



IGCSE Options 2025-2027



Haileybury Almaty

Welcome from the Headmaster



Haileybury Almaty is keen to ensure that all pupils are very well prepared for their application to university and to meet the challenges of studying at a high level in English. Building on the broad subjects studied so far IGCSEs represent excellent courses of study over two years in Year 10 and Year 11 that prepare pupils very well for their next stage of learning.

The Haileybury schools have over 150 years of teaching experience and our schools in Kazakhstan are leading centres of educational excellence. IGCSEs are important examinations globally, as they form part of the academic foundations required for a pupil to gain entry to the world's best universities. Our combination of high quality teaching, excellent facilities and motivated pupils are the reason for our ongoing academic success.

At Haileybury Almaty we follow a broad and well balanced education model, ensuring that all our pupils undertake a wide range of subjects including Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities, with other subject options which are popular with our pupils.

The IGCSE on its own is not a qualification to gain university entry. However, instead it prepares our pupils well for the academic learning required for the study of A Levels in our Sixth Form (Year 12-13).

Internationally recognised for their academic rigour, both IGCSE and A-Level qualifications provide an excellent academic underpinning for university life.

As you decide which IGCSE options to choose, you are starting your journey into the world beyond Haileybury. Use the experience within the school to help you make your decision and remember you have an exciting future ahead!

Simon Mills
Headmaster

Message from the Deputy Head Academic

This is the first opportunity that pupils have to make decisions about what subjects they want to continue studying. This will be liberating for some, who will relish the opportunity to take responsibility for their future paths, but everyone will benefit from advice and support in making what is a weighty decision.

In school, pupils will be supported by their House Tutors, Deputy Heads of House, Heads of House, Subject Teachers and University Counsellor. They will also be seeking advice from their peers and elders in school who have gone through this process. We will endeavour to help them choose well.

With the view that the IGCSE examinations they will take over the next two years are also a stepping stone to choices about A-levels and then university and beyond, we encourage pupils to take a broad range of subjects across the Sciences and Arts. We know that many of the best universities in the world consider breadth as well as depth in their admissions criteria.

In this booklet you will find details of the subjects offered and what an IGCSE course will entail. If there are any questions about a subject that are not answered here then we encourage you and your child to approach the Subject Teachers or Heads of Faculty directly.

The details about option combinations as well as timeline for decisions will be communicated separately.

This is an exciting time.

Andrea Angus

Deputy Head Academic
Senior School





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The British IGCSE and A-Level System

Your route to the best universities in the world

Haileybury Almaty will prepare your children for IGCSE/GCSE from the beginning of the next academic year.

IGCSE/GCSE (International General Certificates of Education/General Certificates of Education) are the examinations that pupils take when they are sixteen years of age. All British pupils and most pupils in international schools following the British curriculum take IGCSE/GCSE. Most examinations will be taken at the end of Year 11.

After IGCSE/GCSE pupils normally study for two years in preparation for A-Levels and university entrance.

These qualifications are well regarded by universities all over the world. Pupils apply to university in Year 13, but should start to think about possible destination countries, universities and courses and their requirements now. Universities normally only take pupils when they are 18 or 19 years of age.

On an A-Level programme, pupils take their final examinations at the end of two years of study. Some modules may be taken during the year or at the end of Year 12.

Pupils normally study three subjects. It is possible to select 4 subjects in Year 12 to study at AS level, then continue with at least 3 of them in Year 13 for the full A Level. The pass grades at A level are A* (A Star), A, B, C, D, E. These are the grades which determine university entry.

Pupils who speak English as a second language are encouraged to take the IELTS (International English Language Teaching System) English examination.

Universities require this qualification, which demonstrates competence in English and the ability to follow university level courses. Lessons or extra support will be given to Sixth Form pupils for this qualification.

Universities in the UK make 'offers' to pupils in the course of the second year of A-Levels. For example, the London School of Economics might ask for three As from a pupil who wants to study Economics while Leeds University might ask for three Bs for its Mechanical Engineering course. University prospectuses give information about the grades required for particular courses. These are all available on the university websites.

Universities look closely at IGCSE/GCSE results because at the time of application A-Level results are not known. They also consider the predicted A-Level grades given by the school. They will generally make an offer to a pupil who has good IGCSE/GCSE and good predicted grades.

