

# **IGCSE / AS / A Level Orientation**

**Academic Year 2022-23**

**May 2023**

**CAMBRIDGE**

**IGCSE**

Year 10/Grade 9 (First Year)

Year 11/Grade 10 (Second Year)

# Cambridge IGCSE

## IGCSE - International General Certificate of Secondary Education

- ❑ **The world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds.**
- ❑ **Taught in over 10 000 schools in more than 140 countries.**
- ❑ **Offered by over 2100 UK schools & 95 Schools in the UAE.**
- ❑ **Over 70 subjects available – can be taken in any combination.**
- ❑ **Builds skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving.**
- ❑ **<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/why-choose-us/parents-and-students/>**

# Cambridge IGCSE

IGCSE - International General Certificate of Secondary Education

- **Excellent preparation for advanced study.**
- **Assessment options for learners of different abilities.**
- **Internationally recognised qualifications.**
- **Cambridge IGCSE is accepted as equivalent to GCSE in the UK**

“Cambridge IGCSE provided me with the challenges I needed to prepare myself for the next stage in my life.”

**Subhanullah Juma Khan, former Cambridge IGCSE student,  
Al Ansar International School, Sharjah**

# IGCSE AT A GLANCE

**The IGCSE program begins in Y10 and is completed at the end of Y11.**

The equivalency of the certificate requires to complete **FIVE of the IGCSE subjects** from which English, Mathematics and one of Science subjects are compulsory and to be extended plus **TWO A Level subjects**. The passing grades are A\*, A, B, C, D.

# IGCSE AT A GLANCE

Because International Standard of the Universities demand 12 years of School Education for further studies, so to meet that level **we offer IGCSE in Year-11, AS-Level in Year-12 and A2-Level in Year-13.**

# **IGCSE AT A GLANCE**

## **IGCSE FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

- CAIE conducts IGCSE exams in 2 series per academic year.
- Series 1 – May/June (Registration in January)
- Series 2 – Oct/Nov (Registration in mid-June)
- Pay the Examination Fees(per subject) at the time of Registration (not included in annual school fees).

# IGCSE AT A GLANCE

## IGCSE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

- ❑ The students who want to appear for **additional subjects** can write their exams in the **Oct/Nov series** also.
- ❑ School provides extra classes for the Foreign Language Arabic & First Language Arabic subjects.

# IGCSE AT A GLANCE

- ❑ The current Y9 students will sit for the final IGCSE exams in Y11 (June 2024 series).
- ❑ All the students must appear in 6-IGCSE subjects being offered at the school.
- ❑ Ministry of Education will only attest the IGCSE certificate for a minimum of 5-subjects in one certificate.
- ❑ We **STRONGLY** discourage students who seek to “drop” subjects.

# IGCSE AT A GLANCE

## COMPLETION OF SYLLABUS

**Year 10**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Year of IGCSE)

60% of IGCSE Syllabus.

The Year 10 students will be evaluated on the portion of Year 10.

Passing Percentage is 50%.

**Year 11**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Year of IGCSE)

40% of IGCSE Syllabus.

The Year 11 students will be evaluated on the portion of Year 10 & 11 in the Mock Exams.

For registering in Extended Subjects, a mark of 60% is required in the First Term Exams.

# IGCSE SUBJECTS

## THE IGCSE SUBJECTS OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL:

- **English**
- **Mathematics**
- Physics / Chemistry / Biology / Combined Science
- Accounting / Economics / Business Studies
- Computer Science / ICT / EM / Travel & Tourism

## MINISTRY SUBJECTS

- Arabic, Religion & Social Studies

# What are some of the minimum IGCSE subjects required?

- ❑ Some countries require a minimum of 8 IGCSE subjects for university entry.
- ❑ In addition to the 6 subjects offered at the school, students can take an additional subject in OCT / NOV Exam Series.
- ❑ Advisable for students to write additional subjects in different series.
- ❑ **Very difficult for students to write 8 subjects in one series!**

# List of additional subjects offered

- 1) First Language Arabic / Foreign Language Arabic
- 2) Islamiyat
- 3) Environmental Management
- 4) Sociology
- 5) Travel & Tourism, etc.

