

# IGCSE BOOKLET

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## Introduction

This guide details the Year 10 and 11 curriculum. All subjects adhere to the Cambridge IGCSE Programmes of Study, providing a seamless transition from Primary School through Key Stages 3 and 4. This internationally recognised curriculum allows students to pursue higher education globally. Student progress, assessed on a 9 -1 grading scale, will be reported three times per year, enabling you to track your child's academic development.

## Approaches to learning

Our commitment is to foster qualities like integrity, respect, care, inquisitiveness, reflection, and perseverance in every aspect of school life. We strive to inspire ambition and push each student to reach their full potential. To achieve this, we aim to cultivate learners who are:

**Confident:** We encourage students to explore ideas, evaluate arguments critically, and communicate their views effectively, while respecting diverse perspectives. This aligns with the Cambridge learner attributes of confidence in working with information and ideas, intellectual curiosity, and respectful communication.

**Responsible:** We instil a sense of ownership over learning, emphasising collaboration, integrity, and understanding the impact of actions on others and the environment.

**Reflective:** We support students in developing self-awareness as learners, focusing on both the process and outcome of learning to foster lifelong learning habits.

**Innovative:** We challenge students to embrace new experiences, apply knowledge creatively to solve problems, and adapt to evolving situations.

**Engaged:** We promote intellectual curiosity, a spirit of enquiry, and the development of new skills, fostering active participation in learning and contributing to society.

Our teachers embody these attributes as well, demonstrating subject expertise, a passion for learning, and a commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment. They are reflective practitioners who continually strive to improve their teaching and support students in becoming independent and reflective learners.

Should you have any further questions regarding your child's education or development, please do not hesitate to contact us or their form tutor.

## Information about Cambridge Assessment International Examinations and IGCSEs

Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE), a leading global provider of international education programmes and qualifications for students aged 5 to 19, is part of the University of Cambridge. These qualifications are highly regarded by top universities and employers worldwide.

The IGCSE programme, the most popular international qualification for 14 to 16-year-olds, is widely recognised as evidence of academic ability. It offers flexibility in learning and subject choice. While we do not offer the full range, students can choose from around 70 subjects available globally.

IGCSE courses are taught in over 140 countries and nearly 3,700 schools, including 1,300 in the UK. Many UK schools are choosing IGCSEs over their non-international counterparts due to their increased rigour and breadth.

## The Structure of IGCSEs courses and examinations

This guide outlines the course content and exam format for each subject. However, as each subject has its own specific details, we strongly recommend reviewing the full syllabus information on the CAIE website. You can find the relevant website details below.

## The Purpose and Function of IGCSEs

IGCSEs are the world's most popular international qualifications for students aged 14 to 16. They open doors to higher education and professional studies, both at home and abroad. IGCSEs can help you:

- Secure a place at a college or university in another country.
- Enhance your career prospects.
- Meet language requirements for emigration or studying abroad. For instance, a Grade C in IGCSE English often fulfils the language criteria for certain universities in English-speaking countries.
- Develop valuable skills for a fulfilling and successful life.

## Grading and Reporting

Cambridge IGCSE results are reported using internationally recognised 9–1 grades. Exam papers may be marked centrally in the UK or via electronically transferred scripts to examiners around the world.

Most subjects follow the 9–1 grading scale, but a few exceptions still use the A–G system\*, including Portuguese (first language), Psychology and Travel and Tourism.

**9–1 grades correspond to performance as follows:**

- 9 – High A\*
- 8 – Low A\* / High A
- 7 – A
- 6 – High B
- 5 – Low B / High C
- 4 – Low C
- 3 – D / E
- 2 – F
- 1 – G
- U – Ungraded

**Key points:**

- 9 is the highest grade; 1 is the lowest.
- Ungraded (U) indicates performance below grade G.
- Ungraded results appear on the statement of results but not on the certificate.

In specific circumstances candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (PENDING)
- X (NO RESULT). These letters do not appear on the certificate.

On the statement of results, Cambridge IGCSE is shown as INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE). On certificates, Cambridge IGCSE is shown as International General Certificate of Secondary Education.

## How to make choices of subjects

This booklet contains information about the course choices available to Year 10 students in August 2026 at Bright International School, Loulé.

After the IGCSE Presentation to Parents, students will be asked to make their final choices for their IGCSE options.

In choosing they should think carefully about the following points:

- What do I enjoy?
- What am I good at?
- What do I need for future A level choices?
- Do I have a good balance of subjects that plays to my strengths and interests?

## The Options Process

To support the students in making the most informed choice for their future IGCSE subjects there is a programme of support that we offer. If any student or parent needs further advice on which subjects to choose, they should see their child's form tutor in the first instance.

January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Students Options Workshops
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	IGCSE Subject Options Meeting for Parents
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Options Form is released for completion by students
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Provisional Option Choices to be made by students
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Final Option Choices Offered by the School

IGCSE course dates (for students starting Year 10 in September 2026)

September 2026	Start IGCSE Course
May/June 2028	IGCSE Examinations
August 2028	IGCSE Results are released

## The Year 10 and 11 Curriculum

The curriculum for Years 10 and 11 is broken down into 3 distinct parts:

1. Non-examined core curriculum material;
2. Core IGCSE examined subjects;
3. Option based examined subject material.

All students will follow a course of non-examined curriculum in these subject areas:

- Physical Education
- Wellbeing

In addition, all students will study a minimum of four core IGCSE subjects, some of which are compulsory. These include:

**Group 1** - Languages: English (either First Language or Second Language). Students also have the option to choose Portuguese - First Language and/or Literature in English. Any student enrolled in English First Language must also take Literature in English, as it is a core requirement.

**Group 2** - Mathematics

**Group 3** - Sciences: At least one Science (students may, however, choose to study up to three Sciences, from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics).

