

# What's next?



# Grade 8 Options Evening



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## WHY IGCSEs?



Cambridge Assessment  
International Education

# Getting in and getting on with Cambridge International



## WHY IGCSEs?

- **Internationally recognised and relevant courses**
- **Seamless transition to IB Diploma and College courses**
- **Detailed, up to date course specification documents, available to all online**
- **A huge variety of teaching guides, resources and specific textbooks**
- **Transferable Skills Support**
- **Annual sample examination papers and marked student scripts**
- **Access to detailed results data and feedback**
- **'Exam Wizard' online study resources for students - free test preparation tool**
- **'Results Plus' services which allow us to view our individual students' exam scripts**



## TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT
15th April	Options Booklet sent to parents
19th - 29th	Individual Careers Interviews
21st April	Zoom link for meeting sent to parents
22nd April	GCSE Presentation Evening (5:00 pm)
29th April	Online Course Choice Forms open (5:00 pm)
3rd May	Online Course Choice Forms close (9:00 am)
17th May	Courses confirmed to parents and students



## ADVICE ON CHOOSING COURSES



### **Choose a subject because:**

- You will enjoy it.
- You have a strong interest in it.
- You are good at it.
- It will help you in your future University/career plans.



### **Do not choose a subject because:**

- Your friends have chosen it.
- You think it will be easy.
- You have been told it involves less work.
- You just like your current teacher.
- You want to do something new for the sake of it.



# THE OPTIONS

Compulsory	Choice Block 1	Choice Block 2	Choice Block 3	Choice Block 4	Plus	Plus
English Language <b>AND</b> Literature <b>AND</b> Mathematics	French <b>OR</b> Spanish	Business <b>OR</b> Geography <b>OR</b> History	Biology & Chemistry <b>OR</b> Physics & Chemistry	Visual Arts (BGCSE) <b>OR</b> Music (BGCSE) <b>OR</b> Drama (IGCSE) <b>OR</b> Physical Education (IGCSE)	Level Up	PE (Core)

Students will take 8 GCSEs. All certificate courses are Edexcel or Cambridge except for BGCSE Music and Visual Arts.



*Our Literature Students explore a wide variety of texts via a combination of examination and coursework*

### Paper 1 Exam:

Unseen Poetry Question; Anthology Poetry Question (16 Poems studied from a variety of countries and genres); Modern Prose Question (Of Mice & Men - novella set in California in the thirties)



### The Coursework:

- Macbeth
- An Inspector Calls



COMPULSORY

*Our Language Students explore the world of non-literary texts from all over the English speaking world, again via a combination of examination and coursework*

### Paper 1 Exam:

Transactional Writing - writing for a purpose

Reading Comprehension - based on a non-fiction text

Unseen Extracts

Anthology Extracts (10 extracts - taken from a variety of cultures and genres)

### The Coursework:

- Creative Writing Task
- Critical Essay on two Anthology Texts



COMPULSORY

The iGCSE intends pupils to:

- develop their knowledge and understanding of mathematical concepts and techniques
- acquire a foundation of mathematical skills for further study in the subject or related areas
- enjoying and applying mathematical techniques and concepts, and become confident in using mathematics to solve problems
- appreciate the importance of mathematics in society, employment and study

## IGCSE MATHEMATICS (9-1)

**Foundation** - Grades achievable 1-5  
**Higher** - Grades achievable 3-9

There are two examination papers that are 2 hours each and both papers require a suitable scientific calculator.



COMPULSORY

## GRADES 9 - 10

Scientific knowledge, concepts and skills are assessed using the following weighted categories:

Formal assessments, (FA) 80%

Practical Skills, (PS) 10%

Continual assessments, (CA) 10%.



The final year grade is calculated using the following weighted grades:

first semester 40%,

second semester 40% and final exam (EX) 20%.



All students take 2 IGCSE science courses : Biology and Chemistry or Physics and Chemistry

These IGCSE courses are assessed externally :-

Theory Examination Composed of 2 written papers,

PAPER ONE –

- The paper is assessed through a 2-hour written examination paper set and marked by Pearson.
- The total number of marks is 110.
- A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.
- A calculator may be used in the examinations.



