



PINEHURST
SCHOOL

2025 CURRICULUM GUIDE



Dear Parents and Students

This booklet is designed for students who are making subject option choices which will determine their classes for 2025. Students from Years 9 and 11 are making choices which will affect their next two years at school and beyond. Initially these decisions can appear daunting, particularly when a student is unclear of their future career pathway.

Do not rush decision making, rather aim to gather as much information as possible. This booklet identifies and provides a very basic outline of all the courses we offer at Pinehurst. More details, including syllabi and past papers, can be obtained from the Cambridge website www.cambridgeinternational.org. Talk with your child's subject teachers and our careers advisor Mrs Lila Pulsford. Choose your subjects thoughtfully. Do not be swayed by what friends are selecting, or who you think the teacher may be. Consider the coursework requirements.

At IGCSE level it is important to maintain a broad range of subjects. Year 10 and 11 students at Pinehurst will study English, Mathematics, Global Perspectives and then 6 additional chosen IGCSE courses. This ensures students study a wide variety of subjects, which is very important at this level. At Year 12 and 13 a student will focus on 4 or 5 subjects. Studying each subject in far greater detail.

The IGCSE and A level subject groupings are carefully designed to provide as much choice and flexibility as is possible. Our subject groupings are carefully chosen and are based on university requirements, historical data, student numbers, availability of teachers and specialist classrooms.

When it comes to making subject choices for 2025, I would encourage students to make good use of this guide in conjunction with the advice of teachers, parents and our careers advisor. Fortunately, there is a wide support crew ready and willing to assist you in making the choices that will best suit your skills, your strengths and your interests.

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Introduction

This academic prospectus aims to inform students and parents of the IGCSE and A level subjects on offer at Pinehurst Senior College.

Please be aware that some courses may not run because of insufficient numbers and that some changes may occur due to staffing availability.

Due to the variety of subjects on offer, it is not always possible to accommodate every combination of subjects. The timetabling team work hard to minimise the number of clashes.

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Cambridge Examination Fees

Cambridge examination fees are not included within Pinehurst School fees.

Examination fees will be charged to accounts once examination entries have been submitted to CAIE in July.

2024 Cambridge Examination Fees were:

IGCSE	Each syllabus	£69.95
A Level	Each AS or A2 syllabus	£73.70
	Each full A level syllabus	£111.10

These costs are in GBP (£) to be used as a guide only, fees will be subject to change and the exchange rate at the time of invoicing

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YEARS 10 & 11

Cambridge International Examinations

IGCSE - International General Certificate of Secondary Education

For most students, the IGCSE course for each subject is a two year programme which commences at the start of Year 10, with final examinations held at the end of Year 11.

Pinehurst students sit examinations for up to 10 subjects.

Compulsory for Pinehurst students

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics

Students are to select an additional six subjects from the subjects offered in this prospectus spend $2\frac{3}{4}$ hours per week on each of their subjects. Students will also receive 2 periods of General Physical Education and 2 periods of Global Citizenship.

All IGCSE courses at Pinehurst lead to Extended Level examinations. Extended Level is aimed at grades of A*, A, B & C. Where appropriate some students may be entered for Core Level examinations. Core level is aimed at students who will achieve grades of C, D, E, F & G.

General Guidelines

When making your subject choices students are encouraged to consider the following points:

- Look closely at your present subjects. Think about which ones you enjoy and are successful at
- Maintain a broad range of subjects and avoid specialising too early in your school career
- Plan your option choices carefully, think ahead to what you may choose to study in Years 12 and 13. Some of these subjects will have pre-requisites
- If you have a future career path in mind, take the time and trouble to find out which subjects will be the most suitable.

Accounting

Accounting is not all about spread sheets. Accountants today are branching out into careers as exciting as forensic accounting and stockbroking. They end up as CEOs and CFOs, business advisers, financial analysts and leaders in the world of Corporate Finance. Accounting prepares you for a degree in Commerce, in general and the Accounting profession in particular. As a profession, Accounting will enable you to work in any industry and live the life you want to live.

Money is the engine that drives business - money is the language of business. Accounting will teach you how to use that language to make important business decisions as it provides a system by which the monetary value of transactions, both business and individual, is measured.

'Professionals in accounting and finance hold some of the best and most influential positions in New Zealand and throughout the world. They are earning great money, shaping businesses worldwide and redefining what it means to be an accountant.' – NZICA booklet.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	1h 15m	30%
2	Structured Written Paper	1h 45m	70%

Topics covered include:

- The Purpose and Functions of Accounting
- Business documents (Books of Prime Entry, The Ledgers)
- Accounting Procedures (Capital and Revenue Expenditure and Receipts, Provisions for Depreciation and Doubtful Debts, Accruals and Prepayments, Stock Valuation, etc.)
- Principles of Financial Statements (Income Statements, Balance Sheets)
- Preparation of Financial Statements (Sole Traders, Partnerships, Manufacturing Companies, Limited Liability Companies, Clubs and Societies and Incomplete Records)
- Analysis and Interpretation (Accounting Ratios and Their Interpretation, Inter-firm Comparison, Limitations of Accounting Statements)
- Accounting Principles and Policies (Incorporating the New International Standards)

Art and Design

Candidates will be led through an exciting course that explores all the fundamental elements of Art and Design whilst building and developing strong visual art skills. Students will be working across a wide range of disciplines that are encompassed in Art and Design, this includes Painting, Drawing, Illustration, Photography and Digital Art.

Experimentation is extremely important, and students will have the opportunity to experience the different media and investigate new and exciting ways to use materials and techniques. Students will build their visual art skills and abilities in the first half of year 10, in addition to starting Component 1: coursework portfolio. In year 11, students will complete Component 1 and Component 2: externally set exam.

IGCSE

Grades available: A* to G

Candidates for IGCSE Art and Design are required to enter for Components 1 and 2. These Components are submitted towards the end of Year 11.

Component	Name of component	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	<p>Coursework Portfolio</p> <p>Up to 4 A2 preparatory boards + 1 A2 final outcome that show a student's idea development from a chosen theme. Students will be assessed on their ability to record, explore, develop and present their chosen theme in a chosen area of study in Art and Design</p>	4 Terms	50%
2	<p>External Exam</p> <p>Up to 2 A2 preparatory boards + 1 A2 exam piece. Students chose a theme provided by Cambridge, to develop</p>	8h (1 Term of Exam Prep)	50%

Materials and techniques used include, but are not limited to; acrylic paint, oil paint, watercolour, ink, colour pencil, pastel, digital photography, digital art, illustration, and mix-media.

For Component 1, Candidates will be working from direct observation, imagination and interpretation within a theme and create an authentic, vibrant personal response in the chosen media presented in a final outcome. This will form 50% of the course grade.

For Component 2, students will work towards an examination piece supported by a well-planned and prepared portfolio showing the development of the candidates' choice of theme, process and style. This component forms 50% of the total grade at the end of Year 11.

Biology

Biology is an experimental science concerned with the way nature works. A Biology student is numerate, analytical, and practical, and has good problem solving, presentation and communication skills.

An IGCSE level in Biology provides an excellent starting point for a wide career choice within science, industry or commerce. A qualification in Biology offers many opportunities which include veterinary sciences, marine biology, environmental sciences, ecology, nursing, biochemistry, research biology, forensic science, pharmaceutical industries, physical education, product testing, health and medicine.

Biological related applications are to be found in almost every aspect of our lives, as well as applications in space technology, finding solutions to environmental problems, and developing new technologies for medicine.

Students will develop attitudes relevant to Biology such as concern for accuracy and precision, objectivity, integrity, enquiry, initiative and inventiveness. Students will gain an awareness that scientific theories and methods have developed, and continue to do so, as a result of co-operative activities of groups and individuals. Also, that the study and practice of science are subject to social, economic, technological, ethical and cultural influences and limitations.

IGCSE Core and Extended

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper		Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Core	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
3	Core	Written answer	1h 15m	50%
2	Extended	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
4	Extended	Written answer	1h 15m	50%
5	All Students	Practical Test	1h 15m	20%
OR				
6	All Students	Alternative to Practical	1h	20%

Topics covered include:

Cells and cell processes. Animal Nutrition. Plant nutrition and transport. Respiration and the human transport system. Coordination, response and homeostasis. Reproduction. Human reproduction. Inheritance and evolution. Organisms and environment. Human influences on the environment.

Business Studies

Students will develop an understanding of the role and purpose of business activity in the public and private sectors, and the importance of innovation and change. They will learn how the major types of business organisations are set up, financed and operated, and how their activities are regulated. The factors which influence business decisions, activities and outputs will also be considered.