Languages	Mathematics	Sciences
English - First Language (0990)	Mathematics (0980)	Triple Science Award (Single Subject): Biology (0970) Chemistry (0971) Physics (0972)
English - Second Language (0991)		
Literature in English (0992)		
Portuguese - First Language (0504)		

Furthermore, students can select up to four optional subjects from the table below.

Option A Languages	Option B Humanities & Social Sciences	Option C Sciences	Option D Creative & Vocational
French – Foreign Language (7156)	Business (0774)	Computer Science (0984)	Art & Design (0989)
Spanish – Foreign Language (7160)	Geography (0976)		Drama (0994)
	History (0977)		
	Psychology (0266)		
	Travel & Tourism (0471)		

Please note that the availability of some optional subjects depends on sufficient student interest.

## Advice on Choosing subjects

We will run a series of sessions on the general skills needed to choose IGCSE options.

Any student who remains unsure about their choices after the Students Options Workshops should consult the relevant subject teachers or their Form Tutor.

Students opting for French or Spanish as a Foreign Language are generally expected to start the course with a foundation in the language equivalent to CEFR level A1, usually acquired through one to two years of prior study.

## Graduation Requirements

Students are required to take a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) IGCSE subjects. This will depend on how many Science subjects they take as part of their CORE IGCSEs. To progress to A Level, students must achieve a minimum of six (6) IGCSE passes at grade C/5 or above. Please note that certain subjects may have specific grade requirements for admission into corresponding A Level courses.

## Cambridge IGCSE: Provision for Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Cambridge International is dedicated to ensuring inclusive education for all learners, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

To support SEND students during assessments, Cambridge International provides a variety of access arrangements. These may include:

- Modified question papers, such as those in enlarged print or braille.
- Additional support, including reading assistance, scribes, or assistive technologies.
- Extra time or supervised breaks to address specific requirements.

At Bright International School, we collaborate closely with Cambridge International to implement these accommodations, creating an inclusive environment that meets the diverse needs of our students.

To apply for access arrangements, a report from a qualified assessor is required. This assessment must be conducted no earlier than Year 9 (i.e., within three years of the exams). We recommend a full educational psychological assessment to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the student's needs.

The school can suggest qualified assessors to parents; however, the cost of the assessment is the responsibility of the parents. These measures ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential while upholding the integrity of the qualifications.

## Useful Websites

### Address

[www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk)  
<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-igcse/subjects/>  
[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)  
[www.careers-portal.co.uk](http://www.careers-portal.co.uk)  
[www.isco.org.uk](http://www.isco.org.uk)

### Content

Examination Board  
IGCSE Examination Subject Syllabus Information  
  
UK University Applications  
General Careers Site  
Careers Service



## Art and Design (0989)

The Cambridge IGCSE Art & Design (9-1) programme provides a dynamic foundation for students passionate about visual expression. This course develops artistic skills in a range of media, encouraging exploration and critical thinking through the analysis of art and research of diverse artists. Students transform their ideas into compelling artworks, building a portfolio that showcases their individual style. It fosters essential skills valuable in any career, including creative problem-solving, visual communication, and independent thinking.

This course is ideal for passionate and independent learners who are resourceful, enjoy experimenting, and are eager to develop their creative potential.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Cambridge IGCSE Art &amp; Design requires more than just artistic talent. It involves dedication, curiosity, and a willingness to experiment. Develop your skills through consistent practice, explore diverse artists and art forms, and push your creative boundaries. Thoughtful planning, effective time management, and clear communication of your ideas through your artwork are also crucial for success. Most importantly, maintain a genuine passion for art and let your unique creative voice shine through!</p>	<p><b>Component 1</b> Coursework 50% 100 marks Candidates research, develop and realise a project from one or more of the areas of study and should explore a theme. There are two parts to the coursework: – a portfolio and – a final outcome. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 2</b> 8-hour test 50% 100 marks Candidates respond to one starting point set by Cambridge International. Candidates may produce work from the same areas of study as Component 1, but they do not have to. There are two parts to the assignment: – supporting studies and – a final outcome, produced during a supervised test of 8 hours' total duration. Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0989 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-art-and-design-9-1-0989/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-art-and-design-9-1-0989/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> A Cambridge IGCSE in Art &amp; Design is a stepping stone to exciting creative pathways. It is valued by universities worldwide, providing a strong foundation for further study in areas like Art &amp; Design, Digital Media, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Architecture, and more. This qualification also equips you with valuable skills sought after by employers in the creative industries and beyond, paving the way for diverse career opportunities.</p>

## Biology (0970)

Cambridge IGCSE (9-1) Biology helps learners to understand the biological world in which they live and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. The syllabus includes the basic principles and concepts that are fundamental to the subject, some current applications of biology, and a strong emphasis on practical skills.

Learners also develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level, further education or a career related to science.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Cambridge IGCSE Biology comes from a combination of strong study habits and a genuine interest in the living world. Dive into the fascinating concepts of life by actively engaging with the material. Go beyond memorisation; strive to understand the underlying principles and connect them to real-world examples. Practise applying your knowledge through past papers and interactive resources. Do not hesitate to ask questions, seek clarification, and discuss concepts with your teachers and classmates. Cultivate a curious mind, explore beyond the textbook, and appreciate the interconnectedness of life—this will not only lead to exam success but also foster a lifelong appreciation for the wonders of biology.</p>	<p><b>Paper 2</b> Multiple Choice 30% 45 minutes 40 marks 40 four-option multiple-choice questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 4</b> Theory 50% 1 hour 15 minutes 80 marks Short-answer and structured questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 5</b> Practical Test 20% 1 hour 15 minutes 40 marks Questions will be based on the experimental skills Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0970 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-biology-9-1-0970/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-biology-9-1-0970/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> In biology, students explore the fascinating world of living organisms. They study topics such as cells, genetics, and organ systems while investigating how life thrives in diverse environments. Engaging hands-on experiments equip students with essential laboratory skills, including data collection and analysis. For those eager to deepen their understanding, A Level Biology offers an excellent pathway, leading to exciting careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Genetic engineering, and many other dynamic fields.</p>

## Business (0774)

Cambridge IGCSE Business (9-1) introduces students to key business terms and ideas. It explores different types of businesses and how internal and external stakeholders influence decisions. Students will build numeracy skills by interpreting and analysing business data, develop awareness of sustainability and environmental issues, and gain entrepreneurial skills relevant to today's global business world.