PAPER two –

- The paper is assessed through a 1-hour and 15-minute written examination paper set and marked by Pearson.
- The total number of marks is 70.
- A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.
- A calculator may be used in the examinations.



## THE CHOICE PROCESS

Students will make their selections via a Google Form which opens at 5pm on Monday February 18th

Students must be logged in to their St Andrew's gmail account before completing the choice form. They should indicate which subjects they would like to choose.

Students will indicate a first and second choice in each group.

Courses will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Submissions are time-stamped to ensure fairness.

### Option block 2

Now select your subject in the second option block:

In Option Block 2, my first choice is: \*

- IGCSE Business Studies (Cambridge)
- IGCSE Geography (Edexcel)
- IGCSE History (Edexcel)

Failure to complete the form promptly or correctly may result in students not accessing their first choices.



## IGCSE FRENCH



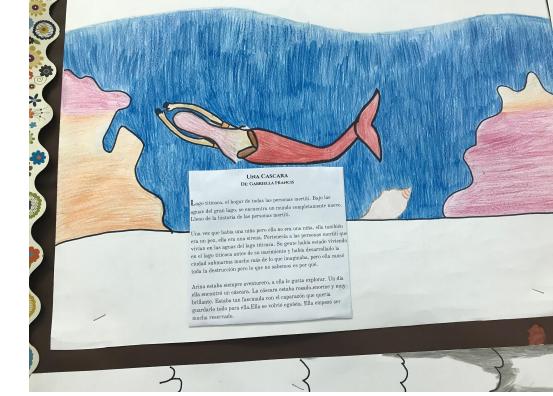
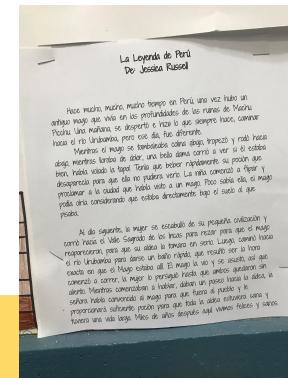
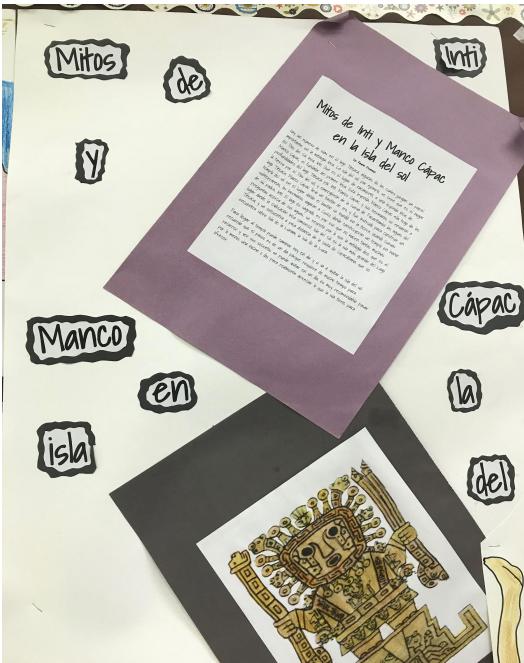
- An engaging and accessible programme to all
- Focus is on all four skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Students should have at least two years of prior knowledge
- Builds on prior knowledge
- Is based on contexts that students are likely to encounter in real life
- Is diverse in its content
- Culturally sensitive



## IGCSE SPANISH

## Topics covered:

- Home and abroad
- Education and employment
- Personal life and relationships
- The world around
- Social activities, fitness and health



## GRADE SCALES, PROGRESS &amp; INTERVENTION

Grade	2014	2015	2016
7	65	68	70
6	53	57	58

### 2016 iGCSE Grade 7 Award Boundary

History	80%
Maths	64%

**ASSESSMENT SCALE for iGCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE 2017/18**

**ST ANDREW'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

The grades 1-7 will be awarded for percentages as follows in iGCSE English Literature this year:

% of marks awarded	Grade	GPA
68	7	4.0
60	6	3.7
52	5	3.0
45	4	2.3
31	3	1.7
21	2	0.7
10	1	0

In final iGCSE/ BGCSE examinations and awards, each subject has different grade boundaries. The St. Andrew's School class boundaries to the left are based on an average of the last three years' actual Edexcel GCSE boundaries in this subject.

