FAQs on IGCSE

- **What is CAIE?**
  
  *Cambridge Assessment International Education* is an academically rigorous, internationally used & specialised English language curriculum.

- **Is IGCSE easy or ICSE?**
  
  IGCSE aims to develop analytical and problem solving skills in a student. ICSE is strong on content.

- **Will IGCSE build a child’s application and problem solving skills?**
  
  Yes the curriculum of each subject is framed in a way that helps in developing the student’s ability to analyse, interpret and arrive at solutions.

- **Why should a student opt for CAIE in class 6 and not in class 9?**
  
  It eases the process for the student to acquire the required skills well in time to help him/her take the IGCSE. The Secondary 1 Checkpoint at the end of class 8 also acts as a reference point of student progress.

- **How many exam papers are there per subject in IGCSE?**
  
  Two to three papers per subject.

- **Why is the CAIE curriculum expensive?**
  
  Registration cost with CAIE is in GBP.

- **How many countries recognise the Cambridge programme?**
  
  Schools in about 160 countries across the world offer the IGCSE programme.

- **Why CAIE at The Shri Ram School?**
  
  - Proven track record of excellence
  - Value based learning at The Shri Ram School complements IGCSE.
  - Indian roots but international vision is a way of life at our school
  - Good infrastructure,
  - Trained and committed faculty.
  - Tailor made community projects and co-curricular programme offered by our school

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Is IGCSE a feeder for IB or not at The Shri Ram school?
While it is a smoother transition from IGCSE to IB, students can move to other Programmes like ISC in class 11-12.

How do we keep our students grounded and avoid elitism among the CAIE students?
It is only a different curriculum that is being offered. The school ethos remains the same. All activities like sports, assemblies and class trips will be together with the school.

What is the recruitment process for IGCSE Teachers?
Recruitment process of teachers is stringent with three rigorous steps: questionnaire session, demo classes and interactive session with subject experts. Recruited teachers will undergo intensive training.

By when do we have to decide whether we are opting for CAIE or the regular programme?
Admission forms for Class 6 are available around October - November (exact date will be intimated on the school website closer to the time); hence the decision needs to be made before or during this time.

Will any admission test be conducted before entry into the curriculum?
There will be no admission test for entry into class VI. Admission into class IX will be against a leave vacancy (if any).

Can a child opt out of CAIE if he/she can’t cope?
Once admitted, a student cannot switch between Boards.

Are the same books going to be used for CAIE students?
No, there will be different books for IGCSE.

Will Secondary 1 Checkpoint qualification at the end of class 8 ensure automatic admission to Class 9?
Yes. However, clear feedback/report is given to each child about his/her strengths and weaknesses. A retest may be administered.

How will classes be integrated?
Students will go for common activities together like sports, assemblies and trips

Will exams and tests be synchronised with the rest of the school?
Secondary 1 Checkpoint at the end of class 8 will be in April and IGCSE at the end of class 10 will be in March (except for the subjects not offered in that series).

If school timing is going to be till 3pm for IGCSE students, then what about their transport?
They will go back with IB students who also are in school till 3pm.

For more information

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