This internationally recognised qualification is valued by universities and employers worldwide, laying a strong foundation for further study and a wide range of career paths.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Cambridge IGCSE Business requires curiosity and an analytical mindset. Students should learn to apply business concepts to real-world scenarios, evaluate data, and make informed decisions. They will develop strong communication skills to effectively present ideas and engage in discussions. Cultivating a global perspective and appreciating diverse influences in the business world are essential. By embracing critical thinking, problem-solving, and a proactive approach to learning, students can excel in this dynamic subject.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Short Answer and Data Response 50% 1 hour 30 minutes 80 marks Four questions requiring a mixture of short answers and structured data responses Candidates answer all questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> Case Study 50% 1 hour 30 minutes 80 marks Four questions based on a case study, provided as an insert with the paper Candidates answer all questions Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0774 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-business-9-1-0774/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-business-9-1-0774/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> Cambridge IGCSE Business Studies provides a strong foundation for further studies such as A Levels or vocational qualifications. It equips students with essential skills valued by universities and employers, opening pathways to careers in Management, Finance, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and more. The course also fosters a global perspective and critical thinking skills, preparing students for success in the dynamic world of business.</p>

## Chemistry (0971)

The Cambridge IGCSE Chemistry (9-1) encourages students to think like scientists and explore the vital role chemistry plays in our lives. Through the investigation of chemical concepts, students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. They learn to apply their knowledge to explain phenomena, analyse data, and evaluate evidence. From the air we breathe to the materials we use, this course reveals how chemistry shapes our world. Students gain an understanding of the composition, structure, and properties of substances, and how they interact. This provides a stimulating introduction to the world of chemistry, fostering curiosity and a deeper understanding of the natural world and its impact on society, industry, and the environment.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Achieving success in Cambridge IGCSE Chemistry requires curiosity, dedication, and a methodical mindset. Immerse yourself in the fascinating study of matter by actively engaging with concepts and understanding their real-world applications. Move beyond memorisation to grasp fundamental principles and use them to solve complex problems. Build strong practical skills through hands-on experiments, with an emphasis on safety and precision. Regular practice, open discussions with teachers and classmates, and seeking clarification when needed are key to mastering challenging topics. Cultivate a curious mind by exploring beyond the textbook and discovering the relevance of chemistry in everyday life.</p>	<p><b>Paper 2</b> Multiple Choice 30% 45 minutes 40 marks 40 four-option multiple-choice questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 4</b> Theory 50% 1 hour 15 minutes 80 marks Short-answer and structured questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 5</b> Practical Test 20% 1 hour 15 minutes 40 marks Questions will be based on the experimental skills Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0971 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-chemistry-9-1-0971/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-chemistry-9-1-0971/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> A Cambridge IGCSE Chemistry qualification opens the door to a world of opportunities in education and beyond. It provides a strong foundation for further study, including A Level Chemistry, paving the way for advanced scientific learning. This qualification is highly valued by universities and employers alike, as it demonstrates analytical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a solid understanding of scientific principles. With this credential, students can explore careers in fields such as Medicine, Engineering, Environmental science, Pharmaceuticals, and Forensic science. Beyond academic and professional prospects, studying chemistry equips learners with a deeper appreciation of the natural world, preparing them to tackle real-world challenges and contribute meaningfully to society.</p>

## Computer Science (0984)

Cambridge IGCSE Computer Science (9-1) helps learners develop an interest in computational thinking and an understanding of the principles of problem-solving using computers. They apply this understanding to create computer-based solutions to problems using algorithms and a high-level programming language. Learners also develop a range of technical skills, and the ability to effectively test and evaluate computing solutions.

Studying Cambridge IGCSE Computer Science helps learners appreciate current and emerging computing technologies, the benefits of their use and recognise their potential risks.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Cambridge IGCSE Computer Science requires a blend of logical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a genuine interest in computational concepts. Active engagement with the course material is crucial. Strive to understand the underlying principles of computer systems, algorithms, and programming. Develop practical skills through hands-on coding exercises and dedicate time to testing and debugging your programs. Embrace challenges, seek clarification when needed, and engage in discussions with your teachers and peers.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b>            Computer Systems 50%            1 hour 45 minutes            75 marks            Short-answer and structured questions            All questions are compulsory            No calculators are permitted            Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b>            Algorithms, Programming and Logic 50%            1 hour 45 minutes            75 marks            Short-answer and structured questions and a scenario-based question            All questions are compulsory            No calculators are permitted            Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge  <b>Course code</b> 0984  <b>Web link to specification:</b>  <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-9-1-computer-science-0984/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-9-1-computer-science-0984/</a>  <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b>            A Cambridge IGCSE in Computer Science opens doors to a wide range of further education and career pathways. It provides an excellent foundation for advanced studies in computer science, software engineering, artificial intelligence, and other related fields at the university level. This qualification is also highly valued by employers in the rapidly growing technology sector, leading to diverse career opportunities in areas such as Software development, Web development, Cybersecurity, Data analysis, and Network engineering.</p>

## Drama (0994)

Cambridge IGCSE Drama (9-1) provides learners with a rich, creative experience that combines practical performance work with theoretical understanding. It helps students develop both individual and group skills as they learn to communicate ideas, emotions, and narratives effectively to an audience.

