

Courses Booklet

Grade 9-10

2022 - 2024

C o r e S u b j e c t s

- English Language
or
English Second Language
- English Literature
or
Spanish Literature
or
German Literature
- French First Language
or
French Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Science

English First Language

Qualification

IGCSE English First Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0500

What does this course involve ?

The aims of the English First Language IGCSE are to enable you to:

- Communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively in both speech and writing
- Understand and respond appropriately to what you hear, read or experience
- Enjoy and appreciate a range of language
- Develop general skills, which will help in other areas of study
- Develop understanding of yourselves and others

How will I be assessed ?

There is one written exam, worth 50%, and coursework, also worth 50%.

- Paper 1: Reading paper with a range of passages to read and assessment skills such as comprehension, reworking the text, analysis of language and summary.
- Coursework: You will submit three pieces of coursework of 800 words each.

Why is this course valuable ?

Studying English helps your reading and writing skills and so supports all your learning. The subject allows you to develop your communication skills: how to listen, inform, persuade, entertain and how to work co-operatively with peers. All these skills are vital in the workplace and also in your daily lives.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

English is a vital qualification for any further education. A wide range of careers require excellent use of English: journalism, marketing, politics, the law, advertising, public relations, education ...

For further information ...

Contact Ms Gougeon, Curriculum Leader for English.



English Second Language

Qualification

IGCSE English Second
Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0510

What does this course involve ?

This course is for non-native speakers of English. Through it you will develop your English language skills: note taking, summary writing, extended writing, reading comprehension, listening and speaking. You will learn to communicate effectively and make good sense over a wide range of topics.

How will I be assessed ?

At the end of the course you are assessed through examination in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Why is this course valuable ?

As English is considered to be the global language, having proof of your English abilities is an increasing requirement in the modern job market.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

This course gives access to a variety of university courses across the world that are delivered through the medium of English or have English language competence as a basic course entry requirement.

For further information ...

Contact Ms Gougeon, Curriculum Leader for English.



Literature in English

Qualification

IGCSE Literature in English

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0475

What does this course involve ?

The aims of the Literature in English IGCSE are to enable you to:

- Enjoy the experience of reading literature
- Understand and respond to literary texts from different periods and cultures
- Communicate an informed personal response appropriately and effectively
- Explore the how literature leads to an understanding of human concerns
- Appreciate different ways in which writers achieve their effects

How will I be assessed ?

There are three exams:

- Paper 1 on prose and poetry worth 50%
- Paper 3 on drama worth 25%
- Paper 4 on unseen poetry or prose worth 25%

Why is this course valuable ?

As part of this course you will:

- read, interpret and evaluate literary texts from different countries and cultures
- develop an understanding of literal and implicit meaning, relevant contexts and of the deeper themes or attitudes that may be expressed
- present an informed, personal response to literary texts you have studied
- explore wider and universal issues and gain skills of empathy, promoting a better understanding of yourself and of the world around you.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

English Literature prepares students for the IB Diploma. It also leads to an understanding of how language can affect us emotionally and intellectually. This is a vital skill in any career involving effective communication.

For further information ...

Contact Ms Gougeon, Curriculum Leader for English.



Spanish Literature

Qualification

IGCSE Spanish Literature

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0488

What does this course involve ?

Over these two years you will approach different aspects of literature through the study of three works:

- *Historia de una maestra*, Josefina Aldecoa (prose)
- *La verdad sospechosa*, Juan Ruiz de Alarcón (drama)
- *Antología*, José Hierro (poetry)

How will I be assessed ?

At the end of Grade 10 you are expected to take an external exam divided into two parts:

- Set texts—Open books: 2 hours 15 minutes (75%)
- Alternative to Coursework: 1 hour 20 minutes (25%)

Why is this course valuable ?

The study of literature allows you to explore areas of universal human concern, thus leading to a greater understanding of yourself and others.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

IGCSE literature leads to any further literature studies, especially in IB Diploma Programme and ultimately any area related to Spanish, such as journalist, interpreter, Teacher etc...

For further information ...

Contact Miss Alonso, Curriculum Leader for Spanish.



