

# **The Cambridge Program**

For Board Examination System Schools

**BES** Lower Division

**BES** Upper Division

Cambridge Primary 5–11 years

Cambridge Secondary 1
11–14 years

Cambridge Secondary 2 14–16 years **Cambridge Advanced** 16–19 years

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- We are the world's largest provider of international education programmes and qualifications for 5-19 year olds.
- Our tests are underpinned by our substantial research program
- We are at the heart of a global learning community of 9000+ schools, in 160+ countries worldwide, including 40 national governments





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<b>Primary S</b>	chool
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#### Middle School

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Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests (optional)

English, Mathematics, Science, IT

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Cambridge IGCSE exams, ICE Diploma

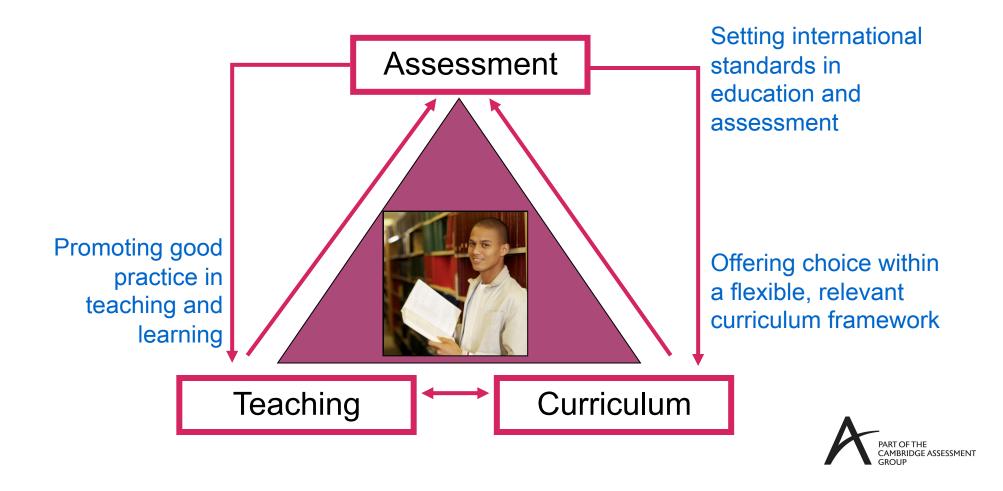
Languages, Mathematics, Sciences, Humanities, Technical Cambridge International A and AS Level exams,, AICE Diploma

Languages, Mathematics, Sciences, Humanities, Arts

**Spiralling continuum** 



#### The learner is at the heart of what we do





# The subject syllabus is where it begins...

- Aims
- Assessment Objectives
- Description of assessment components
- Curriculum content
  - Including detailed summary of what candidates should know, understand and be able to do
- Grade descriptions
- Resource list, including texts and much more



# Assessment Objectives for Cambridge IGCSE Biology

- Knowledge with understanding
  - (50%) not more than 25% recall
- Handling information and problem-solving
  - (30%)
- Experimental skills and investigation
  - (20%)



#### **Examinations include**

- Questions that
  - Require knowledge
  - Gradually remove scaffolding
  - Require the application of knowledge in unfamiliar contexts
  - Encourage connections to be made between topic areas or concepts



Recalling knowledge

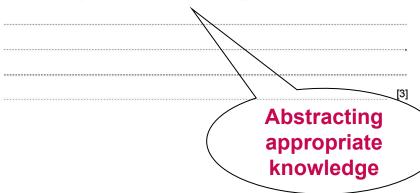
Fig. 2.1

(a) Name parts A and B, shown on Fig. 2.1.

В .....

(b) State the function of part  ${\bf C}$ .

(c) Explain how the flower shown in Fig. 2.1 is adapted for insect pollination. In your answer refer only to features that are visible in Fig 2.1.



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(d) Complete Table 2.1 by placing a tick (✓) in the boxes to show which processes happen during the reproduction of flowering plants and which happen during the reproduction of humans.

