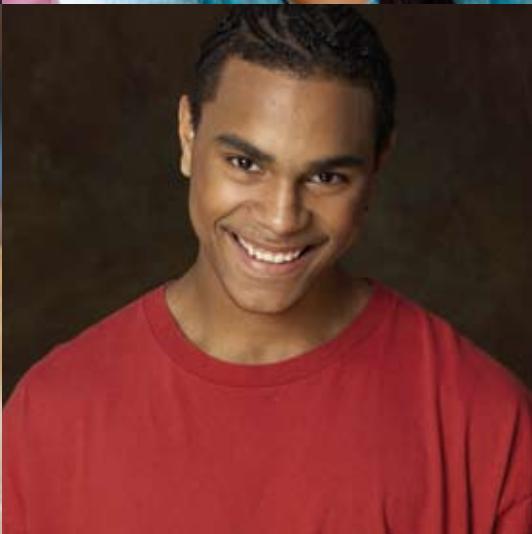




Cambridge International A/AS Level



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations



About CIE

University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is the world's largest provider of international qualifications for 14–19 year olds. It is a not-for-profit organisation and part of Cambridge Assessment, a department of the University of Cambridge. Students in over 150 countries enter for CIE examinations every year. Cambridge international qualifications are designed for students worldwide. Content is multicultural and a wide range of subjects is available.



Welcome to Cambridge International A Level

Welcome to Cambridge International A Level, an international passport to success – in education, university and work. Cambridge International A Level is taken in over 125 countries by around 175,000 students every year.

Cambridge International A/AS Level opens up a world of opportunity – helping students get places at all the world's major English-speaking universities, or proving their achievements to future employers.

Cambridge International A/AS Levels are accepted at grades A* – E as the same as UK A and AS Level on a subject-for-subject and grade-for-grade basis.



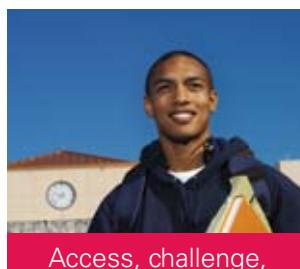
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Internationally recognised and accepted



