



Welcome to Sagrado Corazon de Jesus School and to Cambridge Assessment International Education programme. We are excited to offer a very prestigious and high-level international programme to educate children from pre-school to eleventh grade.

This Welcome Pack is intended to inform about the CAIE (Cambridge Assessment International education) Programme that the school offers and the benefits for our students.

We offer these programmes: Cambridge Primary (T-5th); Cambridge Secondary No1(6th-8th) and Cambridge Secondary No 2 or IGCSE (9th-11th). The subjects are: English, Math, Science and Global Perspectives.

Please, continue reading to know about this prestigious and academic programme that will prepare and open doors to our students. We truly believe your children will receive a high level international education for a brilliant future! We hope you will make the decision to be with us!! Best wishes,

CSCJ School Team Cali-Colombia

#### What does the school offer?

The school offers the CAIE programme (Cambridge Assessment International Education) a well-known programme around the world. We offer a whole-school curriculum for 5 to 19 year olds. The programmes are:

1. **CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY:** It is taught from Transition to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Cambridge Primary** is an education programme for young learners. It combines a world-class curriculum. High-quality support for teachers and integrated assessment. The programme has been developed by Cambridge International Examination and is used in primary schools around the world. Cambridge Primary helps schools develop learners who are confident, responsible, innovative and engaged.

### **Cambridge Primary covers:**

**English**, **Math**, **Science and Global Perspectives** for learners aged 5-11, it provides curriculum frameworks with integrated assessment for each subject.

### Cambridge Primary offers optional, integrated assessment:

The assessment structure tracks learners progression through primary education. Learners taking Cambridge Primary Checkpoint receive s Statement of Achievement and detailed feedback on strengths and weaknesses.

#### 2. CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY No. 1

Cambridge Secondary 1 is an education programme which combines a world-class curriculum with integrated assessment and high-quality support for teachers. The programme has been developed by Cambridge International Examinations and is used in secondary schools around the world. Cambridge Secondary 1 helps schools develop learners who are confident, responsible, innovative and engaged.

### Cambridge Secondary 1 covers:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Global Perspectives

For learners aged 11–14. It provides curriculum frameworks with integrated assessment for each subject.

#### Cambridge Secondary 1 provides a solid foundation for later stages of education.

It starts learners on an educational journey for their first years of secondary education, focusing on what they should be able to do at each stage of a lower secondary education. It develops skills, knowledge and understanding that will prepare them for a smooth transition to Cambridge Secondary 2 and beyond.

#### Cambridge Secondary 1 offers optional, integrated assessment.

The assessment structure tracks learner progression through the first years of secondary education. Learners taking Cambridge Secondary 1 Checkpoint receive a Statement of Achievement and detailed feedback on strengths and weaknesses.

### 3. CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY No 2 or IGCSE

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international curriculum for 14 to 16 year olds. Cambridge IGCSE encourages student-centred and enquiry-base approaches to learning. It also develops skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving, giving students excellent preparation for higher-level courses such as Cambridge international AS & A levels.

### 4. Benefits for your children

Discover an education that gives students the skills they need for life, helping them achieve at school, university and work.

## Challenging and inspiring students worldwide

The Cambridge international curriculum sets a global standard for education, and is recognised by universities and employers worldwide. Our curriculum is flexible, challenging and inspiring, culturally sensitive yet international in approach. Cambridge students develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. They also gain the essential skills they need for success at university and in their future careers.

## . Knowledge, understanding and higher order thinking skills

Cambridge programmes combine an emphasis on mastering subjects in depth with the development skills for study and work in the future. We value deep subject knowledge as well as the conceptual understanding that helps students make links between different aspects of a subject. We also encourage students to develop higher order thinking skills - problem solving, critical thinking, independent research, collaboration and presenting arguments. These are transferable skills that will last a lifetime, preparing students for their future lives. They also make learning enjoyable and rewarding.

## Opening up opportunities worldwide

A Cambridge IGCSE qualification is recognised by leading universities around the world and employers view it as a valuable certificate of achievement.

In the UK, Cambridge IGCSE is accepted as equivalent to the GCSE. A good grade (grade C or above) in Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language is accepted for entry by a number of universities in the UK as evidence of competence in the English language.

Many universities worldwide require a combination of Cambridge IGCSEs and Cambridge International A Levels to meet their entry requirements.

Leading US and Canadian universities require Cambridge International AS & A Levels, but some US and Canadian colleges and universities will accept students with five Cambridge IGCSEs at grade C or above.

### • Recognition in Universities

**CAIE PROGRAMME** is recognized for great local, national and international universities:

#### In Colombia:

- Universidad de los Andes
- Universidad de la Sabana
- Universidad del Rosario
- Universidad Javeriana Bogotà
- Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga.
- Universidad ICESI
- Universidad del Norte

### International universities:

- MIT
- Harvard
- Duke University
- University of Washington

- Arizona State University
- Boston University
- University of Southern California.

## Some Universities in England:

- Cambridge University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Newcastle university
- London South Bank University
- Edge hill university
- Bournemouth University
- Cardiff University
- Aston University
- Bradford College
- Canterbury University
- Lancaster University
- Oxford Brooks University

Check this link to know more about universities that recognize Cambridge qualifications: <a href="https://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/">https://recognition.cambridgeinternational.org/</a>

# • A global learning community

With the Cambridge Pathway, your child is joining a global community of learners from more than 10.000 schools in over 160 countries.

By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners, we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.

IGCSE Subjects implemented so far in our school: IGCSE-English, IGCSE Biology-IGCSE-Global Perspectives-IGCSE-Spanish

#### 5. INTERNATIONAL EXAMS

**Progression tests:** from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Frecuency: Annually to check if students reached the learning objectives proposed for the school year.

**Checkpoint exams:** in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade: at the end of this grades, students take these exams to observe how the process is going. It's a snapshot that is taking at the end of Primary and Lower Secondary.

**IGCSE**: students will take IGCSE exams in 10<sup>th</sup>. They will get international certificates by subjects that will be recognized and students could take more modules at the universities representing this a saving in time and money. It's an investment!!

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest".

Benjamin Franklin.