IGCSE/GCSE courses begin for your son/daughter in August in most subjects. The courses last two years and pupils will take examinations in eight subjects. All pupils must take English, Mathematics, two Sciences and we strongly recommend that expatriate pupils take a Modern Foreign language as one of their options. The school will direct which English course is appropriate for each pupil. In addition, pupils must choose three other subjects. All citizens of Kazakhstan must take Kazakh language and Russian IGCSE is strongly recommended for all.

It is essential that pupils study a broad range of subjects up to IGCSE/GCSE level and the timetable structure enforces this. It is important to keep all doors open at this stage.

The purpose of this booklet is to give pupils and parents the opportunity to consider the range of subjects that are likely to be available.



Choosing your subjects

It is important that you choose your subjects wisely. On the whole, your best choices will be the subjects that you enjoy most and in which you think you are most likely to be successful. However, there are some subjects that are essential, or at least very important, for some careers. If you have plans at this stage to follow a particular career, you must find out what subjects are needed so that you do not drop the wrong ones. Things you ought to consider include:

1. Your level of interest in the subject

Does a subject really interest you, and why? You need to be interested in the subject matter and enjoy the skills involved in it. For example: does it involve extended writing? Is it a more practical subject? In addition, take into account how the subject will be assessed: will there be any coursework?

2. Your ability in the subject

What are your strengths and weaknesses? Look at your latest school report and be clear about subjects in which so far you have been most successful and why. What skills come more easily to you?

3. Possible A Level choices, university and career choice implications

Although the A Level is more than two years away, your decisions now may affect your options at A-Level and your university applications.

Reasons for choosing a subject

When you finally choose, please bear the following in mind:

Do choose a subject because:

- You will enjoy it.
- You have a strong interest in it.
- You are good at it.
- It will help you in your future career aspirations and plans.
- You believe that you will succeed in it.

Do not choose a subject because:

- Your friends have chosen it.
- You think it will be easy.
- You have been told it involves less work.
- Relatives or friends tell you to do it without a good reason.
- You just like your current teacher.
- You want to do something new for the sake of it.

Key People

At Haileybury Almaty we care about your future and we are here to support you throughout your journey to the university of your choice. Before making your choices make sure you approach the following key people who will give you advice on your subject selection and will draft possible pathways with you.



Simon Mills
Headmaster



Andrea Angus
Deputy Head Academic



Darshak Pandya
Deputy Head Pastoral



Jonathan Lawrence
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Head of Atlee House



Sophie Lightowlers
Senior School
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House



Steven O'Rourke
Senior School
Head of Edmonstone
House



Joshua Liversidge
Senior School
Head of Kipling House



IGCSE options

IGCSE English

The majority of students in Years 10 and 11 undertake two separate subjects during their English lessons: IGCSE First Language English and IGCSE English Literature. These two subjects directly build upon the skills pupils have acquired during their earlier studies at Key Stage Three.

The IGCSE Language English course develops the students' abilities to write for a variety of different purposes and in a variety of different forms, while the IGCSE English Literature course develops the students' abilities to critically analyse a variety of different texts.

Studying English develops essential skills that pupils will need to use in a variety of ways throughout their life.

Many of these skills are also beneficial to other subjects – for example expressing ideas fluently and accurately in GCSE History and Geography.

Aims

The courses aim to:

- improve the fluency and accuracy of written expression;
- develop pupils ability to distinguish between fact and opinion;
- develop pupils ability to follow an argument;

- develop pupils ability to select material appropriate to purpose;enable pupils to appreciate writers' use of language;
- enable pupils to appreciate writers' use of language;
- allow pupils to participate in speaking and listening activities to enable communication for different purposes and audiences;
- develop pupils ability to respond to texts critically, sensitively and in detail;
- develop an awareness of the social, historical and cultural contexts of texts.



IGCSE English Language



The Course

Through the study of English, pupils will develop the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively in both speech and writing. They will also learn how to employ a wide-ranging vocabulary, use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and develop a personal style that also has an awareness of audience. English also develops more general analysis and communication skills such as synthesis, inference, and the ability to order facts and present opinions effectively.

Pupils will follow the Edexcel IGCSE English Language course 4EA1.

Exams

At the end of Year 11 pupils will take Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Language Paper 1

- Section A: Reading.

This section will have a mixture of short and long-answer questions related to a non-fiction text from Part 1 of the IGCSE English Anthology and one previously unseen extract.

- Section B: Transactional Writing.

