

## IGCSE Exam Components

The following part contains information on the different papers, their duration and weighting. Students can opt for Core or Extended Papers in some exams depending on their individual abilities. Please be aware that the best grade for the subject that students can achieve with Core papers is a grade C.

### IGCSE First Language English

Core Curriculum Grades C – G	Extended Curriculum Grades A* – G
Paper 1: (1 hour 45 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 questions on a reading passage</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>	Paper 2: (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 questions on two reading passages</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>
Paper 3: (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Directed Writing and Composition</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>	Paper 3: (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Directed Writing and Composition</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>
Add.: Paper 5: (10–12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speaking and listening</li> <li>▪ Individual task and discussion</li> <li>▪ number grade on Certificate</li> </ul>	Add.: Paper 5: (10–12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speaking and listening</li> <li>▪ Individual task and discussion</li> <li>▪ number grade on Certificate</li> </ul>

## IGCSE Mathematics

Core Curriculum Grades C – G	Extended Curriculum Grades A* – G
<p>Paper 1: (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Short answer questions</li><li>▪ 35% of total marks</li></ul>	<p>Paper 2: (1 hour 30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Short answer questions</li><li>▪ 35% of total marks</li></ul>
<p>Paper 3: (2 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Structured questions</li><li>▪ 65% of total marks</li></ul>	<p>Paper 4: (2 hours 30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Structured questions</li><li>▪ 65% of total marks</li></ul>

## IGCSE Spanish 2nd language

All students; grades A\* to G

Paper 1: (45 min)

- Listening
- 25 % of total marks

Paper 2: (1 hour)

- Reading comprehension
- 25 % of total marks

Paper 3: (15 min)

- Speaking ( two role plays, presentation, general conversation)
- 25 % of total marks

Paper 4: (1 hour)

- Writing ( responding in the target language to three texts)
- 25 % of total marks

## IGCSE Biology

Core Curriculum Grades C – G	Extended Curriculum Grades A* – G
<p>Paper 1: (45 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiple-choice questions</li> <li>▪ 30% of total marks</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 1: (45 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiple-choice questions</li> <li>▪ 30% of total marks</li> </ul>
<p>Paper 2: (1 hour 15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Core theory</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 3: (1 hour 15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extended theory</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>
<p>Paper 6: (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternative to practical test</li> <li>▪ 20% of total marks</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 6: (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternative to practical test</li> <li>▪ 20% of total marks</li> </ul>

## IGCSE Geography

All students  
Grades A\* – G

Paper 1: (1 hour 45 min)

- Geographical Themes
- 45% of total marks

Paper 2: (1 hour 30min)

- Geographical skills
- 27.5% of total marks

Paper 4: (1 hour 30min)

- Theme-based written work
- 27.5% of total marks

## IGCSE 1st Language German

All Students  
Grades A\* – G

Paper 1: (2hours)

- Reading
- 2 texts and questions
- 50% of total mark

Paper 2: (2 hours)

- Writing
- 2 essays
- 50% of total marks

## IGCSE German Foreign Language

All students; grades A\* to G

Paper 1: (45 min)

- Listening
- 25 % of total marks

Paper 2: (1 hour)

- Reading comprehension
- 25 % of total marks

Paper 3: (15 min)

- Speaking ( two role plays, presentation, general conversation)
- 25 % of total marks

Paper 4: (1 hour)

- Writing ( responding in the target language to three texts)
- 25 % of total marks

## IGCSE Physics (first exams in 2019)

Core Curriculum Grades C – G	Extended Curriculum Grades A* – G
<p>Paper 1: (45 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiple-choice questions</li> <li>▪ 30% of total marks</li> <li>▪ based on the Core content curriculum</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 2: (45 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiple-choice questions</li> <li>▪ 30% of total marks</li> <li>▪ Based on the Ext Curriculum</li> </ul>
<p>Paper 3: (1 hour 15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Core theory</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 4: (1 hour 15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extended theory</li> <li>▪ 50% of total marks</li> </ul>
<p>Paper 6: (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternative to practical test</li> <li>▪ 20% of total marks</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 6: (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternative to practical test</li> <li>▪ 20% of total marks</li> </ul>



## IGCSE Music (First exams in 2019)

All candidates take all three components.

<p><b>Component 2 Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Performing 30%</li> <li>▪ 50 marks</li> <li>▪ Two prepared performances, one individual and one ensemble</li> <li>▪ Internally marked/externally moderated</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">and:</p>	<p><b>Component 3 Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Composing 30%</li> <li>▪ 100 marks scaled to 50 marks</li> <li>▪ Two contrasting compositions</li> <li>▪ Internally marked/externally moderated</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">and:</p>
<p><b>Component 1: (c.1 hour 15 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Listening 40%</li> <li>▪ 70 marks</li> <li>▪ Written examination based on CD</li> <li>▪ recordings supplied by Cambridge</li> <li>▪ Externally assessed</li> </ul>	

## IGCSE Art and Design (First exams in 2019)

**All students take all components**

**Grades A\* – G**

### Broad-based assignment

- Supporting studies. Unlimited preparatory period during which time candidates produce their supporting studies (two sheets [four sides] maximum size A2) and
- the Controlled Test (**eight-hour test**).
- 50% of total marks

### Coursework assignment

- Supporting portfolio (up to four sheets [eight sides] of maximum size A2) and
- the Final Outcome (students produce a final outcome in a chosen medium).
- 50% of total marks