

Cambridge Secondary 1

A guide for parents

Cambridge International Examinations prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of Cambridge Assessment, a department of the University of Cambridge.

Our international qualifications are recognised by the world's best universities and employers, giving students a wide range of options in their education and career. As a not-for-profit organisation, we devote our resources to delivering high-quality educational programmes that can unlock learners' potential.

Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our programmes and qualifications aim to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond.

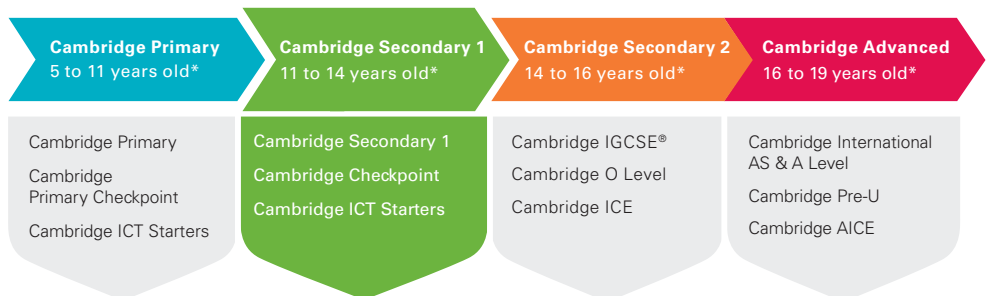
Our approach supports schools to develop learners who are:

- **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 Secondary 1?

Cambridge Secondary 1 is an education programme for learners aged 11 to 14 years that builds skills, knowledge and understanding in English, mathematics and science.



**Age ranges are for guidance only*

Cambridge Secondary 1 builds on the foundations of Cambridge Primary, although it is not essential to have completed that stage before beginning Cambridge Secondary 1.



Benefits for your child

Cambridge Secondary 1 starts learners on an educational journey for their first years of secondary education, increasing their knowledge and skills at each stage. It provides a natural progression for children from primary education and prepares them for post-14 education programmes that lead to formal qualifications.

A number of progress checks are built into the Cambridge Secondary 1 programme, which enable teachers to monitor your child's development. Short progression tests are a valuable way for teachers to understand your child's strengths, and identify areas where more help is required. The emphasis of the tests is on showing where your child is on their learning journey, rather than getting right or wrong answers.

Cambridge Checkpoint tests can be taken in the final year of Cambridge Secondary 1. These tests are available in English, mathematics and science and are marked in Cambridge. On completion of Cambridge Checkpoint, your child will receive a statement of achievement and detailed feedback on their strengths and weaknesses. This helps 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 a Cambridge programme, your child is joining a community of learners from more than 10000 schools in over 170 countries. We have created our programmes and qualifications for students worldwide but we make sure there is plenty of space for local content too.

Distance does not create a barrier between Cambridge learners around the world. Our online communities bring schools and learners together to discuss their projects and activities. 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 [Cambridge Secondary 1](#) visit www.cie.org.uk/secondary1 or contact your school.