German Literature

Qualification

This course does not lead to an IGCSE qualification. However it will serve as preparation for any student wishing to continue German A Lang&Lit at IBDP level

Duration of Course

2 years



What does this course involve ?

The aims of the German Literature course are to enable you to:

- Enjoy the experience of reading literature
- Understand and respond to literary texts from different periods and cultures
- Communicate clearly, accurately and effectively. Students learn how to employ a wide-ranging vocabulary, use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and develop a personal style and an awareness of the audience being addressed.

How will I be assessed ?

There will be two internally marked written examinations at IST. Students will also be assessed in class throughout the course.

The exams consist of:

- Paper 1—(prose and poetry) worth 50% of the final mark. Students will be able to choose from two questions. Candidates will have to demonstrate the following:
 - knowledge of the content of the text – through reference to detail and use of quotations from the text
 - understanding of characters, relationships, situations and themes
 - understanding of the writer's intentions and methods
 - response to the writer's use of language*Time: 1h 30 min.*
- Paper 2—(discursive writing) worth 50% of the final mark. Students will be able to choose from four controversial topics.
Time: 1h 30 min.

Why is this course valuable ?

Studying German Literature gives you a greater understanding of the world, yourself and other people. Through German Literature, we also learn about the literature of other cultures.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

German Literature prepares students for the Language A component of the IB Diploma. It also leads to an understanding of how language can affect us emotionally and intellectually. This is a vital skill in any career involving effective communication.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Lauber, Curriculum Leader for German

French First Language

Qualification

IGCSE French First Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0501

What does this course involve ?

This two-year program is designed for students with a native or near native competence in the French language. It develops their ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively. Students learn how to employ a wide-ranging vocabulary, use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, develop a personal style and an awareness of the audience being addressed. Students will study three novels in G9. Students are also encouraged to read widely, both for their own enjoyment and in order to develop an appreciation of how writers achieve their effects. When a student joins the first language class in Grade 9, they will stay in this class to the end of Grade 10. There is no option for a student in the first language class to take the IGCSE foreign language exam.

How will I be assessed ?

At the end of Grade 10, students will be able to take an external exam, IGCSE First Language French. It is divided into two different parts: reading comprehension and written expression. Please note that the Cambridge examination board does not offer an exam in French literature.

Why is this course valuable ?

Students need to develop an appreciation of the nature of language and literature, of the many influences on language and literature, and of its power and beauty. They will be encouraged to recognize that proficiency in language is a powerful tool for communication in all societies.

Furthermore, language and literature incorporates creative processes and encourages the development of imagination and creativity through self-expression.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

Studying the French language is essential to continue any kind of higher education in France, both at secondary and at university level. It is also an essential requirement to access the French A language and literature course in IB Diploma Program. Studying French A allows students to obtain a bilingual IB diploma.



French Foreign Language

Qualification

IGCSE French

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0520



What does this course involve ?

This two-year program focuses on a range of topics that relate to the life of a student of our time: everyday activities, personal and social life, the world around us, the world of work, and the international world. Through this range of topics, students learn various language functions that allow them to become independent learners and communicators in French.

How will I be assessed ?

There are four external exams worth 25% each, at the end of the second year of the course:

- Paper 1 – Listening comprehension test (45 min)
- Paper 2 – Reading comprehension (1 hour)
- Paper 3 – Oral exam (10 min)
- Paper 4 – Essay writing (1 hour)

Why is this course valuable ?

Knowing a second language constitutes a distinctive advantage in the global market and it allows our students to have a better understanding of our host nation and culture. Learning French means developing a better understanding of English while increasing student problem solving skills and improving memory, self-discipline and self-esteem. When you study French you become more tolerant and open-minded and can break down barriers that divide people. Being fluent in French also means appreciating another way of thinking through art, literature and cinema while offering new travelling and job opportunities to meet new and different people.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

IGCSE French is a standard prerequisite to study French B in the IB Diploma Programme. It allows students to obtain a core linguistic knowledge in grammar, conjugation and vocabulary as well as in reading, listening, oral and writing skills that will be further developed in the last two years in secondary school.

