



# IGCSE Subject Selection Guidebook

(Years 10 & 11)

Information for BISP Parents and Students

# MISSION

Inspire learning, nurture wellbeing,  
ignite passion

# VISION

Maximise student potential by  
delivering the highest standards of  
teaching and learning to an  
international community emphasising  
wellbeing and passion, on a green,  
well equipped campus

# VALUES

## **Respect**

Be mindful, considerate  
and inclusive

## **Compassion**

Be caring, empathetic  
and reflective

## **Integrity**

Be honest, principled  
and accountable

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# WELCOME TO THE UPPER SCHOOL

(Years 10 & 11)



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Years 10 to 11 at the British International School, Phuket form our Upper School, where we provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all. We promote academic rigour and the rewards of endeavour, and aim to preserve the wonder of discovery and the richness that comes from developing an enthusiasm for life-long learning.

Our IGCSE curriculum offers the range of subjects which parents would expect to find in a traditional, yet forward looking school, and more besides. English, Mathematics and Science form the core for all students, enhanced by the availability of a wide range of option subjects.

The importance of independent learning is central to our curriculum, with all students in Years 10 and 11 being encouraged to maximise opportunities for self-led study, research, reading or completing homework. The school has flourishing Modern Languages, Art, Humanities, and Music departments, as well as exceptional opportunities in Sport and further extra-curricular activities that support work in the classroom such as Design Technology and computing. A high quality programme of Wellbeing is also provided to equip students with a tool-kit to help them navigate the challenges of school life and beyond.

The IGCSE curriculum for Years 10 & 11 at British International School, Phuket comprises a common core of subjects taken by all students, to which are added option subjects of the student's own choice. This is designed to equip all students with the qualifications needed for future study, such as the IB Diploma Programme and employment, whilst enabling them to also develop their own strengths and interests.

All pupils study the following subjects at IGCSE through Cambridge University's Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE).

- English
- Mathematics
- Sciences

Students can select other IGCSE subjects from the following:

- Modern Languages
- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Drama
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Global Perspectives

Students also study the following non-examinable subjects:

- Core PE
- Study Skills
- Wellbeing

The purpose of this booklet is to provide students and parents with information on all of the subjects available, so that they can make the right choices and follow their passion.

# INFORMATION ABOUT IGCSE

## **What is IGCSE?**

IGCSE stands for 'International General Certificate of Secondary Education'. It is an examination programme operated by the Cambridge Assessment International Education, which has been specifically designed to meet the needs of students studying in English medium International Schools.

## **When do students take the IGCSE programme?**

Students begin their IGCSE programme at the start of Year 10. They follow the programme for two years with most of the final examinations taking place in May and June of Year 11.

## **Do all students follow the same programme?**

No. The programme is divided into seven subject blocks, and all students must take one from each block. All students also take part in Core PE and Wellbeing.

## **Do all students follow each subject at the same level?**

No. Some subjects have two levels of entry. In these subjects there is a Core level for all students and an Extended level for students who show higher potential. The details of this vary from subject to subject and are explained in the individual subject entries in this guidebook.

## **How are IGCSE grades determined?**

IGCSE grades range from A\* to G. Students who have followed the Core curriculum can achieve a grade from C to G only. The extended curriculum awards grades from A\* to E. These grades are determined by a combination of work done in school during the course, called

coursework, and a series of final examinations. Although it varies, the coursework usually counts for approximately 30% of the final grade. (In some subjects there is no coursework.) Coursework is marked at BISP and there is an established method, called moderation, to ensure that the standard of work and its marking are consistent with other schools in the IGCSE programme. All final examinations are sent to Cambridge for marking and the grades are then determined centrally and communicated to the school. Students are then presented with certificates the following year in Term 1.

## **Do all students take the same number of subjects at IGCSE?**

No. Some students may be advised to take fewer than 7 IGCSE's, particularly if we feel that their English ability is limited. The aim is to spend Years 7, 8 and 9 preparing the ground for students to start IGCSE courses in Year 10. Students who have had only one or two years of English medium education may be limited in their choice of subjects and may in addition find the IGCSE programme very challenging.

# IGCSE COURSE SELECTION

As you are reviewing IGCSE courses you will find some subjects have different levels of entry. There is a Core level for all students and an Extended level for students who show higher potential. The details of this vary from subject to subject and are explained in the individual subject entries in this guidebook.

It is important that students choose subjects for the right reasons. They should choose courses that they enjoy, in which they have found success, and perhaps those they would like to pursue at the IB level and beyond. Do not make choices based upon what friends and classmates are doing. Every student is different and a course of study should be tailored to an individual student's academic background and skills.

While students are only being asked to choose IGCSE courses, it is important to consider the implications of choices as students move to the IB level. For example, if a student has plans to be a future Engineer, good scores will be needed in IB Higher Level (HL) Mathematics. But to enroll in IB HL Mathematics, students must be successful in the appropriate level of IGCSE Mathematics. Realistically, if a student does not like Mathematics, or finds the course to be challenging, it is unlikely that a good grade would be earned in IB HL Mathematics.

Before making final decisions about IGCSE courses, students will have several study skills lessons focused on exploring strengths and interests, and meet with a BISP University Counsellor to discuss their individual needs.

## LOOKING AHEAD - IB DIPLOMA

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) is a rigorous, academically challenging and balanced programme of education designed to prepare students aged 16 to 19 for success at university and life beyond. The DP aims to encourage students to be knowledgeable, inquiring, caring and compassionate, and to develop intercultural understanding, open-mindedness and the attitudes necessary to respect and evaluate a range of viewpoints.

At BISP, Year 12 and 13 (Key Stage Five) students study the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP), which culminates in externally assessed examinations at the end of Year 13. The IBDP is similar to the UK A-Level system in that it is an advanced two-year course for entry to university. Furthermore, the IBDP has the added benefit of being designed specifically for international school students, providing a broad and balanced programme of study.

The IBDP is recognised worldwide and is accepted as an entrance qualification by leading universities all over the world. Students take six subjects: three at Higher level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL). They must choose two languages (at least one must be at First Language level), Mathematics, one subject from the Individuals and Societies group, one subject from the Experimental Sciences group and one other subject that can be from the Arts group or an additional subject from the other groups.

For the IB Diploma, students must also study Theory of Knowledge (TOK), complete a 4000-word Extended Essay and complete a CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) programme. All subjects are graded from one to seven with up to three bonus points awarded for the Extended Essay and TOK. The maximum score is 45 and the minimum Diploma pass mark is 24 (conditions apply). The final grade is based on a mixture of internal assessment and externally-assessed examinations. Please be aware that IB Diploma subjects constantly undergo reviews and are changed, added or removed by the IBO, hence the above information may not be relevant at the time of entry into Year 12. BISP will keep you updated.