As well as introducing students to the concepts and techniques used in business, the course will facilitate the development of other skills, such as numeracy. Students will be encouraged to understand the working world and the essential values of co-operation and interdependence. It is hoped that the Business Studies course will prepare them to meet the world of work with confidence and awareness.

Careers in business are wide ranging. No matter which pathway students choose in the future, they will likely be working in an organisational context and able to apply concepts and analytical skills that they learn in this course. Specifically, Business Studies can lead to professions such as business owner, human resources management, property development, finance management, business analyst, general management, operations management, marketing, and advertising.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Short Answer and Data Response	1h 30m	50%
2	Case Study	1h 30m	50%

Topics covered include:

- Business activity, entrepreneurship and stakeholders
- People in business
- Marketing and strategy
- Operations management
- Financial decision-making
- External influences on business activity

Chemistry

Chemistry is an experimental science concerned with the way nature works at the atomic and molecular level. The course will focus on:

- The structure and behaviour of atoms (elements)
- The composition and properties of compounds
- The reactions between substances with their accompanying energy exchange
- The laws that unite these phenomena into a comprehensive system

A background in chemistry is a powerful springboard to launch you into your future career. Chemistry combines well with physics and mathematics; it also links well with biology providing an excellent foundation leading to careers in environmental sciences and medically related disciplines. A person with a strong understanding of chemistry is prepared to assume a wide variety of positions in industry, education, or public service. It is obvious that a chemistry background is important if you plan to work in the chemical industry or to teach chemistry. It may be less obvious that a significant knowledge of chemistry is often required in professions such as biotechnology, hazardous waste management, art conservation, and forensic science. Chemistry related applications are to be found in almost every aspect of our lives. Space technology, finding solutions to environmental problems, developing new drugs and technologies for medicine, and designing new materials for molecular electronics and computing.

IGCSE Core and Extended

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper		Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Core	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
3	Core	Written answer	1h 15m	50%
2	Extended	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
4	Extended	Written answer	1h 15m	50%
5	All students	Practical Test	1h 15m	20%
OR				
6	All students	Alternative to Practical	1h	20%

Topics covered include:

Experimental techniques. Particles, atomic structure, ionic bonding and the Periodic Table. Air and water. Acids, bases and salts. Reaction rates. Metals and the Reactivity Series. Covalent bonding. Organic. Amount of substance. Redox, electrochemistry and Group VII. Equilibria.

Computer Science

The aims of this course are to develop:

- A student's ability to think:
 - Algorithmically: to accurately follow and also design a set of instructions that executes a task
 - Socially: to consider the effects of people of digital technologies
 - Forensically: to be able to solve problems in a logical fashion, frequently by using digital technologies and high-level coding
- An enjoyment of the thrill and satisfaction of success in problem-solving leading to a preparedness to face with confidence real-life problems that need solutions

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of Paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Theory: written	1h 45m	50%
2	Problem-solving & Programming: written	1h 45m	50%

Topics covered include:

Data representation, Communication and Internet technologies, Hardware and software, Security, Ethics, Algorithm design and problem-solving, Programming, Databases

Design and Technology

Resistant Materials

Design Technology aims to help students to

- Understand different material properties and systems of manufacturing,
- Use a range of creative thinking strategies and processes in solving design problems
- Apply technical knowledge and information from inputs such as people, society and environmental considerations in developing a design outcome to solve an issue.

Students will follow the IGCSE Design and Technology Resistant Materials syllabus. The course encourages students to think creatively to solve problems, use design language to evaluate problems and communicate solutions and then apply these skills to their own projects.

Design and Technology takes place in the drawing studio and workshop, blending creativity and practical skills. Throughout the course students' complete skills-based exercises working with a range of tools and materials to develop their practical abilities.

The course focuses on the design process with short projects leading to the major project which requires each student to solve a design problem based on a given context provided by a client. Students will present a complete and comprehensive design portfolio based around the following topics.

- Problem Identification
- Design Brief and Specifications
- Technical Research
- Idea generation and development
- Technical Drawing – Planning
- Prototype
- Evaluation

Students will have four terms in which to design and make their project.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of Paper	Style of Paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Product Design	Design drawing	1h 15m	25%
3	Resistant Materials	Written	1h	25%
Project	School-based assessment		4 Terms	50%

Drama

This course is suitable for students who:

- Enjoy public speaking and performing in front of others
- Are motivated and creative
- Work well with others
- Are prepared to challenge themselves to try new things

The two-year programme aims to develop an understanding of drama through practical and theoretical study. Students will study and present dramatic texts and analyse how key dramatic elements can produce differing performances. They will create original dramatic material and reflect on its effectiveness through discussion and written responses.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Written Examination	2h 30m	40%
2	Coursework	-	60%

Topics covered include:

- Written Examination (sat in the November series) 40%
- The questions on this paper relate to pre-release material which is sent to Centres in advance of the examination. This material consists of two shorter extracts from a play. Candidates devise a piece of drama based on a chosen stimulus and write critically about these.
- The questions on the paper will require candidates to have engaged with the pre-release material from the perspective of actor, director and designer.
- Coursework 60%
- Candidates submit three pieces of practical work.
- One individual piece – one performance of an extract from a play
- Two group pieces – one performance of an extract from a play and one original devised piece.

All Coursework pieces must be performed for a live audience and filmed.

Economics

Every day we are faced with decisions; spend or save? Plastic or Paper? National or Labour? Economics students consider everyday events through an economic lens; applying the tools and concepts that they learn to interpret events in terms of their causes and likely impacts on a personal, national and global perspective.

Economics is about choice. Individuals, businesses and governments are all faced with making choices in situations where resources are scarce. In studying Economics students will examine topics of obvious importance to human well-being such as globalisation, international relations, financial mechanisms, the role of price and money, as well as the social costs and benefits of our modern lifestyle.

Graduates with an Economics degree are highly sought after and may work in both public sector and private sector organisations such as: Banks, Investment companies, Accounting firms, Law firms, The Reserve Bank, Treasury, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Department of Internal Affairs, Statistics NZ, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, NZ Trade and Enterprise, various international trade and development organisations, or in a university.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
2	Structured Questions	2h 15m	70%

Topics covered include:

- Scarcity – The economic problem
- Resource allocation
- Economic decision-making
- Government's role in the economy
- Changing global economies
- International Trade and globalisation

English (First Language)

This course is compulsory for all students.

The English (First Language) Syllabus will develop students' ability to communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively in speech and writing. Students will be encouraged to use relevant vocabulary, to employ correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and to display a sense of style and audience.

The syllabus will help students understand and respond appropriately to what they see, hear and experience, and to enjoy the full variety of the English Language. In addition, it will complement their other studies by developing general skills such as the ability to analyse, synthesise, and make inferences, order facts and present opinions.

A study of English (First Language) will promote personal development and an understanding of self and others.

Students will sit the IGCSE English (First Language) examination at the end of Year 11.

IGCSE Extended

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Reading	2h	50%
2	Directed writing and composition	2h	50%

Students will also study the IGCSE Literature Course throughout Years 10 – 11.

These 2 courses complement each other and run concurrently.

English Literature

This course is compulsory for all students.

Through the study of English Literature, students are encouraged to read, interpret and evaluate literary texts. They will develop an understanding of texts in terms of literal meaning, relevant contexts and deeper themes or attitudes.

They will learn to recognise and appreciate the ways in which writers use language to achieve their effects, and to communicate an informed personal response.

The study of literature allows students to explore areas of universal human concern, thus leading to a greater understanding of themselves and others.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Poetry and Prose	1hr 30m	50%
3	Drama (Open Text)	45m	25%
4	Unseen	1hr 15m	25%

Students will study a selection of texts from three sections: Drama, Prose and Poetry.

Environmental Management

Environmental Management is concerned with education for sustainable development in a world where the security of resources is endangered by human impact. It is wide-ranging in its scope and topical in its coverage. Environmental Management combines aspects of Biology, Earth Science, Geography, Economics and Anthropology. Environmental Management is concerned not only with the impact of humankind on the planet but also with the patterns of human behaviour necessary to preserve and manage the environment in a self-sustaining way.

Case studies enable students to obtain a local as well as a global perspective on some of the issues examined.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	<p style="text-align: center;">Theory</p> Section A: Short-answer and structured questions. (20 marks) Section B: Short-answer and extended response questions based on related source material. (60 marks)	1h 45m Externally assessed	50%
2	<p style="text-align: center;">Management in context</p> A written paper consisting of short-answer, data processing and analysis, and extended response questions based on source material. (80 marks)	1h 45m Externally assessed	50%

The syllabus is divided into nine topics which have been designed to develop an understanding of both the natural and the human environment:

1. Rocks and minerals and their exploitation
2. Energy and the environment
3. Agriculture and the environment
4. Water and its management
5. Oceans and fisheries
6. Managing natural hazards
7. The atmosphere and human activities
8. Human population
9. Natural ecosystems and human activities

Case studies are used to demonstrate real-world examples. Environmental management at Pinehurst is a science course. It may be chosen as a student's only science subject or taken alongside Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Environmental Management complements Geography and the study of both can be mutually beneficial.