For further information...

Contact Mr Cavalli, Curriculum Leader for French

Mathematics

Qualification

IGCSE Mathematics

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

Mathematics 0580

What does this course involve?

In this course you will study the four main areas of Mathematics: Algebra, Number, Handling Data and Shape, Space and Measure and the many natural links between them. You will be asked to look at Mathematics from both an abstract and an applied view so as to understand the importance of mathematical investigation and the value of Mathematics as a powerful tool for understanding the world we live in.

How will I be assessed?

There are two exams at the end of the course. The first is short answer questions and is worth 35% of the overall grade, the second is long answer questions worth 65%. Scientific calculators are allowed for both papers.

There are two entry tiers - Extended and core (Maximum C grade) both of which remain an option for all students until October in Grade 10 although we may suggest that some students follow the core syllabus before then.

The **Core** syllabus focusses on key transferable mathematical skills and ideas and is good for building confidence with the subject. The **Extended** syllabus reaches a demanding level to stretch students.

Why is this course valuable?

Firstly, the practical, applied elements of the course can provide you with a host of invaluable skills that are relevant to most people's lives. Mathematics can underpin other subject areas, particularly the sciences and thus be helpful in those areas too. Secondly, the study of Mathematics can be seen as learning to think in a different way, examining logical principles to reach conclusions and solve problems. The experiences build valuable thinking skills and the study of mathematics plays an important role in the bigger picture of knowledge!

What can studying this subject lead to?

Mathematics is a valuable contributor to the study of science related subjects, geography, economics, architecture, accountancy, sociology and others. Mathematics would be regarded as essential for areas such as Medicine and Engineering. Of course, Mathematics can be studied on its own and you can go on to become a Mathematician. There are also a number of courses combining Maths with other areas such as Business Studies or Philosophy.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Noble, Curriculum Leader for Mathematics



Sciences: Co-ordinated (Double)

Qualifications

IGCSE Sciences co-ordinated
(Double award)

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 Years

Course Codes

IGCSE Sciences co-ordinated
(Double award).
(0654)

What does this course involve ?

Cambridge IGCSE Co-ordinated Sciences gives learners the opportunity to study Biology, Chemistry and Physics within a scientifically coherent syllabus. The syllabus content is taught by subject specialists.

How will I be assessed ?

Assessment comprises two theory exams and a practical exam. Two IGCSE grades are awarded to recognise the broad syllabus coverage. Grades range from A*A* to FF.

Biology

- Characteristics of living organisms
- Cells
- Enzymes
- Nutrition
- Transportation
- Respiration
- Coordination & response
- Reproduction
- Inheritance
- Ecosystems

Chemistry

- The nature of matter
- Experimental techniques
- Atoms, elements and compounds
- Stoichiometry
- Electricity and chemistry
- Energy changes
- Chemical reactions
- Acids, bases and salts
- The Periodic Table
- Metals, Sulfur
- Carbonates
- Organic chemistry

Physics

- Motion
- Matter and forces
- Energy, work and power
- Simple kinetic model
- Transfer of thermal energy
- Waves
- Light
- Electromagnetic spectrum
- Sound
- Magnetism
- Electricity & circuits
- Electromagnetic effects
- Radioactivity

Why is this course valuable ?

As well as learning about the principles of Physics, Chemistry and Biology to better understand nature and the technological world we live in, IGCSE Co-ordinated Sciences enable students to develop transferable scientific skills, such as accuracy, precision, objectivity, integrity, inquiry, initiative and inventiveness.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

This subject is appropriate for further study in many areas of Science and is required for some vocational training courses. Cambridge IGCSE Co-ordinated Science is very good preparation for the IB Diploma Programme at SL and HL.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Faure, Curriculum Leader for Science.



Optional Subjects

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Geography
- German (First or Foreign Language)
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Separate Sciences Triple Science
- Spanish (First or Foreign Language)

Art & Design

Qualification

GCSE Art and Design

Examination Board

Edexcel

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

2AD01/2AD02

What does this course involve ?

The course encourages an adventurous and enquiring approach to Art and Design. You will develop your creative ability, practical skills, ability to evaluate and analyse and an understanding of art, craft and design in different contexts.

