

# EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

## Cambridge International:

- GIS is an official Cambridge Examination Centre, allowing external examinations to be held at our school.
- Students are encouraged by the school to sit the examinations at the end of the academic year in which they complete the syllabus.
- Students who follow this approach will be granted study leave during the exam period, allowing them to focus on the May/June exams.
- Students who choose to sit exams in November are only permitted study leave for the day prior to the exam and the day of the exam. Additional days of leave will be considered unauthorized and may impact their grades for their school report or high school diploma.
- Saudi Arabia follows the examination timetable for Zone 3.
- Details for exam registration will be posted on Teams by the Deputy Academic Director.

## Cambridge Testing Center:

Gulf International School is an Official Cambridge Testing Center for IGCSE.

- The aim is to encourage more students to take the Cambridge Exams.
- Efforts have been made to make the process more affordable.

## Online Support:

The school offers additional support by offering online classes for Cambridge test candidates.

- Students will be able to complete the Cambridge curriculum more quickly online compared to in-class learning.
- These online classes are offered only to IGCSE, AS, and A-level students. HSD students will not attend these classes.
- Past papers will be covered.

- Online classes facilitate tutoring sessions in smaller groups.
- Teachers will be able to cover more material online for each unit.
- Attendance is optional but encouraged for those intending to register for the examinations.
- Note that the online classes will be available after school for the following subjects
  - Mathematics
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics

### **Core and Extended Curriculum:**

Students can enter for Core examinations and/or Extended exams.

- Core exams have a grade cap at level C.
- Extended curriculum exams offer grades from A\* to E.

### **Mock Exams:**

The Deputy Academic Director will schedule mock exams for subjects offered by the school, allowing students to experience exams that differ from the style of examinations included in the GIS high school diploma.

### **Study Leave Policy:**

- Study leave is allocated for the May/June examinations only.
- Students sitting exams in November are not given extended study leave.

### **Outstanding School Fees:**

Before registering for Cambridge Examinations, students must ensure their school fees are up to date.

The accounts department will check the school fee status before processing any payment for Cambridge Exams. If fees are in arrears, they must be cleared first.

- The school reserves the right to request that complete school fees for the academic year are cleared before processing payment for the examinations.
- Delays in payments may result in a student being denied entry into the examination.

## Results:

The date of the results following the May/June and October/November examinations will be announced by Cambridge.

## Secure Room:

To serve as a test center, the school must demonstrate the security of the exam papers. A secured room has been prepared and approved by the Cambridge Middle East representative.

## External Candidates:

Students who register at GIS for Cambridge examinations are not permitted any support from GIS teaching staff. The school functions solely as an examination center and is not a teaching facility.

Lab sessions are offered on Saturdays four times each for the following subjects a student has registered for:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- ICT/IT.

## Cambridge Handbook:

Please refer to the [Cambridge website](#) for more information.

