



# GOOD SHEPHERD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Cambridge  
**Primary**

Cambridge  
Lower  
Secondary

Cambridge  
**IGCSE**



## Academic Information



## Benefits of Cambridge Pathways

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

Cambridge Pathway is a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Cambridge Pathway students have the chance to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to achieve at schools, universities and beyond. Leading universities and employers worldwide value and recognise Cambridge Qualifications as evidence of academic ability. They open doors for Cambridge learners.

## Cambridge Programmes and Qualifications

Cambridge helps students become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged. Ready to tackle the demands of tomorrow's world, capable of shaping a better world for the future. That's why success with Cambridge opens doors to the world's best universities. The three stages of Cambridge Pathway offered in GSIS leads seamlessly from primary to secondary. Each stage builds on the learners' development from the previous one, but can also be offered separately.

In Good Shepherd International School we offer the following Cambridge Programmes and Qualification:



### Cambridge Primary (4 to 11 years old – Grades up to VI)

Cambridge Primary is an education programme for young learners that combines a world-class curriculum, high-quality support for teachers and integrated assessment. Cambridge Primary is typically for learners aged 5 to 11 years. In Good Shepherd International School we offer Cambridge Primary from Grades III to VI.

#### Curriculum

Cambridge Primary develops skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Cambridge Global Perspectives

and ICT Starters. The curriculum is flexible with clear learning objectives.

#### Assessment

There are two assessments:

##### a) Cambridge Primary Progression Tests (marked in school)

Cambridge Primary Progression Tests provide valid internal assessment of knowledge, skills and understanding in English, Mathematics and Science

##### b) Cambridge Primary Checkpoint (marked by Cambridge examiners)

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint is a diagnostic testing service that help learners by giving comprehensive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses in each subject area. Cambridge Primary Checkpoint test is taken at the end of Cambridge Primary Programme (Grade VI).



### Cambridge Lower Secondary (11 to 14 years old – Grades VII & VIII)

Cambridge Lower Secondary provides excellent preparation for Cambridge Upper Secondary and other educational programmes. Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint tests can be used to monitor learners' readiness for the next stage of education. It combines a world-class curriculum, high-quality support for teachers and integrated assessment.

#### Curriculum

Cambridge Lower Secondary sets clear learning objectives for the first two years of secondary education in English as a first language, Mathematics, Science, Cambridge Global Perspectives and ICT Starters.

#### Assessment

Good Shepherd International School uses the Cambridge Lower Secondary testing structure to assess learner performance and report progress to learners and

parents. Cambridge Lower Secondary assessment uses internationally benchmarked tests, giving parents extra trust in the feedback they receive.

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##### a) Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Tests (marked in school)

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##### b) Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint (marked by Cambridge examiners)

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint is a diagnostic testing service that helps learners by giving comprehensive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses in each subject area. Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint test is taken at the end of Cambridge Lower Secondary programme (Grade VIII). The tests are marked in Cambridge and each learner receives a statement of achievement and a diagnostic report. The Cambridge Global Perspectives assessment is marked by teachers and moderated in Cambridge.



### Cambridge Upper Secondary (14 to 16 years old – Grades IX & X)

Cambridge Upper Secondary is typically for learners aged 14 to 16 years. Good Shepherd International School offers Cambridge IGCSE in Grades IX & X. Cambridge Upper Secondary builds on the foundations of Cambridge Lower Secondary, although learners do not need to complete that stage before this one. Cambridge IGCSE provides broad and balanced study across a wide range of subjects, using learner-centered and enquiry-based approaches to learning.

#### Curriculum

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification. The syllabuses are international in outlook, but retain a local relevance. The Cambridge IGCSE curriculum offers a variety of routes for learners with a wide range of abilities, including those whose first language is not English.

Cambridge IGCSE develops learner knowledge, understanding and skills in:

- Subject content
- Applying knowledge and understanding to new as well as unfamiliar situations
- Intellectual enquiry
- Flexibility and responsiveness to change
- Working and communicating in English
- Influencing outcomes
- Cultural awareness.

### Subjects offered in Cambridge IGCSE at GSIS from the five subject Groups

#### Group 1 - Languages

First Language: English  
First Language: Thai  
Second Language: Hindi  
Foreign Language: French, Spanish

#### Group 2 - Humanities

Literature (English)  
Economics  
Geography  
Global Perspectives

#### Group 3 - Sciences

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Combined Science

#### Group 4 - Mathematics

Mathematics  
International Mathematics

#### Group 5 - Creative and Vocational

Accounting  
Art and Design  
Business Studies  
Computer Science  
Design and Technology

### Good Shepherd International School offers the following subject combinations

#### GROUP 1

First Language English  
French / Thai / Hindi / Spanish (any one)  
(Spanish will be offered to students who have prior knowledge of the language)

English Literature  
 Cambridge International Mathematics / Mathematics (any one)  
 Geography / Global Perspectives (any one)  
 Physics  
 Chemistry  
 Biology  
 Computer Science / Business Studies / Design and Technology / Art and Design (any one)

**OR**

**GROUP II**

First Language English  
 French / Thai / Hindi / Spanish (any one)  
 (Spanish will be offered to students who have prior knowledge of the language)  
 English Literature  
 Cambridge International Mathematics / Mathematics (any one)  
 Geography / Global Perspectives (any one)  
 Combined Science  
 Economics  
 Accounting  
 Computer Science / Business Studies / Design and Technology / Art and Design (any one)

IGCSE Hindi as a Second Language (0549) and Global Perspectives (0457) will be taken in the March series and all the other subjects in the June series.

**Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education)**

Cambridge ICE is a group award for Cambridge IGCSE. In GSIS all the students are entered for the group award. It allows schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of students who pass examinations in at least seven Cambridge IGCSE subjects from five different curriculum areas, including two different languages

**Grading and assessment**

Assessment takes place at the end of the course and provides different options that best suit students, including written, oral examinations and coursework . To take into account differing abilities, there is a choice between Core and Extended curriculum papers in some subjects. The Core curriculum is within the ability range of a large majority of students. It provides a full overview of the subject and is targeted at students expected to achieve grades C to G. The Extended curriculum has been designed for the more academically able. It is

targeted at those expected to achieve grades A\* to E.

**Percentage Uniform Mark**

The Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM) is a numerical mark provided for some countries (India) alongside grades for each subject. For example if a candidate achieves a PUM of 79 then they have achieved a score at the top end of a B grade.

IGCSE GRADE	PUM range
<b>A*</b>	<b>90-100</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>80-89</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>70-79</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>60-69</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>50-59</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>40-49</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>30-39</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>20-29</b>

**Cambridge IGCSE recognition**

Cambridge IGCSE is widely recognised by higher education institutions and employers around the world as evidence of academic achievement. Cambridge IGCSE has been recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and this information is published in the 'Equivalence of Foreign degrees' published by the AIU. For further details view the link below:

<http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/images/301401-cambridge-igcse-and-cambridge-o-level-acceptance-statements-from-india.pdf>

**Recognition Database**

The recognition database is an online directory of worldwide institutions that have given formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications. It is regularly updated by Cambridge Assessment International Education with new recognition statements allowing Cambridge students to see where their Cambridge qualifications are accepted. The database is not an exhaustive list; there are many organisations not listed which do accept Cambridge qualifications. Please visit [www.cie.org.uk/recognitionsearch](http://www.cie.org.uk/recognitionsearch) for more information. Parents and students can easily find out which universities worldwide accept Cambridge qualifications by searching the online database at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition)

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