## LOOKING AHEAD - POST-BISP PLANNING

BISP has a robust group of people working to support students with their post-BISP plans. Over 90% of BISP graduates attend university, but some go straight to employment, start athletic careers or join the military. In the past, students in the graduating class apply to and attend universities in over 10 different countries every year. Every student's path and goal is different, so students should always choose an academic programme that suits them. Often by Year 9, students already have a sense of the kinds of courses they enjoy, but do not be concerned if you do not. By identifying personal and academic strengths and building on them, students will be successful in secondary school and beyond. Over the next four years the BISP University Counsellors will work with each student to develop an individualized plan for life after BISP. All of us - students, parents and counsellors - will work together to identify colleges and universities that will match students' career plans and academic profiles, as well as a family's financial and passport capabilities.

BISP uses Unifrog, a platform through which students can find and apply for opportunities in English, all over the world. Throughout Year 9,10 and 11, Unifrog is used to explore a student's interests, strengths and possible career options through classes taught by the university counsellors. As each year goes by and students learn which courses are most appealing,

decisions about the future may become easier to make. BISP Counsellors host university visitors, attend conferences and maintain global networks to support their technical knowledge about Higher Education requirements, as well as the unusual task of supporting a community with students with such diverse backgrounds. In addition, the counsellors work with the school's sports coaches to assist students who wish to pursue their sport at university or professionally.







# IGCSE SUBJECT INFORMATION

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On the following pages are brief descriptions  
of the subjects offered in Years 10 and 11.

Read them all carefully. They will help you to understand the  
content and assessment for the subjects available, as well as  
how each subject may lead to further study.

# IGCSE FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

(CAIE 0500)

## Prerequisites

First Language English Students can select this course. Students who do not have first language proficiency should select English as a Second Language (CAIE 0510/0511).

## Aims

This course aims to develop skills and fluency in reading, writing, speaking and listening and visual literacy and to nurture appreciation of literary texts.

In detail the aims are to:

- Enable students to communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively in speech and writing;
- Enable students to understand and respond appropriately to what they hear, read and experience;
- Encourage students to enjoy and appreciate variety of language;
- Complement students' other areas of study by developing skills of a more general application such as analysis, synthesis, drawing of inferences;
- Promote students' personal development and an understanding of themselves and others;
- Enjoy the experience of reading;
- Understand and respond to literary texts in different forms;
- Communicate an informed personal response appropriately and effectively;
- Appreciate different ways in which writers achieve their effects;
- Experience literature's contribution to aesthetic, imaginative and intellectual growth.

## Course Content

Students will engage with a range of genres and text types to enhance their reading skills. Texts may include plays, poetry, drama, novels, feature articles, speeches, newspapers, film and advertising. Students will compare and analyze texts to understand how writers achieve their purposes. In writing we focus on conventions of text types including letters, reports, articles, journals, speeches, interviews and summaries. Students will also write in a variety of styles from informative and persuasive to descriptive and imaginative. Accuracy is emphasized as is a varied vocabulary.

## Assessment

100% written examination (50% Reading paper and 50% Directed Writing and Composition paper) for the IGCSE First Language English award.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students who complete this course are expected to study English Language and Literature for the IB (SL or HL).

*"The IGCSE English curriculum taught me how to adapt my writing to form a point of view and develop my analytical skills."*

- **Alexandra**

# IGCSE WORLD LITERATURE

(CAIE 0408)

## Aims

This course aims to develop higher-level skills and fluency in reading, writing, speaking and listening and visual literacy and to challenge students to further their appreciation of literature from different cultures in all their variety and richness.

In detail the aims are to:

- Enable students to communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively in speech and writing;
- Enable students to understand and respond appropriately to what they hear, read and experience;
- Encourage students to enjoy and appreciate variety of language;
- Complement students' other areas of study by developing skills of a more general application such as analysis, synthesis, drawing of inferences;
- Promote students' personal development and an understanding of themselves and others;
- Enjoy the experience of reading;
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- Communicate an informed personal response appropriately and effectively;
- Appreciate different ways in which writers achieve their effects;
- Experience literature's contribution to aesthetic, imaginative and intellectual growth.

## Course Content

Students will read a variety of texts suitable to their level of skill and maturity.

They will focus on writers' use of language and style and the ways in which writers achieve effects and influence readers. Students will also study how influence may include fact, ideas, perspectives, opinions and bias. As developing writers themselves, students will practice a range of writing skills, including the ability to create and compose texts with a variety of forms and purposes. Students will also develop their speaking and presenting skills.

## Assessment

- 40% coursework (a portfolio of work including two written texts)
- 60% written examination (Unseen poetry and Set text) for the IGCSE World Literature paper.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students who complete this course are expected to study English Language and Literature (SL or HL).

*"I enjoyed learning how to take on a writer's style to create a first-person piece of work in the voice of a character."*

- **Laura**



# IGCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

(CAIE 0510/0511)

## Prerequisites

Students who have studied English for fewer than five years should select this course. A sound knowledge of the English language in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening is expected. Students will be guided to the most appropriate course by the Language A & English B Head.

## Aims

The aims of this course are to:

- Develop the ability to use English effectively for the purpose of practical communication;
- Form a sound base for the skills required for further study or employment using English as the medium;
- Develop an awareness of the nature of language and language-learning skills, along with skills of a more general application;
- Promote students' personal development.

## Course Content

Students explore a variety of texts including newspapers, advertising, speeches, brochures and a range of literary and everyday texts. Students develop understanding of the spoken and written material presented. They are expected to demonstrate their comprehension; select information from advertisements, brochures and reports for a specific purpose and develop the ability to listen and respond accurately in real-life situations.

*\*All students sit the Extended paper unless otherwise directed by teachers.*

## Assessment

### CAIE 0510:

- 70% Written examination (reading and writing);
- 30% Listening (listening to information and conversation and writing accurate answers); Separate Endorsement for Speaking (recorded oral).

### CAIE 0511:

- 60% Written examination (reading and writing);
- 20% Listening (listening to information and conversation and writing accurate answers);
- 20% Speaking (recorded oral).

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students who have studied for fewer than 5 years in an English speaking environment will study IB Language B English (SL or HL)

*“Learning English as a second language helped me to shape the world that I live in and open up doors in ways that I didn’t know were possible.”*

**- Hyun**

# IGCSE FIRST LANGUAGE THAI

(CAIE 0518)

## Prerequisites

This course is offered only to those students whose first language is Thai. Year 9 BISP students in Thai A groups are recommended for this course. New students are recommended to take a placement test first.

