

Options Process IGCSE



International General Certificate of Secondary Education

GCSE – a UK qualification, recognised worldwide

IGCSE – the international version of the UK qualification

A two year course, aimed at 14 – 16 year olds

Taken by around a million students worldwide every year

Excellent preparation for the IB Diploma Programme & beyond



Which examination boards do we use, and what do they do?

We use one exam board:

CIE – Cambridge International Examinations (IGCSE)

Which:

Provide the syllabus

Provide training and materials for teachers

Set the exams

Mark the exams

Moderate any internally assessed components

Issue certificates



So what do schools and teachers do?

Decide which exam boards and subjects to offer

- Exam boards - IGCSE or GCSE?
- Preparation for IB

- Teach the syllabus in the way that best suits their students
- Prepare students for any internal assessment required
- Prepare students for the exams
- Enter students for the exams
- Celebrate their results!



Academic focus – CIE school at KS4

Why do Admissions Officers rate Cambridge so highly?

We asked some of the world's top universities, including Yale and Harvard, to tell us what they think about Cambridge qualifications.

98% said
Cambridge
qualifications give
students excellent
preparation for
university

95% agreed
Cambridge students
think independently

98% said
Cambridge
qualifications help
students succeed at
university

100% agreed
Cambridge students
think logically and
present coherent
arguments

100% agreed
Cambridge students
have in-depth subject
knowledge

99% agreed
Cambridge students
present reasoned
explanations, understand
implications and
communicate them
logically and clearly

It builds skills in creative thinking, enquiry, problem solving & reflection

Better preparation for IB

World's leading international qualification for 14-16 Year olds

Streamlined for potential COVID interrupted education



Grading

IGCSE through CIE

Grading is **A* to G** (A*, A, B, C, D, E, F, G)

OR

Grading is **9 – 1** (9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1)

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

The IGCSE Programme at NAIS Pudong

All students will study:

- Mathematics
- English (Language and Literature)
- Science (Double or Triple Award)
- Global Perspectives
- Guidance (well-being, study skills, careers & Higher Education)
- Sport (health & fitness, teamwork, general well-being)
- International Award



Options

Students in Year 10 and 11 study four additional subjects from the option subjects.

We group this into 4 areas to fall in line with IB groups. This also ensures you select a broad range of subjects as this supports you gaining a variety of skills that are useful for your learning.



Option Blocks - Preliminary Choices

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Computer Science (Pamoja)	Art & Design	German	Mandarin – First language
History	Drama	Physical Education GCSE	Mandarin – Second Language
Geography	Music	Economics	Mandarin – Foreign Language
	Business Studies		French
			Spanish

Each year the blocks change a little depending on the combinations students want. To support with this we ask all students to give us an early indication of the subjects they are interested in.



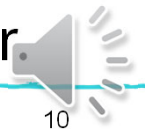
Things to consider when choosing your optional blocks

Don't

- choose subjects because your friends are choosing them.
- choose a subject because your older brother or sister did it.
- choose a subject because you like the teacher you might have.
- choose a subject because it sounds impressive.

Do

- find out about what the subjects actually entails.
- choose subjects which interest you.
- choose subjects you are good at.
- ask your teachers for advice.
- consult our IB Co-ordinator and Higher Education Adviser



Options Key Dates

Options Market Place

P6 Friday 27th November

Preliminary form submitted by students

Monday 30th November

Options interview – individual appointments

December to CNY



Next Steps

Do your research, and ask questions

Teachers, family, older students, university prospectuses ...

Discuss with your teachers at the Options Evening, during school time, and at the next Academic Review Evening

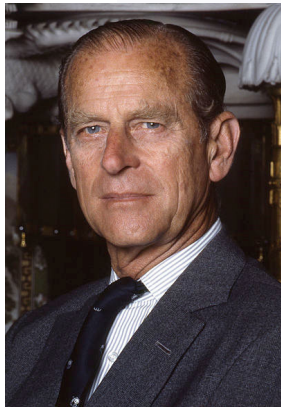
Read about the subjects you are interested in



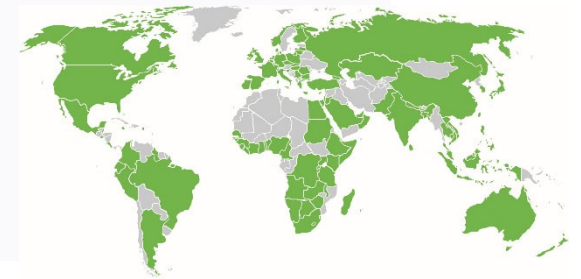
The world's leading youth achievement award

Started in 1956

Young people between the age of 14 and 25



HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT



■ Countries and territories where the Award operates (as at 2013)

143 Countries



There are three levels of the Award



Bronze

14 years and above



Silver

15 years and above



Gold

16 years and above

	Service	Skill	Physical Recreation	Adventurous Journey
Bronze	3 months (13 weeks)	3 months (13 weeks)	3 months (13 weeks)	2 days + 1 night

+ 3 extra months (13 weeks) in either Skill, Service or Physical recreation for **Bronze**



Why do we do the International Award?

1. It is fun
2. Team bonding
3. Sense of achievement
4. Allows you to give something back to society longer term
5. Boosts confidence
6. Develops new skills
7. Improved academic performance
8. Prepares you for IB life
9. Helps when applying for universities
10. Looks great on a CV for jobs