

## Questions and Answers

1. Subjects are from which exam board?

All of our subjects are from the Cambridge exam board (CAIE)

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-secondary-2/cambridge-igcse/>

Nadeen School follows the Cambridge Curriculum which is closely aligned with the English National Curriculum, however, has more of an emphasis on students problem solving and thinking more critically. Cambridge is the most popular provider of IGCSEs in the world.

2. Which subjects will Nadeen School offer?

These are yet to be determined. Later in Term 1, the Year 9 students will be surveyed for their subject preferences. We will be hosting a Subject Information session on November 7th for students and parents to speak to teachers to find out more about each subject and the courses. Subjects will then be offered out to Year 9 students to formally choose before the end of Term 1. Currently in KS3 students are bound by the requirements of the core curriculum, and no new subjects such as DT or Drama can be accommodated in KS3.

3. Will Nadeen School open Year 11 as well as Year 10 next year?

No. This is halfway through the IGCSE 2 year course and therefore are not planning to be opening up Year 11 in the next academic year.

4. Are workbooks available for extra practice in the subjects?

Teachers utilise a range of resources for students to work with and there are many questions in the Learner's books that students do not necessarily have time to complete in classes. These can also be used for additional independent study. Where Cambridge textbooks are utilised (English, Maths and Science), the school has requested these workbooks from Cambridge and are awaiting these to arrive.

5. What is the difference between IB and IGCSE?

Please see slide 5 from the presentation.

6. What happens if you move school during Year 10/11 of IGCSE?

The Cambridge exam board is the most popular in the world, therefore most schools should understand this curriculum. If they do not, we are happy to email or write to them explaining the curriculum we follow and show a breakdown of the subjects, amount of time and provision over the two years of IGCSEs. Each subject has a syllabus code which can then be matched up with a subject in the new school. This means, students can transition to a new school and follow the same subjects.

7. Can you only choose an A Level if you have taken it at IGCSE level?

No. Some A Levels do not have an IGCSE before this so are completely new. However, if a student performs poorly in an IGCSE, a meeting with the teacher and Head of Sixth Form will be required to recommend which subjects they should take. Students do not have to attain an A grade at IGCSE to definitely do the subsequent A Level.

**8. When are the IGCSE results issued?**

August each year.

**9. Can students change IGCSE choices once they have been made?**

Yes, however, they will need to do so within the parameters of the subject groupings that will be made based upon their original choices.

**10. Will IGCSE Extended be offered and what possible subjects?**

Yes. Mathematics and Science are the only subjects that have 'core' and 'extended'. Where possible, all students will be encouraged to complete 'extended' in both, however, this is closely monitored and can be decided upon throughout the IGCSE course. For English, there is an alternate English as a Second language course.

**11. Will there be ECA's made available to support students with relevant study methods to aid with their learning throughout IGCSE?**

Students will have these skills embedded in their subject courses with their relevant teachers, however, hosting additional ECA's and lessons regarding this will be promoted.