Geography

Geography studies the inter-relationships between humans and their physical environment. So much more than knowing where countries and their capital cities are, geography is part of our everyday lives.

Examples of geographers in the workplace might be to work as geologists, environmental managers and engineers to make decisions about hazard evacuation, placement of new settlements, roads and coastal engineering.

A new frontier in geography called GIS (Geographic Information Systems) gathers spatial data and inputs it into a computer to create map layers revealing patterns and relationships.

Physical geographers research climates, landforms and plant and animal distributions. Human geographers aim to understand communities and cultures.

Geography at IGCSE level has a broad base which fits any choice of academic programme and at the same time allows students to keep their options open for further study at advanced levels. It teaches a wide variety of skills allowing students to combine geography with a number of university degrees including Arts, Law, Business, Engineering, Geology and Environmental Science.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Structured topic questions	1h 45m	45%
2	Geographic Skills	1h 30m	27.5%
4	Fieldwork Skills	1h 30m	27.5%

Topics covered include:

- Population and Settlement
- The Natural Environment
- Economic Development and the Use of Resources

Case studies, practical work and fieldwork are used to illustrate and develop topics.

Global Perspectives

The Pinehurst Global Perspectives programme is compulsory for all Year 10 and 11 students and is taught for 2 periods per week. It helps students to broaden their learning experience outside their core subjects. Global Perspectives is important because we live in an increasingly global community. As a result, students must prepare to work in a world that is diverse - in its people, cultures and thought.

For approximately half of the time, the students will be following the Cambridge IGCSE Global Perspectives curriculum, with the expectation that the students enter this as an extra IGCSE qualification at the end of Year 11 *if their coursework is of an acceptable standard*. Students research a range of issues of their own choice, analyse the information, evaluate source material, and explore different perspectives.

Tertiary institutions, Employment Recruitment agencies and employers are looking for people who have developed critical thinking skills and reasoning, who are self-motivated, can work independently and as a team, can problem solve, develop empathy, and have excellent time management and communication skills. Global Perspectives develops these skills.

The other half of the course will be taught in a modular style and includes units such as Cyber-Citizenship, Health and Well-Being, Self-Awareness, Career Education, Sustainability, Cultural Awareness and Stereotypes, Human Rights, Civics Education and Government.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	<p>Written Examination</p> <p>Candidates answer four compulsory questions based on a range of sources provided with the paper – skills based</p>	External 1h 25m	35%
2	<p>Individual Report</p> <p>Candidates research one topic area and discuss different perspectives, submitting one report based on their research (1700 – 2000 words)</p>	Coursework Internally set and externally marked	30%
3	<p>Team Project and Individual Reflection</p> <p>Candidates devise and develop a collaborative project into a local issue and produce a Team Outcome (PowerPoint Presentation) to explore the issue from a range of perspectives = 25 marks</p> <p>Student then write an Individual Reflection on their research, contribution and personal learning (750 – 1000 words) = 45 marks</p>	Coursework Internally set and externally moderated	35%

History

This course will provide the opportunity of studying some of the major international issues of the twentieth century and to understand how your personal freedom may one day be controlled by others.

The Syllabus will promote an understanding of historical cause and consequence, based on an appreciation of the use of historical evidence. The Syllabus aims to stimulate students' interest in and enthusiasm about the past, and to provide a sound basis for further study and the pursuit of personal interests.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Short and long answers	2h	40%
2	Source based short answers	2h	30%
3	Coursework	Class time	30%

Topics covered include:

The twentieth century:

- Was the Treaty of Versailles fair?
- To what extent was the League of Nations a success?
- How far was Hitler's foreign policy to blame for the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939?
- Who was to blame for the Cold War?
- How effectively did the United States contain the spread of communism?
- How secure was the USSR's control over Eastern Europe, 1948–c.1989?

Depth Study – The Second World War in Europe and the Asia-Pacific, 1939-1945

- How did the Second World War in Europe develop?
- How did the Second World War in the Asia-Pacific develop?
- What was the impact of war on civilian populations in Europe and the Asia-Pacific?
- How did the Allies achieve victory over the Axis powers?

Chinese (Mandarin) Foreign Language

This course is designed for:

- Second Language Mandarin Speakers who have satisfactorily completed Year 9 mandarin
- Enjoy working with language
- Are prepared to make a regular commitment to learning new vocabulary

The Chinese (Mandarin) Foreign Language course aims to:

- Develop the ability to use a foreign language as a means of practical communication
- Offer insights into the culture and civilisation of countries where the language is spoken
- Encourage a positive attitude towards language learning, towards the speakers of other languages and towards other cultures and civilisations
- Complement techniques which can be applied to other areas of learning, such as analysis and memory skills

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Listening	35m	25%
2	Reading	1h 15m	25%
3	Speaking	15m	25%
4	Writing	1h 15m	25%

Topics covered include:

Everyday Activities, Personal and Social Life, The World Around Us, The World of Work, The International World.

The Mandarin examination is taken within the CAIE **May / June examination session**.

Chinese Second Language

This course is designed for those who:

- Speak Mandarin regularly in their community
- Are prepared to make regular commitment to reading Chinese in various text types

The Chinese Second Language course aims to:

- Develop the ability to use Chinese effectively for the purpose of practical communication
- Form a sound foundation for the skills required for further study or employment using Chinese as the medium
- Develop an awareness of the nature of language and language-learning skills

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Reading and Writing	2h	60%
2	Listening	45m	20%
3	Speaking	15m	20%

Topics Covered include:

Young People and Education, Society, The World, Cultural Diversity

The examination is taken within the CAIE May / June examination session.

Mathematics

Mathematics is a compulsory subject for all Year 10 and 11 students. All students intending to enter New Zealand Universities will be required to obtain a Grade D or higher in IGCSE Mathematics.

Students will be encouraged to develop their mathematical knowledge and skills in a way which encourages confidence and provides satisfaction and enjoyment.

They will develop a feel for numbers, and for patterns and relationships in Mathematics. There will be an emphasis on solving problems and presenting and interpreting results. Students will be encouraged to communicate clearly and reason logically using mathematical concepts.

The Mathematics Syllabus aims to encourage students to make use of Mathematics in other subjects, and to provide a firm foundation for the further study of Mathematics and other disciplines.

IGCSE Core and Extended

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper		Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Core	Non-Calculator	1h 30m	50%
3	Core	Calculator	1h 30m	50%
2	Extended	Non-Calculator	2h	50%
4	Extended	Calculator	2h	50%

Note: a grade D or better satisfies the minimum numeracy requirement to enter NZ Universities.

Topics covered include:

- Number
- Algebra and Graphs
- Geometry and Trigonometry
- Measurement
- Transformations and vectors
- Probability & Statistics

Music

Pre-Requisites:

- This course is open to and suitable for all students as long as they begin or continue to have individual lessons on their chosen instrument or voice and reach grade 4 performance level by Year 11
- The course is divided into 3 sections: Performance, Composing & Listening
- Students must be prepared to perform solo pieces on a regular basis and take part in group ensemble pieces in class. There are opportunities to perform to a wider audience at termly concerts
- Students must be prepared to compose two pieces either contrasting in character or written for different groups of instruments
- The listening component includes Western classical and World music

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Listening	1h 15m	40%
2	Performing	-	30%
3	Composing	-	30%

Topics covered include:

- **Unprepared Listening**
Students will be expected to comment intelligently on the characteristics of a wide variety of music including Pop, Classical and World music. They will be taught techniques for recognising structure, instruments, styles, and timbre and will learn the appropriate vocabulary to describe music they hear
- **Prepared Listening**
Students will learn to read an orchestral score and to analyse one substantial Classical work. There will also be one prescribed focus on World Music where the music of a particular country will be studied
- **Performance**
Students will prepare and perform between 4 and 10 minutes of music on their chosen instrument/s. They are to perform 1 solo piece or 2 short solo pieces. In addition, they perform 1 or 2 ensemble pieces in which their part is not doubled by another player. Provision is made for improvisation
- **Composition**
Students will follow a music theory course and learn to use Sibelius music software. They will compose two pieces, at least one of which must use Western notation

This is a two-year course with students sitting the written examinations during the October examination session. Performances and compositions are internally assessed by the Director of Music, then CD recordings and the printed music are sent to Cambridge for moderation in October.