Table 2.1

process	flowering plants	humans
fertilisation		
germination		
implantation		
pollination		
sexual intercourse		

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X	(i)	While visiting a	new region	of forest	a student	found a	n unknown	plant

Hanging from it were some structures with bright red outer coverings.

These contained some soft fleshy tissue. In this tissue were many seeds with hard outer coats.

Suggest, with reasons, how these seeds might be dispersed.

method of dispersal	Applying
reasons	knowledge in
	a novel
	context

Guggest which conditions in the forest would allow these seeds to germinate argrow into young plants.	nd

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[Total: 14]

[Turn over



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#### IGCSE Literature (English): Assessment Objectives

- Show detailed knowledge of the content of literary texts in the three main forms (Drama, Poetry, Prose) 25%
- Understand the meanings of literary texts and their contexts, and explore texts beyond surface meanings to show deeper awareness of ideas and attitudes 25%
- Recognize and appreciate ways in which writers use language, structure and form to create and shape meanings and effects (= application) 25%
- Communicate a sensitive and informed personal response to literary texts 25%



### **Example Literature Question**

In this story, Conrad has left his car near the 'red zone' – a noparking area of the city in which he works. He comes back to find that some people are enjoying watching it being towed away.

Read the passage below carefully and then explore how the writing makes you feel sympathy for Conrad and how it is amusing at the same time.

You should include in your answer a response to:

- Conrad's situation
- the characters and the words they use
- the way the incident is narrated.



## Grade Description (Literature in English)

#### a Grade A candidate will have demonstrated the ability to:

- sustain a perceptive and convincing response with well-chosen detail of narrative and situation
- demonstrate clear critical/analytical understanding of the author's intentions and the text's deeper implications and the attitudes it displays
- make much well-selected reference to the text
- respond sensitively and in detail to the way language works in the text
- communicate a considered and reflective personal response to the text

#### A\* student

Conrad's situation is not a strange one; it is one most readers may not have experienced but would be familiar with. Wolfe's narration enables us to feel sympathy for many reasons. The first, and simplest, is that he appears to have been wronged: he remembered parking his car outside the red zone. In addition to this, the "giant" tow truck operator and the meter maid do not listen to what he says and virtually ignore him. In the end Conrad loses, only to be mocked by a crowd of bystanders. "Woooo-eeeee" (Paragraph 23) they call at him, when the meter maid rebuffs his appeals. Conrad is not merely helpless; he is turned into a public and humiliating joke. It is impossible not to feel sympathy for him in this situation.





#### C student

Although this story makes you feel sympathy for Conrad, it is at the same time amusing due to the fact that the lady and the giant man paid less attention to him and this made him look somehow stupid as it was like he was talking himself.

Another amusing thing about this story is the way Conrad negotiates for his car. He speaks on top of his voice and this makes passers-by think there is a fight which is about to erupt.

#### **Lower Division:**

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (Cambridge IGCSE)

- Curriculum-based and aligned to Common Core Standards
- One year or two year study time
- Assessing knowledge, understanding, application and skills
- Criterion-referenced grades, Spring and Fall exam sessions
- Mostly external assessment, with a coursework project contributing to overall grade on nearly all subject exams
- Accreditation required for teachers grading coursework projects





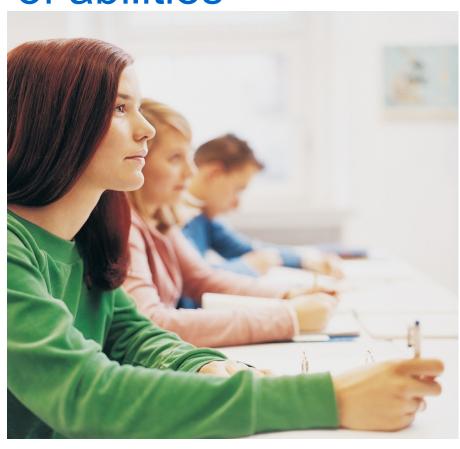
#### Sample Cambridge Lower Division Program of Study

