

What is iGCSE and what does the Language exam look like?

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education
 - **First Language English (0500)**
 - **Exam board: CIE** (Cambridge International Education)
 - A one year course in 2nde only
 - Summative assessment
 - Graded from A* - G
- **Two compulsory units:**
 - **Reading (Paper 1)** : 50% of overall grade, 2 hour exam, May 2025, assessed externally. Candidates answer 3 questions based on 3 texts
 - **Writing (Paper 2)** : 50% of overall grade, 2 hour exam, May 2025, assessed externally.
 - Candidates answer one question based on a text(s) and one composition task from a choice of 4 titles
 - **Speaking and Listening Test (component 4)**: separate certificate that does not count in the overall mark, graded from 1 – 5, assessed internally in March – April 2025

2nde SI: Curriculum map for Language 2024-2025

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Paper 1: Reading Comprehension and Summary Tasks Speaking and Listening Language Tasks Paper 1 Reading: Extended Response to Reading (writing in different text types)	Paper 2: Directed writing and Composition Directed Writing (Response to Text) Composition: Descriptive and Narrative Writing Speaking and Listening Language Tasks Mock exams: dates to be confirmed	March-April: Speaking and Listening Oral Exams are held Revision of Reading and Writing tasks May 2025: 0500 Examinations (2 written exams, 2 hrs each) Post Exams: Preparation for BFI

2nde Curriculum map for 2024-2025

Seconde Plurilingue et internationale - iGCSE Results 2024	FIRST LANG ENG 0500	ENG LIT 0475	Total
A *	23	27	50
A	61	25	86
B	58	11	69
C	29	7	36
D	4	0	4
E	0	0	0
Total	175	70	245
A*/A	84	52	136
% of A*/A	48%	74.3%	55.5%
A*-C	171	70	241
% of A*-C	97.7%	100%	98.4%

First Lang English IGCSE 0500 Results 2024	OIB	2e
A *	16	7
A	35	26
B	26	32
C	6	23
D	1	3
E	0	0
Total	84	91
A*/A	51	33
% of A*/A	60.7%	36.3%
A*-C	83	88
% of A*-C	98.8%	96.7%

iGCSE exam
results 2024

Is the iGCSE right for my child?

- Students will have to **disclose/declare** their result when applying to UK universities
- Most universities will require a **C** grade and above for admissions
- Other options is the **IELTS** exam (can be taken after the Bac) and as many times as needed
- Your Cambridge English exam result and certificate are valid **indefinitely**. They show that on a particular date you demonstrated language skills at a specified level
- Note that in the case of **IELTS**, institutions may not accept a result which is more than two years old as proof of current language ability, unless accompanied by evidence that English language skills have been actively maintained or improved since taking the test
- **iGCSE** is a celebration of the cultural capital we have at the Lycée

Is the iGCSE right for my child?

- Speak with teachers regarding the suitability of your child for the exam during the parent conferences in **December**
- If an exam is **not** taken at all, then no grade is issued for that particular exam and therefore does not appear on any potential UCAS/university application

Exam registration- Google Form to be emailed to students and Parent Pay to be set up in January

NB: There is no option to resit the exam in the Lycée- unless there are **exceptional circumstances**

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Who can take the iGCSE and how can my child prepare?

- Section Internationale students in 2nde (compulsory)
- Section Plurilingue students in 2nde (optional)
- Native speaking / fluent students only
- Recommendation of English teacher based on language skills

- Preparation, training and mock exams in class
- Read widely – *novels, plays, newspapers, magazines, travel writing, biographies, opinion pieces, weekend supplements, National Geographic, New Scientist, The Economist...*
- Listen to the radio and podcasts
- Practise doing homework and English tasks under strict timed conditions
- Improve grammar using websites like the British Council
- Work on writing skills using a workbook (CGP, linked to GCSE KS4)

When will the mock exams take place and when will my child have an idea of their level?

0500 English First Language

March 2025

- Students will receive feedback on their performance in the mock exam series
- Continuous assessment in class with their individual teachers
- **ADN-exchange** programme- assessment arrangements will be made

Oral Endorsement (speaking and listening)

- Students give a **presentation** for 3-4 minutes on a topic of their choice
- Students then engage in a discussion with the teacher who is assessing them (a member of the English department) for 7-8 minutes
- **Separate** qualification