Physical Education

The Physical Education Syllabus provides candidates with an opportunity to study both the practical and theoretical aspects of the subject. It is designed to promote enjoyment in physical activity and the knowledge gained should enable students to develop an understanding of effective and safe physical performance.

Throughout the course students should be encouraged to improve their ability to plan, perform, analyse and evaluate physical activities. Their knowledge, skills and understanding of a number of physical activities selected from a wide range of categories should develop throughout the course.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Short-answer/Structured Questions	1h 45m	50%
2	Coursework	-	50%

Topics covered include:

Health, fitness and well-being. Anatomy and physiology. Social, cultural and ethical influences. Skill acquisition and psychology.

The Course Work assesses a candidate's physical performance, including an ability to interrelate planning, performing and evaluating whilst undertaking activity and the ability to analyse and improve their own and others. Performances in four practical activities are assessed, this being worth 50% of the final grade.

The four practical activities must be chosen from a minimum of two of the seven categories outlined: Games, Gymnastic Activities, Dance, Athletic Activities, Swimming, Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and Combat Activities

Physics

Physics is the study of how the world behaves and how the laws of nature operate. The subject looks at how things work and the principles and laws that predict their behaviour. This can range from the large scale of the Earth and the Universe to the small scale of the nucleus of an atom. If you enjoy taking things apart, have an inquisitive mind, and like to know what is going on, you will find this subject interesting.

Physicists play a vital role in the development of many new technologies, and the laws of physics find application in almost every branch of science, engineering and technology. For example, the pumping action of the heart, the speed of switching circuits in a computer, the stresses acting on a bridge, are all subject to the laws of physics. In order to make significant advances in any branch of science it is necessary to have a thorough grasp of these basic principles.

The study of motion is an important part of the course. You learn about how things move, how to measure speed and acceleration, how objects fall, what friction means, and what constraints conservation of energy and momentum can put on a system. Another important topic is electricity and students will learn how to build electric circuits.

Physics is a practical subject and students will develop their experimental skills throughout the course. Accurate measurement is very important in the development of any science, and this is particularly true of physics. Students will learn how to take measurements using a wide range of scientific apparatus including data logging with computers. The data is then analysed using graphical techniques in order to investigate whether it fits a pattern or hypothesis.

Physics is the most mathematical of the science subjects and the course will develop students' problem solving ability.

IGCSE Core and Extended

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper		Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Core	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
3	Core	Written answer	1h 15m	50%
2	Extended	Multiple Choice	45m	30%
4	Extended	Written answer	1h 15m	50%
5	All students	Practical Test	1h15m	20%
OR				
6	All students	Alternative to Practical	1h	20%

Topics covered include:

Light. Electricity. Energy. Mechanics. Electromagnetism. Thermal physics. Waves. Atomic physics. Electronics.

Spanish

This course is designed for:

- Students who have satisfactorily completed Year 9 Spanish
- Enjoy working with language
- Are prepared to make a regular commitment to learning new vocabulary

The Spanish Course aims to:

- Develop the ability to use the language effectively for purposes of practical communication within the country of residence, where appropriate, and in all the countries where the language is spoken
- Form a sound base of the skills, language and attitudes required for further study, work and leisure
- Offer insights into the culture and civilisation of the countries where the language is spoken (this may include literature where appropriate)
- Encourage positive attitudes toward foreign language learning and towards speakers of foreign languages, and a sympathetic approach to other cultures and civilisations

The course introduces students to more of the grammar and structure of Spanish and has a prescribed core vocabulary list.

IGCSE

Grades Available: A* to G

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Listening	45m	25%
2	Reading	1h	25%
3	Speaking	15m	25%
4	Writing	1h	25%

Topics covered include:

Everyday Activities, Personal and Social Life, The World Around Us, The World of Work, The International World.

YEARS 12 & 13

Cambridge International Examinations

- AS - Advanced Subsidiary
- A - Advanced Level

In Year 12 students' study 4 or 5 AS Level subjects.

All students must take AS English Language or AS English Literature.

The following subjects are offered at AS level

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| • Accounting | • Economics | • Mathematics |
| • Art & Design | • Environmental Management | • Media Studies |
| • Biology | • English Language | • Music |
| • Business Studies | • English Literature | • Physical Education |
| • Chemistry | • Further Mathematics | • Physics |
| • Classical Studies | • Geography | • Psychology |
| • Computer Science | • Global Perspectives & Research | • Spanish |
| • Design Technology | • History | |
| • Digital Media & Design | | |
| • Drama | | |

All AS subjects are completed in one year. The examinations are held in October/ November. In Year 13 students then have the option, if successful at AS level, of continuing their studies at A2 level.

In 2025 the following subjects are offered at A2 level:

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| • Accounting | • Digital Media & Design | • History |
| • Art & Design | • Drama | • Mathematics |
| • Biology | • Economics | • Music |
| • Business Studies | • English Language | • Physics |
| • Chemistry | • English Literature | • Psychology |
| • Classical Studies | • Geography | • Spanish |
| • Computer Science | • Global Perspectives & Research | |
| • Design Technology | | |

In Year 13 students select 4 subjects.

A Year 13 student may end up studying a combination of AS and A2 level subjects.

Pre-Requisites for AS level courses

In order to study some AS level subjects, students will be required to achieve a prerequisite standard at IGCSE level. This will normally be a grade C at IGCSE level. For more information on individual subject pre-requisites refer to the subject details in this booklet.

AS English Language or AS English Literature is compulsory for all Year 12 students.

After choosing a language option Year 12 students are to select 3 or 4 additional courses and will spend 6 periods per week on each of these.

Year 13 students are to select 4 or 5 courses from the subjects offered in this prospectus and will spend 6 periods per week on each of these.

Where appropriate, Year 12 and 13 students may supplement their programme of study by choosing IGCSE subjects that complement their timetable.

Pinehurst students' study 4 or 5 AS Level subjects in Year 12, with AS examinations in November. Students may then specialise in 4 or 5 full A Level subjects in Year 13. Having said that, they may also select to study a variety of different AS subjects rather than doing the full A Level. The nature of the A/AS Level programmes allows plenty of flexibility over the two years for students to study a variety of AS and A Level combinations.

AS and A Levels from Cambridge International Examinations are well established, internationally recognised examinations. AS and A Levels are accepted at all New Zealand universities. They are also accepted by universities around the world, including Australia, the USA and Europe. Students considering undertaking their first year at university overseas would be advised to complete at least 3-4 full A Levels in Year 13.

University Entrance

Students who successfully pass their AS and A level courses achieve points, these points referred to as UCAS points, which then allow the student to access university courses.

UCAS points are allocated as follows:

Percentage Range	AS Level		A Level	
	Grade	Points	Grade	Points
90 - 100	A	60	A*	140
80 - 90	A	60	A	120
70 - 79	B	50	B	100
60 - 69	C	40	C	80
50 - 59	D	30	D	60
40 - 49	E	20	E	40

To gain University Entrance in New Zealand, students are required to obtain a minimum of 120 UCAS points with at least 3 subjects having a D grade or better over 6 AS subjects, 3 A level subjects or a combination of AS and A2 subjects. The student is also required to have a minimum literacy requirement of E in AS English Language or English Literature and a minimum numeracy requirement of D in IGCSE Mathematics.

Please note - These are minimum requirements for entry and for the student to gain guaranteed entry to a specific course in many universities they will require considerably more UCAS points than 120. Many courses now also require certain grade level achievement in specific subject areas at AS or A level.

The need to check the implications of making subject choices for future study plans is increasingly important. It is imperative that students see University Websites or the Careers Advisor for exact details before finalising their subject choices.

Accounting

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Accounting is not all about spread-sheets. Accountants today are branching out into careers as exciting as forensic accounting and stockbroking. They end up as CEOs and CFOs, business advisers, financial analysts and leaders in the world of Corporate Finance. Accounting prepares you for a degree in Commerce, in general and the Accounting profession, in particular. As a profession, Accounting will enable you to work in any industry and live the life you want to live.

Money is the engine that drives business - money is the language of business. Accounting will teach you how to use that language to make important business decisions as it provides a system by which the monetary value of transactions, both business and individual, is measured.

'Professionals in accounting and finance hold some of the best and most influential positions in New Zealand and throughout the world. They are earning great money, shaping businesses worldwide and redefining what it means to be an accountant'. NZICA booklet.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	1h	28%
2	Structured Questions	1h 45m	72%

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites - Students must have completed AS Accounting to the satisfaction of the Head of Department – Commerce.