FRESHMAN YEAR CAMB	FRESHMAN YEAR CAMBRIDGE *		RCAMBRIDGE
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics (0580) *- includes Algebra and Geometry		Mathematics (0580) (continued Geomet	
Science Coordinated (0654) – includes Bio, Chem., and Physics		Science Coordinated (0 OR	0654) (continued)
(will have 2 choices for scoring lab	s: an externally	Chemistry (	0620)
designed and scored lab or locally des	signed and scored)	OR	
OR		Physics (0	625)
Bio (0610) (same lab scoring	g choices)		
½ English First Language (0500) o	r ½ English as a	½ English First Language (0	
Second Language (0510,	0511)	Second Language	(0510, 0511)
<u>AND</u>		AND	
½ English Literature (04	486)	½ English Literature (0486)	
("World") History (047	70)	US History (IGCSE level To be 2012)	•
Art and Design (with multiple conce	ntrations) (0400)	<u>Local</u> Elective or r	equirement;
OR	, , ,	OR	·
Drama (0411)		IGCSE foreign I	language,
OR		Economics (0	)455) or
Music (0410)		Other elec	ctive
Note: These are all one-year courses a	and could be taken	Note: IGCSE electives will not	be initially be available in
in freshman or sophomore year		Americanized	
<u>Local</u> Elective or require	ment;	<u>Local</u> Elective or r	equirement;
OR		OR	
IGCSE foreign language or		IGCSE foreign language (continued),	
Economics (0455 available		Economics (0455 ava	
Global Perspectives (04)		Global Perspective	
Computer Studies (0420) or ot		Computer Studies (0420	
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# Lower Division - designed for a wide range of abilities



#### Core

for all students performing on grade level

#### **Extended**

for better prepared students and/or subsequent stage for less-prepared students



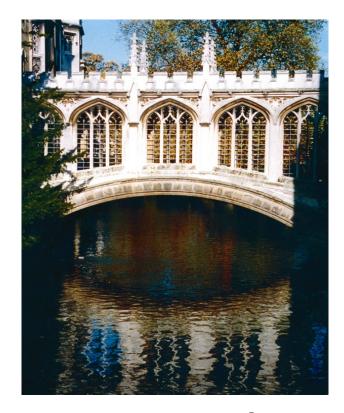
#### **Excellent foundation**

Secondary 1 can be used to:

- •diagnose readiness for Cambridge IGCSE
- accelerate less well-prepared students for the Lower Division

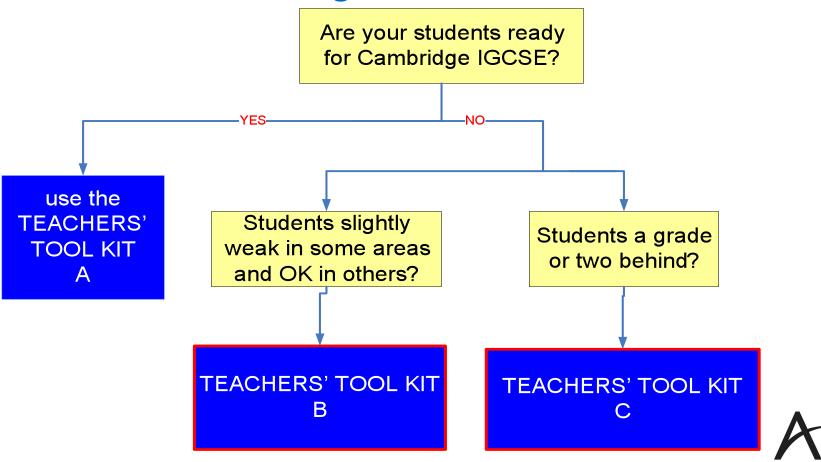
Cambridge IGCSE prepares students for:

- Upper Division
- Open enrollment colleges
- Career / Tech studies





# Support for teachers in using resources – Cambridge Teachers' Tool Kits



#### Sample Cambridge Upper Division Plan of Study

JUNIOR YEAR CAMBRIDGE		SENIOR YEAR	RCAMBRIDGE	
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	
Mathematics (9709) AS Level			(9709) A Level	
	Calculus (with options to study	includes more Calculus plus a choice of Mechanics, Probabilit		
	bability and Statistics)		ics, or both	
	00) AS Level		'00) A Level	
	(9701) AS Level		(9701) A Level	
	9702) AS Level		9702) A Level	
	e taken lower division)	(depending on course taken junior year)		
	97) AS Level	History (9697) AS or A Level		
	US, Modern European and		US, Modern European and	
	ational)		ational)	
	OR .	_	R	
Geography (9	9696) AS Level	Geography (969	6) AS or A Level	
English Languag	je (8693) AS Level	Literature in English	(9695) AS or A Level	
	or requirement;		or requirement;	
	OR		R	
Literature in Engl	ish(9695) AS Level	Spanish (9719) A Level (include:	s both Language and Literature)	
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	re (8673) AS Level		both Language and Literature)	
_	OR .		OR	
	e (8670) AS Level	•	8) AS or A Level	
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	OR ctives AS Level	OR Cambridge International Diploma in Business		
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Cambridge internation	iai Dipioma in Dusiness			
<u>Local</u> Elective	or requirement;	<u>Local</u> Elective	or requirement;	
_	OR .		R	
<u> </u>	concentrations) (9704) AS Level		concentrations) (9704) AS or A	
OR			vel	
Music (9703) AS Level			R	
OR		Music (9703) AS or A Level		
French Foreign Language (8682) AS Level			R	
	OR Spanish Foreign Language (8685) AS Level		s both Language and Literature)	
Spanish Foreign Lan	yuaye (0000) AS Level		both Language and Literature)	
		Trench (97 10) A Level (includes	both Earlyuage and Eiterature)	

# Cambridge AICE Advanced International Certificate of Education

- an advanced academic pre-university qualification for students who are studying Cambridge International A and AS Levels
- students tailor their studies to individual interests, abilities and future plans
- combines breadth of study with choice and flexibility
- students choose subjects from three curriculum areas:
  - Mathematics and Science
  - Languages
  - Arts and Humanities



### Support for teachers and students

- Results and analysis
- Syllabi
- Past exam papers, rubrics
- Examiners' reports
- Schemes of work (Unit lesson plans)
- Examples of performance at different grades
- Textbooks, workbooks
- Training and professional development

Available online

# Teacher training: workshops & online courses

Cambridge Orientation Workshop

Online training courses self-paced and tutor-led

Teacher training led by experienced professionals

- Focus on the syllabus
- Examples of standards & marking students' exams
- Discussion of classroom strategies







#### Cambridge program: support dimensions

**Primary School** 

Middle School

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**Cambridge Advanced** Cambridge Secondary 1 **Cambridge Primary Cambridge Secondary 2** 5-11 years 11–14 years 14–16 years 16-19 years Cambridge Primary Cambridge Secondary 1 Cambridge IGCSE Cambridge International A and AS Level Cambridge Cambridge Checkpoint Primary Checkpoint Cambridge Pre-U

Curriculum

Classroom

Assessment

Community



### For additional information please visit

Cambridge Board Examination System website:

www.cie.org.uk/cambridgebes





# Thank you – any questions?







### More information on selected topics

- Teacher Support Site
- Active Results
- Assessment Objectives example Biology
- 'Scaffolding' for open ended question
- Assessment Objectives example English Literature
- Example question and student work English Literature
- Staged assessment
- Checkpoint