When final external exam certificates are issued by Edexcel, Grades 8 and 9 may be awarded for exceptional performance.

**ENGLISH LITERATURE IGCSE categories are weighted as follows:**

Literature Essay	75%
Short tasks & Homework	25%

**The ENGLISH LITERATURE IGCSE year grade is weighted as follows:**

Semester 1	50%
Semester 2	50%



Business studies is an exciting and challenging subject which will introduce students to the dynamic world of business.

The course provides both a foundation for further study at the **IB Business and Management Level** and an ideal preparation for the world of work.

The course content includes

- Business Activity
- People in business
- Marketing
- Operations management
- Business Finance

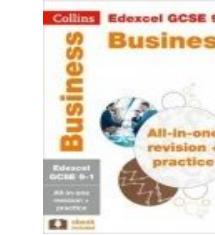


## IGCSE BUSINESS STUDIES

All business studies students should actively access reputable sources for current news

[www.bbc.co.uk/businessnews](http://www.bbc.co.uk/businessnews)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zpsvr82>



## IGCSE GEOGRAPHY

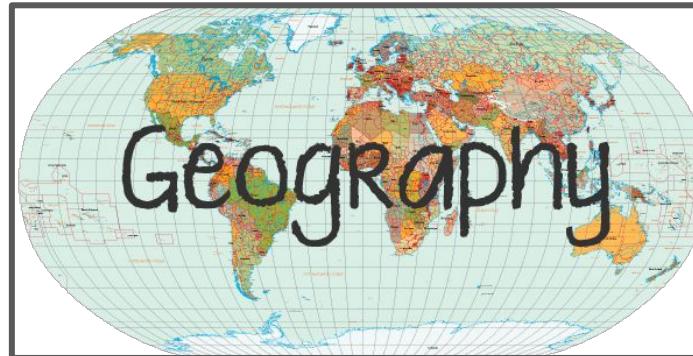
### Paper 1: (40%)

#### In section A:

- Coastal Environments
- Hazardous Environments

#### Section B:

Coastal Environments - field trip to Cable and Coral Harbour Beach.



### Paper 2: (60%)

#### In section A:

- Urban Environments
- Economic activity and energy

#### Section B:

- Urban environments (field trip to Downtown, Nassau)

#### Section C:

- Globalisation and migration

"So many of the world's current issues - at a global scale and locally - boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them."

Michael Palin



# IGCSE HISTORY

## Paper 1: 1 hr and 30 minutes (50%)

We study **two in depth** studies:

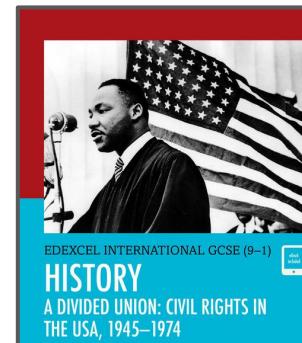
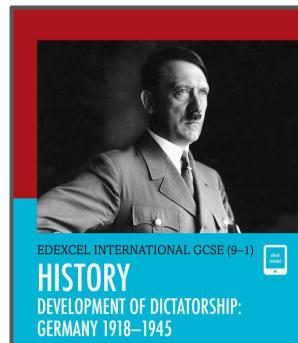
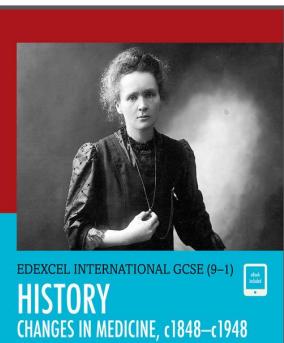
- Germany: development of dictatorship, 1918-45
- Superpower relations 1943-72