## Aims

The aim of this course is to develop the students' ability to communicate accurately and effectively in reading and writing.

In detail the aims are to:

- Read a wide range of texts, fluently and with good understanding, enjoying and appreciating a variety of language
- Read critically, and use knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve their own writing
- Write accurately and effectively, using appropriate, standard language
- Work with information and ideas in language by developing skills of critical evaluation, analysis, comparison, synthesis and inference
- Acquire and apply a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology and linguistic conventions.

## Course Content

**Thai Language:** Students will be introduced to formal usage of Thai language through various forms of writing and reading including essays, formal letters, speech preparation, conversation script, reports, non-fictional and fictional writing. Levels of language usage and registers are used to suit different daily activities of the students.

**Thai Culture:** Students will develop their understanding in various Thai cultural aspects including Thai family, Local and National background information, Beliefs and Religions, Thai traditions and ceremonies, Thai arts, Thai manners and Thai social studies. This is to enable the students to apply their knowledge and understanding to create an appropriate use of language in their daily activities.

**Thai Literature:** Students will be introduced to various forms of Thai literature including prose and verse. This is to allow the students to experience refined forms of language usage and enable them to apply these in their language practice.

# IGCSE FIRST LANGUAGE THAI

(CAIE 0518)

## Assessment

Students will take Cambridge IGCSE Thai First Language examination at the end of Year 11. The exam consists of 2 papers:

- **Paper 1 Reading and Directed Reading (2 hours / 50%)**

Section 1 - Comprehension and use of language (answer a series of questions on passage 1, a fiction text.)

Section 2 - Directed writing (write a response of about 250-350 words)

- **Paper 2 Composition (2 hours / 50%)**

Section 1 - Argumentative/Discursive writing (answer one question from a choice of four and write a response of about 350–450 words)

Section 2 - Descriptive/Narrative writing (answer one question from a choice of four and write a response of about 350–450 words)

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

This course helps develop students' knowledge and understanding of Thai language and culture. Hence, it leads the students to IB Thai A: Language and Literature offered to students whose first language is Thai.

*“Similarly to other languages, First Language Thai further enhances my knowledge of the Thai language and increases my ability in my writing and reading skills, which becomes very important to me when I’m reading an article or writing an essay in Thai.”*

- **Tatsan**

# IGCSE MODERN LANGUAGES FRENCH, MANDARIN, SPANISH

French (CAIE 0520), Mandarin (CAIE 0547), Spanish (CAIE 0530)

## Prerequisites

Ideally, 3 years previous study of the target language, but in some circumstances, 1 or 2 years may be sufficient.

## Aims

The course encourages learners to develop lifelong skills, such as:

- Develop the language proficiency required to communicate effectively in the target language at level A2 (CEFR Basic User)
- Offer insights into the culture and society of countries and communities where the target language is spoken.
- Develop awareness of the nature of language and language learning.
- Encourage positive attitudes towards speakers of other languages and an open-minded approach to other cultures.
- Provide enjoyment and intellectual stimulation.
- Develop transferable skills (e.g. memorising, drawing of inferences) to complement other areas of the curriculum.
- Form a sound base of the skills, language and attitudes required for progression to further study of the target language.

## Course Content

EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES	PERSONAL & SOCIAL LIFE	THE WORLD AROUND US	THE WORLD OF WORK	THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD
Food & drink	Self, family & friends	People & places	Education	Countries, nationalities & languages
Human body & health	Home life	The natural world, environment, climate & weather	Work (Jobs & careers)	Culture, customs & celebrations
Travel & transport	Clothes & accessories	Communications & technology		
	Leisure time	The built environment		

## Assessment

The final exam is divided into the four skill areas. The speaking exam is conducted internally. The other skills are assessed using externally set final examinations.

- Listening 25% (45 minutes for French and Spanish, 35 minutes for Mandarin)  
Candidates listen to a number of recordings

and answer multiple-choice and matching questions.

- Reading 25% (60 minutes for French and Spanish, 75 minutes for Mandarin)  
Candidates read a number of texts and answer multiple-choice and matching questions as well as questions requiring short answers.

# IGCSE MODERN LANGUAGES FRENCH, MANDARIN, SPANISH

French (CAIE 0520), Mandarin (CAIE 0547), Spanish (CAIE 0530)

Each speaking test lasts approximately 10 minutes, and is structured as follows:

- One role play (approximately two minutes)
- Two topic conversations - candidates respond to questions on each topic to share views, opinions and experiences (approximately four minutes per topic conversation)
- The exam takes place in the school, and is recorded and graded by the teacher. This is then subject to moderation by Cambridge.
- Writing 25% (60 minutes for French and Spanish, 75 minutes for Mandarin)  
Candidates are expected to complete 3 tasks. Task 1 consists of a form-filling section. Task 2 is a basic directed piece of writing of 80-90 words (80-100 characters) in length. Task 3 requires more complex and idiomatic language and is assessed via one 130-140 words (150 character) piece.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

- Language B Standard level
- Language B Higher level

## Further useful information

Learner Guide for Spanish

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PNlzxBPZrJfkbfRtpbPzqhjl55LK098p/view?usp=sharing>

Learner Guide for French

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PRNle95neCh1W3XI6VuedeVrwsnJnFg1/view?usp=sharing>

Learner Guide for Mandarin

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1it8kgNPnDo6g5wbCJ08jftV9Ni38Q4NZ/view>

*“The IGCSE French course helped me build a solid foundation in studying and being able to read, write, speak and listen to the French language that I could further develop in IB. When I went to France at the end of the IGCSE course, I had all the necessary skills to communicate with the locals.”*

- **Harriet**

*“Learning Spanish at IGCSE was absolutely fundamental for my development as a student. The qualities and values instilled in me made me a more internationally minded person.”*

- **Alecos**

*“IGCSE Mandarin has not only helped me learn the most common language spoken in the world and helped me prepare for IB, it has also helped me learn and explore the concept of language.”*

- **Min Ha**



# IGCSE BUSINESS STUDIES

(CAIE 0450)

## Prerequisites

The subject is not taught below Year 10 and therefore no prior knowledge is assumed. All students are welcome to study this subject if they are keen and interested in the subject.

## Aims

The Cambridge IGCSE Business Studies course aims to develop learners' understanding of business activity in the public and private sectors, and the importance of innovation and change. Students find out how the major types of business organisation are established, financed and run, and how their activities are regulated. Learners not only study business concepts and techniques but also enhance related skills such as numeracy and enquiry.

