











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
 Cambridge Assessment

Cambridge International School

International Education

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.





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.





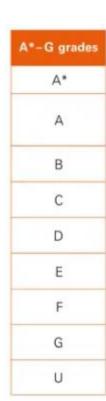
Academic expectations

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?



- 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



Options

*Subjects in italics are studied based on individual needs

**Students MUST play an instrument

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

Good reasons to pick a subject

- 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

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.