## Paper 2: 1 hr and 30 minutes (50%)

**ONE historical investigation** → The USA, 1918-41

**ONE breadth study in change** → Changes in medicine, c1848-c1948

**History**  
is WHO we are and  
WHY we are **the way** we are.  
**History** is not *just the Past.*  
**History** is the **PRESENT.**



OPTION BLOCK 2

## FEES

There are fees associated with each examination course. Current costs are:

Edexcel	\$90
Cambridge	\$130

These costs are subject to change. Students who choose courses are expected to register for the examinations

Parents have the option to pay for these across Grades 9 and 10

Students should not make choices based on costs

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## BGCSE ART & Design

**100% Pass A-B  
2021**

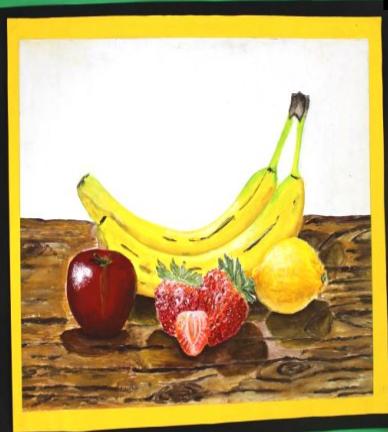
**TOP SCORE  
2020**

**100% Pass A  
2019**

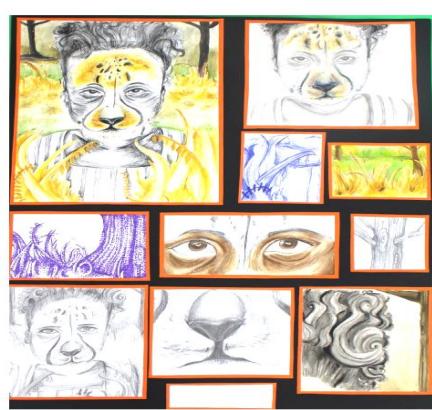
<u>BGCSE ART COURSEWORK</u>	<u>BGCSE ART EXAMINATION</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Three (3) Final pieces</b> (Two must be from any Paper 1,2 or 3). At least one must be in color.</li></ul>	<b>Two (2) Final pieces.</b> Two must be from any Paper 1,2 or 3 THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Three (3) matching Preparatory sheets.</b></li></ul>	<b>Two (2) matching Preparatory Sheets.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This is started in BGCSE Art Year 1 and continues in BGCSE Art Year 2</li></ul>	This is done in BGCSE Art Year 2 only



## PAPER 1



## PAPER 2

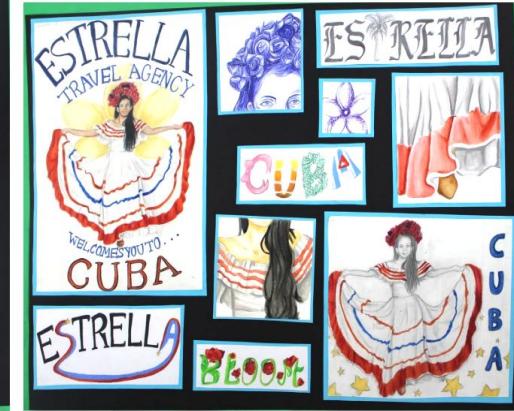
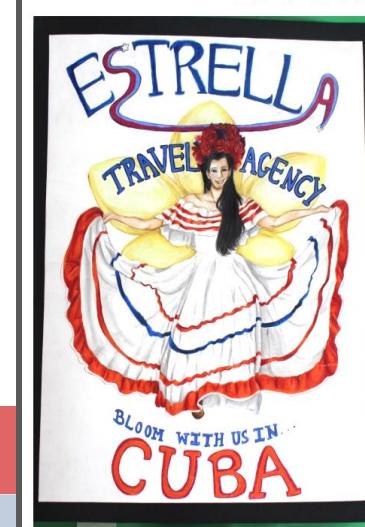