Candidates for A Level Accounting are required to enter for Papers 1, 2, and 3. Papers 1 and 2 are normally taken as part of the AS programme, with Paper 3 taken as part of the A2 programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Accounting AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Financial Accounting	1h 30m	30%
4	Cost and Management Accounting	1h	20%

The programme follows a similar pattern to AS Accounting with further extension in all the topics. In addition, the following topics are covered: Standard and Process Costing, Budgeting, Investment Appraisal, Cash flow Statements and Business Purchase.

Art and Design

Painting, Drawing, Photography, Architecture, Fashion and Textiles

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

In this course, candidates narrow their interests of style, process and technique to reflect a more concentrated interest in art making. Students will develop a practical, expressive and imaginative approach to working; producing art influenced by the wider world.

Students will be introduced to relevant, new and exciting artists who will broaden and deepen students' understanding of specific artistic style, skills and ideas. This will allow students to emulate works with an expansive and sensitive understanding of Art and how it is made.

Students will be using essential skills needed in strong observational works and become refined in the use of materials and processes. Influences will be drawn from a topical theme that will evoke a personal, emotional response and frame an authentic visual breadth of study.

Candidates can produce work in areas of study such as drawing, painting, mix media, photography, architecture, design, and fashion

Candidates for AS Level Art and Design are required to enter for Components 1 and 2.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Coursework	-	50%
2	Controlled Test	15h	50%

Component 1 is Coursework which will be externally assessed by Cambridge University.

Component 2 is a controlled test externally assessed by Cambridge University.

Advanced Level 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites - Students must have completed the course in AS Art and Design.

Candidates for A Level Art and Design are required to enter for Components 1,2 and 3. Components 1 and 2 from the AS programme will be submitted with Component 3 as part of the A2 programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Art and Design AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Coursework	-	50%

Candidates will continue to build upon their Personal Investigation, demonstrating a more refined and in-depth approach in process and outcome. Students will also undertake a written analysis with a maximum of 1,500 words.

Component 3 is Coursework: The Personal Investigation which is in two parts, the practical work and written analysis, this will be externally assessed by Cambridge University.

Biology

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have achieved a C Grade or higher in IGCSE Biology or have permission from the Head of Department – Sciences.

Biology is an experimental science concerned with the way nature works. An A level in Biology provides an excellent qualification for a wide career choice within science, industry or commerce. A Biology student is numerate, analytical, and practical and has good problem solving, presentation and communication skills. A qualification in Biology offers many opportunities which include veterinary sciences, marine biology, ecology, nursing, biochemistry, research biology, forensic science, pharmaceutical industries, physical education, product testing, health and medicine, biotechnology, wine-making.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	1h	31%
2	Structured Questions	1h 15m	46%
3	Advance Practical Skills	2h	23%

Topics covered include:

Biological molecules. Cells as the basic units of life. DNA and the mitotic cell cycle. Transport and gas exchange. Disease and protection against disease.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Candidates for A Level Biology are required to complete the AS Biology course within 1 year then complete the A2 components of the course within the following year.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Biology AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
4	Structured Questions	2h	38.5%
5	Planning, Analysis and Evaluation	1h 15m	11.5%

The programme follows a similar pattern to AS Biology with further extension in all the AS Biology topics and the following new topics:

The diversity of life. Genetics, population genetics and evolutionary processes. Molecular biology and gene technology. Respiration. Mammalian physiology, control and coordination. Plant physiology and biochemistry.

Pre-Requisites

Students must have completed AS Biology to the satisfaction of the Head of Department – Sciences.

Business Studies

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

The aims of the Business Studies course is to understand and appreciate the nature and scope of business, and its role in society; to develop critical understanding of organisations, the markets they serve and the process of adding value; to be aware that business behaviour can be studied from a range of stakeholders including customer, manager, creditor, owner/shareholder and employee; to be aware of the economic, environmental, ethical, governmental, legal, social and technological issues associated with business activity and to develop skills in decision making and problem solving. It is hoped that the Business Studies course will prepare students to meet the world of work with confidence and awareness.

Careers in business are wide ranging. No matter which pathway students choose in the future, they will likely be working in an organisational context and able to apply concepts and analytical skills that they learn in this course. Specifically, Business Studies can lead to professions such as business owner, human resources management, property development, finance management, business analyst, general management, operations management, marketing, and advertising.

Candidates for AS Level Business Studies are required to enter for Papers 1 and 2. These papers are sat in November of the first year of the programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Short Answer	1h 15m	20%
	Essay		20%
2	Data Response	1h 30m	60%

Topics covered include:

Business and the environment, people in organisations, marketing, operations management, business finance, business accounting and information for decision making.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Business Studies.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Business Studies AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Business Decision-Making	1h 45m	30%
4	Business Strategy	1h 15m	20%

This course includes extension material in all of the topics covered in the AS material, as well as an additional topic – Strategic Management.

Chemistry

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have achieved a C Grade or higher in IGCSE Chemistry or have permission from the Head of Department – Sciences.

Chemistry is an experimental science concerned with the way nature works at the atomic and molecular level. An A level in Chemistry provides an excellent qualification for a wide career choice within science, industry or commerce. A Chemistry student is numerate, analytical, and practical and has good problem solving, presentation and communication skills. Medical students require a solid foundation of chemistry. A qualification in chemistry offers many opportunities which include veterinary sciences, research chemistry, forensic science, pharmaceutical industries, product testing, health and medicine.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	1h	31%
2	Structured Questions	1h 15m	46%
3	Advanced Practical Skills	2h	23%

Topics covered include:

Particles. Bonding and structure. Controlling reactions 1. Organic chemistry 1. Chemical trends.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Chemistry.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Chemistry AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
4	A2 Structured Questions	1h 45m	38.5%
5	Planning, Analysis and Evaluation	1h 15m	11.5%

The programme follows a similar pattern to AS Chemistry with further extension in all the topics. Acids and bases. Electricity and metals. Controlling reactions 2. Organic chemistry 2. Analysis.

Classical Studies

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

We begin by learning about Ancient Greek society and how this is depicted in the comedies of Aristophanes, dating back to the 5th century BC. These plays combine sociopolitical context and multiple forms of humour, and you will find even as a modern audience that these plays are hilarious. We then move on to studying the first Roman emperor, Augustus, who arrived in Rome as an inexperienced and unknown 18-year-old and managed to become the undisputed ruler of Rome by age 33. A clever and talented leader, Augustus rebuilt Rome from the impacts of civil war and began the greatness of the Roman Empire.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Raw mark	Weighting (%)	Type of Assessment
1	Greek Civilisation Ancient Greek Comedy: Plays of Aristophanes	1h 30m	50	50%	Written paper
2	Roman Civilisation Augustus, Rome's first emperor Roman Architecture	1h 30m	50	50%	Written paper

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

We continue the story of leadership in Rome with studies on emperors Claudius, Nero, Domitian, and Trajan, who have bizarre personality traits but still left their stamp on Roman history. This is a broad unit of study, covering almost 70 years of Roman history. We then move on to reading the great Homeric Epics, the Iliad and the Odyssey, in which we learn the stories of Achilles, the Trojan War, Odysseus, and hear about their relationships with the gods as they overcome mortal challenges and human suffering.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Raw mark	Weighting (%)	Type of Assessment
Your Classical Studies AS Level Mark carried forward				50%	
3	Classical History Emperors and Subjects	1h 30m	50	25%	Written paper
4	Greek Literature Homeric Epic	1h 30m	50	25%	Written paper

Computer Science

The aims of this course are to develop:

- A student's ability to think:
 - Algorithmically: to accurately follow and also design a set of instructions that executes a task
 - Computationally: to understand the main principles of how computers and other devices are designed and how they operate
 - Socially: to consider that effects of people of digital technologies
 - Forensically: to be able to solve problems in a logical fashion, frequently by using digital technologies and high-level coding
- An enjoyment of the thrill and satisfaction of success in problem-solving leading to a preparedness to face with confidence real-life problems that need solutions

Advanced Subsidiary Level - 1 Year Course

Computer science is the study of the foundational principles and practices of computation and computational thinking and their application in the design and development of computer systems.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Theory fundamentals: written	1h 30m	50%
2	Problem-solving & Programming Skills: written	2h	50%

Topics covered include: Information representation, Communication and Internet technologies, Hardware, Processor fundamentals, System software, Security, privacy and data integrity, Ethics & ownership, Database and data modelling, Algorithm design and problem-solving, Data representation, Programming, Software development.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Cambridge International A Level Computer Science provides a suitable foundation for the study of computer science or related courses in higher education. The programme follows a similar pattern to the AS Level course with practical aspects that are examined via a written paper.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Computer Science AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Advanced Theory: written	1h 30m	25%
4	Further Problem-solving and Programming Skills: written	2h	25%

Note: the content of the A Level syllabus also contains the material covered in the AS Level course.

