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Cambridge International AS & A Level

# Cambridge International AS & A Level A guide for parents

Cambridge International Examinations prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of Cambridge Assessment, a department of the University of Cambridge.

Our international qualifications are recognised by the world's best universities and employers, giving students a wide range of options in their education and career. As a not-for-profit organisation, we devote our resources to delivering high-quality educational programmes that can unlock learners' potential.

Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our programmes and qualifications aim to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond. Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

- confident in working with information and ideas - their own and those of others
- responsible for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
- reflective and developing their ability to learn
- innovative and equipped for new and future challenges
- engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference.



## What is Cambridge International AS & A Level?

Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications are taken by over 175 000 learners in nearly 130 countries every year. They are typically for learners aged 16 to 19 years who need advanced study to prepare for higher education.

**Cambridge Primary** Cambridge Secondary 1 Cambridge Secondary 2 Cambridge Advanced 16 to 19 years old\*

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\*Age ranges are for guidance only

Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications have a proven reputation for being an excellent preparation for university, employment and life.



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#### Benefits for your child

The wide variety of subjects available at Cambridge International AS & A Level – 55 in total – means your child can choose a study route that suits their interests and aspirations. They will develop a deep understanding of the subjects they study, as well as independent learning and constructive thinking skills – abilities that universities value highly.

The Cambridge International AS & A Level programme is flexible and gives your child freedom to broaden their learning. Cambridge International A Level is typically a two-year course, and Cambridge International AS Level is typically one year. Some subjects can be started as a Cambridge International AS Level and extended to a Cambridge International A Level. Studying Cambridge International AS Levels alongside Cambridge International A Levels means learners can build knowledge and understanding across a wider subject range.

Our world-class Cambridge International AS & A Level assessments give your child a variety of ways to show their knowledge and skills. Many schools use Cambridge International AS Level assessments to give learners feedback on their performance before they complete their full Cambridge International A Level. This helps your child understand their strengths and weaknesses, and improve their results.

# Opening up opportunities worldwide

Thousands of learners use Cambridge International AS & A Levels every year to gain places at leading universities worldwide,



including the UK, US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. They are regarded as a passport to success.

All UK universities and over 450 US universities accept Cambridge International A Level qualifications, including Harvard, MIT, Stanford and Yale. In places such as the US and Canada, good grades in carefully chosen Cambridge International A Level subjects can result in up to one year of university course credit.

Learners can easily find out which universities worldwide accept Cambridge qualifications by searching our online database at www.cie.org.uk/recognition

Employers worldwide also recognise Cambridge International AS & A Levels as a reliable record of academic achievement.

### A global learning community

With Cambridge programmes and qualifications, your child is joining a community of learners from more than 10000 schools in over 160 countries. We have created our programmes for students worldwide but we make sure there is plenty of space for local content too.

Distance does not create a barrier between Cambridge learners around the world. Our online communities bring schools and learners together to discuss their projects and activities. By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners, we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.

**Learn more!** For more information on Cambridge International AS & A Level visit **www.cie.org.uk/alevel** or contact your school.