#### **TeacherSupport**

The curriculum resource site for teachers of CIE qualifications

#### Teacher support site

IGCSE Geography Getting

Started Event, February 8

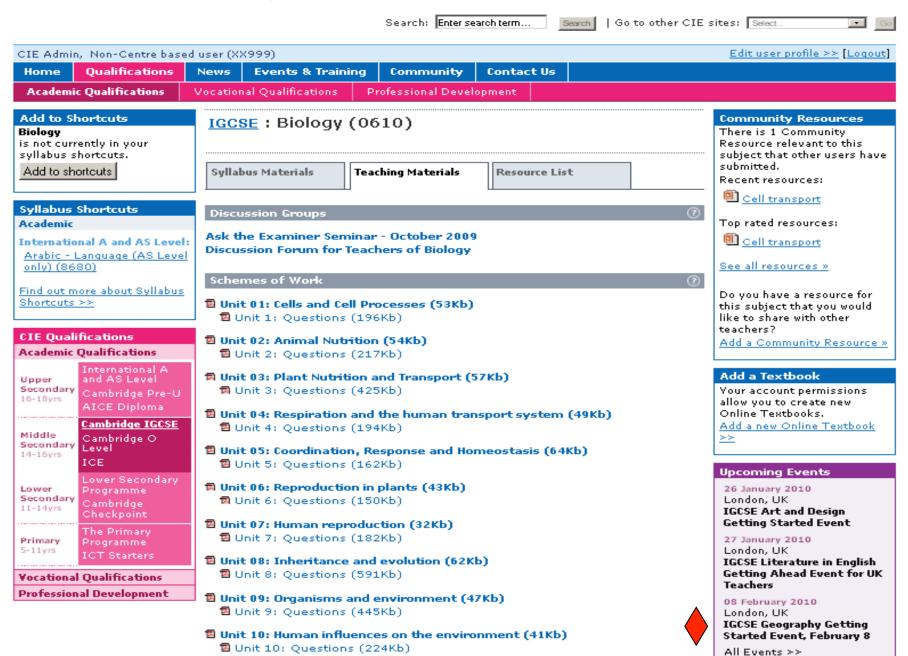
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June 2009 Paper 5 Mark Scheme (73Kb)

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#### Analysis of candidate results by grade

Cumulative results and a comparison of your school's performance with

your region and the world

Syllabus: Biology	0610			
Grades	Number of	Centre	Region	World
	Candidates	proportion	proportion	proportion
<b>A</b> *	10	5%	8%	4%
A* - A	20	10%	8%	8%
A* - B	66	33%	40%	35%
A* - C	90	45%	50%	48%
A* - D	126	63%	60%	66%
A* - E	156	78%	70%	80%
A* - F	166	83%	80%	90%
A* - G	194	97%	90%	97%
A* - U	200	100%	100%	100%
80%		Ш		Centre
40%		нн	нн	_ Region
30%				World
20%				_
10%				





#### **Component analysis**

Overall component details for your school and a comparison with your region and the world