The course guides learners in exploring the performance possibilities of scripts and a variety of other stimuli, while also encouraging them to devise original dramatic material. Throughout the programme, students strengthen their performance abilities, which they will showcase as part of the final assessment.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Cambridge IGCSE Drama requires a blend of creativity, collaboration, and commitment. Embrace practical exploration of theatrical elements, from acting and directing to devising original performances. Develop a keen understanding of how to interpret existing plays and transform stimuli into engaging dramatic pieces. Hone your performance skills, both individually and as part of an ensemble, and learn to effectively communicate meaning to an audience. Reflective evaluation and a passion for theatre are also key to thriving in this course.</p>	<p>All candidates take two components.</p> <p><b>Component 1</b> Written examination 40% 2 hours 30 minutes 80 marks Candidates answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all questions in Section A</li> <li>• two questions in Section B (one compulsory question and one question from a choice of two)</li> <li>• both questions in Section C.</li> </ul> <p>Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 2</b> Coursework 60% 120 marks Candidates submit three pieces of practical work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• individual performance based on an extract from a play</li> <li>• group performance based on an extract from a play</li> <li>• group performance based on an original devised piece.</li> </ul> <p>Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0994 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-drama-9-1-0994/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-drama-9-1-0994/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> A Cambridge IGCSE in Drama opens doors to a world of creative possibilities. It provides a strong foundation for further study in A Level Drama, Theatre Studies, and related fields at university. This qualification can lead to exciting careers in Acting, Directing, Playwriting, Theatre production, Stage management, and Arts administration. Beyond the stage, the skills gained in IGCSE Drama, such as communication, collaboration, and creative problem-solving, are highly valued in diverse fields like Education, Marketing, and Public relations.</p>

## English First Language (0990)

First Language English (9-1) focuses on developing essential skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students engage with a variety of texts, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, to enhance their comprehension and analytical abilities. They also practise different writing styles, from creative writing to formal essays, and participate in discussions and presentations to improve their oral communication skills.

Learners are encouraged to read widely, both for their own enjoyment and to further their awareness of the ways in which English can be used.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in both IGCSE English examinations depends on students' ability to analyse and comprehend a variety of challenging texts they have not previously encountered. These may include newspaper articles, novels, short stories, and even letters. It is vital for students to read widely. Reading not only develops essential literacy skills but also broadens vocabulary, exposes students to diverse sentence structures and their effects, and underscores the significance of punctuation.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Reading 50% 80 marks Structured and extended writing questions Questions will be based on three reading texts Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 3</b> Coursework Portfolio 50% 80 marks Three extended writing assignments Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p><b>Component 4</b> Approx. 10–12 minutes Speaking and Listening Test 40 marks Separately endorsed Individual Talk and Conversation Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p>Note: Marks for speaking and listening do not contribute to the overall grade you receive for the reading and writing components. Instead, where you perform to an appropriate standard, your Cambridge IGCSE certificate will also record an additional speaking and listening grade.</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0990 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-9-1-first-language-english-0990/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-9-1-first-language-english-0990/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The knowledge and abilities gained through Cambridge IGCSE First Language English are invaluable for life. For those interested in further study, Cambridge A-Level English Language offers an opportunity to build on these skills. This can serve as a gateway to careers in Journalism, Media and Entertainment, Publishing, Education and Teaching, Public Relations and Marketing, Law, Creative Writing and Literature, Corporate Communications, Linguistics and Speech Therapy, Government and Policy Making, among others.</p>



## English – Literature in English (0992)

Cambridge IGCSE Literature in English (9-1) offers learners the opportunity to read, interpret, evaluate and respond to a range of literature in English, including drama, prose and poetry from Shakespeare to contemporary works. Through four hours of weekly instruction, this course enables learners to deepen their understanding and appreciation of how writers use English to express meaning and achieve effects.

Cambridge IGCSE Literature in English will stimulate learners to read for pleasure and to explore wider and universal issues, promoting a better understanding of themselves and the world.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in this course stems from active engagement with the texts and a willingness to explore the world of literature. This involves close reading and analysis of the set texts, paying attention to language, structure, and themes, and developing your ability to interpret and evaluate what you read. Cultivate curiosity and explore beyond the curriculum. Discover other works by the same authors, delve into related genres and research the historical contexts of the texts. Engage in discussions and collaborate with your classmates, sharing your ideas and seeking diverse perspectives. Finally, make use of the wealth of resources available, including online materials, study guides, and critical analyses, to deepen your understanding and appreciation of literature.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> 1 hour and 30 minutes Poetry and Prose 50% 50 marks Two questions on two texts: one poetry and one prose Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 3</b> 45 minutes Drama (Open Text) 25% 25 marks One question on one text Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 5</b> Coursework 25% 25 marks Portfolio of two assignments, each on a different text Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0992 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-literature-0992/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-literature-0992/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> A Cambridge IGCSE in Literature in English equips you with essential skills valued in a wide range of further education and career paths. It provides a strong foundation for A Level English and related subjects like Humanities, Law, and Journalism. Beyond academics, this qualification fosters critical thinking, communication, and analytical skills sought after in any field. It opens doors to diverse opportunities where articulate expression and insightful interpretation are highly prized.</p>



## English - English as a Second Language (Count-in Speaking) (0991)

Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language (9-1) develops practical communication skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. Learners explore diverse texts, improving their ability to extract information, understand implicit meaning, and write for different purposes. They also practise listening to a range of spoken material and engage in conversations, building confidence and fluency. This qualification empowers learners to use English independently for further study and effective communication in various real-world situations.