## Course Content

Students will study the following specific units:

SECTION	TOPICS
1. Understanding business activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business activity</li> <li>• Classification of businesses</li> <li>• Enterprise, business growth and size</li> <li>• Types of business organisation</li> <li>• Business objectives and stakeholder objectives</li> </ul>
2. People in business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivating workers</li> <li>• Organisation and management</li> <li>• Recruitment, selection and training of workers</li> <li>• Internal and external communication</li> </ul>
3. Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing, competition and the customer</li> <li>• Market research</li> <li>• Marketing mix</li> <li>• Marketing strategy</li> </ul>
4. Operations management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of goods and services</li> <li>• Costs, scale of production and break-even analysis</li> <li>• Achieving quality production</li> <li>• Location decisions</li> </ul>
5. Financial informations and decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business finance: needs and sources</li> <li>• Cash-flow forecasting and working capital</li> <li>• Income statements</li> <li>• Balance sheets</li> <li>• Profitability</li> </ul>
6. External influences on business activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government economic objectives and policies</li> <li>• Environmental and ethical issues</li> <li>• Business and the international economy</li> </ul>

# IGCSE BUSINESS STUDIES

(CAIE 0450)

## Assessment

At the end of Year 11 the students will take the Cambridge IGCSE Business Studies exams. The assessment of this qualification is through two examination papers of 1 hour 30 minutes each.

- Paper 1 contains short answer questions and structured/data response questions. This is worth 50% of the total marks.
- Paper 2 contains questions arising from a given case study (not prereleased), which is also worth 50% of total marks. There is no coursework element.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

IGCSE Business Studies provides both a foundation for further study at IB Level and an ideal preparation for the world of work. It enables learners to proceed to further study in areas such as IB Business Management and/or IB Economics.

IGCSE Business studies ensures students are well prepared to analyse in a business context and apply real-life skills such as the values of cooperation and interdependence.

*“It was interesting to learn how the business world operates and what strategies and techniques each business would incorporate in order to become successful.”*

**- Tiffany**

# IGCSE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

(CAIE 0457)

## Prerequisites

The subject is not taught below Year 10 and therefore no prior knowledge is assumed.

## Aims

Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives provides opportunities for enquiry into, and reflection on, key global issues from different perspectives: personal, local, national and global.

Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives encourages awareness of global problems and offers a range of opportunities to explore solutions through cooperation and collaboration. The course is not about getting everybody to think identically; rather it is a matter of opening minds to the complexity of the world and of human thought, and encouraging empathy for the diversity of human experience and feeling. This subject aims to develop students to be independent researchers and learners, to become analytical and evaluative when looking at global issues and to be able to enquire and reflect upon issues in an independent manner.

This course prepares potential students for Group 3 courses at IB or the equivalent in a wide variety of subjects, especially across the humanities and social sciences along with Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay.

## Course Content

Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives responds to a growing need for students to understand and embrace an increasingly multicultural world. Global opportunities and challenges face young people as the world population becomes increasingly mobile. Students research issues and evaluate possible courses of action and use reasoning and questioning to gain understanding and form their own judgements

Students can choose topics from the following areas of study:

- Demographic change, Education for all, Employment, Fuel and Energy, Globalization, Law and Criminality, Migration, Transport Systems, Belief Systems, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Loss, Changing Communities, Digital World, Family, Humans and other Species, Sustainable Living, Trade and Aid, Conflict and Peace, Disease and Health, Human Rights, Language and Communication, Poverty and Inequality, Sport and Recreation, Tradition, Culture and Identity, Water, Food and Agriculture.

## Assessment

65% of the total assessment is done by coursework: 30% of which is an individual report into a global topic which should be 1,500 - 2,000 words and 35% is through The Team Project - this is a group work piece collaborating with students from another country or culture to achieve an outcome that helps society. The remaining 35% of the assessment is based on a formal written examination assessing skills in reasoning and enquiry.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

This course prepares potential students for Group 3 courses at IB, along with TOK and the Extended Essay.

*“Global Perspectives allowed me to gain new skills in essay writing and research as well as keeping up to date on current issues impacting the world.”*

- **Tiffany**

# IGCSE GEOGRAPHY

(CAIE 0460)

## Prerequisites

An enquiring mind and an interest in the world around you are important.

## Aims

The aims of IGCSE Geography are to encourage candidates to develop:

- An understanding of location on a local, regional and global scale;
- An awareness of the characteristics, distribution and processes affecting contrasting physical and human environments;
- An understanding of the ways in which people interact with each other and with their environment;
- An awareness of the contrasting opportunities and constraints presented by different environments;
- An appreciation of and concern for the environment;
- An appreciation of the earth including its people, places, landscapes, natural processes and phenomena.

## Course Content

Students will study the following:

- Theme 1: Population and Settlement  
Population dynamics, types of settlement, urbanisation.
- Theme 2: The Natural Environment  
Plate tectonics, volcanic activity & natural hazards, rivers & marine processes, weather, climate & natural vegetation, tropical rainforests & deserts.
- Theme 3: Economic Development  
Agricultural systems, industrial systems, leisure activities and tourism, energy and water resources, resource conservation and management, human development.

In addition to these themes there is a strong focus on mapwork and fieldwork

## Assessment

At the end of Year 11 the students will take the Cambridge IGCSE Geography exam. All students will sit 3 papers.

- Paper 1, worth 45% of the final grade, requires students to answer three questions from a choice of six.
- Paper 2, worth 27.5% of the final grade, requires students to respond to a range of questions including map work and other skills based questions.
- Paper 4, worth 27.5% of the final grade, is the alternative to Paper 3 coursework. Paper 4 is an examination which assesses students understanding of how to conduct fieldwork and geographical investigations.

(This is subject to any late detail changes from CAIE)

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students who have successfully completed the IGCSE course may wish to consider taking IB Geography thereafter. Normally speaking, an IGCSE grade of B or higher is preferred for students wishing to take Higher Level Geography.

Students who have 'not' studied Geography at IGCSE level, but who have achieved strong IGCSE results in other academic subjects, may also consider taking IB Geography.

*“Geography allows me to study how things came to be and the origin of environmental systems that affect our daily lives; Wherever I go I simply know more.”*

**- Na-siam**

# IGCSE HISTORY

(CAIE 0470)

## Prerequisites

An enquiring mind and a keen interest in the past and how it relates to current affairs are important.