Code	Component	Session	Tier	Candidates	Centre average score	Region average score	World average score
B621/02	Science B: Unit 1 (B1, C1, P1)	Jun-08	Extended	39	83/100	71/100	71/100
B622/02	Science B: Unit 2 (B2, C2, P2)	Jun-08	Extended	39	83/100	73/100	73/100
B623/01	Additional Science B: Unit 1 (B3, C3, P3)	Jun-08	Core	1	65/69	53/69	53/69
B623/02	Additional Science B: Unit 1 (B3, C3, P3)	Jun-08	Extended	38	77/100	70/100	70/100
B624/01	Additional Science B: Unit 2 (B4, C4, P4)	Jun-08	Core	1	65/69	55/69	55/69
B624/02	Additional Science B: Unit 2 (B4, C4, P4)	Jun-08	Extended	38	78/100	74/100	74/100
B631/02	Biology B: Unit 1 (B1, B2, B3)	Jun-08	Extended	90	93/100	77/100	77/100
B632/02	Biology B: Unit 2 (B4, B5, B6)	Jun-08	Extended	90	91/100	77/100	77/100
B641/02	Chemistry B: Unit 1 (C1, C2, C3)	Jun-08	Extended	90	93/100	78/100	78/100
B642/02	Chemistry B: Unit 2 (C4, C5, C6)	Jun-08	Extended	90	91/100	79/100	79/100
B651/02	Physics B: Unit 1 (P1, P2, P3)	Jun-08	Extended	90	50/100	78/100	78/100
B652/02	Physics B: Unit 2 (P4, P5, P6)	Jun-08	Extended	90	92/100	78/100	78/100
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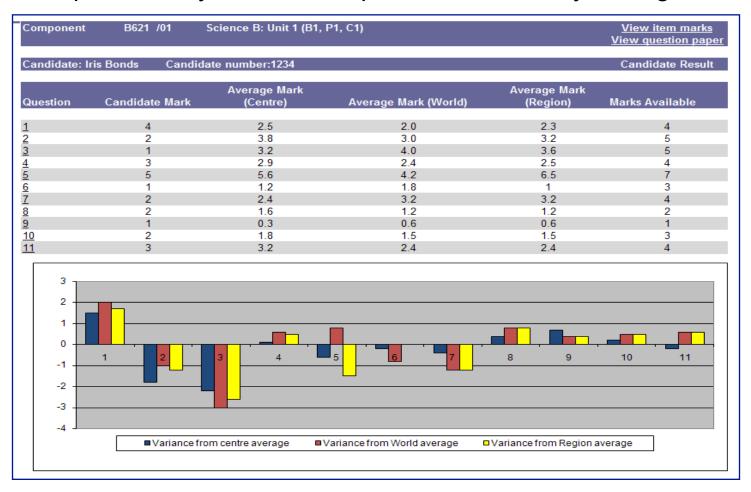






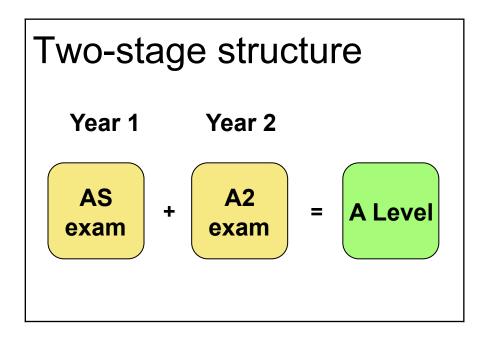
#### **Question level analysis**

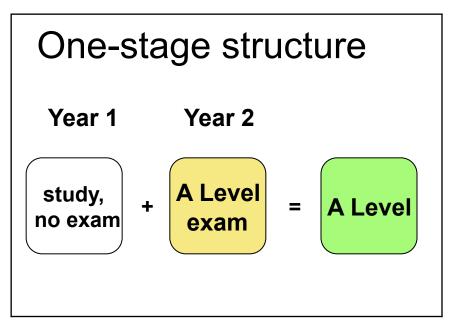
A comparison of your school's performance with your region and the world





#### Staged or linear assessment at AS & A Level





Most students take three or four subjects at A level







# Cambridge Checkpoint

Diagnostic tools for assessing where students are in their learning





# What is Cambridge Checkpoint?

- Cambridge Checkpoint is a diagnostic test for students about to enter the Lower Division.
- The test provides feedback on a student's strengths and weaknesses in key curriculum areas.
- Checkpoint tests are available in:
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - English Second Language



#### What is Cambridge Secondary 1?

- Cambridge Secondary 1 provides a suggested scope and sequence for each year of study for 11 – 14 year olds.
- There is a progression test for each subject at the end of each year
- Progression tests are available in:
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - English Second Language





### Cambridge Secondary 1 Teacher Support

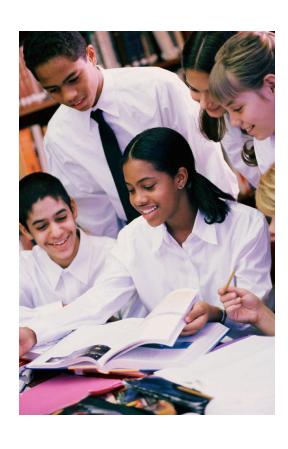
Schemes of Work available Includes suggested teaching activities