Cambridge IGCSE (9-1) English as a Second Language is for learners who already have a working knowledge of the language.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
To succeed in Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language, you will need dedication and a proactive approach to learning. Focus on building a strong foundation in core English skills: reading diverse texts with comprehension, writing clearly and accurately in different styles, listening attentively to spoken English, and communicating effectively in conversations. Regular practice, active participation in class, and seeking feedback are crucial. Embrace opportunities to use English outside the classroom, explore different resources, and stay curious about the language.	<p><b>Component 1</b> 2 hours Reading and Writing 50% 60 marks Candidates respond to six exercises: four reading and two writing Structured and essay style questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 2</b> 50 minutes Listening 25% 40 marks Candidates listen to five exercises of short and longer texts Multiple-choice style questions Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 3</b> 10-15 minutes Speaking 25% 40 marks Candidates take part in an interview, short talk and discussion Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p>Note: Marks for the speaking component in Cambridge IGCSE (9-1) English as a Second Language (0991) do contribute to the overall grade.</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0991 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-second-language-9-1-count-in-speaking/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-second-language-9-1-count-in-speaking/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> A Cambridge IGCSE in English as a Second Language opens doors to a wider world. It is a valuable qualification for further education, boosting your chances of acceptance into English-speaking universities and programmes. It also enhances your career prospects, demonstrating your ability to communicate effectively in a globalised workplace. Beyond that, it equips you with the skills to confidently navigate everyday life in an English-speaking environment</p>

## French - Foreign Language (7156)

Cambridge IGCSE French as a Foreign Language aims to develop learners' ability to use the language confidently and effectively in practical, everyday communication. The course builds progressively on the four key language skills—listening, reading, speaking, and writing—strengthening them as students advance through their studies.

Students opting for French as a Foreign Language are generally expected to enter the course with a foundation in the language equivalent to CEFR level A1, typically gained through one to two years of prior study.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Cambridge IGCSE French as a Foreign Language depends on consistent engagement with the language and a genuine interest in French-speaking cultures. Students should practice all four language skills—reading, writing, listening, and speaking—regularly. Engaging with authentic materials such as films, music, and articles, as well as participating in class discussions, enhances language proficiency. Effective strategies for vocabulary and grammar acquisition should be developed, and students are encouraged to seek clarification when necessary. A deeper understanding of the diverse cultures associated with the French language will contribute significantly to success in this course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Listening 25% Approximately 50 minutes 40 marks Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer multiple-choice and matching questions. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> Reading 25% 1 hour 45 marks Candidates read a number of texts and answer multiple-choice and matching questions as well as questions requiring short answers. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 3</b> Speaking 25% Approximately 10 minutes 40 marks Candidates complete one role play and conversations on two topics. Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p><b>Paper 4</b> Writing 25% 1 hour 45 marks Candidates complete one form-filling task, one directed writing task and one task in the format of an email/letter or article/blog. Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 7156 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-french-9-1-7156/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-french-9-1-7156/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> A Cambridge IGCSE in French as a Foreign Language opens up a range of opportunities for further education and career pathways. It provides a solid foundation for studying French at a higher level, such as A Level French or university courses in languages, international relations, or cultural studies. The qualification also enhances career prospects in fields such as Translation, Diplomacy, Tourism, International business, and Education. In addition, proficiency in French offers a competitive edge in today's global job market, enabling effective communication across French-speaking regions worldwide.</p>

## Geography (0976)

The Cambridge IGCSE Geography (9-1) course enables learners to develop a ‘sense of place’ by exploring the world at local, regional, and global levels. Students will study a variety of natural and human-made environments and investigate the processes that shape their development. They will also examine how people interact with their environment, recognising the opportunities and challenges it presents. This approach provides a deeper understanding of diverse communities and cultures across the globe.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>The Cambridge International IGCSE Geography course offers a comprehensive exploration of both the natural and human environments. Divided into ten key topics, it provides students with a deep understanding of global geographical processes and challenges. These topics include Changing River and Coastal Environments, Ecosystem Dynamics, Tectonic Hazards, Climate Change, and Population Changes. Students will also examine urban growth, development, shifting economies, and resource provision, helping them to understand how human activities interact with and impact the world around them. This course is designed to equip learners with critical geographical knowledge and skills, essential for understanding the complex issues facing our planet today.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Physical Geography 36% 1 hour 45 minutes 75 marks Structured questions containing short answer and extended response items. Some items are based on source material. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> Human Geography 36% 1 hour 45 minutes 75 marks Structured questions containing short answer and extended response items. Some items are based on source material. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Component 3</b> Coursework 28% 60 marks Teachers set one centre-based fieldwork assignment of 1800–2200 words. Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0976 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-geography-9-1-0976/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-geography-9-1-0976/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The Cambridge International IGCSE Geography qualification can lead to a wide range of opportunities in further study and career development. Students can progress to A Level Geography or related subjects such as Environmental Science, Urban Studies, and Geology, providing a strong foundation for higher education. Many choose to pursue degrees in Geography, Environmental Management, Sustainable Development, or Climate Science, among others. In terms of careers, the qualification opens doors to fields such as Environmental consultancy, Urban planning, Meteorology, and Conservation. It also provides a solid background for roles in Business and Finance, International development, Government agencies, Travel and tourism, and Education.</p>