How will I be assessed ?

Summary of assessment objectives:

- Developing ideas
- Refining ideas
- Recording ideas
- Presenting responses

Unit 1: 60% Personal portfolio

- A body of work produced throughout the course includes supporting studies and personal responses

Unit 2: 40% Externally Set Assignment

- 30 hours of work produced under controlled conditions (20 hours preparation and 10 hours sustained focus) including supporting studies and personal responses

Why is this course valuable ?

Studying Art at IST will allow you to develop your visual literacy through experimentation and risk taking. You will develop your ability to analyse and be critical as well as deepening your understanding of how to communicate ideas in a practical, visual way.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

GCSE Art & Design will prepare you for further study in the subject at a higher level but will also make you more creative in your approach to problem solving, a skill necessary in any career.

For further information ...

Contact Mrs Wilkins, Curriculum Leader for Art & Design



Business Studies

Qualification

IGCSE
Business Studies

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0450

Why Business Studies?

The IGCSE Business Studies course at IST develops learners' understanding of business activity in the public and private sectors, and the importance of innovation and change. Learners find out how the major types of business organisation are established, financed and run, and how their activities are regulated. Factors influencing business decision-making are also considered, as are the essential values of cooperation and interdependence. Students not only study business concepts and techniques, but also enhance related skills such as numeracy and enquiry. The syllabus provides both a foundation for further study at IBDP and an ideal preparation for both University and the world of work.

What will I study?

The course covers a vast array of topics relevant to the world of Business including:

1. Understanding Business Activity
2. People in Business
3. Marketing
4. Operations Management
5. Financial Information & Decisions
6. External Influences of Business Activity.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: 1h30 minutes 50% (Externally assessed)

Written examination consisting of four questions requiring a mixture of short answers and structured data responses.

Paper 2: 1h30 minutes 50% (Externally assessed)

Written examination consisting of four questions based on a case study, provided as an Insert with the paper.

- ♦ Calculators are required for both exam papers in the Finance/Maths sections.
- ♦ There is no coursework involved in this course.

For further information:

Contact Mrs Orchard, Curriculum Leader for Business



Computer Science

Qualification

IGCSE Computer Science

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0478

What does this course involve ?

1. Data representation—binary and hexadecimal
2. Data transmission
3. Hardware
4. Software
5. The internet and its uses
6. Automated and emerging technologies
7. Algorithm design and problem-solving
8. Programming in Python
9. Databases
10. Boolean logic

How will I be assessed ?

There are 2 exams: one on theory work (topics 1 to 6) and the other on problem solving and coding (topics 7 to 10). There is no course work.

Why is this course valuable ?

The job you will be doing in 10 years time may not have been invented yet, but it will certainly involve computers. Employers and universities demand good computer skills from all their applicants; if you understand technology, can program computers and solve problems you will be top of their applicants list.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

Computer science at IB Diploma Programme level.
Computer science, science, engineering, business and creative media degrees or diplomas.
Most Further Education courses will require proof of ICT skills.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Jones, Curriculum Leader for ICT



Design and Technology

Qualification

IGCSE
Design and Technology

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0445

What does this course involve ?

You will design products using Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and make them using Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM). You will build electronic circuits and find out how to use computers to control the machines that you make.

This course will require you design and make a whole range of working products. In particular this course will focus on designing and building mechanical systems and then using electronics or microprocessor control to make products that work for you.

How will I be assessed ?

There are two end of course exams and one assessed project.

Paper One — Design, 1 hour 15 minutes (25%)

Paper Two — Systems & Control, 1 hour (25%)

Project — Assessed Task, 2 Terms (50%)

Why is this course valuable ?

This course will provide you with the skills and abilities to solve problems and find solutions in a variety of situations. These qualities will equip you to deal with whatever you choose to do in the future.

Most of the things that you take for granted use electronics and microprocessors to make them work. You will learn about these and what future technologies are being developed.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

Previous students have gone on to be Designers, Architects, Doctors, Managers, Engineers, Video Game Designers and much more.