This section will be a 45-mark writing task.

Summary of Assessment

- Examination paper 1: 60%
- Examination paper 2: 40%

Language Paper 2

- Section A: Reading:

This section will have one 30-mark essay question on a poetry or prose text from Part 2 of the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology.

- Section B: Imaginative Writing

This section will be one 30-mark imaginative writing task.



IGCSE English Literature



The study of English Literature enables pupils to read, interpret and evaluate texts. Pupils will develop an understanding of literal meaning, relevant contexts and of the deeper themes or attitudes that may be expressed.

Through their studies, they learn to recognise and appreciate the ways in which writers use English to achieve a range of effects, and will be able to present an informed, personal response to the material they have studied.

The specification also encourages the exploration of wider and universal issues, promoting pupils' better understanding of themselves and of the world around them.

The Edexcel International GCSE in English Literature comprises one mandatory examination and a choice of an additional examined component or coursework option.

Pupils will follow the Edexcel IGCSE English Literature 4ET1.

English Literature Paper 1

- Section A: Unseen Poetry
 - One essay question exploring the meaning and effects created in an unseen poem
- Section B
 - Anthology Poetry: one essay question comparing two poems from the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology.

- Section C
 - Modern Prose: one essay question on each of the set texts.

English Literature Paper 2

Assessment

- Section A – Modern Drama: One essay question from a choice of two on the studied drama text.
- Section B – Literary Heritage Texts: One essay question from a choice of two on the studied heritage text.
- Open Book: Students may bring prescribed editions of set texts into the exam.

Summary of Assessment

Literature	
Examination paper 1	60%
Examination paper 2	40%

Opportunities offered by English

A good grade at IGCSE Literature will help students move on to an AS, A Level or vocational course or a job of their choice. If students enjoy GCSE English Literature, they may want to continue with this subject, or study a related one such as Languages or History.

Edexcel IGCSE English as a Second Language (ESL)



The Edexcel IGCSE English as a Second Language course is specifically designed for students new to learning English. This qualification supports learners needing additional assistance developing core language skills. Through a structured approach, the course helps students gain confidence and competence in using English in various real-world situations.

Course Structure

The qualification is organised into four equally weighted papers, each focusing on a core skill and comprising 25% of the total grade:

Paper 1: Reading (1 hour)

Assesses reading comprehension with a variety of text types, including informative, narrative, and opinion pieces.

Paper 2: Listening (45 minutes)

Focuses on understanding spoken English across different contexts, including dialogues, monologues, and information requests.

Paper 3: Writing (1 hour 15 minutes)

Tests the ability to communicate in writing across multiple formats. Tasks are adapted to familiar topics, allowing students to demonstrate their abilities confidently.

Paper 4: Speaking (20 minutes)

Assesses verbal communication skills, including spontaneous and prepared tasks. Topics relate to everyday situations, helping students develop practical spoken English skills.

Aims of the Course

- Develop clarity and fluency in both written and spoken English, tailored for learners at various stages of language acquisition.
- Foster the ability to analyse and respond to spoken and written content.
- Enable students to convey ideas accurately across a variety of contexts and audiences, building proficiency and confidence.
- Each component is structured to provide a stepping stone for students new to English, supporting academic progress and real-world application, and the final IGCSE qualification is recognised globally.

IGCSE Mathematics



An essential and compulsory subject for all learners, IGCSE Mathematics builds on your mathematical learning from Key Stage 1, 2 and 3, encouraging the development of mathematical knowledge as a key life skill and, as a strong basis for more advanced study. The syllabus aims to build learners' confidence by helping them develop competence and fluency with mathematical concepts, methods and skills, as well as a feel for numbers, patterns and relationships. The syllabus also places a strong emphasis on solving problems and presenting and interpreting results.

Learners also gain an understanding of how to communicate and reason using mathematical concepts.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics \(2016\)](#)

Calculators

Students are required to have a scientific calculator for use in mathematics. A Casio fx-82CW is the newest and recommended model. Students should speak with their teacher if they are unsure whether their calculator is suitable.

Assessment Overview

All candidates sit two papers (see below).

It is expected that all candidates will study the Higher syllabus content. We will review candidates on a case-by-case basis, as required, for the Foundation syllabus content.

In addition to studying for their iGCSE in Mathematics, students will be offered opportunities to participate in Maths Challenges, Maths events/competitions and Olympiads.