## History (0977)

The Cambridge IGCSE History (9-1) course guides students on an engaging exploration of the past. It introduces major international issues of the twentieth century and looks closely at significant regions, events, and developments. Throughout the course, learners investigate the forces that drive historical change, including economic, political, and social factors. By studying a range of historical sources, students build strong knowledge of key events while developing essential skills for interpreting and evaluating evidence. The course also encourages learners to think critically, analyse information carefully, and form well-reasoned judgments about the past.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in the Cambridge International IGCSE History course relies on a strong understanding of key content, critical thinking, and effective study habits. Students should focus on grasping the core themes and key questions in Option B, as well as engaging with historical sources to develop analytical skills. Regular revision, clear essay writing, and the ability to evaluate different historical perspectives are essential. Staying organised and understanding the significance of key events and dates will help make connections across the syllabus, leading to greater success in the course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b>            Structured Questions 40%            2 hours            60 marks            Candidates answer two questions from Section A (Core content) and one question from Section B (Depth studies). All questions are in the form of structured essays, split into three parts: (a), (b) and (c).            Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b>            Document Questions 30%            1 hour 45 minutes            40 marks            Candidates answer one question on one prescribed topic taken from Section A (Core content). Candidates are presented with a range of source materials relating to each prescribed topic.            The prescribed topics change in each exam Series</p> <p><b>Component 3</b>            Coursework 30%            40 marks            Candidates produce one piece of extended writing based on a depth study from the syllabus or a depth study devised by the centre.            Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge  <b>Course code</b> 0977  <b>Web link to specification:</b>  <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-history-9-1-0977/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-history-9-1-0977/</a>  <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b>            The Cambridge International IGCSE History qualification can open up a range of opportunities for further study and careers. Students can progress to A Level History or related subjects such as Politics, International Relations, or Sociology, which provide a foundation for university degrees in areas like History, Law, Journalism, or Politics. In terms of careers, this qualification can lead to roles in Education, Government, Research, Media, or Heritage sectors. It also develops valuable skills, such as critical thinking, analysis, and communication, which are highly valued in many fields, including Business, Public relations, and Law. This makes the qualification a strong foundation for both academic and professional pathways.</p>

## Mathematics (0980)

The Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics (9-1) curriculum provides a solid foundation in mathematical concepts and skills. It is designed to prepare students for further education and real-world problem-solving through a focus on critical thinking, logical reasoning, and analytical abilities. The curriculum covers a broad range of topics, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and statistics. Students develop skills in interpreting and representing data, using mathematical language, and recognising patterns. The programme integrates real-life applications and technology to enhance learning with assessment conducted through written examinations to evaluate students' understanding.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in the Cambridge IGCSE International Mathematics course requires a combination of dedication, effective study habits, and a proactive approach to learning. Regular practice of mathematical concepts and problems is essential to build confidence and proficiency. Active participation in lessons, asking questions, and seeking clarification when needed can deepen understanding. Utilising available resources, such as past papers, revision guides, and online tools, will enhance preparation. Time management and consistent effort, alongside a positive mindset and perseverance, are key factors that will enable students to excel in this course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 2 non-calculator</b> Written paper 50% 2 hours 100 marks Structured and unstructured questions Use of a calculator is not allowed Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 4 Calculator (Extended)</b> Written paper 50% 2 hours 100 marks Structured and unstructured questions A scientific calculator is required. Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0980 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-mathematics-9-1-0980/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-mathematics-9-1-0980/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The Cambridge IGCSE International Mathematics qualification serves as a strong foundation for advanced studies, particularly A Level Mathematics, Further Mathematics, and related subjects. Excelling in this subject can open doors to a wide range of career options in fields such as Engineering, Data science, Finance, Economics, Computer science, Architecture, and Medicine. It is also valuable for careers in Business, Actuarial science, environmental science, and any role requiring analytical and problem-solving skills. This qualification equips students with critical thinking abilities and numerical proficiency, making it a stepping stone to both academic and professional success.</p>

## Physics (0972)

Cambridge IGCSE Physics (9-1) helps learners to understand the technological world in which they live and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. The syllabus includes the basic principles and concepts that are fundamental to the subject, some current applications of physics, and a strong emphasis on practical skills.

Learners also develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level, higher education or a career in science.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in the Cambridge IGCSE Physics course requires consistent effort, curiosity, and a problem-solving mindset. Regular practice with calculations, diagrams, and experiments helps reinforce understanding of key concepts. Actively engaging in lessons, asking questions, and reviewing challenging topics are essential for progress. Making use of resources like past papers, revision guides, and online tutorials can further enhance preparation. A balance of theoretical study and hands-on practical work is crucial, as it develops both conceptual knowledge and scientific skills. With dedication, organisation, and a keen interest in physics, students can excel in this course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 2</b> Multiple Choice 30% 45 minutes 40 marks 40 compulsory multiple-choice items of the four-choice type. Externally assessed.</p> <p><b>Paper 4</b> Theory 50% 1 hour 15 minutes 80 marks Compulsory short-answer and structured questions. Externally assessed.</p> <p><b>Paper 5</b> Practical Test 20% 1 hour 15 minutes 40 marks Questions will be based on the experimental skills Externally assessed</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0972 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-physics-9-1-0972/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-physics-9-1-0972/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The Cambridge IGCSE Physics qualification provides an excellent foundation for further studies, including A Levels in Physics, Engineering, or other science-related subjects. It is highly valued for careers in fields such as Engineering, Medicine, Environmental science, Architecture, Technology, and Renewable energy. Additionally, it opens pathways to careers in Aerospace, Robotics, Data analysis, Telecommunications, and Scientific research. Physics develops analytical thinking and problem-solving skills, which are also transferable to industries like finance, software development, and artificial intelligence. This qualification equips students with a strong understanding of scientific principles and practical skills, unlocking a wide range of academic and professional opportunities.</p>
	This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1	