Topics covered include: Data representation, Communications and Internet technologies, Hardware, System software, security, Monitoring and control systems, Computational thinking and problem-solving, Algorithm design methods, Further programming, Software development.

Design and Technology

Product Design

Design Technology aims to help students to:

- Understand different material properties and systems of manufacturing,
- Use a range of creative thinking strategies and processes in solving design problems
- Apply technical knowledge and information from inputs such as people, society and environmental considerations in developing a design outcome to solve an issue.

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Candidates for AS Level Design and Technology are required to enter for Components 1 and 2. In the first year of the programme Component 1 is sat in November, Component 2 is submitted in September.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Written	2h 15m	50%
2	Project	40h - 50h	50%

Component 1 is a written examination testing material, processing knowledge and product analysis.

Component 2 focuses on design processes and practical work and will allow a student to investigate and develop specialist areas of interest through a coursework project.

Students will be expected to identify a problem of their own, then, using the design process, develop and construct a realistic solution to the problem.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have completed component 1 and 2 of the AS Design and Technology: Product Design.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Design and Technology AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Written	2h 30m	25%
4	Project	40h - 50h	25%

Component 3 is a written examination which will test design and development processes, materials knowledge and manufacturing understanding in the focus area of Product Design.

Component 4 can either be the prototype development of the project for Component 2 or a new project covering Components 2 and 4 in a holistic way. The outcome of this component will be a product produced using the most appropriate methods and materials.

Digital Media and Design

Digital photography, Video and Visual Effects, Animation and Motion Graphics

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Candidates for AS Level Art and Design Digital Media are required to enter for Components 1 and 2. These Components are submitted towards the end of the year.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Portfolio	-	50%
2	Controlled Test	10h	50%

This is an exciting course that has been designed to encompass the ever wider-reaching arch of Digital Media and Art. Candidates will be exposed to new concepts in making Art in a creative digital format, this will include using new software, equipment and technology practices. Students will develop the skills and knowledge needed to work in a variety of experimental ways as well as more traditional methods of photography, animation and videography.

Students will experience studio photography, learn to edit work using Adobe Photoshop, After Effects and Adobe Premiere to create exciting videos and animations and motion graphics. This will give students the ability to work towards generating their digital portfolio and proposal which will develop ideas based around concepts and a brief.

Previous students have created a wide range of products from music videos and social media campaigns to animation, documentary and short films. Or choose to produce immersive museum experiences, documentaries, photographic essays plus stop frame sequences and short films with a narrative twist.

Candidates will gain influence from different styles and genres of Digital Media and new emerging artists, directors and techniques.

Component 1 is Coursework which will be externally assessed by Cambridge University.
Component 2 is a controlled test externally assessed by Cambridge University.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-requisites

Students must have completed AS Art and Design Digital Media.

Candidates for A Level Art and Design Digital Media are required to enter for Components 1, 2 and 3.

Components 1 and 2 are submitted as part of the AS programme, along with Component 3 it is all submitted as part of the A2 programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Digital Media and Design AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Personal Investigation	-	50%

Candidates will research a topic or theme and produce a final practical outcome with a written analysis of 1000-1500 words. Component 3 is a Personal Investigation, with a written analysis which will be externally assessed by Cambridge University.

Drama

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

This course will suit students who:

- Have satisfactorily completed IGCSE Drama; or
- Have significant dramatic or stage experience; and who can demonstrate their dramatic knowledge, both in performance and in writing

All candidates take Paper 1 (Coursework) and Paper 2 (Written Examination).

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1A	Coursework – Scripted Drama	45m	30%
1B	Coursework – Devised Drama	30m - 45m	30%
2	Written Examination	1h 45m	40%

The programme aims to develop an understanding of drama through practical and theoretical study. Students will study dramatic texts and demonstrate how key dramatic elements can produce differing performances.

Topics cover, could include; Comedy of manners, New Zealand Theatre, Greek Theatre, Shakespearean Dramas, Political Theatre, British Contemporary Drama and Theatre

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Students who wish to do A Level Drama, need to complete the AS level course first.

At A Level, students focus on three key areas:

- Theatre-making and performance through the process of devising and presenting a piece inspired by a selected practitioner or tradition or style
- Structuring individual performance work from materials on a chosen theme selected and linked by the student
- Exploration of and research into performance texts, practitioners, styles, and genres.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Drama AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Theatre-making and performing; Group devised performance, Analysis and evaluation essay, Individual performance	15-20min 800 words 6-8min	25%
4	Theatre in context; Research essay	2500-3000 words	25%

All Coursework pieces, for both AS and A Level, must be performed for a live audience and filmed. These assessments will usually take place during the College Drama Evenings at the end of every term. Students are expected to be available for these evenings and take an active part in their organisation.

Economics

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel Laureate in economics, probably stated it best almost three decades ago when he wrote: A knowledge of Economics serves as a “means of communication among people, incorporating a basic vocabulary or logic that is so frequently encountered that the knowledge should be possessed by everyone.”

Economics will give students the tools for understanding their economic world and how to interpret events that will either directly or indirectly affect them. It is about choice and is at the heart of all decision-making. Individuals, businesses and governments are all faced with making choices in situations where resources are scarce. In studying Economics students will examine topics of obvious importance to human well-being.

Graduates with an Economics degree are highly sought after and may work in both public sector and private sector organisations such as: Banks, Investment companies, Accounting firms, Law firms, The Reserve Bank, Treasury, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Department of Internal Affairs, Statistics NZ, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, NZ Trade and Enterprise, various international trade and development organisations, or in a university.

Topics covered: Basic Economic Ideas, The Price System and the Theory of the firm, Government Intervention in the price system, International Trade, Theory and Measurement in the Macro economy and Macroeconomic policies.

Assessment at a glance:

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	1h	33%
2	Data Response	2h	67%
	Microeconomics Essay		
	Macroeconomics Essay		

Advanced level – 1 Year Course

Pre-requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Economics.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Economics AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Multiple Choice	1h 15m	17%
4	Data Response	2h	33%
	Microeconomic Essay		
	Macroeconomic Essay		

Papers 3 and 4 test the topics in the supplement, but also require a knowledge and understanding of the topics from the subsidiary content.

Environmental Management

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Environmental Management is an AS Level only course.

Environmental management is concerned with the impacts of human activity on the environment. Having a basic understanding of the structure of the earth and the science of key natural phenomena is essential to the study of environmental management. This section introduces these foundations and they are used as a starting point for other sections in this syllabus. Some candidates may have previously studied the knowledge in this section as part of a Level 2 course (GCSE, IGCSE, O Level).

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Principles of Environmental Management	1h 45m	50%
2	Management in Context	1h 45m	50%

The aims are to enable students to develop:

- knowledge of natural systems which make life possible on Earth
- an understanding that humans are part of these systems and depend on them
- an appreciation of the diverse influences of human activity on natural systems
- an awareness of the need to manage human activities within natural systems
- an understanding of sustainable development to meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- a sense of responsibility and concern for the welfare of the environment and all organisms
- an awareness of their own values concerning environmental issues
- an awareness of the values of others
- a willingness to review their own attitudes in the light of new knowledge and experiences
- a sound basis for further study, personal development and participation in local and global environmental concerns
- An awareness of some of the founding principles of the sciences

English Language

AS English Language, AS English General, or AS English Literature is compulsory for all Year 12 students.

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

English General is an AS Level only course.

Pre-Requisites: None.

The Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper is an accessible English course which focuses on communication and skills. This course encourages you to think critically about modern issues as a means of developing your skills in reading and writing. It also seeks to strengthen your ability to communicate in English. Your experiences in this course can help you become a stronger critical reader, writer and thinker.

Unlike some of your other classes, where you need to learn about and retain content-based material, AS Level English General Paper is a skills-based course. The skills you learn as a student on this course can transfer to most other academic fields you are studying, therefore your learning experiences can set a valuable foundation for your educational experience across all disciplines.

This course differs to AS Literature in that passages for analysis are unseen and focus on topical issues in society.

This course differs to AS Language in that written accuracy is not weighted as heavily in essay responses.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Essay	1h, 15 m	50%
2	Comprehension	1h, 45 m	50%

English Language

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have achieved a C Grade or higher in IGCSE English Language or have permission from the Head of Department – Languages.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Reading	2h 15m	50%
2	Writing	2h	50%

In both papers:

The requirements are to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- The conventions of a wide range of written textual forms, both fiction and non-fiction
- The linguistic elements and literary features of texts
- The significance of audience in both the design and reception of texts
- The ways in which genre, purpose and context contribute to the meaning of texts

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Level English.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your English Language AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Language Analysis	2h 15m	25%
4	Language Topics	2h 15m	25%

Language topics - The topic areas for examination in 2025 are:

- Language change
- Child language acquisition
- English in the world
- Language and the self

Paper 3 develops skills in language data analysis and linguistic theory.