## Aims

The Cambridge IGCSE History course aims to give students the opportunity to:

- Learn about some of the great events and people that have changed the course of modern history;
- Examine some of the big issues of the 20th century such as world war, revolution and the struggle for peace;
- Develop skills such as enquiry, information processing, reasoning, creative thinking and evaluation.

## Course Content

International Relations In The 20th Century.

The content focuses on the following Key Questions:

- Were the peace treaties of 1919-23 fair?
- To what extent was the League of Nations a success?
- Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?
- Who was to blame for the Cold War?
- How effectively did the USA contain the spread of Communism?
- How secure was the USSR's control over Eastern Europe, 1948-c.1989?
- Why did events in the Gulf matter, c.1970-2000?

In addition, all candidates must also study at least one of the following Depth Studies:

- Germany, 1918-45
- Russia, 1905-41
- The USA, 1919-41
- China, c.1930-c.1990

## Assessment

At the end of Year 11 IGCSE History students complete three assessment components.

- Paper 1 (Written):  
Students answer two questions from Section A (Core Content) and one question from Section B (Depth Study).
- Paper 2 (Written):  
Students answer six questions on one prescribed topic taken from the Core Content. There is a range of source material relating to each topic.
- Paper 3 (Coursework):  
Students produce one piece of extended writing based on a Depth Study from the syllabus.

or

- Paper 4 (Alternative to Coursework):  
Written paper, 1 hour, 40 marks This paper contains two questions on each of the seven Depth Studies. Candidates answer one question. Questions will focus on the issue of significance.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

It is recommended that only those students who have successfully completed the IGCSE course study IB History at Higher level. However, many students who have not done IGCSE History cope well studying the IB History at Standard level. IGCSE History skills can also provide a good basis for the study of other IB Group 3 subjects.

*“History granted me the ability to look at the world from many perspectives and build up knowledge and understanding of historical events and trends. These gave me an incredible foresight on the world to prevent history from repeating itself.”*  
- Tatsan



# IGCSE SCIENCES

Separate Sciences in Biology (CAIE 0610), Chemistry (CAIE 0620) & Physics (CAIE 0625)

Coordinated Science (CAIE 0654)

## Prerequisites

Students at BISP enter Year 10 having already completed a year of the extended course content for IGCSE Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in Year 9. During this introductory year they will have covered the first units of these courses and hopefully developed a genuine interest in how the world around them works and how it can be explored and investigated. Students considering taking the three Sciences as separate subjects would be expected to be achieving high average grades throughout their Year 9 assessments.

## Aims

- To acquire a knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles, and applications of Biology, Chemistry and Physics so that students may be able to develop an informed interest and opinion in related topics;
- To develop skills and abilities relevant to the study and practice of science which will be useful in everyday life;
- To stimulate curiosity and interest in science and the environment;
- To introduce students to the methods used by scientists and the ways in which scientific discoveries are made, and to show that science and the language of science is universal and that science recognises no national boundaries;
- To develop attitudes relevant to Biology, Chemistry, and Physics such as concern for accuracy and precision, objectivity, integrity, inquiry, initiative and inventiveness.

## Course Content

In Year 10 students can pick one of two pathways to follow in their ongoing study of Science. The Science Faculty staff are available to offer recommendations and advice where needed. The two options are:

1. **Coordinated Science (CAIE 0654)** - This syllabus has been designed to cover the key content, ideas, skills, processes and applications of the three sciences in a broader context. Students take three Science exams at the end of Year 11 and are awarded two IGCSEs in 'Science'

from grades A\*A\*-GG. Some students, for example those with beginners level English, or those simply struggling with the extended content, may be advised to switch to the less demanding Core papers in Year 11, where grades available are CC-GG.

2. **Separate Sciences in Biology (CAIE 0610), Chemistry (CAIE 0620) & Physics (CAIE 0625)** - Students who have shown excellent ability in the three Sciences may want to consider studying all three Sciences as separate IGCSE courses. These cover the content of each discipline in greater depth and detail. At the end of Year 11, students take three examinations in each Science subject to achieve three IGCSE grades (A\*-G).

Experimental work is an essential component of all sciences, regardless of the pathway, and is fitted into the courses at every available opportunity.

All courses are taught by subject-specialists in a series of modular topics which are tested internally at the end of each topic or topic group. This gives regular feedback to students, teachers and parents on a student's progress in an individual topic, subject or the course as a whole.

The topics covered across both pathways include the study of:

- **Biology:** Cells and classification, nutrition and enzymes, respiration and gas exchange, transport and disease, coordination and response, reproduction, inheritance, biotechnology, and ecosystems.
- **Chemistry:** Atomic structure, bonding, formulae and equations, The Periodic Table, chemistry and electricity, metals, air and water, carbonates and sulphur, acids, bases and salts, chemical reactions and organic chemistry.
- **Physics:** Motion, matter and forces, energy, work and power, electricity, magnetism, thermal energy, electromagnetic waves, and radioactivity.

# IGCSE SCIENCES

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Coordinated Science (CAIE 0654)

## Assessment

Students sit three examination papers for each Science subject they take, with each consisting of:

IGCSE COORDINATED SCIENCE	IGCSE SEPARATE SCIENCES
<b>What is it?</b> A course in all three Sciences leading to two IGCSEs in 'Science'.	<b>What is it?</b> A course in all three Sciences leading to three IGCSEs (one for each Science).
<b>How is it examined?</b> There are three papers in total. Each paper covers all three Science disciplines: Paper 1/2 - Multiple Choice 45 minutes - 30% Paper 3/4 - Short Answer Theory 120 minutes - 50% Paper 6 - Alternative to Practical 90 minutes - 20%	<b>How is it examined?</b> Each Science has three papers (making for a total of nine examinations): Paper 1/2 - Multiple Choice 45 minutes - 30% Paper 3/4 - Short Answer Theory 75 minutes - 50% Paper 6 - Alternative to Practical 60 minutes - 20%
<b>What is the benefit?</b> Content is more manageable allowing many students to achieve two higher IGCSE grades than they would with the separate Sciences.	<b>What is the benefit?</b> Students who are strong Scientists in all three disciplines can receive three IGCSE grades and cover content in more depth and detail.
<b>Who is it for?</b> Students wanting to maximise their grades without over-stretching themselves on additional, and at times challenging, content.	<b>Who is it for?</b> Students who are passionate about Science, apply excellent effort, and are capable of managing increased workloads.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students completing extended IGCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics as separate subjects are extremely well prepared for both SL and HL IB Diploma Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Students passing IGCSE Coordinated Science are also well prepared for SL IB Diploma Biology, Chemistry and Physics, but two very good grades would be recommended to pursue HL subjects.

