

Course description

Bilingual: IGCSE

Course objectives

Our Bilingual Section welcomes students from a wide range of backgrounds who speak English as a first language. The Cambridge First Language English IGCSE qualification is an internationally recognised qualification of secondary education designed for learners whose first language is English.

During our IGCSE course, learners will:

- develop their oral skills
- develop the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively in writing
- learn to use sophisticated vocabulary, grammar, spelling and punctuation effectively
- develop a personal written style and an awareness of audience
- study and analyse literature to develop critical thinking skills

Approach to learning

At the British Council we offer high-quality, effective English teaching to help learners build confidence, become better communicators and prepare for their future, all in a positive, safe and inclusive learning environment.

Our teachers are experts in supporting bilingual learners of all ages in their natural use of English. Collaborative activities like debates, projects and role plays are at the heart of our classes and we draw on a range of published resources, authentic materials and works of literature to ensure that learners are challenged, engaged and inspired.

All our courses focus on the core skills important for a successful future: digital literacy, communication and collaboration, creativity and imagination, personal development, citizenship, and critical thinking.

Approach to assessment

Our IGCSE course lasts two years and the exam usually takes place in May of the second year. The exam is graded according to an A*-G scale with A* being the highest score possible. Throughout the course, we provide feedback on learners' literacy skills, helping them to identify their strengths and the areas they need to address to achieve the best grade possible. We communicate with parents about learners' progress by way of our annual parent consultations and mid-year reports.