left) was one of just 75 UK students to take part in the Sound and Music Summer School. The school gives young composers a chance to work with top musicians and explore different ways of making music.

Sophie composed pieces on the piano and harp during the course. At the end, she heard her work performed at a concert by professional musicians.

The experience has fuelled Sophie's musical ambitions. She said: "I would love to compose music for films. After A Level, I want to study music and composition at university."

*"The syllabus has inspired Sophie to explore many facets of music and has really given her direction in creating and performing music."*

Ockbrook School introduced Cambridge IGCSE Music two years ago, and entered their first cohort of students for exams in June 2011. They all achieved Grades A\* and A. The photograph above shows some of the learners celebrating their achievements on results day.

Greg Maskalick, Director of Music at Ockbrook School, said Cambridge IGCSE had much to do with Sophie's success: "The syllabus has inspired Sophie to explore many facets of music and has really given her direction in creating and performing music. As her teacher I can say without a doubt that she and the other girls have grown dramatically in their music making in the past two years."

Sophie also praised the breadth of Cambridge IGCSE Music: "I really enjoyed the World Music section of the course. I loved learning about Japanese and Indonesian music. I wouldn't have been exposed to that type of music if I hadn't done Cambridge IGCSE."

## Mandarin Chinese now available to state schools in England

Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese is the latest Cambridge IGCSE to be approved by Ofqual, the exams regulator in England. This means the qualification successfully meets Ofqual's requirements and is now eligible for funding for teaching in state schools in England.

When a Cambridge IGCSE is approved for regulation by Ofqual, it appears on the Register of Regulated Qualifications as a Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate. For the latest information on all our regulated qualifications, you can search the Register at [register.ofqual.gov.uk](http://register.ofqual.gov.uk)

We have recently submitted Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives and Cambridge IGCSE International Mathematics to Ofqual for approval for regulation, and a decision is pending.

## Schools new to Cambridge IGCSE celebrate results

**We offer comprehensive support to help schools introduce Cambridge IGCSE successfully. Teachers who are new to Cambridge IGCSE can also gain advice from experienced Cambridge teachers and examiners through our training courses and online forums.**

For many schools, the June 2011 Cambridge IGCSE exam series broke new ground – they were making entries for the first time. When results were released in August 2011, some of these schools got in touch to express their satisfaction with Cambridge IGCSE. It is good to see new Cambridge schools achieving early success.

“Leicester High School’s excellent August 2011 Cambridge IGCSE results in French, German and Spanish prove how important it is to follow courses which not only stretch and challenge learners with stimulating material, but also increase their cultural awareness. The Cambridge IGCSE has done all of this and has helped our girls to face the 21st century.”

Diana Wassell, Deputy Head, Leicester High School, UK

“An amazing result by our second batch of students in the Cambridge IGCSE programme. Kudos to the faculty and the students for displaying hard work, perseverance and dedication in achieving excellent results for the school. Heartfelt gratitude to Cambridge for all the support given to our faculty and administrative staff.”

Harpreet Randhawa, Cambridge IGCSE Coordinator, SVKM International School, India



Jazlina Sutanto,  
Cambridge IGCSE  
learner at Anglo  
Singapore International  
School, Thailand with  
her results

“It has been a pleasure seeing our students grow this past year in our newly implemented Cambridge IGCSE curriculum. These secondary pupils have depicted nothing less than extraordinary persistence and diligence throughout this learning process.”

Jeff Chen, Head of Department,  
Secondary English and Humanities,  
Anglo Singapore International School,  
Thailand

## UK schools make the switch

UK entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2011 were up 95 per cent on last year. More than 550 UK schools offer Cambridge IGCSE, including over 200 state schools who introduced Cambridge IGCSE following changes in UK government policy last year. The number of UK schools teaching Cambridge IGCSE is growing rapidly.

Twenty Cambridge IGCSE subjects are approved by Ofqual, the exams regulator in England, for funding for teaching in state schools in England. The regulated qualifications include all the core National Curriculum subjects, a wide range of languages and our new Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise. They are listed on the Register of Regulated Qualifications as Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificates – for more details, go to [register.ofqual.gov.uk](http://register.ofqual.gov.uk)

UK independent schools can choose from over 70 Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses. For more information about Cambridge IGCSE in the UK, go to [www.cie.org.uk/uk](http://www.cie.org.uk/uk)

### How did your school perform internationally?

Cambridge IGCSE is taken by learners in 144 countries. You can see how your learners performed against the worldwide average by looking at the June 2011 results statistics on our website. They show the percentage of learners who achieved each grade for every subject.

Go to [www.cie.org.uk/igcse](http://www.cie.org.uk/igcse) for details, and click on ‘statistics’.

## Paralympians coach Cambridge learners



**Great Britain's sitting volleyball team took a break from training in September 2011 to join a class of Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education students at King's College School (KCS) in London.**

The elite athletes, who are preparing for the Paralympic Games in 2012, taught the students a range of sitting volleyball techniques and challenged them to a game.

One of the Cambridge IGCSE students who took part was Charlie Williams. He said: "Not only did we learn about the sport, but we also had the opportunity to discuss with the athletes their training, routines and the problems and opportunities they encounter in elite-level Paralympian sport."

James Clark, Deputy Director of Sport at KCS said: "Our Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education

students are studying the Olympics in Unit 3 and need to understand and experience the sports on offer. We try to hold lessons like this once a term for our students and they get a great deal from it.

"The range of topics within Cambridge IGCSE PE is good and provides the pupils with an understanding of both the sporting world and their own sporting context."

## Online training courses start again soon

We offer Cambridge IGCSE online training throughout the year via our virtual learning environment. A key feature of these courses is the exchange of ideas and good practice between teachers across our global community.

### Introductory self-study online courses start on 5 December 2011

Courses are available in the following subjects for teachers who are new to Cambridge IGCSE: Biology (0610), Business Studies (0450), Chemistry (0620), Economics (0455), English as a Second Language (0510), First Language English (0500), Geography (0460), History (0470), ICT (0417), Literature in English (0486), Mathematics (0580), Physics (0625).

### Stage 2 tutor-led courses start on 18 January 2012

These courses run for seven weeks and are aimed at experienced teachers who are already familiar with the syllabus: Business Studies (0450), Drama (0411), English as a Second Language (0510), Environmental Management (0680), First Language Spanish (0502), General Teaching and Assessing Skills in Science, Geography (0460), History (0470), ICT (0417), Mathematics (0580).

For more details about training events, and to register, go to [www.cie.org.uk/events](http://www.cie.org.uk/events)

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## Key numbers

Cambridge IGCSE is taken in

**144** countries

A choice of over

**70** subjects

Worldwide entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2011 up

**17%** on June last year – with strong growth in China, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia and the UK

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

**20** Cambridge IGCSEs are funded for teaching in state schools in England, with more to come

UK entries for Cambridge IGCSE in June 2011 up

**95%** on last year

2011

2010

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