Both IGCSE Science pathways are also excellent preparation for SL Environmental Systems & Societies.

*"IGCSE Physics results in a better understanding on how things around us really operate. Even taking physics in IGCSE will give you a glimpse into what people and Einstein were dealing with for the most of their lives, and why their work is so recognized. It will also develop your logical thinking which will help in any other subject."*

- Arijus

*"IGCSE Biology is an interesting subject because you get to learn about plants and the human body. Besides that, you are able to conduct experiments which are exciting and it allows you to understand the topic in more depth."*

- Callum

*"IGCSE Chemistry is a problem-based subject and you will develop skills in solving challenges based across a wide range of topics. Even if you do not pursue Chemistry at IB level the skills you gain through IGCSE set you to better explore and solve complex problems across many other subjects."*

- Selest

# IGCSE CAMBRIDGE MATHEMATICS EXTENDED & CORE

IGCSE Cambridge Mathematics (CAIE 0580 ) - Extended

IGCSE Cambridge Mathematics (CAIE 0580 ) - Core

A Scientific Calculator is required for these courses.

The highest grade available on the Core course is Grade C.

## Aims

The aims of the curriculum are the same for all candidates. The aims are set out below and describe the educational purposes of a course in Mathematics for the Cambridge IGCSE examination. They are not listed in order of priority.

The aims are to enable candidates to:

- Develop their mathematical knowledge and oral, written and practical skills in a way which encourages confidence and provides satisfaction and enjoyment;
- Read mathematics, and write and talk about the subject in a variety of ways;
- Develop a feel for number, carry out calculations and understand the significance of the results obtained;
- Apply mathematics in everyday situations and develop an understanding of the part which mathematics plays in the world around them;
- Solve problems, present the solutions clearly, check and interpret the results;
- Develop an understanding of mathematical principles;
- Recognise when and how a situation may be represented mathematically, identify and interpret relevant factors and, where necessary, select an appropriate mathematical method to solve the problem;
- Use mathematics as a means of communication with emphasis on the use of clear expression;
- Develop an ability to apply mathematics in other subjects, particularly science and technology;
- Develop the abilities to reason logically, to classify, to generalise and to prove;
- Appreciate patterns and relationships in mathematics;
- Produce and appreciate imaginative and creative work arising from mathematical ideas;

- Develop their mathematical abilities by considering problems and conducting individual and co-operative enquiry and experiment, including extended pieces of work of a practical and investigative kind;
- Appreciate the interdependence of different branches of mathematics;
- Acquire a foundation appropriate to their further study of mathematics and of other disciplines.

## Course Content

All candidates will study the following topics:

- Number
- Algebra and graphs
- Geometry
- Mensuration
- Co-ordinate geometry
- Trigonometry
- Vectors and transformations
- Probability
- Statistics

## Assessment

- **Paper 1 (Core) - 1 hour:**  
Short-answer questions based on the Core curriculum. 56 marks. Externally marked.
- **Paper 2 (Extended) - 1 hour 30 minutes:**  
Short-answer questions based on the Extended curriculum. 70 marks. Externally marked.
- **Paper 3 (Core) 2 hours:**  
Structured questions based on the Core curriculum. 104 marks. Externally marked.
- **Paper 4 (Extended) - 2 hours 30 minutes:**  
Structured questions based on the Extended curriculum. 130 marks. Externally marked.

*“When I changed to Core Mathematics, my confidence grew and I found that I could work more independently.”*

- Imogen

*“Mathematics is a very enjoyable subject because it challenges you with solving different mathematical equations which are the basic maths needed for IB.”*

- Kanticha

# IGCSE ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS

(CAIE 0606)

A Scientific Calculator is required for this course.

## Aims

The aims are to enable candidates to:

- Consolidate and extend their elementary mathematical skills, and use these in the context of more advanced techniques;
- Further develop their knowledge of mathematical concepts and principles, and use this knowledge for problem solving;
- Appreciate the interconnectedness of mathematical knowledge;
- Acquire a suitable foundation in mathematics for further study in the subject or in mathematics related subjects;
- Devise mathematical arguments and use and present them precisely and logically;
- Integrate information technology (IT) to enhance the mathematical experience;
- Develop the confidence to apply their mathematical skills and knowledge in appropriate situations;
- Develop creativity and perseverance in the approach to problem solving;
- Derive enjoyment and satisfaction from engaging in mathematical pursuits, and gain an appreciation of the beauty, power and usefulness of mathematics.

## Course Content

Students will study:

- Functions
- Quadratic functions
- Indices and surds
- Factors of polynomials
- Simultaneous equations
- Logarithmic and exponential functions
- Straight line graphs
- Circular measure
- Trigonometry
- Permutations and combinations
- Equations, inequalities and graphs
- Series
- Vectors in 2 dimensions
- Differentiation and integration

## Assessment

Scientific calculators required for both papers.

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|-------------|---------|
| • Paper 1 - | 2 hours |
| 80 Marks    | 50%     |
| • Paper 2 - | 2 hours |
| 80 Marks    | 50%     |

*“Additional Mathematics gave me a huge head start into the IB maths course and pushed me to improve my mathematics skills.”*

- Galina

# IGCSE MUSIC

(CAIE 0410)

## Prerequisites

Students need to be confident vocalists or instrumentalists. Private music lessons are highly recommended. Students should be curious about discovering music from different cultures and time periods and using these discoveries to inspire their own creativity when composing music.

## Aims

- To develop students' own practical musical skills as solo and ensemble performers;
- To develop students' compositional skills in a variety of styles of their own choice;
- To develop students' listening skills by studying music from the main historical periods and styles of Western music as well as from selected non-Western traditions;
- Students will develop lifelong musical skills alongside an informed appreciation of music.

## Course Content

### Year 10:

- Performing – students work together in term 1 on developing ensemble technique on their chosen instrument or voice, developing solo and ensemble skills throughout Terms 2 and 3.
- Listening and appraising – students will study music from the Western Classical tradition working from the Baroque period through to studying 20th century compositional styles. The set work will be studied in Term 3.
- Composing – students concentrate on ensuring they have a secure theoretical background in the use of pitch and rhythmic notation, moving onto using the primary chords with confidence, finally composing in specific styles in Terms 2 and 3 that they have encountered in their listening and appraising lessons.

### Year 11:

- Composing – students will have acquired the skills to start work on their coursework compositions, refining and editing on Sibelius software and ultimately recording in Term 2
- Listening And Appraising - Students will listen and appraise a diverse range of music from around the world alongside the World focus and the set work.
- Performing – students will continue to develop as performers and, following a recital in Term 2, will record their solo and ensemble performances.