This course is particularly valuable for students intending to pursue a career in any aspect of designing, engineering, computing or management.

For further information ...

Contact M. King, Curriculum Leader for Design and Technology.



Drama

Qualification

IGCSE Drama

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0411

What does this course involve?

The IGCSE Drama qualification aims to develop your skills and understanding of drama through practical and theoretical study. You will work individually and in groups and will study ways of communicating ideas, feelings and atmospheres to different audiences. It complements other courses through the exploration of characterization, themes, symbolism materials and historical/cultural contexts. In preparation for IB Diploma Programme Theatre, you will keep an ongoing working notebook (drama diary) in which you will reflect upon your progress, evaluate your work and record your experiences. You will be required to work as an actor, director and designer and to understand how these various roles work together effectively.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Written Examination (40%)

You will have to answer text-based questions and questions on a devised piece. The text-based questions will ask you to answer from the perspective of an actor, a director or a designer. Exam questions will usually ask about your intentions and how successful you were, perhaps relating to a specific target audience.

Component 2: Coursework (60%)

This consists of three pieces of practical work that are prepared, performed and assessed during the first 4 terms of the course. You will perform to live audiences. The performances will also be recorded on DVD and sent to an external moderator.

Why is this course valuable?

You will develop important **key skills** that are so crucial in so many types of employment. To see a comprehensive list of these skills and qualities just have a look at the school's Learner Profile. When students are asked which part of the Learner Profile they do not demonstrate in Drama they typically reply - "none, they're all important!"

What can studying this subject lead to?

Drama prepares you for a career in the creative industries but can help develop skills essential in other careers including law, medicine, human resources, sales, marketing, advertising and teaching.

For further information ...

Contact Mr. Fearnough, Curriculum Leader for Theatre



Geography

Qualification

IGCSE Geography

Examination Board

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0460

Why Geography?

This is a course packed full of themes relevant to your life as an international student.

- ♦ Geography is one of the most popular optional IGCSE subjects in International Schools around the world. The subject links extremely well with History, Business Studies as well as specialist science and arts subjects, so it is ideal for a balanced curriculum
- ♦ Geography has one of the highest rates of graduate employability, as well as being highly valued by employers worldwide.
- ♦ Geography provides an excellent foundation for the IB Diploma Programme Geography course and contains all the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary for further study.

How will I be assessed?

1. Paper 1: 1 hour 45 minutes - Candidates answer any three questions out of six. There are two questions set on each of three themes. Questions are structured with gradients of difficulty and are resource-based, involving problem solving and free response writing. (75 marks) 45% of total marks

2. Paper 2: 1 hour 30 minutes - Candidates answer all the questions. The paper is based on testing the interpretation and analysis of geographical information and on the application of graphical and other techniques as appropriate. The questions will not require specific information of place. One question is based on a 1:25 000 or 1:50 000 topographical map of a tropical area such as Zimbabwe, the Caribbean or Mauritius. (60 marks) 27.5% of total marks

3. Paper 3: Coursework – Traditionally, we have visited Barcelona or Berlin to gather data. The current pandemic situation makes this difficult but we still try our best to visit if at all possible. If not, we have local sites suitable for a river fieldwork study linked to our Natural Environment unit. (60 marks) 27.5% of total marks.

Why is this course valuable ?

- to understand the environment at local and global scales
- to know your world through fieldwork
- to make decisions that balance environmental and developmental concerns
- to develop a wide range of skills such as presenting arguments or map skills
- to use online learning and GIS technology

For further information ...

Contact Mr Podbury, Curriculum Leader for Geography or check out www.geographypods.com



German First Language

Qualification

IGCSE
German First Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0505

What does this course involve ?

The two-year program is designed for students whose mother tongue is German.

It develops their ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively. Students learn how to employ a wide-ranging vocabulary, use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and develop a personal style and an awareness of the audience being addressed. Students are also encouraged to read widely, both for their own enjoyment and in order to develop an appreciation of how writers achieve their effects.

How will I be assessed ?

Paper 1 : Reading 2 hours

Questions related to two passages of approximately 600—700 words each, linked by a common theme.

