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 **UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE**
Local Examinations Syndicate

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Distance Education that works!

Welcome to **British International Distance College (BIDC)**. We are proud to have been selected by the University of Cambridge to offer this unique opportunity to provide you with up to date, quality distance learning education of the highest international standards.

On completion of your selected course you will have a University of Cambridge International qualification. BIDC students write examinations set and marked by the University of Cambridge International Examinations board in the U.K. and have ongoing support throughout the year from the highly experienced and successful British International College Tutors in Johannesburg.

QUALITY

In response to the increasing demand for quality distance education, we offer this affordable and effective service to students who do not wish to enter into full time study. BIDC aims to make distance learning worthwhile, effective and manageable by ensuring that our students receive continual support and feedback throughout their years of study.

WHY BRITISH INTERNATIONAL DISTANCE COLLEGE?

The British International Distance College has been providing distance tuition in Cambridge qualifications for a number of years. We are a fully approved Cambridge examination and tuition centre and our students have produced spectacular results year after year.

We have more than 40 lecturing staff on hand for queries, who are arguably the most highly qualified and experienced in the country. Add to this our week by week work programme, additional study material as well as unlimited telephonic and email support and it becomes clear that the British International Distance College is the premier institute for secondary distance education in South Africa.

ABOUT DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance education is the term given to the provision of education to students usually via correspondence or some other means of distance communication. With the recent rapid developments in technology and communication, distance education is now, more than ever, a completely viable and realistic alternative to conventional full time study.

A qualification obtained through a reputable provider of distance education, is just as respected and widely recognized as it would be, had it been obtained through attendance at a conventional educational institution.

HOW OUR DISTANCE COURSES WORK

As with any form of academic endeavour, the results one can expect, are directly dependant on the degree of commitment and effort one puts in. This is especially true with regards to distance education. Once the study material has been received by mail, courier (or collected in person), it will be up to the student to follow the work programme suggested and meet the assignment deadlines.

Our Tutors will mark and return any assignments submitted by due date and will be available for discussion and guidance. The student is of course welcome to contact us at any point during their studies with queries and questions regarding the course.

In addition tutorials in various subjects will be held prior to the examinations. Although attendance at these Tutorials is optional, it is obviously highly recommended, as they cover exam preparation, exam technique and particularly difficult areas of the study material.

FOUNDATION COURSE (Equivalent to grades 8 & 9)

Our Foundation course is designed to give students a firm grounding in the concepts of Mathematics, combined Science and English University of Cambridge International Checkpoint diagnostic tests /examinations are optional for these subjects. All other subject exams are marked locally at the College. At this level we recommend that you try and take as many subjects as possible in order to ensure a firm base for future study and to establish your strongest subjects for IGCSE level.

IGCSE COURSE (Equivalent to grades 10 & 11)

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education is offered in over 160 countries worldwide, both in international schools and in institutions catering for local populations. It was introduced in 1988 as a replacement for O Levels in many countries, and is internationally recognized as being equivalent to the GCSE in the United Kingdom. Grading is on an eight-point scale (A*-G). The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) has been designed to equip students with the skills needed for immediate employment. IGCSE is recognized as evidence of ability by academic institutions and employers around the world.

IGCSE provides a broad study programme by drawing subjects from five areas: Languages, Humanities, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Creative, Technical and Vocational. Within the curriculum there is a balanced mix of practical experience and theoretical knowledge. Differing abilities are accounted for with a choice of Core and Extended examinations in some subjects, making IGCSE suitable for all students. The IGCSE curriculum allows teaching to be placed in a localized context, making it relevant in different regions. It is also suitable for students whose first language may not be English and this is acknowledged throughout the examination process. In some countries, IGCSE qualifications will satisfy the entry requirements for university. In others, they are widely used as a preparation for AS Level, A Level, International Baccalaureate and US Advanced Placement Programmes

AS LEVEL COURSE (Equivalent to grades 10 & 11)

The Advanced Subsidiary Level is equivalent to year 12 of South African schooling. Successful candidates will be placed in one of four categories: a,b,c,d. Grade 'a' is awarded to students showing the highest level of achievement and grade for a minimum satisfactory performance. If you choose the AS level route to a S.A university you must meet all the requirements in a maximum of TWO exam sessions and meet the subject group requirements in subjects passed at a 'd' grade at least.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- **Study Pack**

Your study pack for each subject will contain the following:

- ✓ A work programme with a weekly planner to keep you on track.
- ✓ Assignments set by the Tutors to assess your progress.
- ✓ Textbooks.
- ✓ A syllabus and 3 years of past Cambridge examination papers.
- ✓ Additional notes if applicable.