## Assessment

- Listening and Appraising – written exam based on CD recordings 1 hr 15 minutes - 40%
- Performing – Two prepared performances internally marked/externally moderated coursework, one individual and one ensemble - 30%
- Composing – Two contrasting compositions internally marked/externally moderated coursework – 30%

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students who have followed the course and achieved a good grade can go on to study IB Music at either SL or HL.

It is recommended that only those students who have successfully completed the IGCSE course with a good grade study IB Music at HL. However many strong performers who have not done IGCSE music cope well studying SL music.

*“Music made me realise the joy of composing as well as performing as it allows me to transform simple tunes into a fully developed piece.”*

**- Wongsathorn**



# IGCSE ART & DESIGN

(CAIE 0400)

## Prerequisites

A good knowledge and understanding of the formal elements of the subject together with a good working practice and skill level is important for further study. However creativity, motivation and interest are just as important for anyone wishing to pursue this challenging but exciting subject.

## Aims

- An ability to record from direct observation and personal experience;
- An ability to identify and solve problems in visual and/or other forms;
- Creativity, visual awareness, critical and cultural understanding;
- An imaginative, creative and personal response;
- Confidence, enthusiasm and a sense of achievement in the practice of Art and Design;
- Growing independence in the refinement and development of ideas and personal outcomes;
- Engagement and experimentation with a range of media, materials and techniques, including new media where appropriate;
- Experience of working in relevant frameworks and exploration of manipulative skills necessary to form, compose and communicate in two and/or three dimensions;
- Knowledge of a working vocabulary relevant to the subject and an interest in, and a critical awareness of, other practitioners, environments and cultures;
- Investigative, analytical, experimental, interpretative, practical, technical and expressive skills which aid effective and independent learning.

## Course Content

### Year 10:

- A range of different projects are set for the first term– these give students a chance to use and learn about a wide range of different materials and processes, for example the use of oil pastels, lino printing, textiles and photography. At the same time consolidating, improving technical skills and building confidence. In term two, students begin work on their coursework project, working from direct

observation to build up a wide range of different images in a range of different materials.

### Year 11:

- Students then consolidate their ideas and complete a final piece. Just before the Easter holidays the eight hour exam will be taken over two days.

## Assessment

Assessment for the IGCSE Art and Design examination is split into four main areas:

- Recording ideas, making studies from observation
- Exploration of media, techniques and processes
- Development of ideas through research of artists work
- Personal vision and presentation

Work done throughout Years 10 and 11 are assessed according to the examination criteria.

For the IGCSE examination a grade is awarded for two papers – Coursework- 50% and an exam- 50%. For the course work students submit 4 A2 sheets and a final piece. For the exam students have to pick an exam question set by Cambridge, produce 2 A2 sheets of preparatory work and then complete a final piece in exam conditions over 8 hours.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

Students who have completed this course and achieved a good grade have gone on to follow IB Diploma Visual Arts where there is a choice of HL or SL.

*“It was so exciting to look back on my art from two years ago and see the progress. I wouldn’t have improved this much if not at all if I had not taken IGCSE Art. Even though IB is super challenging I am looking forward to seeing what I can do.”*

- Alex

# IGCSE DRAMA

(CAIE 0411)

## Prerequisites

Year 9 Drama

## Aims

- To develop candidates' understanding of Drama through practical and theoretical study;
- To enable candidates to realise the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli;
- To encourage the use of dramatic forms and structures to communicate feelings and ideas to an audience;
- To help candidates to acquire and develop skills in Drama, both individually and in groups;
- To develop understanding of the processes leading to performance and the elements involved in creating a performance; to be able to evaluate the various stages of performance work;
- To encourage enjoyment of Drama.

## Course Content

- The process of playmaking: conventions for devising
- Improvisation
- Characterization
- Dramatic Elements, Structure, Style & Space
- Movement/Gesture
- Speech/Voice
- Issues through Drama
- Play Production: Staging, Set, Costume & Lighting Design
- Text and Interpretation

## Assessment

- Paper 1: Written examination 2 ½ hours  
Candidates answer questions based on their practical work with pre-release material.
- Paper 2: Coursework Internally assessed and externally moderated.  
Each candidate submits a total of three pieces of practical work: one individual piece and two group pieces.
- One individual piece:  
A performance of an extract from a piece of repertoire.  
The individual piece must last no longer than 3 minutes.
- Two group pieces:  
One original devised piece and one performance of an extract from a piece of repertoire Each group piece must last no longer than 15 minutes.

These three pieces will be recorded on video.

## Additional Information

Students will take a LAMDA Level 2 Grade 4 acting exam as part of their IGCSE course. The monologue produced for this exam will also be used for their IGCSE coursework.

Students will be encouraged to join one Drama trip to see live theatre either in Year 10 or Year 11.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

IB Theatre.

*“Drama is an enjoyable subject which gives me a platform to express myself, help boost my confidence and allows me to engage with myself.”*

- **Wongsathorn**

# IGCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE

(CAIE 0478)

## Prerequisites

The Study of Computing at Key Stage is preferable.

## Aims

The aims are to enable students to develop:

- Computational thinking skills;
- An understanding of the main principles of solving problems using computers;
- The skills necessary to solve computer-based problems using a high-level programming language;
- An understanding of the component parts of computer systems and how they interrelate;
- An understanding of the internet as a means of communication and its associated risks;
- An understanding of the development and use of automated and emerging technologies.

## Course Content

Candidates study the following topics:

### Computer systems

1. Data representation
2. Data transmission
3. Hardware
4. Software
5. The internet and its uses
6. Automated and emerging technologies

### Algorithms, programming and logic

7. Algorithm design and problem-solving
8. Programming
9. Databases
10. Boolean logic

## Assessment

- Paper 1 - 50%  
Short-answer and structured questions  
Questions will be based on Topics 1–6 of the subject content.
- Paper 2 - 50 %.  
Algorithms, Programming and Logic. Short-answer and structured questions and a scenario-based question.  
  
Questions will be based on Topics 7–10 of the subject content.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

IB Computer Science.

*“Computer Science is the future of mankind, with the emergence of the informational period. An electronic device becomes part of our life thus we have to understand it before others and benefit from it fully.”*

- Tatsan

# IGCSE DESIGN TECHNOLOGY RESISTANT MATERIALS

(CAIE 0445)

## Prerequisites

Although it is possible for students to successfully complete this course with no discernable background it would be beneficial to have undertaken design and technology or a related course of study at KS3. Previous experience should have included some graphical and technical drawing experience, appreciation of the design process through project work, an understanding of basic materials and their properties and achieving a level of competence with general workshop skills and equipment.

