



# BSQ IGCSE 2023-25

# What is the IGCSE?

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education
- Developed by the University of Cambridge
- The majority of our students will take a minimum of 7 subjects and receive a minimum of 7 IGCSEs
- Over 6,100 schools in more than 145 countries sit Cambridge IGCSEs



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# Why do we do the IGCSEs?

- Prepares the students for the rigor of assessment of the IB
- Students experience externally assessed exams as well as internally assessed coursework.
- It provides our students with an internationally recognized qualification which will benefit them if applying to study or work internationally in the future.



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# Why do we do the IGCSEs?

- Develop transferable skills
  - Time management, organisation, presentation skills, independence, research
- Gives our students the opportunity to see what they are capable of.



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# Academic expectations

IGCSE is a step up from the curriculum you have been following in KS3 regarding the following areas:

- Attitude to learning
- Homework (45 mins-1 hour per subject, per week)
- Independence

Remember it is a two-year process...

# How is it assessed?

A* - G grades
A*
A
B
C
D
E
F
G
U

- Written Exams, Coursework, Practical Exams (externally moderated)
- Graded from A\*-G
- Some subjects have core or extended options
  - Core - C-G
  - Extended - A\*-E
- Formal exams will occur April-June 2025 and cost about \$95 per subject
- Results will be made available midway through August 2025



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# Options

*\*Subjects in italics are studied based on individual needs*

*\*\*Students MUST play an instrument*

1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>English Language and Literature (2 separate IGCSEs)</b>  <i>English as an Additional Language*</i>	<b>Literature in Spanish</b>  <i>Spanish as an Additional Language *</i>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Science - Students will study Physics, Chemistry and Biology (3 separate iGCSEs)</b>	<b>History</b>  OR  <b>Geography</b>	<b>Art</b>  OR  <b>Music**</b>  OR  <b>Physical Education</b>

## Good reasons to pick a subject

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- You enjoy the subject
- You like using and developing the skills that subject requires
- You would like to pursue further education/a career in that subject
- You want to study a wide range of subjects to leave your options open





## Poor reasons to pick a subject

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- Your friends are doing it
- You like the teacher
- You think it will be easy
- Someone else thinks you should do it (Teachers, Friends, Parents)



# What now?

- Talk to your teachers before half term to find out about the course in more detail
- Read the IGCSE options guide which was sent via email
- Talk to your parents
- Make your choices via the form which will be handed to you at the end of this meeting. This should be handed to your tutor no later than **Wednesday 21st of April 2023.**

# Academic honesty agreement

- As some aspects of the IGCSE require you to produce extended pieces of work which are both internally marked and externally moderated you must adhere to our **academic integrity policy**.
- If you wish to complete the IGCSE's with us, you and your parents must read and sign this document.
- This will be handed out with your options form at the end and should be signed and returned with your options choices by **Wednesday 21st of April** latest.