



**GLOBAL ENGLISH INDIAN SCHOOL**

**CBSE and Cambridge School**

*Where Life Blossoms*



**Cambridge Assessment  
International Education**

Cambridge International School

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School is where personalities are built. This is the reason why, parents while deciding on which Curriculum to apply for, should also have a fair knowledge about the types of boards GLOBAL ENGLISH INDIAN SCHOOL is offering.

***For example, at GLOBAL ENGLISH INDIAN SCHOOL, we offer two types of curricula – CBSE and Cambridge.***

While most of the boards are keen on providing a holistic learning experience to the students, there are certain key features that make them different.

As a parent it is always good to know about these key differences before taking a decision as crucial as which board to choose, as this is the decision that will frame the foothold for a student's future choice of subjects and career.

***The key difference between both boards is the end goal.***

Here are few important points about the two boards that GLOBAL ENGLISH INDIAN SCHOOL offers, that will help you to understand the key differences, and then make the choice.

## CBSE vs Cambridge

- **The Definition**

The Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE) is the Indian national curriculum. Being a board born in India, it is widely accepted within the country, and is highly popular.

**The Cambridge curriculum known as Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) is a part of the world renowned University of Cambridge, UK and accepted by schools, colleges and universities across the world.**

- **The Key Difference**

CBSE is framed to provide a more robust and holistic form of education to students who are willing to build and grow in India. The board provides a foundation for competitive exams in India such as IIT-JEE, NEET, UPSC, CLAT etc.

**Cambridge curriculum is more about intellectual rigour. It offers an international curriculum, and is feasible for people who wish to relocate abroad in future. It is more of a global learning community.**

- **The Experience**

As per the students who have had an exposure to both the boards, the experiences differ. While some feel that CBSE is much easier and prepares students for building a strong base, especially in Science and Maths.

**There are others who think that CAIE has a practical approach and allow students to focus on creative thinking and problem solving.**

- **Approach and Focus Area**

CBSE curriculum favours on Entrance Exams for Engineering & Medical Courses and the learning approach is quite traditional. They focus on learning the subject and its approach is theoretical. There is a lack of practical approach and applications even in the majorly focused science subject.

**If we talk about IGCSE, it is student centric and focus on knowledge and making mind creative for learning. The syllabus is quite demanding and the approach is focused on applications rather than learning theory only. The curriculum focuses on courses like International Baccalaureate Diploma programme and the North American APT (Advanced Placement Test).**

- **Subjects**

CBSE provides subjects in combinations that are called stream. A student can choose subjects from his/her respective stream only. Environment, Social study, SUPW and Languages are not a compulsory subject in this board. English is a compulsory subject in all three streams – Science, Commerce and Arts.

**IGCSE provides a range of over 70 subjects. So, student can opt for subjects according to his/her ease. There is no bar of the stream or anything. Every subject is designed to learn global research and perspective.**

- **Exams**

CBSE conducts AISSE (All India Secondary School Examination) and AISSCE (All India Senior School Certificate Examination) for 10th and 12th class respectively.

**On the other hand, IGCSE conducts**

- **Cambridge Primary, typically for learners aged 5 to 11 years**
- **Cambridge Secondary 1**
- **Cambridge Secondary 2 is typically for learners aged 14 to 16 years. It offers learners two routes: Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge O Level.**
- **Cambridge Advanced is typically for learners aged 16 to 19 years who need advanced study to prepare for university and higher education. It offers learners two routes: Cambridge International AS and A Level, and Cambridge Pre-U.**

- **Standards**

Aspirants have to study in the CBSE Board from the very beginning so as to continue their studies up to 12th class.

