



## Year 3 and Year 4

# International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds. It is recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide, and is an international passport to progression and success. Developed over 30 years ago, it is tried, tested and trusted by schools worldwide.

Schools worldwide have been involved in the development of Cambridge IGCSE. The syllabuses are international in outlook, but retain a local relevance. They have been created specifically for an international student body and avoid cultural bias. Cambridge IGCSE assessment takes place at the end of the course and can include written, oral, coursework and practical assessment.

The IGCSE course is two years in length with grades benchmarked using eight internationally recognised grades, A\* to G, which have clear guidelines to explain the standard of achievement for each grade. Cambridge IGCSE examination sessions occur twice a year, in June and November. Results are issued in August and January.



### IGCSE Subjects at ACS (International)

#### Language Considerations

##### Singaporeans and Singapore PR

Singapore Citizens / PR students should continue their mother tongue languages, if they wish to study in local university under the MOE Mother Tongue policy. In most cases this will be the language they studied for their PSLE.

##### Non Singaporeans and Mother Tongue Exemptions

Students who are not Singaporean, or Singaporeans who can provide an exemption letter from the MOE, are still required to study a second or foreign language.

#### Compulsory Subjects

Students are required to take the following compulsory subjects:

- Mathematics
- English Language OR English as a Second Language
- A Second Language
- PE (not examined)

#### Core Humanities

History  
 Geography  
 Economics  
 Business Studies  
 Global Perspectives

#### Core Science

Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Physics

#### Options

Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Physics  
 French  
 Geography

Business Studies  
 Additional Mathematics  
 Economics  
 Global Perspectives  
 Literature

Music  
 Art  
 Drama  
 IGCSE PE  
 Spanish

#### Subject Options Notes

- The Options table above is for illustrative purposes only, as the exact subject combination changes from year to year.
- The English course you take will be determined by the entrance test/end of year result in Year 2.
- Music: Please contact the Music Department for criteria for entry onto this course.
- Business Studies\Economics: Students may not select both these subjects.
- French: chosen as a third language.
- Triple Science & Additional Mathematics: Students accepted onto this subject combination will be taking 8 subjects. Students who select these subjects are considered by the respective Heads of Faculty. Approval to take these subjects is made by the Heads of Faculty based on Admissions tests.