**Full list of subjects available on the CAIE website**

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**AS Level**

Year 12

**A2 Level**

Year 13

# Cambridge Examination Fees

- Registration for the Cambridge Examinations will be open after the First Term Examinations.
- The registration form will include the full fees details for each subject which will be given to the students.
- The registration form will also be available on the school website.

# Universities Admission Requirements

- ❑ Parent's responsibility to determine requirements for University Entry.
- ❑ Students must complete a minimum of 12 years of school education in order to be considered for admission.
- ❑ Ministry attests the Statement of Results and the School's Report on the students' grades in Arabic & Religion.
- ❑ Al Ansar Intl' School caters for generic minimum needs, which are – 5-IGCSE plus 2-A level subjects.

# University Recognition Database

Find out which universities recognise Cambridge qualifications at:

<http://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/>

You can search by country and by qualification.

- Cambridge has a team of staff dedicated to extending university recognition of Cambridge qualifications.

# Award Programs

- ❑ Cambridge International Certificate of Education Awards (ICE)
- ❑ Sheikh Maktoum Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards, UAE.

## Cambridge International Certificate of Education Awards (ICE)

- ❑ Cambridge ICE is the group award of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and **requires the study of subjects drawn from the five different IGCSE subject groups.**
- ❑ It gives schools the opportunity to benefit from offering a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of students who pass examinations in at **least seven subjects, including two languages, and one subject** from each of the other **subject groups.**

# The Cambridge IGCSE subjects are grouped into five curriculum areas

**Group I: Languages**

First Language/ Second Language/ Foreign Language  
English, Arabic, etc.

**Group II: Humanities and Social Sciences**

Islamiyat, Environmental management, Economics, etc.

**Group III: Sciences**

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, etc.

**Group IV: Mathematics**

**Group V: Creative, Technical and Vocational**

Computer Science, Business Studies, etc.

# ICE AWARDS INFORMATION

- ❑ Candidates can qualify for Cambridge ICE over two sessions provided they take place during a period of 13 months.
- ❑ Science students have an advantage as they can cover all of the 5 categories.
- ❑ Pay the Entry Fees(per certificate) at the time of Registration (not included in examination fees).
- ❑ <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-ice/>

# ICE AWARDS INFORMATION

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## Cambridge ICE



# Sheikh Maktoum Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards, UAE

- This is an award for both the **student** and the **school**.
- Now includes additional subjects that were not on the top subject list e.g. Environmental Management.
- Students who reach a level of standard marks defined as **outstanding** in any subject will now receive a high achievement award.
- Winners will be announced in January of the new year.

## The award applies to the following categories:

- ❑ Top in the World for Cambridge IGCSE. **(Mathematics - Rahaf Refaat)**
- ❑ Top in the World for Cambridge International AS Level. **(Mathematics - Mariame Yasser)**
- ❑ Top in the UAE for Cambridge IGCSE. **(First Language Arabic – Suzan Hani)**
- ❑ Top in the UAE for Cambridge International AS Level.
- ❑ Top in the UAE for Cambridge International A Level. **(Biology – Tabarek Thaer)**
- ❑ Highest Achievement in Cambridge IGCSE.
- ❑ Best Across Seven, Eight, Nine Cambridge IGCSE subjects for each emirate.
- ❑ Best across Three and Four Cambridge AS levels subjects for each emirate.
- ❑ Best Across Three and Four Cambridge A level Subjects for each emirate.

# Benefits of the Awards

- ❑ Better recognition at University.
- ❑ Greater chance of acceptance into university.
- ❑ Helps in the application of Bursaries.
- ❑ Highlights the student as a high achiever.
- ❑ Improves the students resume (Job Seeking).
- ❑ Excellent for Self Confidence.

# Thinking together....

- We are determined to keep our student on track to achieve the best results! Remember it's a 4 day week!
- Proposals - The school administration intends to..**
- Weekend online sessions
- Increased number of home assessments to facilitate independent and self learning
- Guides for parents to be kept up to date with student progress.

# Thinking together....

- Student/Parent undertaking
- Absenteeism
- Student Wellbeing
- Guidance and Career Counselling
- Clubs / Community Service



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