IGCSE Mathematics	Paper 1 (Foundation)	Paper 1 (Higher)	Paper 2 (Foundation)	Paper 2 (Higher)
	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
	Short-answer and structured questions based on the Foundation curriculum.	Short-answer and structured questions based on the Higher curriculum.	Short-answer and structured questions based on the Foundation curriculum.	Short-answer and structured questions based on the Higher curriculum.
	Grades 5-1.	Grades 9-3.	Grades 5-1.	Grades 9-3.
Weighting	50%	50%	50%	50%

IGCSE Further Pure Mathematics



N.B. This is not an option for students. Students may be offered to study this course by their class teacher and the Head of Department.

IGCSE Further Pure Mathematics: SPECIFICATION CODE 4PM1 [Edexcel]

[Edexcel International GCSE Further Pure Mathematics \(2017\)](#)

Introduction

The Further Pure Mathematics course provides an opportunity to those students who show a strong aptitude for the subject, are determined and who to want extend and deepen their already acquired knowledge covered in the IGCSE Mathematics course. This specification offers grades 9-3.

There is no expectation for students to have studied this course to take Mathematics or Further Mathematics A Level.

Content

The course is, in most cases, studied over one or two years alongside iGCSE Mathematics and promotes logical thought but will challenge students to think creatively when confronted with unexpected problems. It is intended for those students who require knowledge beyond IGCSE grade 9 and who are capable of working beyond the limits of the IGCSE Mathematics course.

The specification extends understanding beyond IGCSE Mathematics and will introduce new topics such as Sketching Polynomials, The Binomial Series, Logarithms, Further Differentiation, Further Trigonometry and Integration.

Assessment

Candidates sit two papers (see below) at the end of Year 11.

IGCSE Further Pure Mathematics	Paper 1 2 hours Structured questions based on the curriculum. Grades 9-3.	Paper 2 2 hour Structured questions based on the curriculum. Grades 9-3.
Weighting	50%	50%



IGCSE Biology



With an emphasis on human biology, the Pearson Edexcel IGCSE Biology syllabus helps learners to understand the technological world in which they live, and take an informed interest in science and

scientific developments. Learners gain an understanding of the basic principles of Biology through a mix of theoretical and practical studies. They also develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for further study and which are useful in everyday life.

As they progress, learners understand how science is studied and practised, and become aware that the results of scientific research can have both good and bad effects on individuals, communities and the environment.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Biology \(2017\)](#)

Assessment Overview

Candidates will take two untiered papers which are externally assessed. Details of papers are given below. Candidates will be awarded grades based on the 9-1 scale with 9 being the highest possible grade.

IGCSE Biology	Paper 1	Paper 2
	<i>2 hours</i> A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.	<i>1 hour</i> A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.
Weighting	61%	39%

Content summary

- The nature and variety of living organisms
- Structure and functions in living organisms
- Reproduction and inheritance
- Ecology and the environment
- Use of biological resources

IGCSE Chemistry



The Pearson Edexcel IGCSE Chemistry syllabus enables learners to understand the technological world in which they live, and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. Learners gain an understanding of the basic principles of Chemistry through a mix of theoretical and practical studies. They also develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for further study at Cambridge International A Level, skills which are useful in everyday life.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Chemistry \(2017\)](#)

Assessment Overview

Candidates will take two untiered papers which are externally assessed. Details of these papers are given below. Candidates will be awarded grades based on the 9-1 scale with 9 being the highest possible grade.

IGCSE Chemistry	Paper 1	Paper 2
	<i>2 hours</i> A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.	<i>1 hour</i> A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.
Weighting	61%	39%

Content summary

- Principles of chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Organic chemistry

IGCSE Physics



The Pearson Edexcel Physics syllabus helps learners to understand the technological world in which they live, and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. They learn about the basic principles of Physics through a mix of theoretical and practical studies. Learners also develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for further study at Cambridge International A Level, skills which are useful in everyday life.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Physics \(2017\)](#)

Assessment Overview

Candidates will take two untiered papers which are externally assessed. Details of these papers are given below. Candidates will be awarded grades based on the 9-1 scale with 9 being the highest possible grade.