Paper 2 : Writing 2 hours

350-500 words for each section

Section 1—Discussion and Argument

Section 2—Description or Narration

Why is this course valuable ?

Students learn how to communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively. They will have a critical approach to what they read.

They will be encouraged to enjoy and appreciate the variety of language. They will develop skills of more general application (e.g. analysis, synthesis, drawing of inferences). Their personal development and an understanding of themselves and others will be promoted.

For further information

Contact Mr Lauber, Curriculum Leader for German



German Foreign Language

Qualification

IGCSE
German Foreign Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0525

What does this course involve ?

The two-year programme is designed both for students with a certain knowledge of German and for beginners. Thus, the planning of the subject is open and flexible, depending on the students' needs and following their pace.

The following topics will be covered : Everyday activities, Personal and social life, The world around us, The world of work, The international world.

How will I be assessed ?

The one assessment objective in foreign language is communication, which incorporates four sub-skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing.

The elements in the external assessment (end of Grade 10) are as follows:

Paper 1 - Listening (understand the main points and key information in simple everyday material)

Paper 2 - Reading (understand authentic factual texts on a range of familiar topics)

Paper 3 - Speaking (communicate clearly and effectively in a range of predictable everyday situations)

Paper 4 - Writing (write simple phrases and sentences on a familiar topic)

Why is this course valuable ?

Learning a language means not only studying its grammar and vocabulary, but also discovering a new culture, a different way of living and thinking.:

What can studying this subject lead to ?

German, next to English, is one of the most important languages and the most spoken language in the European Union. Being able to speak German allows you to communicate in several European countries, not only in Germany. Given the economic importance of Germany, the knowledge of the German language will be an enormous advantage in further business life.

For further information

Contact Mr Lauber, Curriculum Leader for German



Modern World History

Qualification

IGCSE Modern World
History

Examination Board

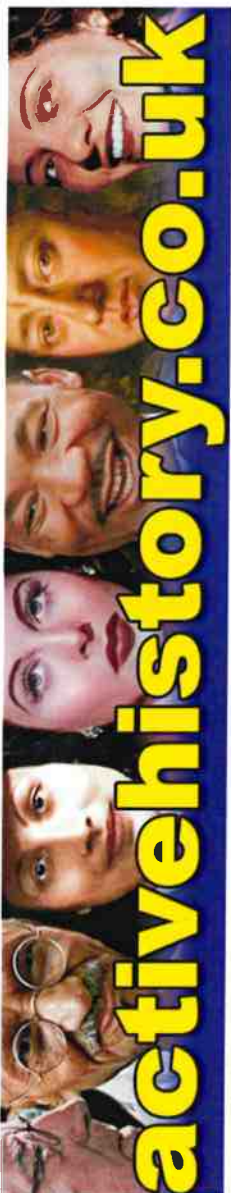
Cambridge
International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 Years

Course Code

0470



What does this course involve?

You will develop your understanding the world today by studying the main personalities and events of the 20th Century: the origins of both World Wars and a fascinating investigation of Germany in the years leading up to the rise of Hitler and the Nazis. In the second year of the course the focus moves away from Europe and America and towards the Middle East, with topics including the rise and rule of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the Iranian Revolution and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Classroom lessons involve debates, computer simulations, video work, role-plays, group presentations and individual research.

Normally, a three-day residential trip for History students to the World War Battlefields takes place at the end of Grade 8 and leads neatly into the course, and in Grade 9 students will go on a residential trip to Barcelona as part of our studies into the Spanish Civil War or to Berlin to further our understanding of interwar Germany.

How will I be assessed?

75% of your grade is based on your performance in two exam papers:

Paper 1 - Structured questions; Paper 2 - Sourcework.

25% of the examination marks come from 1 coursework essay ("Why did Hitler become Chancellor of Germany in 1933?")

Why is this course valuable?

Content: The "Big Issues" facing the world today (the "War on Terror", tensions in the Middle East, the rise of China, problems in Africa and relations between the USA and Europe) all have their roots in the past. By studying history, current affairs suddenly make much more sense and hold a great deal more interest—because you will have an intelligent opinion about why those situations are occurring and what can be done about them.

