



## Cambridge Lower Secondary A guide for parents

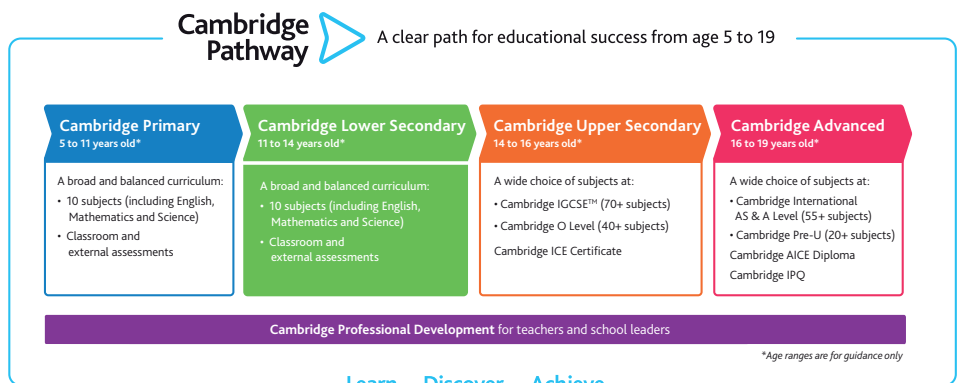
Cambridge International prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge. Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

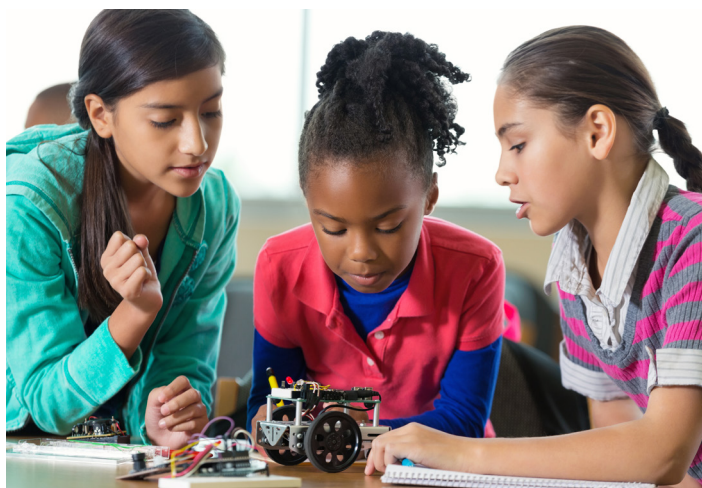
Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our Cambridge Pathway aims to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond. Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

- **confident** in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
- **responsible** for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
- **reflective** and developing their ability to learn
- **innovative** and equipped for new and future challenges
- **engaged** intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference.

### What is Cambridge Lower Secondary?

Typically for students aged 11 to 14 years, Cambridge Lower Secondary offers a broad curriculum with 10 subjects including English, mathematics and science. It is offered by nearly 2300 schools in over 130 countries worldwide.





### Benefits for your child

Cambridge Lower Secondary provides a natural progression from primary education, helping to equip your child with the knowledge and skills needed for post-14 education programmes that lead to formal qualifications.

The programme is flexible, allowing the curriculum to be tailored to the needs and culture of each school while remaining internationally relevant. It is suitable for students with English as a first or second language.

Teachers are able to monitor your child's development through a number of progress checks built into the Cambridge Lower Secondary programme. Some subjects are assessed in the classroom through discussion, observation and lesson outputs. Teachers discuss with students 'what went well' and how they can improve further, helping your child to reflect on, and improve, their performance.

Short progression tests are a valuable way for teachers to understand your child's strengths and identify areas where more help is needed. The focus of these tests is showing where your child is on their learning journey, rather than getting right or wrong answers. Your school can choose between paper-based and on-screen versions of the progression tests.

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint tests are marked in Cambridge, and can be taken in the final year of Cambridge Lower Secondary. On completion of Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint, your child will receive a statement of achievement and you will receive detailed feedback about your child's performance. This will help your school to advise on different progression routes after age 14 and choose the one that will be most suitable for your child.

### A global learning community

With the Cambridge Pathway, your child is joining a global community of learners from more than 10 000 schools in over 160 countries. By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.

**Learn more!** For more information on the Cambridge Pathway visit [www.cambridgeinternational.org/lowersecondary](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/lowersecondary) or contact your school.