- **Assignments**

There will be six assignments for each subject that are submitted to the College for marking. These assignments are linked to the work programme and set by your subject Tutor. It is important that you complete these assignments so that you can monitor your progress and that you are able to cope with the type of questions set by University of Cambridge International Examinations in your final qualifying examinations.

- **Help-Line**

You may phone, e-mail or fax your Student Advisor at the Distance College during office hours for assistance. If you have a subject specific query please make use of this service.

- **Internet**

Students can log onto www.bidc.co.za and change their personal details. You also have access to all your assignment marks online. Students wishing to take advantage of this must phone in to give us their name and password. Cambridge has launched an interactive web site www.cambridgestudents.org.uk with over 360 hours in colourful tutorials and online tests.

- **Tutorial and Practicals**

Tutorials and Practical sessions take place in April for students entered for the May/June exams and in September for those students entered for the October/November exams. It is strongly recommended that you take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Tutorial sessions. At this time you will have the chance to meet your Tutors and discuss your problems face to face. We will focus on exam preparation and will enrich the work covered by your course. For example there will be practical laboratory sessions in Science and Biology; mapwork skills in Geography; group discussions in English Literature and a review of Cambridge computer studies project requirements.

- **Student Advisors**

The British International Distance College's Student Advisors are on hand to assist you with academic support, guidance and ongoing assistance. You are welcome to contact us on (011) 706 7199.

FOUNDATION COURSE (Grades 8 & 9) COMPULSORY SUBJECTS English Afrikaans Or French Foreign Language Mathematics Combined Science (Physics, Chemistry & Biology)		ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS – Minimum 2 Geography History Business Studies Art and Design IT Skills	
Note: Students must take ALL compulsory subjects. Students usually choose 2 subjects in addition to the compulsory subjects; an extra subject is recommended if taking the Foundation course over two years.			
IGCSE COURSE (Grade 10 & 11) – 6 Minimum LANGUAGES English 1 st Language English 2 nd Language Afrikaans 1 st Language Afrikaans 2 nd Language French Foreign Language 1 French Foreign Language 2		AS Level COURSE (Grade 12) – 5 Minimum LANGUAGES AS Level English Language AS Level Afrikaans	
SCIENCES Biology (Practical subject) Physical Science Mathematics (core) Mathematics (extended)		SCIENCES AS Level Biology (Practical subject) AS Level Physical Science AS Level Mathematics	
HUMANITIES Geography History English Literature* Sociology*		HUMANITIES AS Level Geography AS Level History AS Level Psychology	
VOCATIONALS Accounting Art and Design (Practical subject) Business Studies Computer Studies (Practical subject)* Music		VOCATIONALS AS Level Accounting AS Level Art and Design (Practical subject) AS Level Economics AS Level Business Studies AS Level Music	
Note: Students choose 6 subjects from the correct groups. An extra subject is recommended if taking the IGCSE course over two years. Please consult your Student Advisor when choosing subjects and examination sittings.* IGCSE is the highest level.		Note: Students choose 5 subjects from the correct groups. An extra subject is recommended if sitting the AS Level Examinations in two sittings. Please consult your Student Advisor when choosing subjects and examination sittings. For University entrance please see page 1(HESA requirements)	

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Certificate of complete exemption by virtue of Advanced Supplementary and Advanced Subsidiary Level examinations of the examining bodies:

14. (1) the Committee of Principals shall issue a certificate of complete exemption to a person who passed –
- (a) in at least five different subjects on the Advanced Supplementary Level and Ordinary Level or Advanced Subsidiary and Ordinary Level including one selected from each of Groups I and II and two selected from two of Groups III, IV and V:
- Group I:** A first language approved by the Committee of Principals;
- Group II:** A second language approved by the Committee of Principals;
- Group III:** A third language approved by the Committee of Principals not offered for the purpose of Group I or II, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics;
- Group IV:** Art, Biology (if not offered under Group III), Chemistry (if not offered under Group III), Economics, Geography, History, Mathematics (if not offered under Group III), Music or Physics (if not offered under Group III);
- Group V:** Accounting, Business Studies, Computing, Design and Technology or Further Mathematics;
- (b) in four Advanced Supplementary Level or Advanced Subsidiary Level or a combination of four Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Supplementary Level subjects, of which at least one shall be from Group I or II and at least two shall be selected from two of Groups III, IV or V of subparagraph (a): Provided that any recognised language subject from Group III may be recognised as a Group II subject satisfying the grouping requirements of that group only;
- (c) in English as First Language or Second Language at Advanced Supplementary Level or English Language at Advanced Subsidiary or Ordinary Level.
- (2) An Advanced Supplementary or Advanced Subsidiary Level subject from Group V of subparagraph (1)(a) may only be recognised for the purpose of subparagraph (1)(b), if the candidate has passed in Mathematics on at least Ordinary Level.
- (3) A candidate must have satisfied all the requirements of subparagraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) at not more than two examination sittings.
- (4) Where a subject is not examined in the November examination, the preceding or following June examination sitting, and in the case where the main examination is in June, the previous or subsequent November examination sitting will be regarded as the same examination sitting for the purposes of subparagraph (3).

“Advanced Subsidiary subject” means a subject passed with a symbol A, B, C or D at Advanced Subsidiary Level as prescribed for the examinations of the examining bodies.

**Contact Details:
South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)**

Helpdesk: 086 010 3188

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Annexure E: Information leaflet advising on the upgrading of Ordinary Level and related subjects.

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION
CAMBRIDGE OVERSEAS SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**

**INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SIMILAR
SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATES**

A minimum of five subjects passed at Ordinary Level (Grades A-G / 1-8), including English Language and/or the mother tongue, warrants an evaluation of Grade Eleven.

To obtain an evaluation of a Senior Certificate (in its most basic form, i.e. excluding Matriculation Exemption), one of the following subject combinations is required:

1. A total of four different subjects, including three Ordinary Level / IGCSE subjects graded A to C (or 1 to 6), plus one Advanced Level
or
a total of six different subjects, including five Ordinary Level / IGCSE subjects graded A to E (or 1 to 8), plus one Advanced Level.
or
2. A total of five different subjects, including three Ordinary Level / IGCSE subjects graded A to C (or 1 to 6), plus two passes at one of the following levels: Advanced Supplementary, Higher General Certificate of Secondary Education (graded 1-3), South African Senior Certificate Higher Grade, or recognised equivalent
or
A total of seven different subjects, including five Ordinary Level / IGCSE subjects graded A to E (or 1 to 8), plus two passes at one of the following levels: Advanced Supplementary, Higher General Certificate of Secondary Education (graded 1-3 – Grade 4 is considered to be the equivalent of IGCSE Grades A-C), South African Senior Certificate Higher Grade, or recognised equivalent.

Each of the above combinations **must include English Language, or the mother tongue as a first language.**

This evaluation will primarily be intended for employment purposes, but may be accepted by tertiary institutions, such as Technikons and nursing colleges, for purposes of further study according to their own requirements in terms of subjects and grades. Candidates should therefore ascertain the acceptability of such an evaluation to the admitting institution beforehand. University admission for purposes of first degree studies is subject to Matriculation Exemption, which is the sole prerogative of the Matriculation Board and not likely to be considered on the basis of the conditions for upgrading as set out above.

Information on lectures for study purposes and arrangements for official examinations may be obtained from existing correspondence or technical colleges.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

- Foundation College exams and Cambridge International Checkpoint Assessments can be written in May/June and October/November.
- IGCSE examinations are written in May/June and October/November of each year.
- All Cambridge exams must be written at an approved Cambridge Examination centre.
- AS Level students should consult BIDC regarding the examination sittings rule university entrance.