Paper 4 explores issues related to how language is used, moving beyond the practical application of the English language.

English Literature

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Students must have achieved a C Grade or higher in IGCSE English Literature or Language or have permission from the Head of Department – Languages.

This course will furnish students with:

- The ability to write clearly and effectively
- Skills in developing arguments
- Skills in researching and managing information
- The ability to analyse complex texts in different forms and styles

This course will suit students who:

- Enjoy reading
- Like to discuss ideas in texts and how they relate to the world
- Can formulate independent ideas about texts in writing

Candidates for AS Level Literature study three texts and prepare for one unseen text. This is an academic course where students use critical material to develop their awareness of how texts reflect their social and historical contexts, as well as their own analytical and reasoning skills, discussing how the ideas in the texts reflect universal concerns which are still relevant today.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Drama and Poetry	2h	50%
2	Prose and Unseen	2h	50%

A selection of texts is studied covering the genres of prose, poetry and drama.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS English Literature. Candidates for A Level English Literature are required to enter for Papers 1, 2, 3 and 4. Papers 1 and 2 are normally taken as part of the AS programme, with the remainder taken as part of the A2 programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your English Literature AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Shakespeare and Drama	2h	25%
4	Pre-and-Post-1900 Poetry and Prose	2h	25%

Students study a selection of texts covering the genres of prose, poetry and drama.

Further Mathematics

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Further Mathematics is a course for exceptional Mathematics students who are following Pinehurst's accelerated Mathematics programme. The course expects students to have either completed A-Level Mathematics or to be working on A2 Mathematics in the same year. Entry to the course will be at the discretion of the Head of Department after a discussion with the student to weigh up their results so far and their future aspirations.

Candidates for AS Level Further Mathematics are required to enter for the Further Mathematics Pure 1 and Statistics papers. These papers are sat in October/November of the first year of the programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Further Pure Mathematics	2h	60%
4	Further Probability & Statistics	1h 30m	40%

Topics covered include:

Roots of polynomial equations, Rational functions and graphs, Summation of series, Matrices, Polar coordinates, Vectors, Proof by induction, Motion of a projectile, Equilibrium of a rigid body, Circular motion, Hooke's law, Linear motion under a variable force, Momentum

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Further Mathematics.

Candidates for A Level Further Mathematics are required to enter for Papers 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Further Mathematics paper 1 & 4 AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
2	Further Pure Mathematics	2h	30%
3	Further Mechanics	1h 30m	20%

Topics covered include:

Hyperbolic functions, Matrices, Further Calculus, Complex Numbers and Differential Equations; Continuous Random Variables, Inference, Hypothesis Tests, Probability Generating Functions.

Geography

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Why do Geography?

A sound knowledge of Geography allows for an understanding of the changing environment. This, in combination with skills and abilities acquired during the course will throw open opportunities for employment in a wide variety of fields such as Urban and Regional Planning, Resource management, Law, Geology and Tourism.

Territorial Authorities (district, city and regional councils), Private companies (e.g. Fletcher Building) and Government departments (MAF Qual/MAF Tech) are always in need of trained geographers.

Candidates for AS Level Geography are required to enter for Papers 1 and 2. This paper is sat in November of the first year of the programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Core Physical Geography	1h 30m	50%
2	Core Human Geography	1h 30m	50%

Topics covered include:

Hydrology and Fluvial Geomorphology, Atmosphere and Weather, Rocks and Weathering, Population Change, Settlement Dynamics, Migration.

AS Geography is the first stage of in-depth specialisation within Geography's two main branches: Physical Geography and Human Geography.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Geography.

Candidates for A Level Geography are required to enter for Papers 3 and 4.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Geography AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Advanced Physical Geography	1h 30m	25%
4	Advanced Human Geography	1h 30m	25%

Topics covered include:

Coastal Environments, Hazardous Environments, Environmental Management, and Global Inter Dependence.

Global Perspectives and Research

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

The course is firmly based on skills rather than specific content. It enables students to explore and make judgements about global issues of relevance and importance to their own lives. It is designed to develop skills in research, critical thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, obtaining information, evaluate its reliability and usefulness, and develop communication skills by analysing and evaluating arguments and perspectives. Collaboration skills are enhanced through participation in a team project.

Through the study of a range of global issues, students will explore different perspectives allowing them to nurture cross-cultural awareness and promote cultural empathy. Global Perspectives & Research encourages transformative learning, whereby learners become more aware of their own beliefs and assumptions and more able to be self-critical.

We recommend that students who are beginning this course have attained communication and literacy skills at a level equivalent to IGCSE™/GCSE Grade C in English.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Written Examination Compulsory structured questions based on sources provided.	1h 30m	36%
2	Essay Candidates explore different perspectives on issues of global significance and write a 2000-word essay based on their research.	-	32%
3	Team Project Individually assessed - Identify a local problem which has global relevance.	-	32%

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Global Perspectives and Research.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Global Perspectives & Research AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
4	Cambridge Research Report Candidates devise and develop a research question. This is answered in a report based on individual personal research (4500-5000 words).	-	50%

By developing thinking and reasoning skills, as well as research and communication skills, Cambridge International Level Global Perspectives & Research will enable students to meet the demands of the twenty-first century and to make a successful transition to higher education, employment and lifelong learning.

History

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

A History student has a passion for the complexities of the past and how it has influenced the world we live in today.

The aims are to enable students to develop:

- an interest in the past and an appreciation of human endeavour
- a greater knowledge and understanding of historical periods or themes
- a greater awareness of historical concepts such as cause and consequence, change and continuity, similarity and difference, significance and interpretations
- an appreciation of the nature and diversity of historical sources available, and the methods used by historians
- an exploration of a variety of approaches to different aspects of history and different interpretations of particular historical issues
- the ability to think independently and make informed judgements on issues
- an empathy with people living in different places and at different times
- a firm foundation for further study of History.
- Candidates will complete one topic for each component. At Pinehurst we complete the following components:

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Document Question Industrial Revolution in Britain 1750-1850	1h 15m	40%
2	Outline study France 1774-1814 Russian Revolution 1894-1921	1h 45m	60%

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS History.

Candidates will complete **one** topic for each component. At Pinehurst we complete the following:

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your History AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	The Holocaust Interpretation question	1h 15m	20%
4	American history 1945-1992 Depth Study	1h 45m	30%

Mathematics

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have previously taken IGCSE Mathematics Extended and achieved a C Grade or higher, or have permission from the Head of Department – Mathematics.

Candidates for AS Level Mathematics are required to enter for Papers P1 and S1. These papers are sat in October/November of the first year of the programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Pure Mathematics P1	1h 50m	60%
5	Statistics S1	1h 15m	40%

Topics covered include:

Quadratics, Functions, Co-ordinate Geometry, Circular Measure, Trigonometry, Differentiation, Integration, Series, Representation of Data, Permutations and Combinations, Probability, Discrete Random Variables and The Normal Distribution.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Mathematics.

Candidates for A Level Mathematics are required to enter for Papers 1, 3, 4 and 5. Papers 1 and 5 are taken as part of the AS programme, with Papers 3 and 4 taken as part of the A2 programme.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Mathematics AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Pure Mathematics P3	1h 50m	30%
4	Mechanics M1	1h 15m	20%

Topics covered include:

Algebra, Logarithmic and Exponential Functions, Trigonometry, Differentiation, Integration, Numerical Solutions of Equations, Vectors, Differential Equations, Complex Numbers. Forces and Equilibrium, Kinematics, Laws of Motion, Energy and Power.

Media Studies

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

The aims are to enable students to: develop critical understanding of international media through engagement with media products and concepts. Develop critical understanding of international media through engagement with the creative application of practical skills. Explore production processes, technologies and contexts. Develop independence in research skills and their application. Enjoy and appreciate the media and its role in their daily lives. Appreciate and engage with a variety of global and local media texts. Explore the impact of the media within a variety of cultures and how this influences social values.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Foundation Portfolio	In class	50%
2	Examination	2 hours	50%

Foundation Portfolio - Candidates produce a media product that includes digital evidence of the process of their work and creative critical reflection.

Examination - Candidates answer one question based on an unseen moving image extract. Candidates answer one question from a choice of two questions on Media Contexts.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Media Studies.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
3	Advanced Portfolio	In class	25%
4	Examination - Critical Perspectives	2 hours	25%

Advanced Portfolio - Candidates produce a campaign of media products, digital evidence of the process of their work and reflect upon their finished products, in the form of an evaluative essay of around 1000 words. Candidates work either individually or as part of a group to complete this coursework.