The CBSE syllabus is framed according to the Indian standards of education

**Students from any Boards can join IGCSE Board in the 9th grade.**

**The IGCSE curriculum is of international standards.**

**Focuses on knowledge rather than marks.**

## ***What We Offer at Global English Indian School – A brief***

*Please find below a brief about CBSE as well as Cambridge Curriculum offered in our school.*

### **Cambridge Programme**

#### **Nationalities**

**Cambridge Stream – Kuwaiti, Egyptians, Lebanese, Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi, Nepali and all other nationalities.**

**Academic Year begins in 1<sup>st</sup> week of September and ends in last week of May or 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.**

**Winter break of 10 days (in last week of December and 1<sup>st</sup> week of January)**

**Summer Break (Second week of June to End of August)**

**Cambridge Primary Core Curriculum:  
from September 2020 onwards....  
(Cambridge Endorsed Textbooks only)**

- Art & Design
- Digital Literacy
- English as a Second Language
- Global Perspectives
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science

**Cambridge Lower Secondary Core Curriculum:  
(Cambridge Secondary 1)  
from September 2020 onwards....  
(Cambridge Endorsed Textbooks only)**

- Art & Design
- Digital Literacy
- English as a Second Language
- Global Perspectives
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science

#### **Basic Skills Subjects for Cambridge Primary and Cambridge Secondary 1 and Secondary 2**

1. English language skills
2. Science basic skills
3. Maths basic skills
4. Art, Craft and Calligraphy
5. Communication Connects
6. Collaborative Learning
7. My Compass
8. Tales to tell
9. Abacus
10. Club Activities
11. Extended Reading and Creative Paper Presentation
12. Sports Theory
13. Dance and Music Theory
14. Counselling
15. Moral Science
16. Projects
17. Building Class Culture

#### **Assessments for Cambridge Primary and Lower Secondary**

**School follows two academic sessions related to examinations and teaching pattern, each academic session will have one oral assessment, written periodic assessment and one written terminal assessment**

#### **Co-Curricular Activities for Cambridge Primary and Cambridge Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 per year**

- 10 Literary Activities
- 3 – 4 Subject Related Quizzes
- 10 Sports Activities

#### **Compulsory Subjects from the Ministry of Education for Cambridge Primary and Cambridge Secondary 1 and Secondary 2**

- General Arabic / Special Arabic
- Islamic English / Islamic Arabic
- Quran English / Quran Arabic
- Kuwait Social Studies

**Cambridge Secondary 2 - IGCSE.  
from September 2022 onwards....**

**Grade 9 (Initiation classes), Grade 10 and Grade 11**

- Accounting
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Physics
- English
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- Travel and Tourism
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Economics

**Cambridge Advanced - Cambridge International AS and A Level,  
from September 2025 onwards....**

**Grade 12 and 13.**

## CBSE Stream

### Nationalities

CBSE Stream – Indians, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi, Nepali only

Academic Year begins in 1<sup>st</sup> week of April and ends in last week of March.

Winter break of 10 days (in last week of December and 1st week of January)

Summer Break (Second week of June to End of August)

CBSE Primary (Started on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

CBSE Middle School Class 6 (April 2021 onwards)

CBSE Middle School Class 7 (April 2022 onwards)

CBSE Middle School Class 8 (April 2023 onwards)

CBSE Secondary School Class 9 (April 2024 onwards)

CBSE Secondary School Class 10 (April 2025 onwards)

CBSE Text Books from India (For Primary and Middle School)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science / EVS
- Science
- Computer
- French / Hindi / Sanskrit
- Social Studies
- General Knowledge

### **Compulsory Subjects from the Ministry of Education for CBSE Primary, Middle School and Secondary**

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### **Basic Skills Subjects for CBSE Primary and Middle School**

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### **Co-Curricular Activities for CBSE Primary, Middle School and Secondary**

- 10 Literary Activities
- 3 – 4 Subject Related Quizzes
- 10 Sports Activities

CBSE Senior Secondary School Class 11 (April 2026 onwards)

CBSE Senior Secondary School Class 12 (April 2027 onwards)

- Science Stream
- Maths Stream
- Commerce Stream
- Humanities Stream

*At GLOBAL ENGLISH INDIAN SCHOOL, we take it as our responsibility to provide our students with the best facilities, no matter which board they belong to. BASIC SKILLS programme is provided to students of both the boards.*

### **Conclusion**

*Both the boards have the potential to nurture the kids; however when it comes to making a choice it is always better to take the decision based on the child's interest and ability to learn and grasp knowledge.*

*Apart from this, if as a parent you are confused, and unable to make a choice, then you can always approach us. Having been in academics for more than two decades, it has helped me to mature well as an educationist to counsel you well.*

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