Examination Venue: British International College
130 Bryanston Drive
Bryanston, Sandton
Gauteng

British International College - Pretoria
Corner Church and East Street
Arcadia
Pretoria

Alternate Venues:

If students are unable to write exams at British International College in Bryanston or Pretoria, the College has arranged additional exam centres which may be closer to your home. **This is at Cambridge's discretion and does involve costs for hire of a venue, courier fees, invigilation fees etc. These costs are over and above exam fees charged by Cambridge.**

Oral and Practical Examinations

Orals in IGCSE English and Afrikaans 2nd Language and IGCSE French Foreign Language are part of the Cambridge examinations. These orals must be done at British International College campuses.

AS Level and IGCSE Art and Music examinations are also completed at the Colleges. We have obtained special permission from Cambridge to conduct these during April and September when students are at the campus for Tutorials.

AS Level Physical Science and Biology have a practical exam. This can only be completed at British International Colleges in Bryanston or Pretoria. Students selecting these courses are strongly advised to attend the Tutorials and practical sessions before the exams.

EXAM ENTRY DEADLINE DATES:

- **For May/June Examinations: 31 January**
- **For October/November Examinations: 31 May**

Late entries incur financial penalties from Cambridge and may even be refused.

Examination Results

Examination scripts are sent to the United Kingdom to be marked by examiners at Cambridge. Results are sent back to BIDC in late August for June exams and in January for November exams.

CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE

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Help Line (to contact Tutors)

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Schedule of Fees – 2011 courses

Foundation Course

Registration Fee	R1 065 pa
Course Fee	R1 765 per subject
Physical Science	R3 835 per subject
Personal Development Programme	R 425
Exam Fees	*UK £13.70 per subject (Maths, Science and English only)
Carryover Fee	R 350 per subject

IGCSE

Registration Fee	R1 065 pa
Course Fee	R3 410 per subject
Practical Subjects (Art, Biology, Computers)	R3 845 per subject
Music	R4 255 **
Physical Science	R5 425
Personal Development Programme	R 575
Exam Fees	*UK £25.60 per subject
Carryover Fee	R 350 per subject

AS Level

Registration Fee	R1 065 pa
Course Fee	R3 640 per subject
Practical Subjects (Art, Music)	(Art, Music) R4 220 per subject
Physical Science, Biology	R5 645 per subject
Personal Development Programme	R 660
Exam Fees	*UK £22.80 per subject + £10.50 per candidate
Carry Over Fee	R350 per subject

*Cambridge Fees for Examinations in 2010 (2011 Fees not yet available).

Note Payments:

Payment of fees (excluding of the examination fees) is in full upon registration.

Cheques are to be payable to the British International Distance College (Materials will only be sent after the standard 10 day clearance period)

Examination entry fees must accompany exam entry applications before they can be processed.

Note: Students registered for 2011 courses prior to 31 October 2010, pay 2010 fees.

Account Details :

Course Payments :

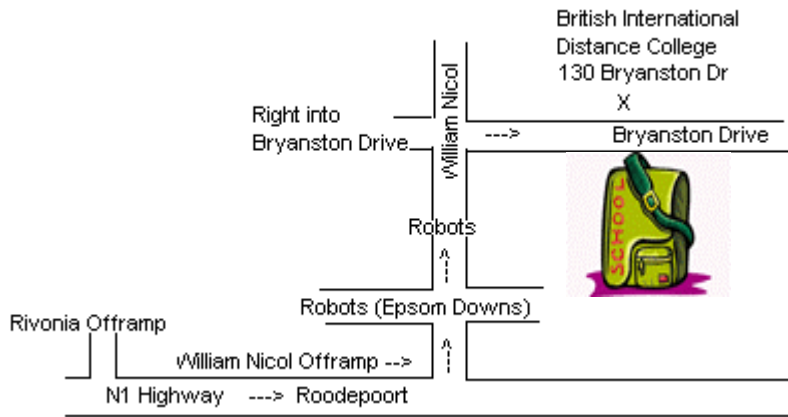
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Standard Bank Fourways Crossing

Branch Code : 00 99 53

Account Number : 02 335 7495

Map to the College



Online Resources

CIE has a new website entirely dedicated to students studying Cambridge IGCSE, HIGCSE and A and AS Level qualifications. Your work programme will draw your attention to a number of other useful websites for the specific subject.