## Portuguese First Language (0504)

The Cambridge International IGCSE Portuguese First Language course is designed for students whose first language is Portuguese. It provides an opportunity to develop advanced proficiency in reading, writing, and comprehension, enabling students to communicate effectively in both formal and informal contexts. The curriculum covers a wide range of texts, from literary works to non-fiction, helping students enhance their language skills while deepening their understanding of Portuguese-speaking cultures. This qualification is ideal for students who wish to improve their fluency in Portuguese and build a strong foundation for further study or careers that require strong language skills.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
Success in the Cambridge International IGCSE Portuguese First Language course requires consistent practice, a strong commitment to improving language skills, and an interest in Portuguese literature and culture. Regular reading of a variety of texts, from novels to news articles, will help enhance vocabulary and comprehension. Active participation in writing exercises, discussions, and feedback sessions will improve writing and communication skills. A focus on grammar, syntax, and language structure is essential for mastering the language. Additionally, engaging with Portuguese-speaking communities and practising speaking and listening will further develop fluency. Dedication, curiosity, and a proactive approach to learning will ultimately lead to success in this course.	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Reading and Directed Writing 50% 2 hours 50 marks Structured and extended writing questions Questions are based on three reading texts Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> Writing 50% 2 hours 50 marks Composition tasks Externally assessed</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0504 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-portuguese-first-language-0504/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-portuguese-first-language-0504/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 4</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The Cambridge International IGCSE Portuguese First Language qualification opens up a wide range of opportunities in further education and careers. Students who excel in this course can progress to A Levels or higher studies in languages, literature, or humanities, with a particular focus on Portuguese or other Romance languages. This qualification provides a solid foundation for careers such as Literary translation, international Journalism, Cultural attaché roles in embassies, and positions within international organisations. Furthermore, fluency in Portuguese, combined with cultural knowledge, is highly valued in sectors like Business and Tourism, Business development, Hospitality management in Portuguese-speaking regions, or Specialised tour guiding.</p>
This syllabus is graded from A* - G		

## Psychology (0266)

The Cambridge International IGCSE Psychology course offers students an insightful introduction to the study of human behaviour and mental processes. The curriculum explores key topics such as cognitive, emotional, and social development, as well as the influence of biological, social, and environmental factors on behaviour. Students will engage with theories and research methods in psychology, developing critical thinking, analytical, and research skills. This course encourages students to explore the complexities of the human mind and its impact on everyday life, providing a solid foundation for further study in psychology, healthcare, education, and other social sciences.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in the Cambridge International IGCSE Psychology (course requires consistent engagement with both theoretical concepts and practical applications. A strong foundation in understanding key psychological theories and research methods is essential. Regular study, active participation in class discussions, and careful analysis of psychological case studies will deepen understanding. Developing critical thinking skills and the ability to apply theories to real-life scenarios is key. Additionally, practising exam-style questions and reviewing past papers will help students familiarise themselves with the assessment format. A dedicated approach to learning, curiosity about human behaviour, and effective time management will lead to success in this course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b>  1 hour 30 minutes  53%  90 marks  Candidates answer all questions in each section.  Section A - Memory and forgetting 20 marks  Section B - Sleep and dreams 20 marks  Section C - Prosocial behaviour 20 marks  Section D - Experimental research method 30 marks  Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b>  1 hour 20 minutes  47%  80 marks  Candidates answer all questions in each section.  Section A - Visual perception 20 marks  Section B - Motivation and needs 20 marks  Section C - Language development 20 marks  Section D - Non-experimental research methods 20 marks  Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from A* - G</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge  <b>Course code</b> 0266  <b>Web link to specification:</b>  <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-psychology-0266/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-psychology-0266/</a>  <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b>  The Cambridge International IGCSE Psychology qualification provides a strong foundation for further studies in psychology, social sciences, and related fields. Students who excel in this course can pursue A Levels or further education in psychology, sociology, criminology, or healthcare. Career options include roles in Clinical psychology, Counselling, Education, Social work, Human resources, Market research, and Advertising. Additionally, the skills gained in understanding human behaviour are valuable in industries such as Healthcare, Criminal justice, and business, opening doors to professions like Occupational therapy, Forensic psychology, and Management consultancy. This qualification also provides a solid base for careers that require strong analytical and interpersonal skills.</p>



## Spanish - Foreign Language (7160)

Cambridge IGCSE Spanish as a Foreign Language helps students build a solid foundation in Spanish and develop effective communication skills in both speaking and writing. The course covers everyday situations, culture, travel, and social themes, allowing learners to use the language confidently in practical contexts. Through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities, students expand their vocabulary, improve fluency, and gain insight into Spanish-speaking cultures.

Students opting for Spanish as a Foreign Language are generally expected to enter the course with a foundation in the language equivalent to CEFR level A1, typically gained through one to two years of prior study.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in the Cambridge International IGCSE Spanish as a Foreign Language course requires consistent practice and active engagement with the language. Regularly listening to Spanish audio materials, speaking with others in Spanish, and reading a range of texts will improve comprehension and fluency. Building a strong vocabulary and mastering key grammar structures is essential for effective communication. Actively participating in class activities, such as conversations and role-plays, will help reinforce learning. Regular revision, using online resources, and completing past papers will ensure familiarity with the exam format. A committed and proactive approach to language practice, alongside a genuine interest in the culture, will lead to success in this course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Listening 25% Approximately 50 minutes 40 marks Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer multiple-choice and matching questions. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> Reading 25% 1 hour 45 marks Candidates read a number of texts and answer multiple-choice and matching questions as well as questions requiring short answers. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 3</b> Speaking 25% Approximately 10 minutes 40 marks Candidates complete one role play and conversations on two topics. Internally assessed and externally moderated</p> <p><b>Paper 4</b> Writing 25% 1 hour 45 marks Candidates complete one form-filling task, one directed writing task and one task in the format of an email/letter or article/blog. Externally assessed</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 7160 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-spanish-9-1-7160/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-spanish-9-1-7160/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The Cambridge International IGCSE Spanish as a Foreign Language qualification opens up a wide range of opportunities for further study and career options. Students who excel in this course can pursue A Levels or higher education in languages, linguistics, or international relations. Career options include roles in Translation, Tourism, Hospitality, and Customer service, where Spanish language skills are highly valued. Additionally, fluency in Spanish can lead to careers in international Business, Diplomacy, Marketing, and Teaching. This qualification also provides a competitive advantage in global industries, where multilingual communication is essential for success.</p>