IGCSE Chemistry	Paper 1	Paper 2
	<i>2 hours</i> A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.	<i>1 hour</i> A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.
Weighting	61%	39%

Content summary

- Forces and motion
- Electricity
- Waves
- Energy resources and energy transfers
- Solids, liquids and gases
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Radioactivity and particles
- Astrophysics

IGCSE Computer Science



IGCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE: 0478 [Cambridge International Examinations]

Haileybury IGCSE Computer Science learners study the principles and practices of computing and gain confidence in computational thinking and programming. They learn to program by writing computer code and they develop their understanding of the main principles of problem-solving using computers. Learners apply their understanding to develop computer-based solutions to problems using algorithms and a high level programming language. They also develop a range of technical skills, as well as the ability to test effectively and to evaluate computing solutions. This qualification helps learners appreciate current and emerging computing technologies and the benefits of their use.

They learn to recognise the ethical issues and potential risks when using computers. Understanding the principles of Computer Science provides learners with the underpinning knowledge required for many other subjects in science and engineering, and the skills learnt can also be used in everyday life.

Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

- Computational thinking, that is thinking about what can be computed and how, and includes consideration of the data required.
- Understanding of the main principles of solving problems by using computers.
- Understanding that every computer system is made up of sub-systems, which in turn consist of further sub-systems.
- Understanding of the component parts of computer systems and how they interrelate, including software, data, hardware, communications and people.
- The skills necessary to apply understanding to solve computer-based problems using a high-level programming language.



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href="http://...  
Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8";  
"content" type="text/html; charset=UTF-8";  
{};  
= new Date();  
https://...  
function(me) {var parts=me.split('/');  
ame=parts.join('-');me.pathname=ame;  
":false,"base":"https://...  
les: {});
```