# BGCSE ART & Design

## BGCSE ART & DESIGN PAPERS/COMPONENTS

- PAPER 1 - Drawing & Painting from Observation
- PAPER 2- Interpretative Study
- PAPER 3- Graphic Design

## PAPER 3





*Engaging with texts and theory-based acting skills, learners will experiment with drama, making significant decisions as actors, playwrights, directors and designers.*

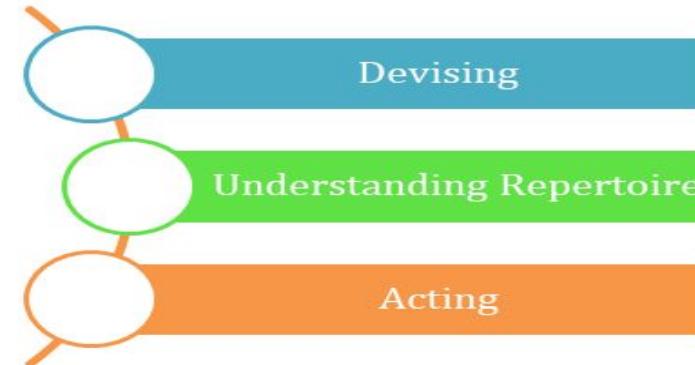
### **ASSESSMENT**

*Semester 1 - 40%*

*Semester 2 - 40%*

*Examination - 20%*

## IGCSE DRAMA



<b>The Examination</b>	
<b>Paper #1</b>	<b>Paper #2</b>
Theory 40%	Practical 60%
Written	Devising & Performance



## BGCSE MUSIC

Students will reinforce all theory components learned in the middle school and be introduced to technical degrees, the alto and tenor clefs, major and minor scales up to four sharps and flats, triads, chords and cadences.

Students listen to and analyze works from various composers, focusing on characteristics used within certain time periods.

Students will learn skills in performing their own choice pieces, conducting, repetition and sight-reading.

Theory, Music Investigations and Set Works: 60%

Quizzes / Tests: 40%

### Weighting

Semester 1: 40%

Semester 2: 40%

End of Year Exam: 20%



## IGCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education is accepted by universities and employers as proof of knowledge and understanding of Physical Education. The Cambridge IGCSE Physical Education syllabus encourages learners to develop:

- Knowledge, skills, and understanding of a range of relevant physical activities
- An ability to plan, perform and evaluate physical activities
- An understanding of effective and safe performance
- An understanding of the role of sport and physical activity in society and in the wider world
- An excellent foundation for advanced study, such as, Kinesiology, Physiotherapy, Sports Medicine
- An enjoyment of physical activity



### Mandatory - Non Certificate Courses

#### Physical Education

All pupils at St Andrew's follow a core PE programme based on the following aims:

- To promote a healthy lifestyle and highlight the benefits of life long exercise.
- To develop the skills and tactical understanding needed to perform effectively in chosen sporting activities.
- To develop leadership, communication and organisational skills
- To work effectively with others and build team spirit.
- To problem-solve.
- To understand and experience the different roles in sport – referee, coach, etc.
- And most importantly - to have fun!



## Mandatory - Non Certificate Courses

### Level Up

Students will look at how to learn. The focus will be on study skills, lifelong learning and self-improvement.

### CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service)

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) is an integral part of all Secondary School programmes at St Andrew's. The CAS programme at St Andrew's continues throughout both years of grades 9 and 10. An element of all three components is required each year. Each student develops a programme in consultation with their Learning Advisor and Head of House, allowing for a reasonable balance between creativity, activity and service.

Students usually fulfil the requirements of the programme by combining participation in extra-curricular activities offered at the school with service to the school or larger community. Suitable activities engaged in privately outside the school can also be part of the CAS programme, if they are undertaken regularly and can be evaluated by a teacher or other responsible adult.