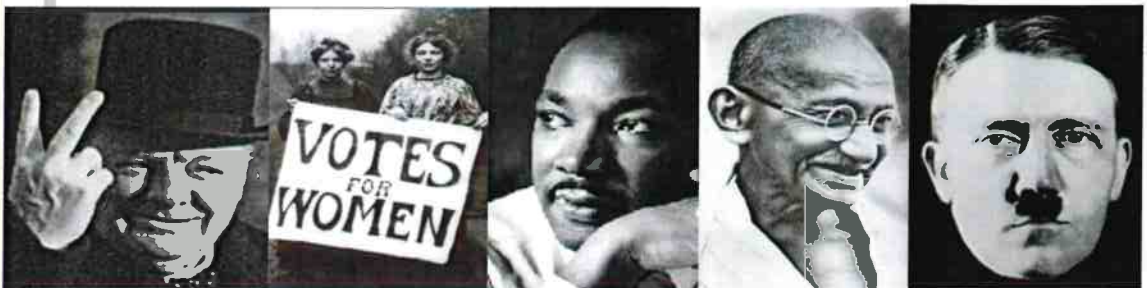
Skills: History teaches skills of research, debate and presentation. It's all about forming your own opinions based on the evidence, not learning facts for their own sake. You will learn how the world came to be as it is today, form your own opinions on where it should be going, and decide on your own role within it.

What can studying this subject lead to?

A history qualification is highly respected by universities and employers worldwide. It is particularly valuable for careers requiring the ability to communicate effectively and persuasively with people. The most popular careers for history graduates include the media, politics, commerce and law.

For further information...

Contact Mr Tarr, Curriculum Leader for History



M u s i c

Qualification

GCSE Music

Examination Board

Edexcel

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

1Mu0

What does this course involve ?

You will compose, listen and perform. The course is based upon areas of study that range from the classical period to present day musical forms.

How will I be assessed ?

Coursework (60%):

You will produce 2 compositions and 2 performance pieces on instruments of your own choice. All work is internally assessed and externally moderated.

Listening Exam (40%) :

A 1 hour and 45 minute paper with 8 listening extracts to assess theory, music history and aural skills.

Why is this course valuable ?

As well as specific music skills such as performing and composing, studying music will help you develop self-confidence. You will work in teams as well as learning how to work independently and you will broaden your life-skills including critical and creative thinking.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

IGCSE Music provides an excellent foundation for the study of music at IB Diploma Programme level. Employers and universities also look very favorably on students who have studied music for the reasons listed above.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Palmer, Curriculum Leader for Music



Physical Education

Qualification

IGCSE Physical Education

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examination (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Codes

0413

What does this course involve ?

It gives you the opportunity to develop your skills in a wide range of sports and activities. You will learn about exercise, how the body works and then, through training, how performance can be improved.

How will I be assessed ?

The syllabus provides candidates with an opportunity to study both the practical and theoretical aspects of Physical Education. The knowledge gained should enable candidates to develop an understanding of effective and safe physical performance.

Theory: candidates answer short answer and structured questions on three different units through written paper lasting 1h45mn
50% of total mark

Practical: candidates choose to undertake four activities from at least two of seven different categories
50% of total mark

Why is this course valuable ?

Physical Education allows you to develop a wide range of personal skills through the involvement in physical activity e.g. communication, co-operation, analyzing performance and decision-making.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

A variety of courses within the sports science field of study and an increasing range of associated careers such as sports instructor, community worker and careers in the leisure industry in general.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Perez , Curriculum Leader for Physical Education.



Separate Sciences

Triple Science

Qualifications

IGCSE Biology

IGCSE Chemistry

IGCSE Physics

Examination Board

Cambridge International

Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Codes

IGCSE Biology A (0610)

IGCSE Chemistry A (0620)

IGCSE Physics A (0625)

What does this course involve ?

This course enables academically able students who are enthusiastic about Science to study for IGCSEs in three separate sciences.

The course is an optional extra to the IGCSE course in Co-ordinated Science. Students take two extra lessons to cover supplementary topics in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

How will I be assessed ?