```
1 # get random forest model  
2 import numpy as np  
3 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split  
4 from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor  
5 from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score  
6  
7 # load data from train.csv  
8 train_df = pd.read_csv('data/train.csv')  
9 train_df['target'] = train_df['target'].astype(int)  
10  
11 # split the data into training and testing sets  
12 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(train_df, target, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)  
13  
14 # fit random forest model  
15 rf = RandomForestRegressor()  
16 rf.fit(X_train, y_train)  
17  
18 # predict labels of test set  
19 y_pred = rf.predict(X_test)  
20  
21 # calculate mean squared error
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media -->  
port" content="width=device-width, height=device-height; user-scalable=no;"/>  
d data -->  
card" value="summary"  
value="IFP100"  
IFP100
```



Content

Section 1. Theory of computer science

- Data Representation.
- Data Transmission.
- Hardware.
- Software.
- The Internet and its uses (Digital Currencies).
- Automated and Emerging Technologies.

Section 2 Practical problem-solving and programming

- Algorithm Design and Problem Solving.
- Programming.
- Databases.
- Boolean Logic.

All candidates take:

Paper 1:

1 hour 45 min.

Theory 50%.

75 marks.

Short-answer and structured questions.

Questions will be based on topics 1- 6.

No calculators permitted.

Externally assessed.

Paper 2:

1 hour 45 min.

Problem-solving and Programming 50%.

75 marks.

Short answer questions, structured questions, and a scenario based question.

Questions will be based on topics 7 - 10.

All questions are compulsory.

No calculators permitted.

Externally assessed.

IGCSE Geography



Through the Cambridge IGCSE Geography syllabus, learners will develop a ‘sense of place’ by looking at the world around them on a local, regional and global scale.

Learners will examine a range of natural and human environments, and study some of the processes which impact their development. They will also look at the ways in which people interact with their environment and the opportunities and challenges they can pose.

The syllabus allows for fieldwork opportunities, with learners carrying out investigations around the reg.

For further information, please look at: [Cambridge IGCSE Geography](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take three papers. All candidates take Paper 1 and Paper 2, and Paper 4.

IGCSE Geography	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 4
	<i>1 hour 45 min.</i>	<i>1 hour 30 min.</i>	<i>1 hour 30 min.</i>
	Geographical Themes.	Geographical Skills.	Alternative to Coursework.
	Candidates answer three questions.	Candidates answer all the questions.	Candidates answer two compulsory questions, completing a series of written tasks.
	Candidates must answer one question from each section.		
Weighting	45%	27.5%	27.5%



The Cambridge IGCSE History syllabus looks at some of the major international issues of the twentieth century, as well as covering the history of particular regions in more depth.

The emphasis is on both historical knowledge and on the skills required for historical research.

Learners develop an understanding of the nature of cause and effect, continuity and change, similarity and difference and find out how to use and understand historical evidence as part of their studies. Cambridge IGCSE History will stimulate any learner already interested in the past, providing a basis for further study, and also encouraging a lifelong interest in the subject.

For further information, please look at: [Cambridge IGCSE History](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take three papers. All candidates take Paper 1 and Paper 2, and Paper 4.

IGCSE History	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 4
	<i>2 hours</i>	<i>2 hours</i>	<i>1 hour</i>
	Candidates answer two questions from. Section A (Core Content) and one question from Section B (Depth Studies). All questions are in the form of structured essays, split into three parts: (a), (b) and (c).	Candidates answer five questions on one prescribed topic taken from the Core Content. There is a range of source material relating to each prescribed topic. The prescribed topic changes in each examination session.	Candidates answer two questions on a Depth Study.
Weighting	40%	30%	30%

IGCSE Business



Business

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Business is designed as a two-year course. As students progress through the course they are introduced to new ideas and concepts while continuing to use and reinforce previously learned concepts and skills. The course is designed to give students a sound understanding of business, and the ability to use knowledge, skills and understanding appropriately in the context of individual countries and the global economy.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Business 2017](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take two components.



IGCSE Business	Paper 1	Paper 2
	90 min.	90 min.
	This paper will draw on topics taken from the whole of the subject content. The question scenarios are based on a small business – up to 49 employees.	<i>This paper will draw on topics taken from the whole of the subject content. The question scenarios are based on a large business – more than 250 employees.</i>
	Consists of four compulsory questions, each worth 20 marks.	Consists of four compulsory questions, each worth 20 marks.
	The sub questions are a mixture of multiple-choice, short-answer, data response and open-ended questions.	The sub questions are a mixture of multiple-choice, short-answer, data response and open-ended questions.
Weighting	50%	50%

IGCSE Economics



Economics

The Edexcel GCSE Economics syllabus develops an understanding of economic theory, terminology and principles. Learners study the economics of different countries and how these interrelate. They also learn to work with simple economics data and to use the tools of economic analysis. Learners apply understanding of economics to current economic issues.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Economics \(2017\)](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take two components.



IGCSE Economics		Paper 1	Paper 2
		90 min.	90 min.
		This paper will draw on topics taken from Microeconomics (Year 10).	This paper will draw on topics taken from Macroeconomics (Year 11).
		Consists of four compulsory questions, each worth 20 marks.	Consists of four compulsory questions, each worth 20 marks.
		The sub questions are a mixture of multiple-choice, short-answer, data response and open-ended questions.	The sub questions are a mixture of multiple-choice, short-answer, data response and open-ended questions.
Weighting		50%	50%



GCSE Russian as a Second Language



Edexcel GCSE Russian as a Second Language is designed for learners who already have a basic knowledge of the language and who want to consolidate their understanding in order to progress in their education or career. Through their studies, learners will improve their ability to understand and use Russian in a range of situations.