Teacher training and support



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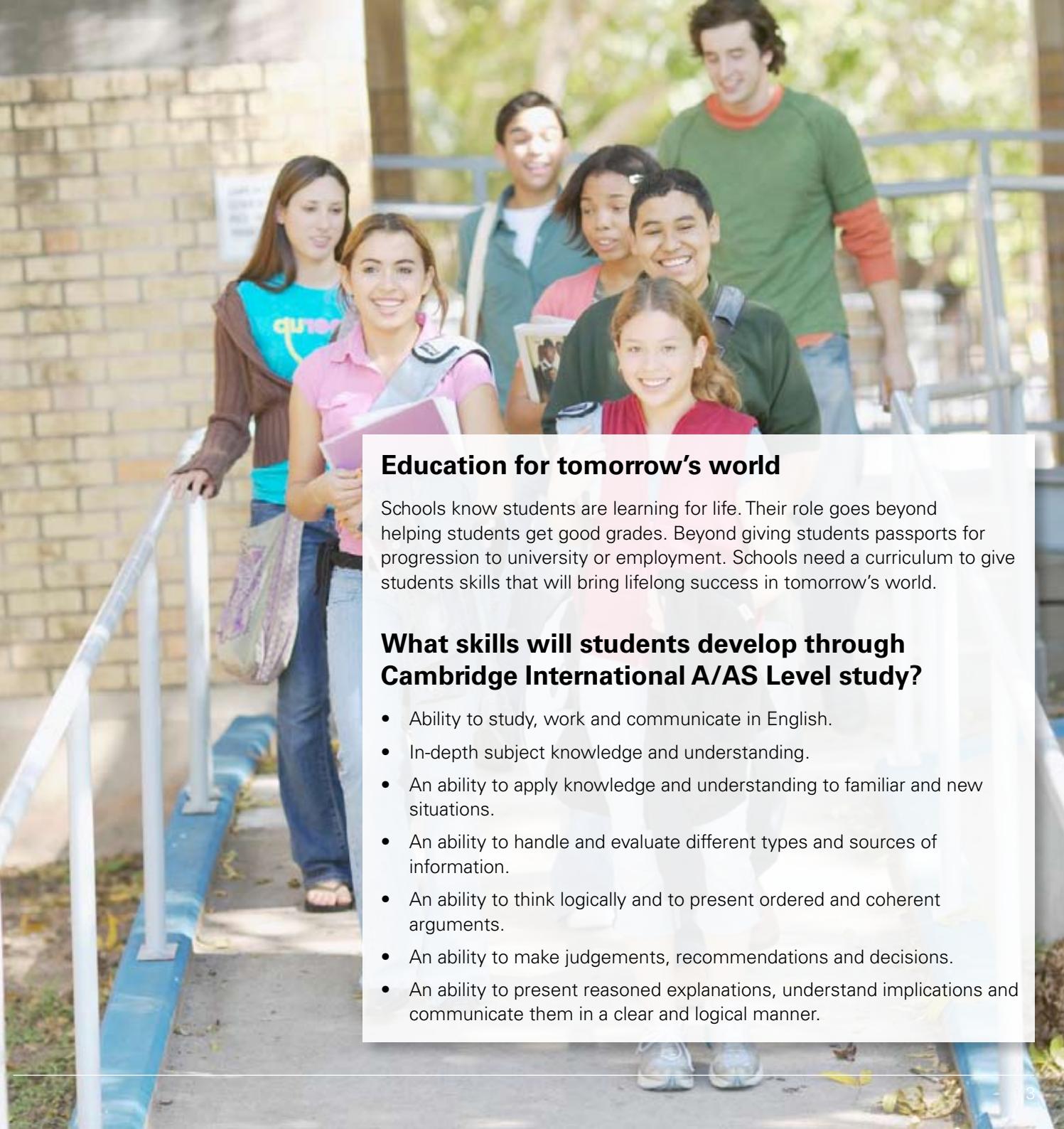
International outlook, local relevance



Building a world-class curriculum

Cambridge International AS Level

Schools can offer Cambridge International AS Level as a qualification in its own right or as a stage on the way to Cambridge International A Level. Students can study Cambridge International AS Level alongside International A Level subjects to increase breadth in the curriculum or build further knowledge and understanding of other subjects they are studying at Cambridge International A Level.



Education for tomorrow's world

Schools know students are learning for life. Their role goes beyond helping students get good grades. Beyond giving students passports for progression to university or employment. Schools need a curriculum to give students skills that will bring lifelong success in tomorrow's world.

What skills will students develop through Cambridge International A/AS Level study?

- Ability to study, work and communicate in English.
- In-depth subject knowledge and understanding.
- An ability to apply knowledge and understanding to familiar and new situations.
- An ability to handle and evaluate different types and sources of information.
- An ability to think logically and to present ordered and coherent arguments.
- An ability to make judgements, recommendations and decisions.
- An ability to present reasoned explanations, understand implications and communicate them in a clear and logical manner.



International outlook, local relevance

Cambridge International A/AS Level syllabuses have been created specially for an international student body. They provide an interesting and relevant course of study that

Access, challenge, flexibility

Cambridge International A/AS Level helps students to develop the in-depth subject knowledge and understanding that universities and employers look for.

Schools can encourage breadth through a combination of International A and AS Levels or allow students the right to specialise in their chosen area. For example, many students choose to concentrate on Sciences and Mathematics at A/AS Level.

results in a qualification equivalent in standard to the UK version. The content of International A/AS Levels is created to suit the wide variety of our schools and to avoid any cultural bias. The structure and administration of International A/AS Levels meet the needs of our schools around the world.

International university recognition

Cambridge International A/AS Levels are accepted in universities throughout the UK and Europe.