## Travel & Tourism (0471)

The Cambridge International IGCSE in Travel and Tourism provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the travel and tourism industry, exploring its key elements, including the role of tourism, the impact of travel, and the management of tourism services. The course covers a range of topics such as customer service, marketing, sustainability, and the different sectors within the travel industry. Students will gain valuable insights into how businesses operate in this dynamic sector, as well as the skills required to work in tourism-related careers. This qualification is ideal for those interested in pursuing further study or a career in travel, hospitality, or tourism management.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in the Cambridge International IGCSE Travel and Tourism course requires a strong interest in the industry and a proactive approach to learning. Regular study of key concepts, such as customer service, tourism impacts, and marketing strategies, will help build a solid understanding of the sector. Active participation in class discussions, case studies, and group projects will deepen practical knowledge and enhance problem-solving skills. Additionally, staying informed about current trends in travel and tourism, as well as completing past papers and practice questions, will prepare students for the exam. A genuine passion for the industry, along with effective time management and organisation, will contribute to success in this course.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> Key Terms and Concepts 50% 1 hour 30 minutes 80 marks Short answer question paper Four scenario-based questions – covering the introductory key concepts, customer service and impacts of tourism at destinations. Externally assessed</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b> Managing and Marketing Destinations 50% 2 hours 80 marks Short answer question paper Four scenario-based questions – focusing on the management and marketing of destinations Externally assessed</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Cambridge <b>Course code</b> 0471 <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-travel-and-tourism-0471/">https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-travel-and-tourism-0471/</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> The Cambridge International IGCSE in Travel and Tourism qualification opens up a variety of career opportunities within the travel, hospitality, and tourism industries. Students can pursue further education in tourism management, hospitality, or event planning. Career options include roles such as Travel agent, Tour operator, Hotel manager, Customer service manager, and Event coordinator. Additionally, the qualification provides a solid foundation for careers in Marketing, Transport management, or Sustainable tourism. With global travel and tourism continuing to grow, this qualification offers valuable skills for those looking to work in an ever evolving and exciting industry.</p>
	This syllabus is graded from A* - G	

## Portuguese Second Language

Pearson Edexcel IGCSE in Portuguese Second Language (9-1) offers students an engaging and thorough exploration of the language, enabling them to develop both linguistic proficiency and cultural understanding. This qualification is designed to provide students with the skills needed to communicate effectively in Portuguese, as well as a deeper appreciation of the cultures and societies where the language is spoken.

What will lead to success in this course?	How is the course assessed?	Exam board and specification
<p>Success in Pearson Edexcel IGCSE in Portuguese Second Language is built on regular practice, active engagement, and an enthusiasm for exploring both the language and its rich cultural heritage. By reading a variety of texts—from contemporary articles and digital media to classic literature—you can expand your vocabulary and gain a deeper understanding of the language. Regular writing practice and focused study of grammar, syntax, and language structure form the foundation for clear and accurate communication. In addition, routine speaking and listening activities, along with opportunities to interact with Portuguese-speaking communities, help build confidence and fluency. With dedication, curiosity, and a proactive approach to learning, you'll be well-equipped to excel in this course and enjoy the many opportunities that come with mastering Portuguese.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1: Listening and understanding in Portuguese</b> Written examination 45 minutes, including 5 minutes' reading time; 50 marks 25% of the total qualification This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics. Externally assessed.</p> <p><b>Paper 2: Speaking in Portuguese</b> 10–12 minutes plus 12 minutes' preparation time; 70 marks 25% of the total qualification The speaking assessment evaluates the learner's ability to communicate and interact effectively in Portuguese across a range of real-life contexts. Internally conducted and externally assessed.</p> <p><b>Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Portuguese</b> Written examination 1 hour; 50 marks 25% of the total qualification This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics. Externally assessed.</p> <p><b>Paper 4: Writing in Portuguese</b> Written examination 1 hour 20 minutes; 60 marks 25% of the total qualification This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics. Externally assessed.</p> <p>This syllabus is graded from 9 to 1</p>	<p><b>Exam board</b> Pearson Edexcel <b>Web link to specification:</b> <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Portuguese/2018/Specification-and-sample-assessments/specification-gcse2017-l12-portuguese-iss4.pdf">https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Portuguese/2018/Specification-and-sample-assessments/specification-gcse2017-l12-portuguese-iss4.pdf</a> <b>Weekly teaching hours:</b> 3</p> <p><b>Where can this qualification lead?</b> Studying Portuguese as a Second Language at IGCSE level offers a strong foundation for further studies and diverse career opportunities. This qualification develops practical communication skills and cultural awareness, preparing students for advanced language courses such as A Levels or vocational qualifications in languages. Proficiency in Portuguese opens pathways to careers in international business, diplomacy, translation, tourism, and education. Additionally, it fosters a global perspective and critical thinking skills, enhancing personal growth and intercultural understanding.</p>

Coursebook lists and supplementary materials tailored to the Cambridge IGCSE and Pearson Edexcel programmes will be available for review from April 2026.

These resources have been carefully selected to align with the curriculum and enhance the learning experience for both students and teachers.

# Appendix

Cambridge International and Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs are awarded using the nine-point grading scale (9–1). The table below shows how this scale aligns with the traditional A–U grading system. Please note that a small number of Cambridge International IGCSE subjects continue to use the A–G grading scale; this is clearly indicated for each relevant subject.

	NEW GRADING STRUCTURE	OLD GRADING SCALE
<p>The new <b>grade 9</b> represents a new level of attainment and has been introduced to differentiate your top performing students.</p> <p>The bottom of the <b>grade 7</b> broadly aligns with the bottom of the grade A.</p>	9	A*
	8	
	7	
<p>There's greater differentiation in the middle of the scale, with <b>three new grades 6, 5 and 4</b> rather than two grades (B and C).</p> <p>The bottom of the <b>grade 4</b> broadly aligns with the bottom of the grade C.</p>	6	B
	5	
	4	
<p>The bottom of the <b>grade 1</b> broadly aligns with the bottom of the grade G.</p>	3	D
	2	E
	1	F
	U	G
		U