Two theory exams and a practical exam will be taken in each subject, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Why is this course valuable ?

Triple Science provides an opportunity for further developing a student's understanding of the sciences. Achieving high grades in the three separate sciences is a real challenge and can impress admissions tutors in some university applications.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

Triple science is not a requirement for study at IB Diploma Programme level. It can help students with a strong interest in the sciences to make a smoother progression from IGCSE to the study of two science subjects at IBDP.

For further information ...

Contact Mr Faure, Curriculum Leader for Science.



Spanish First Language

Qualification

IGCSE Spanish First Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0502

What does this course involve ?

This course will allow you to:

- develop the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively when speaking and writing
- learn how to use a wide range of vocabulary, and the correct grammar, spelling and punctuation
- develop a personal style and an awareness of the audience being addressed.

How will I be assessed ?

At the end of Grade 10 you are expected to take an external exam divided into two parts:

- Reading: 2 hours (50%)
- Directed writing and Composition: 2 hours (50%)

Why is this course valuable ?

Language is our most precious way to communicate, our letter of introduction and a basic tool for work. You have to have your language at your fingertips in order to express yourself in the way you would like in our society. Being articulate in your own language will only come about through study and practice.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

Studying Spanish language is essential to continue any kind of higher education in Spain, both at secondary and at university level. Also, is an essential tool to access the Language A: literature or the Language A: language and literature course in the IB Diploma Programme.

For further information ...

Contact Ms Alonso, Curriculum Leader for Spanish.



Español Primera Lengua

Calificación

Diploma de IGCSE

Equipo de examinadores

Universidad de Cambridge

Duración del curso

Dos años

Código del curso

0502

¿Qué se incluye en este programa?

Este curso te permitirá:

- desarrollar tu capacidad para comunicarte de forma clara, precisa y eficaz tanto oralmente como por escrito
- aprender a utilizar un amplio vocabulario así como la gramática, ortografía y puntuación correctas
- desarrollar un estilo personal y un conocimiento del público al que te diriges.

¿Cómo es la evaluación?

Al final de Grado 10, deberás afrontar un examen externo que consta de dos partes:

- Lectura: 2 horas (50%)
- Escritura dirigida y redacción: 2 horas (50%)

¿Por qué debería hacer este curso?

La lengua es nuestro medio de comunicación máspreciado, nuestra carta de presentación en sociedad y una herramienta de trabajo fundamental. Para desenvolvernos en el mundo es imprescindible su dominio, que sólo podrá alcanzarse a través de su estudio exhaustivo.

¿Qué puertas me abre esta asignatura?

El estudio de la lengua española es la base fundamental para poder continuar cualquier tipo de enseñanza superior en España, tanto a nivel de bachillerato como a nivel universitario. Asimismo, es una herramienta esencial para poder acceder a los cursos de Lengua A: literatura o de Lengua A: lengua y literatura en el Programa del Diploma del Bachillerato Internacional.

Para más información ...

Diríjanse a Ms Alonso, responsable del departamento de español.



Spanish Foreign Language

Qualification

IGCSE Spanish Foreign Language

Examination Board

Cambridge International
Examinations (CIE)

Duration of Course

2 years

Course Code

0530

What does this course involve ?

Over two years the following topics will be covered:

- Everyday activities
- Personal and social life
- The world around us
- The world of work
- The international world

How will I be assessed ?

At the end of Grade 10 you are expected to take an external exam divided into four parts:

- Listening: 50 minutes (25%)
- Reading: 1 hour (25%)
- Speaking: 10 minutes (25%)
- Continuous writing: 1 hour (25%)

Why is this course valuable ?

Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world. Being able to speak this language means the opportunity to communicate with about 400 million people around the world. You must be aware of this fact and the advantages that this might mean for you in the future. Learning a language is not only studying its grammar and vocabulary, but also discovering a new culture, a different way of thinking and living.

What can studying this subject lead to ?

This course is an excellent stepping-stone for further studies in Spanish and Modern Foreign Languages in general.

For further information ...

Contact Ms Alonso, Curriculum Leader for Spanish.

