

## IGCSE Programme Overview (Years 10-11)

### About the IGCSE Programme

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is a globally respected qualification taken by students in Key Stage 4. It provides a strong academic foundation and prepares learners for advanced study at A-Level and other post-16 pathways.

At CIS, the IGCSE programme combines academic rigour with a supportive and student-centred approach. We encourage students to become confident, independent learners who take responsibility for their progress and personal development.

### Subject Choices

Students typically study a balanced combination of core and optional subjects, allowing them to build broad knowledge while exploring individual interests.

Core subjects include:

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics – combined or separate)

The Option Blocks are shown below.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Spanish	PE	Economics
Coordinated Science + Global Perspectives	Music	Business Studies	Geography
	Computer Science	History	Art
	German		

Subject availability may vary, and students receive guidance to help them make informed and suitable choices.

### Our Approach to IGCSE Learning

Teaching at CIS is focused on developing strong subject understanding, effective study skills, and examination confidence. Lessons are interactive, engaging, and differentiated to meet individual learning needs.

Key features of our approach include:

- Clear learning objectives and structured progression
- Regular assessment and constructive feedback
- Strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy, and analytical thinking

- Encouragement of independent study and organisation skills

Pastoral support and wellbeing are central to the programme, ensuring students feel motivated, confident, and supported throughout this important stage.

### **Benefits of the IGCSE Programme**

The IGCSE programme at CIS offers many advantages:

- International recognition by universities and employers
- Strong academic foundation for A-Level study
- Development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Balanced curriculum supporting holistic growth
- Preparation for examination success and lifelong learning

By the end of the programme, students are well prepared academically and personally for the next stage of their education.