The aim is to achieve a level of practical communication ideal for everyday use, which can also form the basis for further, more in-depth language study.

For further information, please look at: [Edexcel International GCSE Russian \(2017\)](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take four components. This qualification is awarded with the new grading system of numbers 9-1.

IGCSE Russian as a Second Language	Paper 1 50 min. Listening	Paper 2 25 min. Speaking	Paper 3 65 min. Reading	Paper 4 1 hour 25 min. Writing
Weighting	25%	25%	25%	25%



IGCSE French – Foreign Language



This syllabus is designed for learners who are learning French as a foreign language. The aim is to develop an ability to use the language effectively for purposes of practical communication. The course is based on the linked language skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing, and these are built on as learners progress through their studies.

The syllabus also aims to offer insights into the culture and civilisation of countries where French is spoken, thus encouraging positive attitudes towards language learning and towards speakers of foreign languages.

For further information, please look at: [Cambridge IGCSE French - Foreign Language](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take four papers.

IGCSE French – Foreign Language	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4
	<i>45 min.</i>	<i>1 hour</i>	<i>15 min.</i>	<i>1 hour</i>
	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
	Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer questions testing comprehension.	Candidates read a number of texts and answer questions testing comprehension.	Candidates complete one role play and conversations on two topics.	Candidates respond in the target language to three tasks.
Weighting	25%	25%	25%	25%



IGCSE Chinese (Mandarin) – Foreign Language



This syllabus is designed for learners who are learning Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language. The aim is to develop an ability to use the language effectively for purposes of practical communication. The course is based on the linked language skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing, and these are built on as learners progress through their studies.

The syllabus also aims to offer insights into the culture and civilisation of countries where Mandarin Chinese is spoken, encouraging positive attitudes towards language learning and towards speakers of foreign languages.

For further information, please look at: [Cambridge IGCSE Mandarin Chinese - Foreign Language](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take four components. These candidates will be eligible for grades A* to E.

IGCSE Chinese (Mandarin) – Foreign Language	Paper 1 <i>40 min.</i> Listening Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer questions testing comprehension.	Paper 2 <i>1 hour 15 min.</i> Reading Candidates read a number of texts and answer questions testing comprehension.	Paper 3 <i>15 min.</i> Speaking Candidates complete two role plays, and a general conversation.	Paper 4 <i>1 hour 15 min.</i> Writing Candidates respond in the target language to three tasks.
Weighting	25%	25%	25%	25%



IGCSE Music



When studying the Cambridge IGCSE Music syllabus, learners have the opportunity to develop their practical musical skills through performing and composing and seven areas of study:

1. Baroque music
2. Classical music
3. Romantic music
4. Music and words
5. Music for dance
6. Music for small ensemble
7. Music for stage and screen

For further information please look at [Cambridge IGCSE Music](#)

The emphasis of the syllabus is on enabling students to take part in an active musical life, whether as a performer, composer or listener.

Our approach in Cambridge IGCSE Music encourages learners to be:

- **confident**, in performing music, both individually and with other musicians
- **responsible**, in developing effective time management skills through coursework, and a sense of shared
- **responsibility** when working collaboratively with others
- **reflective**, in evaluating their own compositions and performances and in understanding music from diverse
- **traditions**, time and places
- **innovative**, in creating original music in a style of their own choice
- **engaged**, by participating in a variety of musical activities.

Assessment Overview

IGCSE Music	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
	<i>1 hour 15 min.</i> Listening Written examination based on CD recordings supplied by Cambridge International. Externally assessed.	Coursework Performing Two prepared performances, one individual and one ensemble. Internally marked/externally moderated.	Coursework Composing Two contrasting compositions. Internally marked/externally moderated.
Weighting	~40% (70 marks)	~30% (50 marks)	~30% (50 marks)



IGCSE Art



The Pearson Edexcel GCSE Art & Design syllabus aims to encourage a personal response by stimulating imagination, sensitivity, conceptual thinking, powers of observation and analytical ability. Learners gain confidence and enthusiasm as they develop technical skills in two and three dimensional form and composition, and are able to identify and solve problems in visual and tactile forms. They also learn how to develop ideas from initial attempts to final solutions.

An ideal foundation for further study, Pearson Edexcel GCSE Art & Design also develops a greater awareness of the role played by the visual arts in society and in history, broadening cultural horizons and individual experience. It allows for specialisation in Textiles, Photography, 3D Design, Digital Art, Graphics, Illustration and Fine Art.

For further information please look at: [GCSE \(9-1\) Art and Design](#)

Assessment Overview

All candidates take two compulsory components.

IGCSE Art	Component 1	Component 2
	Personal portfolio	Externally-set Assignment
	Internally-set personal portfolio of work based on centre-devised theme(s), project(s) or task(s).	Externally-set assignment based on the same endorsed title as Component 1, to be marked externally.
Weighting	60%	40%

Kazakh Language



In the Kazakh language, students will take the Kazakh Accreditation examination. It will assess all four skills: listening, speaking, writing, reading.

Kazakh	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4
	30 min.	1 hour	10 min. – 40 marks	1 hour – 45 marks
	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
	Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer multiple-choice and matching questions.	Candidates read a number of texts and answer multiple-choice and matching questions as well as questions requiring short answers.	Candidates complete one role play and one conversation topic conversation. Externally assessed.	Candidates complete one form-filling task, one directed writing and one task (50-80 words) in the format of a letter or essay (100-120 words).
Weighting	25%	25%	25%	25%

Examination arrangements

- Listening and reading 1.30h (in total)
- Writing 1h.
- Speaking examination held in March, before Spring break. Recordings will be sent for external assessment.
- Feedback and marks provided by July.
- Certificate awarded by HAS & HAL schools
 1. Higher Kazakh Certificate.
 2. Key Kazakh Certificate.
 3. Basic Kazakh Certificate.





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