Checkpoint Textbooks

Published by Hodder Murray Co



# Who is Cambridge Checkpoint for?



 Specially designed for students of about 14 years of age who are about to start courses leading to Cambridge IGCSE in English, Mathematics or Science





#### What are the benefits?

- Cambridge Checkpoint is not a high stakes exam it is a useful progress check
- It identifies students' strengths and weaknesses in a subject, individually, as a class, and for the school as a whole
- Students, and their parents, can see where they are doing well and where they should concentrate their effort



#### What are the benefits?

 Research has shown that Cambridge Checkpoint scores are good predictors of performance in Cambridge IGCSE Level examinations

Checkpoint Score Range	Probable IGCSE or O Level Grade
0 and 1	F
1 and 2	E
2 and 3	D
3 and 4	С
4 and 5	В
5 and 6	A/B

 Of course, students can do better than their predicted grade if they work hard, or achieve less if they do not put in the effort





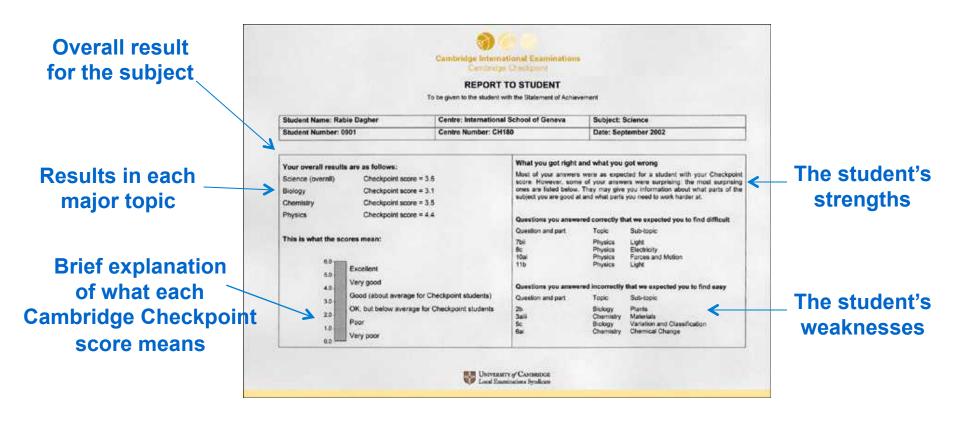
# What are Cambridge Checkpoint tests like?

- Two papers in each subject
- Each paper is about an hour long
- Questions are designed to be suitable for students of all cultural and language backgrounds
- Completed papers are sent to Cambridge to be marked by trained and skilled examiners
- Students are provided with a report and a Statement of Achievement
- Schools are provided with a report on the whole school and on individual teaching groups





### The Student Report







### Statement of Achievement

Level of achievement reached by student across the whole test, expressed as score on Cambridge Checkpoint scale



Level of

— achievement
reached in each of
three main topics,
expressed as
score on
Cambridge
Checkpoint scale







### The Centre Report

Cambridge
Checkpoint
score for subject
as a whole

Cambridge
Checkpoint
score for each
main topic area

Cambridge
Checkpoint scale
explained



Performance of all students in each sub-topic





# Feedback on a teaching group

- The feedback on a teaching group comes in three parts:
  - 1. Summary
  - 2. List of students' results
  - 3. Marks scored on each question
- Allows the teacher to identify the parts of the curriculum where teaching has been most effective and the parts where it has been less effective
- Helps teachers to understand which teaching approaches work well and improves their teaching of future groups of students



# When can Cambridge Checkpoint tests be taken?

- Cambridge Checkpoint tests are offered twice a year
  - May
  - October
- Results are usually delivered within four weeks of the test being taken
- Feedback is provided on the individual student's performance and that of their cohort or year group

