

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL 2026 GENERAL INFORMATION

Cambridge International is a New Zealand and internationally recognised qualification. It is accepted in all New Zealand tertiary institutions.

The examinations are administered by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES). Cambridge International offers examinations at three levels:

YEAR 11 – IGCSE	YEAR 12 – AS	YEAR 13 – A level
International General Certificate of Secondary Education	Advanced Subsidiary	A Level papers or a combination of AS and A Level.

Additional information may be obtained from the Cambridge website
www.cambridgeinternational.org

Charges for Cambridge are \$215 per subject. This is subject to currency fluctuations each year.

Each subject follows a syllabus laid down in the Cambridge prescription for that subject. Cambridge is examined externally in Oct/ Nov each year. Some subject exams occur in May/ June.

SUBJECTS TAKEN PER LEVEL

	YEAR 11 IGCSE	YEAR 12 AS	YEAR 13 A level
	7 IGCSE Subjects	6 AS Subjects	5 A/AS Subjects
Compulsory Subjects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Mathematics 3. Theology & Philosophy 4. One Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)* 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Theology & Philosophy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theology & Philosophy
Optional Subjects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Option Choice ONE 6. Option Choice TWO 7. Option Choice THREE <p><i>*if students wish, they may choose other Science subjects as part of their options</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Option Choice ONE 4. Option Choice TWO 5. Option Choice THREE 6. Option Choice FOUR 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Option Choice ONE 3. Option Choice TWO 4. Option Choice THREE 5. Option Choice FOUR

CAMBRIDGE GRADING

% Gained	IGCSE	AS	A level
90 – 100%	A*	A	A*
80 – 89%	A	A	A
70 – 79%	B	B	B
60 – 69%	C	C	C
50 – 59%	D	D	D
40 – 49%	E	E	E
30 – 39%	F	U-Fail	U-Fail
20 – 29%	G	U-Fail	U-Fail

ADVANCEMENT TO NEXT LEVELS

YEAR 11 to YEAR 12

Advancement from IGCSE to AS Level:

- **Must** pass IGCSE Mathematics – **D grade minimum**.
- **Must** attain a **C grade** or higher in **FOUR subjects**.
- In each subject at least a "C" to take this subject in AS Level
- AS Maths entry requirement – must have 70% or higher in IGCSE
- AS Physics entry requirement – must have 70% or higher in IGCSE

A student wanting to take a subject in a higher level with a Grade D or lower will need Head of Faculty, Head of Year and Senior Management permission.

YEAR 12 to YEAR 13

Advancement from AS to A Level – see next page for UCAS points table:

- Student **must** have passed AS English – **D grade minimum**.
- Must attain **120+ UCAS points** in best FOUR subjects at AS Level.
- 100-120 UCAS points – Will require an interview with Senior Management
- In each subject, at least a "C" to take this subject in A Level

A student wanting to take a subject in a higher level with a Grade D or lower will need Head of Faculty, Head of Year and Senior Management permission.

UCAS POINTS

UCAS Points are the criteria required for University Entrance. UCAS points **ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT AS AND A LEVEL**.

GRADE	AS POINTS	A LEVEL POINTS
A*	N/A	140
A	60	120
B	50	100
C	40	80
D	30	60
E	20	40

For instance, to gain University Entrance students must have a minimum of 120 UCAS points + D Grade for IGCSE Mathematics + E Grade for AS English. (Auckland Uni – D Grade for English)

Universities set specific UCAS rank scores for each degree course – please refer to **Career Pathway Guide** on the website (under Academic, Academic Guides)

If you have any questions, please contact:

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FACULTIES & THEIR SUBJECT OPTIONS - CAMBRIDGE LEVELS OVERVIEW -

ART FACULTY			
SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
ART	Year 10 Art	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
Digital Media and Design: GRAPHIC DESIGN	NOT OFFERED	C Grade in IGCSE Art	C Grade in AS Design
Art and Design: PAINTING	NOT OFFERED	C Grade in IGCSE Art	C Grade in AS Painting
Art and Design: PHOTOGRAPHY	NOT OFFERED	C Grade in IGCSE Art	C Grade in AS Photography

COMMERCE FACULTY			
SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
ECONOMICS	Open Entry	C Grade in IGCSE Economics, Maths or English	C Grade in AS Economics
ACCOUNTING	Open Entry	C Grade in IGCSE Accounting	C Grade in AS Accounting

ENGLISH FACULTY			
SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
ENGLISH	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	C Grade in AS English

HUMANITIES FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
CLASSICAL STUDIES	Year 10 Humanities	Year 11 Classics or C Grade in History/English	C Grade in AS Classics
GEOGRAPHY	Year 10 Humanities	C Grade in IGCSE Geography/English	C Grade in AS Geography
HISTORY	Year 10 Humanities	C Grade in IGCSE History/English	C Grade in AS History

LANGUAGES FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
MANDARIN CHINESE	Year 10 Mandarin	E Grade in IGCSE Chinese	Not Offered at A Level
SPANISH	Year 10 Spanish	C Grade in IGCSE Spanish	E Grade in AS Spanish

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
MATHEMATICS	COMPULSORY	70% in IGCSE Mathematics	65% in AS Mathematics
MATHEMATICS Accelerated course	COMPULSORY	70% in IGCSE Mathematics	65% in AS Mathematics

MUSIC FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
MUSIC Accelerated course	Year 9 Accelerate Music Programme or Equivalent Qualification	C Grade in IGCSE or Equivalent Qualification	C Grade in AS Level

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2024	Year 10 Physical Education & Compulsory participation in a sport	C Grade in IGCSE PE	NOT OFFERED Refer to NCEA Level 3

SCIENCE FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
BIOLOGY	Year 10 Science*	B Grade in IGCSE Biology	C Grade in AS Biology
CHEMISTRY	Year 10 Science*	B Grade in IGCSE Chemistry (or high C with permission)	C Grade in AS Chemistry
PHYSICS	Year 10 Science*	B Grade in IGCSE Physics plus B Grade in IGCSE Mathematics	C Grade in AS Physics

* One Science subject is compulsory at IGCSE Level. If students wish, they may choose other Science subjects as part of their three options.

TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY (Product Design)	Year 10 DVC	C Grade in IGCSE D&T (Product Design)	C Grade in AS D&T (Product Design)
HARVARD COMPUTER SCIENCE	By application to Mr Bridges	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED

THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY FACULTY

SUBJECT	IGCSE Entry Requirements	AS LEVEL Entry Requirements	A LEVEL Entry Requirements
Theology & Philosophy	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY

NOTE: Entry into some subjects without prerequisites is still possible with Head of Faculty approval