



Bangalore International School
A Caring, Connected Community



Welcome to the IGCSE

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Welcome to the Cambridge International IGCSE Programme at Bangalore International School! This booklet is designed to help you start the year with a clear picture of what the school day will be like for your child.

What is Cambridge IGCSE ?

1. Affiliated to the world-renowned University of Cambridge
2. Cambridge International has developed and provided qualifications for almost 150 years
3. IGCSE is part of Cambridge Secondary 2 qualification designed typically for learners aged 14-16 years
4. This 2-year course is taken by 340,000 learners in more than 140 countries
5. Most students take IGCSE examinations at age 16, i.e. the end of the second year

Benefits of IGCSE

1. Over 10,000 schools in over 160 countries follow the Cambridge international curriculum
2. Although the curriculum is international in philosophy and approach, it can be tailored to local contexts
3. Cambridge students study for Cambridge international qualifications which are accepted and recognised around the world
4. Schools can also combine the Cambridge International curriculum with national curriculum
5. Cambridge students moving between Cambridge schools can continue their studies following the same curriculum
6. Cambridge IGCSE helps improve performance by developing skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving
7. Over 1,400 universities worldwide recognise Cambridge qualifications. They are accepted by every UK university, by 600 universities in the US (including all the Ivy League universities) and in many other major student destinations, such as Canada, Australia, Singapore, South Africa, Germany and the Netherlands.
8. Universities and employers recognise our qualifications as evidence of academic achievement.

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There is no other place like this school. We have a lovely, vibrant, informal atmosphere, where everybody knows everybody.

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IGCSE Learner Attributes

1. Confident in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
2. Responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
3. Reflective as learners, developing their ability to learn
4. Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges
5. Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference

Cambridge ICE Certificate

Cambridge ICE is awarded to candidates who pass in at least 7 Cambridge IGCSE subjects, including 2 subjects from Group 1 and 1 subject each from Group 2 to 5.

Students can choose the 7th subject from any of the subject groups.

Cambridge ICE Award Categories:

Distinction – Grade A or better in 5 subjects and Grade C or better in 2 subjects

Merit – Grade C or better in 5 subjects and Grade F or better in 2 subjects

Pass – Grade G or better in 7 subjects

To qualify for the Cambridge ICE certificate candidates must take all their subjects in one session.



“When you walk into the classroom, you are not just dealing with a homogenous group of 50 people. You are dealing with 15-20 really vibrant, unique voices”

Class Teachers

The class teacher's role in IGCSE is two-fold; pastoral and academic. Her/his pastoral responsibilities include taking care of the child's wellbeing, safety, health, and behaviour.

Assessment

Cambridge IGCSE assessment takes place at the end of the course and can include written, oral, coursework and practical assessment. This broadens opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning, particularly when their first language is not English. In many subjects there is a choice between core and extended curricula, making Cambridge IGCSE suitable for a wide range of abilities.

Grades are benchmarked using eight internationally recognised grades, A* to G, which have clear guidelines to explain the standard of achievement for each grade.

Cambridge IGCSE examination sessions occur twice a year, in June and November. Results are issued in August and January.

Activities

In order to ensure a holistic school experience, we offer Music, Dance, Theatre and Art classes. BIS is proud to be home to robust Visual Arts and Performing Arts programmes, and we provide opportunities for creative exploration through various school events as well as inter-school events. Some of our well-known school events include MADDFFEST (Music, Art, Dance, Drama Festival) and Poetry Slam (spoken word poetry competition).

Sports

IGCSE students can choose from a variety of sports classes on offer such as football, basketball, swimming and cricket. We encourage our students to participate in various sporting events throughout the year, and also host our very own Sports Day annually

College Counselling

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Subjects

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Subject Requirements

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AVAILABLE CAMBRIDGE IGCSE SUBJECTS

SUBJECT GROUPING	
Subject Group	Subjects
1	First Language English English Literature
2	Additional Mathematics International Mathematics
3 – Foreign Languages	French German Spanish Hindi
4	Physics
5	Chemistry
6	Economics Music Art & Design
7	Biology Business Studies History
8	Environmental Management Computer Science Food & Nutrition

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Newsletters

Each week, you will receive a weekly bulletin from the school. This contains school-wide information for the week ahead, with regard to timings, activities planned, important announcements, etc. Please pay specific attention to the acronyms IGCSE, HS (High School), and AS (All School).

Calendar and Handbook

The school calendar has all the events and holidays listed in it. Please refer to the calendar while planning holidays and please let us know well in advance in the case of extended periods of absence.

The handbook contains the BIS vision, mission, school policies, rules and regulations. Please take the time to go through it carefully

Nurse and Medication

Our school nurse is stationed on campus at all times. We also have a visiting doctor, who remains on call.

If your child needs to be administered medication during school hours, please let us know via email. The nurse will be the person in charge of administering the medicine.

Please regularly check your child’s hair for lice and nits and ensure that if they have a problem, it is being addressed promptly.

Bus Rules

The bus rules will be shared with you via email. Please try to review these with your children often to ensure that their journey on the bus each day is without incident.

Any issues with the bus routes and pick-up/drop timings can be raised with the Transport Coordinator. The school uses an app for its transport management system, which allows you to see where the bus is at any point in time. You will also have access to the driver and the attender's numbers.



We look forward to sharing this wonderful journey with you and we are excited about making it as enjoyable, memorable and fruitful as possible.



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