Why Cambridge?
A presentation for parents & students

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WHY CAMBRIDGE?

Find out how we help students around the world become confident, reflective, responsible, innovative and engaged.

Image: detail of the Great Gate, St John’s College, University of Cambridge
How do students benefit from Cambridge programmes?

- We prepare students for life – helping them to develop an informed curiosity and lasting passion for learning.

- Cambridge helps students develop thinking and learning skills – so they become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged.

- Success with Cambridge opens doors to the world’s best universities – in the US, the UK, Australia, Canada and beyond.

- It’s what you’d expect from an organisation that is part of the world-leading University of Cambridge.
What do our students study?

- We want each student to fulfil their potential and make the most of their strengths and interests.
- We offer a wide range of subjects and let every student choose the subjects they love and the subjects they’re best at.
- We design programmes – with the help of expert educators in schools and universities – to challenge students, and get them excited about what they’re learning.

*Image: the visor of an astronaut's helmet*
What do our students study?

- Students learn about the key concepts of each subject in depth, so they understand them inside and out.
- Our programmes are flexible, so teachers can use examples that are relevant to students’ local context and culture.
- Students learn in English, and our assessment is accessible to speakers of English as a second or foreign language.
How does a Cambridge programme work?

- When we design our programmes, we start by identifying what a student needs to learn.

- Students have to demonstrate understanding and the core knowledge of a subject, as well as think critically. Exams are there to recognise, reward and encourage learning.

- The curriculum in each stage has aims and objectives that support students to become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged. These are the attributes of Cambridge learners.
How does a Cambridge programme work?

- The Cambridge programmes and qualifications lead seamlessly from primary through to secondary and pre-university years, for 5 to 19 year olds.
- They take students on a journey through:
  - Cambridge Primary
  - Cambridge Secondary 1
  - Cambridge Secondary 2
  - Cambridge International AS & A Level.
- Students can join at any stage.
Cambridge programmes and qualifications

Cambridge Primary
5 to 11 years old*
Cambridge Primary
Cambridge Primary Checkpoint
Cambridge ICT Starters

Cambridge Secondary 1
11 to 14 years old*
Cambridge Secondary 1
Checkpoint
Cambridge ICT Starters

Cambridge Secondary 2
14 to 16 years old*
Cambridge IGCSE®
Cambridge O Level
Cambridge ICE

Cambridge Advanced
16 to 19 years old*
Cambridge International
AS & A Level
Cambridge Pre-U
Cambridge AICE

*Age ranges are for guidance only.
How are Cambridge students prepared for the future?

- Cambridge learners build more than just a deep understanding of their subject.
- Being a student of a Cambridge programme means developing the higher order thinking skills to apply what they’ve learned including:
  - solving problems creatively
  - thinking for themselves
  - doing their own research and communicating it
  - working with other people on a project they’ve designed together.
How do Cambridge programmes help students applying for university?

- Success in Cambridge qualifications often give students admission to the world’s best universities – in the US, Australia, Canada, Germany and beyond.
- Cambridge qualifications are accepted and valued by universities around the world, including MIT and Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge.
- They are recognised as qualifications that prepare and equip students with the skills they need to succeed both at university and beyond.
How do Cambridge programmes help students applying for university?

- Universities tell us that they value the independent research and critical thinking skills, as well as the deep subject knowledge that our qualifications bring.
- We work with these universities when we revise our qualifications – getting expert advice to make sure we’re preparing students to succeed at university and beyond.
“Cambridge students are very well-prepared for our curriculum and we find that they have a lot of confidence, but also that they have good deep subject knowledge, and the ability to think critically”

Stuart Schmill, Dean of Admissions, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
With Cambridge qualifications, the world is within your reach

Our qualifications are accepted at over 1400 institutions across 195 countries, including these top ranking universities in the US, UK and elsewhere.
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