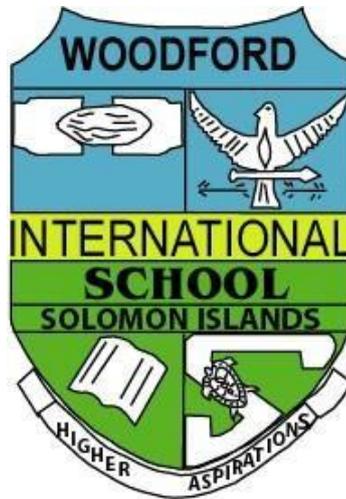


Woodford International School

Honiara, Solomon Islands



AS and A Level Award Offerings
(Year 11 and 2)



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Introduction

Woodford International School has been approved by **Cambridge Assessment International Education** to offer its world-leading Cambridge programme – the **A Level**.

Woodford International School has already been offering the world-class IGCSE programme for high school students since 2013.

Cambridge A Level prepares students for university and higher education. Every year, nearly a million students from 10 000 schools in 160 countries prepare for their future with Cambridge programmes and qualifications. Success with Cambridge often gives students admission to the world's best universities – in the US, the UK, Australia, Canada, Germany and beyond.

Ministry of Education, Solomon Islands Government accepts the A Level qualification as equivalent of Form 7. Candidates with A level qualification are eligible to apply for various scholarships for higher education offered by Solomon Islands government.

Woodford International School is delighted to announce Full scholarships for deserving students to pursue A level qualification. More details on scholarship is available from school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school by email at woodford@wis.edu.sb or call +677-30186 to make an appointment.

Why Cambridge A Level?

The syllabuses prepare learners for university study, which is why universities worldwide value and recognise Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications.

Cambridge International AS & A Level develops learners' knowledge, understanding and skills in:

- In-depth subject content
- Independent thinking
- Applying knowledge and understanding to new as well as familiar situations
- Handling and evaluating different types of information source
- Thinking logically and presenting ordered and coherent arguments
- Making judgements, recommendations and decisions
- Presenting reasoned explanations, understanding implications and communicating them logically and clearly
- Working and communicating in English.

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. Find out more about the different assessment options.

**more information can be found at <http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-international-as-and-a-levels/>*

Subjects*

Cambridge offer a choice of 55 subjects and schools can offer them in almost any combination. This flexibility means schools can build an individualised curriculum, and learners can choose to specialise in a particular subject area or study a range of subjects.

**The number of subjects offered at WIS is currently is restricted to 3 at A level and optional 1 at AS level.*

Syllabuses

Syllabuses support schools by using **learner-centred and enquiry-based** approaches to learning. They describe the knowledge; understanding and skills learners will develop and explain how these will be assessed.

The syllabuses are **international in outlook**, but retain a **local relevance**. They have been created specifically for an international student body with content to suit a wide variety of schools and avoid cultural bias.

Why Cambridge A Level?

Assessment

Formative assessment is used throughout the two year programme. **Summative assessment takes place at the end of the each year of the course (October and November)** and gives options to suit learners, including written, oral, coursework and practical assessment, Students can choose from a range of assessment options to gain Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications:

- Take the Cambridge International AS Level only. The syllabus content is half a Cambridge International A Level.
- Take a 'staged' assessment route – take the Cambridge International AS Level in one examination series and complete the final Cambridge International A Level at a subsequent series. AS Level marks can be carried forward to a full A Level twice within a 13 month period.
- Take all papers of the Cambridge International A Level course in the same examination session, usually at the end of the course.

We hold Cambridge International AS & A Level examination series in October/November. Results are issued in January.

Classroom support for teachers and learners

A wide range of support resources for teachers and learners are available for Cambridge A levels. Resources suit a variety of teaching methods in different international contexts. Teachers have been trained prior to commencement of the programme.

Recognition

Learners use Cambridge International AS & A Levels to gain places at leading universities worldwide including the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Singapore, Egypt, Jordan, South Africa, the Netherlands, Germany and Spain.

In countries such as the United States and Canada, good grades in carefully chosen Cambridge International A Level subjects can result in up to one year of university course credit. Over 500 US universities accept Cambridge International AS & A levels, including all Ivy League universities.

Admission to Australian institutions

Nearly all Australian universities with undergraduate programmes recognise Cambridge qualifications, including those from the Group of Eight coalition of top universities. Each of these member universities is well regarded in a number of different areas.

Admission to UK institutions

Cambridge International AS & A Levels are equivalent to the AS & A Levels taken by learners in the UK, and are accepted for entrance to UK universities.

**More information can be located at <http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-international-as-and-a-levels/recognition/>*

Uniquely Woodford

Woodford International School offers a great deal to our A level students. Yes, they receive an internationally recognised qualification but they also benefit from **individualised attention in classes that rarely exceed 24 students**. All of their teachers have received formal training from Cambridge and we are committed to a programme of continuing improvement in learning and the provision of resources. In addition, each student has access to up-to-date textbooks for all their subjects.

However, education is much more than teachers and textbooks. We encourage **our students to develop socially and emotionally and to become well-rounded, active global citizens**. Students at Woodford enjoy **a variety of extra-curricular activities** in the arts, sports, communication, and service

Woodford is also expanding to it offering to **career guidance and university admission** assistance programmes. Woodford is already a PSAT/SAT center and a Duke of Edinburgh award unit.

We provide **a nurturing environment**. We know all our students; we know their strengths and their challenges. Our classes are structured around a homeroom and the Homeroom teacher is much more than someone who just takes the register. He or she is a confidant, a mentor, someone who gets to know the students such that they are able to support them when they are stressed or lacking motivation. This underpins the values and respect that form an integral part of **'Woodford Culture'**. Take a walk around the campus and you will see students in study groups or meeting with their teachers. We are proud of our **culture of learning**.

Students at WIS are also heard. Through Student Council and the **leadership opportunities** for Prefects, Head Boy and Head Girl our students have the opportunity to discuss the things that matter to them, to learn skills of negotiation and collaboration and to take action and affect change.

To further support their social and emotional well-being students also attend a Leadership Camp that emphasises teamwork, personal and group challenges, leadership, study skills and physical challenges.

Our students undertake an absorbing and complex journey in the two years of their A Level. We see our students grow in confidence, in knowledge, in skills and in maturity. We take pride in preparing them for the next stage of their life journey; confident in the knowledge that they have what it takes to achieve whatever they set their minds to.

Subject Offering Guide

Students will choose three subjects in total for the two years (A level) of study and optional one subject for one year(AS level) of study.

A level is a 2-year qualification with staged assessment/examination. Students will sit examination at the end of year 1 and year 2 for each subject. Students may opt to choose additional subject at AS level that can be studied in year 1 or year 2 of the 2 year programme.

Subjects offered:

A Level (Choose 3)	AS Level (Optional – Choose 1)
English Language	English Language
Business Studies	Business Studies
Mathematics	Mathematics
Physics	Physics
Chemistry	Chemistry
Information Technology	Information Technology
Geography	Geography

School-based offerings

Woodford offers an opportunity for students to look beyond academics and widen their awareness of self and the community. Offerings such as Personal Development (PD) and Service as Action are intended to provide an opportunity to students to explore and engage beyond core subject areas.

After School Activities

After School Activities will also be offered throughout the year. Students may sign up to a wide variety of activities ranging from Sport, Arts Community Service.

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