## Aims

The aims set out below describe the educational purposes of a course in design and technology at IGCSE. They are not listed in order of priority.

The aims are to enable students to:

- Develop creative thinking in areas relevant to design and technology;
- Apply problem solving skills to practical and technological problems;
- Develop the communication skills central to design, making and evaluation;
- Apply knowledge and understanding to the design and making concept, taking into consideration sustainability and the wider impact on society;
- Encourage candidates to apply learning to areas of personal interest;
- Develop a range of transferable skills and the attributes of the Cambridge learner;
- Develop the ability to make aesthetic, economic, moral and technical value judgements.

## Course Content

### Common content - Study all topics

- Observe need/requirement
- Design brief/specification
- Identification/research
- Generation of possible ideas
- Selection/organisation
- Evaluation
- Implementation and realisation
- Health and safety
- Initiation and development of ideas, and recording data
- Communication of design ideas
- Use of technology in design and making
- Design & technology in society
- Practical design application
- Environment and sustainability
- Control

### Specialist option content - study topics from one specialist option

- **Resistant Materials**
- Types of material
- Preparation of materials
- Setting, measuring, marking out, testing
- Shaping
- Joining and assembly
- Finishing

# IGCSE DESIGN TECHNOLOGY RESISTANT MATERIALS

(CAIE 0445)

## Assessment

Assessment for this course has 3 components; A completed practical prototype, incorporating the design process in accordance with CAIE recommendations and 2 written exams

All students taking this course will be required to submit a design portfolio complete with a practical prototype, which will lead to 50% of their final grade.

## Exams:

- Paper 1 Common Core design paper – 1 .1/4 hours worth 25% of final grade
- Paper 2 Resistant Materials paper - 1 hour worth 25% of final grade

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

This course will give students a solid foundation for undertaking design technology in the IB at either HL or SL. In addition it is a strong foundation for further studies in many fields incorporating design, product development or project management. This is particularly true of engineering providing the design/practical outlet to complement the study of mathematics and physics.

*“Design and Technology really helped me bring out my love for product design and making things; solving problems with your very own invention.”*

**- Na-siam**



# IGCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(CAIE 0413)

## Prerequisites

Students should have followed a broad and balanced Physical Education programme. This should have focused on a range of different sporting areas of activity with reference made to skills, application of skills, evaluation and health and fitness. A commitment to extracurricular activities would be beneficial.

## Aims

The Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education syllabus encourages learners to develop:

- Knowledge, skills and understanding of a range of relevant physical activities;
- An ability to plan, perform and evaluate physical activities;
- An understanding of effective and safe performance;
- An understanding of the role of sport and physical activity in society and in the wider world;
- An enjoyment of physical activity.

## Course Content

The syllabus provides candidates with an opportunity to study both the practical and theoretical aspects of Physical Education. It is also designed to foster enjoyment in physical activity.

The units studied for the written paper are:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Health, fitness and training
- Skill acquisition and psychology
- Social, cultural and ethical influences.

## Assessment

COMPONENT 1	COMPONENT 2
Theory paper 1: 1 hour 45 minutes	Coursework
Externally assessed.	Candidates select four physical activities from at least two of the seven categories to be assessed in. These activities are internally assessed and externally moderated.
50% of total marks	50% of total marks

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

SL/HL Sport, Exercise and Health Science.

Note: To access this subject at HL a grade B would be required at IGCSE. There is no prerequisites for SL.

Studying IGCSE Physical Education is also helpful for the IB course Sciences and the Academy Performance route.

*“PE not only helped me to get fitter and collaborate with my friends through the practical and coursework, but it also helped me to be able to plan my own training and workouts so that it could actually benefit my real-life.”*

**- Sumin**

# WELLBEING



## Aims

The overarching aim of the Wellbeing curriculum at KS4 is to ensure that our students know how to keep themselves healthy, happy, and safe. Giving students time to devote to their wellbeing not only helps them to develop into more content, self-aware and self-sufficient young people, but a further bonus is that it has been shown to promote academic achievement too. The key components of the Wellbeing curriculum, 'Engage, Relate and Shine', are additionally the capabilities that we strive to build in students through the programme, as maximising these skills will allow students to harness their full potential.

## Course Content

The KS4 Wellbeing curriculum at BISP perfectly complements students' IGCSE studies through the following key areas of personal development:

1. Positive Engagement
2. Strengths and Emotions
3. Meaning and Purpose
4. Skills and Achievement
5. Relationships and Optimism
6. Exercise and Health

Students' capacity to be self-reflective is highly encouraged throughout the delivery of the Wellbeing curriculum, and this is an essential study skill to develop to support learning across the IGCSE curriculum. Completion of a Wellbeing journal has additionally been shown to be valuable support in this process.

## What does this subject lead to in the IB Diploma?

The key goal of the Wellbeing curriculum is to equip students with a toolkit to help them to navigate the challenges of school life and beyond. The skills acquired in this respect will allow them to tackle head-on the varied CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) activities that are a core component of students' subsequent studies towards the IB Diploma.

# IGCSE SUBJECT BLOCKS 2022-2024

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D	BLOCK E	BLOCK F	BLOCK G
English:	Mathematics:	Languages:	Science:	Option 1:	Option 2:	
English First Language & World Literature	Mathematics + Additional Mathematics (for Students who take early entry Mathematics)	Thai First Language	3 seperate Sciences  Biology + Chemistry + Physics	Business Studies	Business Studies	Global Perspectives
		Spanish Foreign Language		P.E.	History	
		French Foreign Language		Art	Geography	
		Mandarin Foreign Language		Computer Science	Design Technology	
English Second Language		Other Language Option (speak to IGCSE Coordinator)	Co-ordinated Science (Dual Award)	Drama		Supervised Study
				Music		
Advised by Teachers	Advised by Teachers	Choose one language Advised by Teachers	Choose 3 seperate Scieces or Dual Award	Choose one subject in this block	Choose one subject in this block	Choose one option in this block

- Subjects in Blocks A-C are advised by teachers or carried over from Year 9.
- If you require further information contact the IGCSE Coordinator ([tpearson@bisphuket.ac.th](mailto:tpearson@bisphuket.ac.th))
- Note: Subjects may not be offered if there are insufficient numbers of students.
- All students will be expected to participate in Core PE, Study Skills and Wellbeing.
- Please return this form to Mr Pearson.