Examination - Section A: Media debates (30 marks) Candidates answer two from a choice of three questions. Section B: Media ecology (30 marks) Candidates answer one question.

Music

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Music is increasingly recognised as an asset to any further studies that students wish to undergo at university level. It is an ideal complement to other A-levels, whether artistic or scientific, as it demonstrates a broad education to any potential employers.

Students must have passed IGCSE Music or have sat and passed at least grade 4 ABRSM or Trinity theory and performance examinations to enrol in this course.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Listening - Written paper	2h	60%
2	Coursework – Performance and Composition	-	40%

Listening Topics: Studying a number of set works and being familiar with stylistic, harmonic and theoretical musical contexts in preparation to answer five questions from three sections in a two-hour exam.

Coursework: this will comprise of creating two contrasting compositions no longer than 4 minutes together and performing up to 10 minutes, as a soloist or a group member on one or more instruments.

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Students must have passed AS Music.

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Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
	Your Music AS Level Mark carried forward		50%
	<p>And two of the following three options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended performance of 15-20 minutes, recorded on video with a 1000-1500 word research report on the pieces Extended composition, 6 - 8 min long with a 1000-1500 research report Investigating Music, 2500-3000 word essay with up to 500 word reflective statement based on either their Performance or composition option 	-	50%

Physical Education

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

The AS Physical Education course aims to provide a knowledge and understanding of the conceptual basis, structure and function of a representative selection of physical education activities; develop understanding and problem-solving skills (interpretation and evaluation); develop planning and practical skills for effective performance; foster an ability to relate practice to theory and theory to practice; develop an understanding of the scientific, socio-cultural and environmental factors which influence physical education; provide an experience which is valuable both as a means of personal development and as a foundation for employment or more advanced study.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Written Paper	1h 45m	50%
2	Coursework	-	50%

Component 1 is a written paper testing students' knowledge of four key concepts: Applied anatomy, exercise physiology and biomechanics, Skill acquisition, Sociocultural influences and Performance in physical activity.

Component 2 is a coursework component (50%). This will be internally assessed and externally moderated by CAIE. Students are assessed in two physical activities from the list of physical activities available. There are 35 marks available for each physical activity. The assessment of performance will take place in competitive conditioned practices and formal competitive games, competitions or situations. Showing effective performance in physical activities requires the use of a range of skills, techniques, tactics and strategies. Learners apply their theoretical learning to physical activities in order to improve and refine how they perform.

It is not a requirement to have taken Physical Education at IGCSE level.

Physics

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have achieved a C Grade or higher in IGCSE Physics or have permission from the Head of Department – Sciences.

Physics is an essential requirement for any student seeking a future in engineering, product design or any related technological subject. Physics is the study of how the world behaves and how the laws of nature operate and is generally regarded as the most fundamental science subject. The subject looks at how things work and the principles and laws that predict their behaviour. This is a practically based course. Accurate measurement is very important in the development of any science, and this is particularly true of physics. Students will learn how to take measurements using a wide range of scientific apparatus including data logging with computers.

The data is then analysed using graphical techniques in order to investigate whether it fits a pattern or hypothesis.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Multiple Choice	1h 15m	31%
2	Structured Questions	1h 15m	46%
3	Practical Skills	2h	23%

Topics covered include:

Physical quantities and units. Measurement techniques. Kinematics. Dynamics. Forces, density and pressure. Work, energy and power. Deformation of solids. Waves. Superposition. Current electricity. D.C. circuits. Particle physics.

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Physics.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Physics AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
4	Structured Questions	2h	38.5%
5	Practical Paper	1h 15m	11.5%

The programme builds on the topics studied at AS level in further detail.

Additional Topics covered include:

Motion in a circle. Oscillations. Temperature. Thermal properties of materials. Ideal gases. Gravitational and electric fields. Capacitance. Electronics. Magnetic fields. Electromagnetic induction. Alternating currents. Communication. Quantum physics. Nuclear physics.

Psychology

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Psychology is an experimental science which attempts to explain the behaviour of individuals based on the workings of the mind. We cannot see someone thinking, nor can we observe their emotions, memories, or perceptions and dreams. So how do psychologists go about studying the mind? Psychologists take human behaviour as the raw data for testing their theories about how the mind works. They apply scientific methodology: they formulate theories, test hypotheses through observation and experiment, and analyse the findings with statistical techniques that help them identify important findings and patterns across populations.

Psychology lies at the intersection of many other disciplines including Biology, Medicine, Linguistics, Philosophy, Anthropology, Sociology, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Interest in studying Psychology has grown in recent years, particularly in the development of positive psychology with its focus on human potential and wellbeing. Psychology is fundamental to a range of careers, for example: clinical, counselling, educational, forensic or health psychologists. This also provides useful training for the Police and Armed Forces.

Paper	Type	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Short answer and an essay question based on core studies	1h 30m	50%
2	Short answer and a design-based question some questions based on core studies	1h 30m	50%

Topics covered include 12 Core Studies that have been selected to reflect four approaches used in psychology. These are cognitive, social, biological and learning approaches.

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Pre-Requisites - Students must have successfully completed AS Level Psychology.

Paper	Type	Duration	Weighting (%)
Your Psychology AS Level Mark carried forward			50%
3	Short answer and structured essays	1h 30m	25%
4	Short answer, design-based question and one essay question	1h 30m	25%

The A level syllabus encourages students to look at how psychological theory has been applied. This involves integrating the various areas of the subject and seeing the connections and contrasts between them. The chosen applied areas are Health Psychology and Abnormal Psychology. A summary of key studies is required as well as understanding relevant issues and debates.

Spanish

Advanced Subsidiary Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have achieved a C Grade or higher in IGCSE Spanish or have permission from the Head of Department – Languages.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Listening	60m	25%
2	Reading	1h 30m	25%
3	Writing	1h 30m	25%
4	Speaking	16 min	25%

Candidates will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the following six broad topic areas which enable them to progress from the knowledge and skills developed at IGCSE.

- Culture (Entertainment, Identity and Culture, The Arts)
- Health and well-being (Health and Fitness, Nutrition, Managing well-being)
- Education and future (Life at school, Further/Higher education, Career/Work choices)
- Community and society (Equality and Diversity, Lifestyle, Society)
- Our responsibility for the planet (Sustainable living, Protecting our World)
- Science and technology (Scientific and Technical Innovation, social media, Technology)

Advanced Level – 1 Year Course

Pre-Requisites

Students must have successfully completed AS Spanish.

Paper	Name of paper	Duration	Weighting (%)
1	Reading	1h 30m	c.33%
2	Writing	2h	c.33%
3	Literature	2h	c.33%

Literature Paper: Candidates answer two questions in the target language. Each question must be on a different text, taken from the list of set texts provided every year.

The topic areas are the same as Cambridge International AS Level Spanish Language (8022). However, the assessment material based on these topics will be more sophisticated. Learners will be encouraged to develop skills in analysis and interpretation of texts and to give a personal response.

Careers Guidance

The subjects you choose to study at school can have an impact on the options you will have for further study on leaving school. Choosing is often a balancing act between those subjects that are compulsory, what fits in the timetable and what you enjoy learning about. As many students have not yet settled upon a career path especially at Year 10 level it can be hard to decide which are the 'best' subjects to be studying. Apart from a few specialised areas it is generally better to keep your options as wide as possible. You will have an extensive choice of study pathways on leaving school, many of them unrelated to school subjects.

Medicine, Engineering, Veterinary Science and Art/Design courses are the traditional areas where school subject choice can have an impact but there are other degrees (particularly overseas) where entry depends on you having studied a specific subject to a certain level at school. Most universities have created useful documents to assist school students in choosing subjects. You can find links to these on the Careers Page on Schoolbox (Student Services/Careers/Choosing IGCSE, AS and A Level Subjects).

<https://schoolbox.pinehurst.school.nz/homepage/1678> If you are unsure about the specific requirements for an area of interest, please see the Career's Counsellor before choosing your subjects.

Also, should you be considering continuing your studies in a country other than New Zealand, it is important you check the entry requirements for courses in that country. Most overseas Universities require study to A2 level in at least 3 subjects. Our Career's Counsellor has information available for students to access for local, national and international universities and training organisations.

Career Education Modules will be incorporated into most year levels to assist students to make informed choices. Students are encouraged to save their career and course research on their Career Central profiles. Individual career counselling is available and students and/or parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss subject choices and career options. Many presentations and workshops on career related topics are offered throughout the year and it is important that students keep a close watch on the Careers notices.

The more research and investigation you do regarding your future learning pathway the better your chances of being successful in the next stage of your life.

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