University course credit and advanced standing is often available in countries such as the US and Canada, where good grades in carefully chosen Cambridge International A Level subjects can result in up to one full year of credit.

Many universities in other countries also recognise Cambridge International A/AS Levels for matriculation purposes.

Employers also look for good Cambridge International A Level grades when recruiting new employees. Wherever students want to go, locally or internationally, Cambridge International A/AS Levels make it happen.

For more information on the recognition and acceptance of Cambridge International A/AS Level, go to www.cie.org.uk/recognition





Assessment options

Cambridge International A and AS Level examination sessions occur twice a year, in June and November, with results issued in August and January respectively. Some subjects are only available in June or November.

Cambridge International A and AS Levels use a wide range of assessment processes and techniques to supplement written examinations – orals, practicals, projects and coursework are all used in various subjects where they are the best means of measuring attainment.

Cambridge International AS Level means a wider range of assessment options. Students can choose to:

- Take all papers of the International A Level course in the same

examination session, usually at the end of the second year of study.

- Follow a staged assessment route by taking the Cambridge International AS Level in one examination session and completing the final Cambridge International A Level assessments at a subsequent session. However, the staged assessment route is not possible for all subjects. For example, the outcomes awarded for International AS language syllabuses cannot be carried forward to International A Level.
- Take the Cambridge International AS Level course only, either at the end of a one-or-two year course – the AS syllabus content represents half of an A Level programme.

Cambridge International A and AS Level options

Option 1

Take all papers of the Cambridge International A Level course in the same examination session, usually at the end of the second year of study.

Option 2

Take a ‘staged’ assessment route – take the Cambridge International AS Level in one examination session and complete the final International A Level at a subsequent session.

Option 3

Take the Cambridge International AS Level only, either at the end of a one-year or two-year course.

A photograph showing several students in a bright library setting. In the foreground, a student with dark hair tied back is seen from behind, wearing a pink top. In the middle ground, a group of students are seated at a long wooden table, looking down at their workbooks or papers. One student wears a green hijab, another a white turtleneck, and a third a blue and white plaid shirt. Behind them, tall bookshelves filled with books are visible, and large windows let in natural light. The overall atmosphere is one of focused study.

Reporting of achievement

Each subject that a Cambridge student takes at International A/AS Level receives a separate grade and a separate certificate. From 2010, the Cambridge International A Level will be reported on a grade scale from A* grade, awarded for the highest level of achievement, to E, indicating the minimum required performance. There is no A* grading in the certification of Cambridge International AS Levels, which will continue to run from Grade A to Grade E.

Performance feedback

Cambridge International AS Level provides valuable feedback on performance, identifying strengths and weaknesses prior to any final assessment. Taking the International AS Level examination part-way through the Cambridge International A Level course provides feedback that students can use to set learning goals for the second half of the course. It can also provide students with the motivation and momentum to complete their programme of study.

Building a world-class curriculum

Cambridge International A/AS Level subjects

A wide choice of subjects is available and schools can offer almost any combination, giving students the option to follow a broad course of study, or specialise in a particular area.

Cambridge English

Cambridge International AS Level English Language is for students who can already communicate effectively in English. The syllabus enables students to achieve greater fluency, accuracy and confidence in the language as it is spoken and written.

Cambridge International A and AS Level Literature in English students critically analyse a range of texts in the three main forms: prose, poetry and drama, from a wide range of different periods and cultures.

International A Level

Literature in English

International AS Level

English Language

Language and Literature in English

Literature in English

Cambridge Mathematics

Cambridge International A and AS Level Mathematics builds on the skills acquired at IGCSE or equivalent level. The syllabus allows schools flexibility to choose from three different routes to AS Level Mathematics: Pure Mathematics only, or Pure Mathematics and Mechanics, or Pure Mathematics and Probability and Statistics. Centres can choose from three different routes to A Level Mathematics depending on the choice of Mechanics, or Probability and Statistics, or both, in the broad area of ‘applications’.