There are lots of useful resources and material to help you prepare for your exams:

- Past Papers
- Revision Tips
- Study checklists
- Online competitions and educational games

Visit the site at www.cambridgestudents.org.uk

Association with Cambridge (CIE)

The British International Distance College is a proud supplier of Cambridge study material in South Africa. The Cambridge philosophy of education provides courses which are demanding, challenging and thoroughly prepare students for tertiary study and the demands of modern life.

It was announced in 2003 that in recognition of the work the British International College has done in promoting the Cambridge philosophy in South Africa it has been awarded Cambridge International Fellowship Centre status. There are only a few Cambridge International Centres worldwide to be granted this prestigious status, which is akin to a hotel being awarded 5 stars.

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is one of the world's leading providers of international qualifications and assessments. They have a broad range of qualifications that have been created with an international audience in mind, making them interesting and relevant for students. They also work hard to make sure CIE qualifications are accepted and recognized by universities, education providers and employers across the globe. The international recognition of the qualification is of fundamental importance - it is accepted and valued by educational institutions and employers worldwide. Recognition on this scale is something that cannot be taken for granted, so CIE operates a continuous programme to ensure qualifications are globally relevant.

CIE constantly review their assessments and introduce new subject areas and qualifications. By working closely with the University of Cambridge, CIE is at the forefront of developments in e-education - using new technology in the delivery and assessment of examinations.

For more information please visit: www.cie.org.uk

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. How can I contact my Tutor(s)?

A request for your Tutor can be e-mailed to your Student Advisor and we will pass it on to them. You may also phone (011 706-7199) or fax (011 706-4267) the British International Distance College during office hours and leave a message for your Tutor to contact you. The Tutors have set times each week when they respond to student queries. There is no additional fee for this service.

2. Are the BIDC courses online?

The British International Distance College prescribes textbooks recommended by Cambridge International Examinations and supplements these with detailed weekly work programmes, assignments, syllabi, past examination papers and any additional notes the Tutor feels may assist you with that particular subject.

3. Do I need a student card and how much is it?

Students must have a student card for the purpose of identification at all Cambridge examination sittings. **Students will not be allowed to write examinations without producing a student card.** This is a Cambridge prerequisite. There is no cost for the card – the student does have a responsibility however, to supply the British International Distance College with **two recent passport size photographs** (in black and white or colour) upon registration. Replacement cards cost R20.

4. Are the Cambridge qualifications recognized by South African Universities?

Yes. The Cambridge International qualifications are recognized by the Matriculation Board (HESA) for exemption purposes. Please note that to attain a Matriculation with Exemption you will need to fulfill the requirements prescribed by HESA. These are available from the Distance College and from the HESA website.

5. What does 'exam sitting' mean?

An 'exam sitting' is a date and time set by Cambridge when a particular subject is examined at a Cambridge Centre.

6. What do the Tutorials cost?

The cost of Tutorials forms part of the course fee and there is no additional cost for Tutorials. The Tutorials are offered in April and September for students who are registered for that specific exam.

7. What is meant by a 'carry-over' subject and do I need to re-register?

Any subject that a student is registered for is valid for two years. This means that there is the option to 'carry-over' or continue with that subject after one year of study should a student not have completed the course in one year. Should students wish to 'carry-over' any subject/s they would need to **re-register in the second year and only pay the annual registration and subject carry over fees**. This will allow a student to continue to submit assignments not completed in the previous year and to receive ongoing support from the Distance College. This will also enable a student to submit a Cambridge examination entry. A student who successfully completes a subject within one year and achieves the desired result would not need to 'carry-over' that subject to the next year and would proceed to the next level.

8. Must I take a second language?

Yes. The Matriculation Board (HESA) requires that a first language and a second language form part of a student's choice of subjects in order to qualify for Matriculation Exemption.

9. Must I do the IGCSE level?

Students must have completed either Grade 11 or the IGCSE level before proceeding to AS Level. IGCSE's not only prepare them academically for the AS level, but the IGCSE results accompany most university applications. This determines acceptance for the student's tertiary studies before the AS level results are available and is therefore most important.

10. What age should I be to start the Cambridge programme?

The Cambridge programme is aimed at students of high school going age in their teenage years. Please contact us for assistance, as we will be able to assess, recommend and advise each student.

