

Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme Information for Parents



Overview

The Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme is a framework for educational success for students between 11-14 years old.

It provides a natural progression for children from primary education, and develops children's knowledge and skills in Mathematics, English and Science.

Lower Secondary also offers schools a means of tracking student progress from 11 - 14, with an integrated package of teaching, learning and assessment materials.

At the end of Lower Secondary, students can sit the Cambridge Checkpoint tests which provide detailed feedback on students' strengths and weaknesses before they progress to

post 14 qualifications such as IGCSE and International O Level.

Lower Secondary enables schools to give detailed, structured reports to parents on their child's progress and measure standards over time. Cambridge Checkpoint tests are standardised, set and marked by CIE and enable teachers to advise students and parents of the suitability of different progression routes after 14.

At the end of each stage progression tests and analysis provide detailed feedback on students' strengths and weaknesses in the core skills of English, Mathematics and Science. Schools can use this feedback to improve teaching, support learning and report student progress to parents.

Key benefits

Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme:

- identifies a set of learning objectives for English, Mathematics and Science for each year of lower secondary education (stages 7 to 9).
- provides natural progression from primary education through the three years of lower secondary education
- provides a structure that focuses on what students should be able to do at the end of each stage and tests to monitor progress
- covers all learning objectives assessed in Cambridge Checkpoint - providing the option of using Cambridge Checkpoint tests, which provide an external benchmark of student performance
- provides excellent preparation for candidates progressing to IGCSE or O Level courses.

The Lower Secondary Programme links seamlessly with the Cambridge International Primary Programme. It provides standardised tests to help teachers and parents to monitor students' progress from primary to lower secondary phases. It also provides excellent preparation for students embarking on IGCSE or O Level courses.



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