



Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme Information for Parents



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What is Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme?

The Lower Secondary Programme forms part of the Cambridge International Curriculum, which takes students from the post-kindergarten stage through to university entrance.

The Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme provides a natural progression for children from primary education and builds on and develops their knowledge and skills in Mathematics, English and Science. Lower Secondary also offers schools a means of tracking students' progress from 11 to 14, with an integrated package of teaching, learning and assessment materials.

Teachers of the Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme receive first-class support through publications, online resources, training, workshops and professional development.



The Cambridge International Curriculum

Upper Secondary (age 16 – 19 years)	A/AS Levels AICE Programme Cambridge International Diplomas Cambridge Pre-U
Middle Secondary (age 14 – 16 years)	Cambridge IGCSE Cambridge O Level Cambridge International Diplomas
Lower Secondary (age 11 – 14 years)	Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme Cambridge Checkpoint Cambridge ICT Starters
Primary (age 5 – 11 years)	Cambridge International Primary Programme Cambridge ICT Starters



Cambridge Checkpoint Tests

Cambridge Checkpoint tests provide detailed feedback on students' strengths and weaknesses, before they progress to post-14 qualifications such as Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International O Level.

Cambridge Checkpoint tests are standardised, set and marked by CIE. They enable schools to give detailed, structured reports to parents on their child's progress, and advise students and parents of the suitability of different progression routes after age 14.

The tests are available in English, Mathematics and Science and cover all major areas of learning required in the first years of an international secondary education. The test feedback measures a student's performance in relation to the curriculum framework and how other students performed the same tasks. Each student receives a statement of achievement, and also information about their individual strengths and weaknesses.

Further information

Key benefits

The Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme is designed to be flexible – schools can combine it with the local curriculum. No part of the programme is compulsory, so teachers can use the materials in the way that is most suitable for their students. Teachers can use the progression tests at the end of the year – or at any point during the year, and as many times as they like.

The Lower Secondary Programme has been designed to link seamlessly with the Cambridge Primary Programme and to provide an excellent preparation for students who will go on to study Cambridge IGCSE/O Level courses.

The Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme:

- Develops successful students – it is a framework for education success for students aged between 11 – 14 years.
- Is internationally benchmarked. This allows schools to measure standards over time.
- Helps teachers assess students' learning as they progress.
- Schools use this feedback to improve teaching, support learning and report student progress to parents.

About CIE

University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is the world's largest provider of international qualifications for 14 – 19 year olds. We are part of the University of Cambridge and a not-for-profit organisation. Students in 150 countries study the Cambridge International Curriculum, which develops successful students in primary and secondary education. It is a flexible framework, underpinned by the best educational and assessment practice.