International A Level

Mathematics

Further Mathematics

International AS Level

Mathematics

Higher Mathematics

Cambridge Science

Biology, Chemistry and Physics are available at Cambridge International A/AS Level. They focus on the understanding of concepts and the application of scientific ideas in novel contexts. The syllabuses develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills which are transferable to any future career path. International A/ AS Level is ideal for students who want to study Biology, Chemistry or Physics or related subjects at university, or to follow a career in science.

International A Level

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

International AS Level

Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Physics

Cambridge Humanities and Social Sciences

Cambridge International A/AS Level Humanities and Social Sciences enable students to develop a deeper insight and wider perspective on social issues and cultures around the globe and are an effective preparation for further study.

International A Level

Divinity
Economics
Geography
Hinduism
History
Islamic Studies
Law
Psychology
Sociology

AS Level

Divinity
Economics
Geography
Hinduism
History
Islamic Studies
Psychology
Sociology
General Paper

Cambridge Business, Technical and Vocational

Business, Technical and Vocational Cambridge International A/AS Levels prepare students for the world of work, and provide a foundation for higher education by building on the understanding of concepts and practical skills gained at IGCSE or equivalent level.

International A Level

Accounting
Art and Design
Business Studies
Computing
Design and Technology
Dress and Textiles
Food Studies
Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing

International AS Level

Accounting
Art and Design
Business Studies
Computing
Design and Technology
Music
Physical Education
Thinking Skills

Cambridge Modern Languages

Cambridge International A/AS Level language and literature courses are the ideal foundation for university-level study, or to improve career prospects. Students learn how to use the language in a variety of situations. Through their studies, students can expect to achieve greater fluency, accuracy and confidence in the language.

International A Level

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| Arabic | Portuguese |
| Chinese | Spanish |
| French | Tamil |
| German | Telugu |
| Hindi | Urdu |
| Marathi | |

International AS Level

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| Afrikaans | Hindi Literature |
| Language | Marathi Language |
| Arabic Language | Marathi Literature |
| Arabic Literature | Portuguese |
| Chinese Language | Language |
| Chinese Literature | Portuguese Literature |
| First Language | Spanish Language |
| Portuguese | Spanish Literature |
| First Language Spanish | Tamil Language |
| French Language | Tamil Literature |
| French Literature | Telugu Language |
| German Language | Telugu Literature |
| German Literature | Urdu Language |
| Hindi Language | Urdu Literature |



Developing the Cambridge teacher training and support

CIE offers world class support services, helping Cambridge teachers deliver engaging, effective courses. CIE also helps teachers develop as professionals.

for Cambridge International A/AS Level syllabuses. Online training is also available, increasing access for teachers who have limited time or are a long way from training events. Find out more at www.cie.org.uk/events

Teacher resources

A wide range of textbooks is available for Cambridge International A/AS Level. Find complete resource lists on our website at www.cie.org.uk

Expert advice

Schools can send us queries about any aspect of Cambridge International A/AS Levels, by joining a discussion group on the Cambridge Teacher Support website. Our subject experts can guide you further – email us at international@cie.org.uk

Teacher Support website

All the materials you need to teach CIE syllabuses, including past question papers, mark schemes, examiner reports, lesson plans and schemes of work. Access is free for schools that offer Cambridge International A/AS Level. Visit <http://teachers.cie.org.uk>

Easy to administer

CIE offers fast, simple, reliable and friendly administration. Schools receive comprehensive help from CIE's Customer Services team and local representatives. CIE aims to respond to all queries within two working days at the most.

Training

CIE offers regular training workshops

A photograph showing a group of diverse students sitting together outdoors. In the foreground, a young man with dark hair, wearing a red ribbed sweater over a blue collared shirt, is smiling at the camera. Next to him, a young woman wearing a light pink hijab is also smiling. Other students are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others looking down. The setting appears to be a bright, possibly sunny day.

What's the next step?

Talk to CIE about how Cambridge International A/AS Level can work in your school. Email us at international@cie.org.uk or telephone us at +44 1223 553554.

Learn more

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