11. What are the payment options?

Payments can be made by: electronic funds transfer (EFT), direct deposit into the British International Distance College bank account, credit card or cheque. Cash is not accepted. We are only able to ship study material after a standard 10 day clearing period, when payment is tendered by cheque. Proof of payment must accompany your registration form.

12. If I have two children, can they share the same course?

Students cannot share one course, but need to each purchase their own course material. Where textbooks are duplicated however new books may be returned to the Bookshop. This is solely at the discretion of the Bookshop. Books must remain unopened and in mint condition for refund.

13. How can I get in touch with other distance students?

The Orientation Day held in late February on an annual basis and Tutorials held in April and September for students entered to write examinations are great ways of meeting other distance students. Students are welcome to supply contact details to British International Distance College to post on the website so that other students can contact them should they so wish.

14. How is BIDD affiliated with Cambridge?

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15. Do you offer A-levels?

The British International Distance College does not offer A levels. These can only be done by attending the classes at the full-time College in Bryanston (011) 706 7775. We do however offer some subjects at AS level which is the first half of A-level.

16. Are HIGCSE and A Levels the same?

HIGCSE and A Levels are not the same. The HIGCSE course is the equivalent of Grade 12. A levels are the equivalent to Grades 12 and 13 (first year university).

17. Can I study overseas with Cambridge qualifications?

Yes, Cambridge qualifications not only give students direct entrance to universities in Southern Africa, but also internationally. **Please contact the University of your choice for their admission requirements.**

18. I struggle with examination technique, what should I do?

The past examination packs that students are issued with at registration includes three years of past Cambridge examination papers per subject. By going through these papers students can familiarize themselves with the format, content and time constraints they will face when writing their examinations. These are invaluable to students in improving their examination technique and confidence.

19. When must I enter if I would like to write Cambridge examinations?

May/June Examination : January
October/November : May

20. What happens to my exam entry should I decide to withdraw from an examination?

Students who withdraw from an examination will not be automatically entered at the next session, but will have to re-apply for a future sitting and pay the necessary examination fees again.

21. Can I change the time or date of a Cambridge examination?

Cambridge examinations have to be written at the set time and date. These cannot be changed.

22. What does AM and PM mean on my Statement of Entry?

AM 09H30 13H30PM – for exams at the Johannesburg campuses.
Exams at alternative venues may start later.

23. How do I know the length of each examination that I've entered for?

You can establish how long an examination you have entered for will be by looking at the past papers and relevant syllabus in your pack.

24. Can I contact Cambridge directly?

No. Please do not contact Cambridge directly, as the Cambridge centre where you are registered is there to act on your behalf and to answer your questions. CIE does not liaise directly with students and/or parents.

25. Does BIDC have accommodation and transport facilities?

We do have a list of recommended B&B's and transport providers who can assist you.

26. Do I have to do orals and practical examinations at the College in Bryanston or Pretoria?

Yes. The Biology and Physical Science practical examination must be completed at the campuses. AS and IGCSE Art examinations are also completed at the campuses. Oral examinations for English 2nd Language and IGCSE French Foreign Language require special arrangements and also need to be completed at the campuses. This is a Cambridge requirement.

27. How do I enter for an examination?

Examination entry forms must be completed and the required fee must be paid. Deadline dates must be adhered to in order to avoid penalties.

28. Where can I find out the dates and times of my examinations?

This is detailed on your Statement of Entry from Cambridge International Examination. The Foundation college exam timetable is published on our website in September.

29. How will I get my examination results?

Your examination results will be e-mailed to you once the College receives them from Cambridge. You can arrange to collect the Statement of Results from BIDD Exams Officer. You may also request in writing to have this posted to you by registered mail.

30. Does CIE provide percentage marks?

CIE grades are given in Alpha grades only and percentage marks are not provided. A key is provided to explain the value of the grade.

31. When are examination results released by Cambridge?

Examination scripts are marked in the UK. Advice of results for Checkpoint, IGCSE and AS Level subjects in late January. For November exams and in late August for the June exams.

33. What is a Cambridge International Study Centre?

A British International Study Centre offers supervision and ongoing assistance for students working on the British International Distance courses to prepare students for Cambridge International Examinations. The British International Distance College ensures that all centres adhere to the conditions set by the British International College.