



EGYPT BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Year 9 Assessment Presentation

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REVIEW DATE: Nov 2018



Egypt British International School Assessment Information

Year 9 Effective from 2018-2019

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NEW PROTOCOL

- The Exam Boards have different programmes and qualifications that schools may use in place of the national mandatory examinations (الشهادة الإعدادية) that are **officially authorised by the ministry.**
- The Egyptian ministry of education has confirmed in its new protocol (Signed April 2018) that progression to the upper secondary stage will require passes in **one** of the following **in Year 9:**

Cambridge Lower Secondary - Checkpoint (English, Maths and Science)

Pearson iLower Secondary (English, Maths and Science)

Cambridge IGCSE Core (English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

- **At EBIS, our students will be taking Option 2, Pearson iLower Secondary**

What is Cambridge Pre-IG

- 'Pre-IG' **does not exist** as an examination on the Cambridge examinations website.
- 'Pre-IG' is the term commonly used to describe the **Core IGCSE level** of the Year 11 IGCSE examination and is designed for weaker students in Year 11 to be able to achieve at least a C grade at IGCSE in the UK – the maximum grade that can be achieved is Grade C
- The 'Pre-IG' content was not aimed at students in Year 9.
- 'Pre-IG' represents approximately 70% of the content of the full IGCSE extended course.
- In order for students to access this course in Year 9, students have to be taught in 8 months, curriculum material that was written for students in Years 10 and 11 and was designed to take up to 2 academic years.

What is Pearson iLower Secondary?

- Students will sit **one examination** for each of the following core subjects:



Science

English

Mathematics

- These examinations are **Externally Assessed by Pearson** and administered through the **British Council** here in Egypt.
- Examinations are sat **at the end of Year 9** which allows for almost a full year of academic lessons prior to the examinations.

- The work assessed in the Year 9 iLower Secondary examination is primarily work covered in Year 9, however students may be assessed on key ideas and skills gained in the Year 7 and 8 British Curriculum that they have studied.
- All work required for the examination will be either taught or revised in Year 9 as needed to prepare students effectively.
- As in the existing 'Pre-IG' system, students are required to 'pass' these examinations to progress on to Year 10 courses.
- Pearson iLower grades are awarded as S4-S1; S1 is the minimum passing grade.

Options available at the end of Year 9

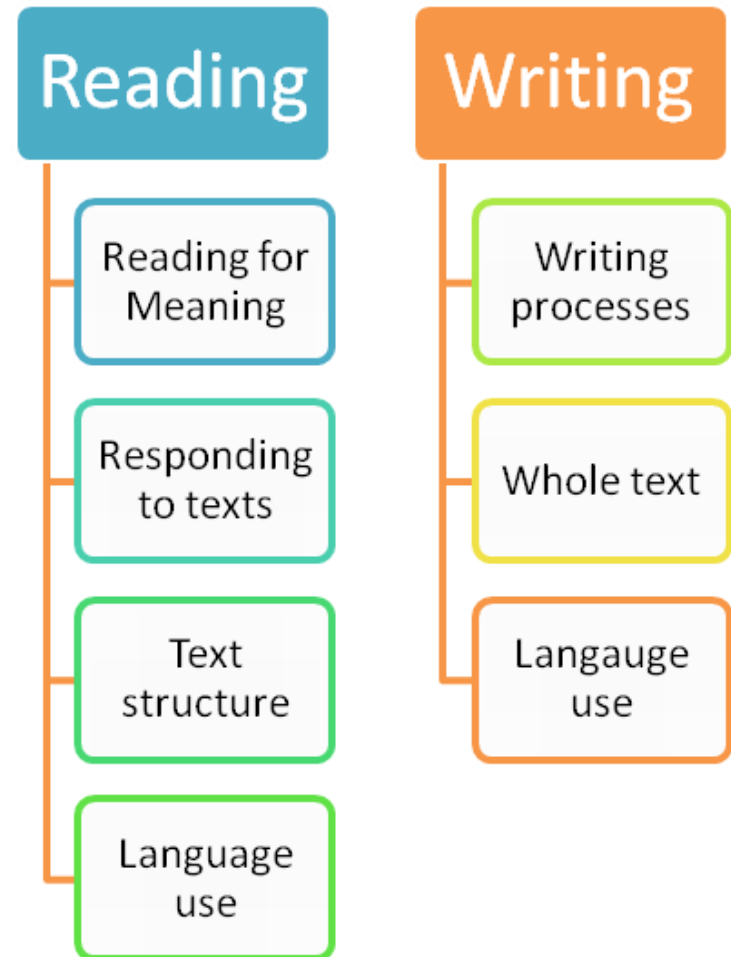
1. Go to the EBIS IG Section.
2. Go to any other school in Egypt and begin Year 10.
3. Go to any UK school, Year 10, confident that they have completed the full Years 7-9 UK curriculum.
4. Remain in the EBIS British Section to begin genuine British style, IGCSE courses.

What if a student fails?

- As per the current academic year, a student who does not pass Year 9, may not progress on to Year 10 – **this has not changed.**
- The British Council, Egypt have confirmed that as stated in the signed Protocol agreement (3.14) ***'a student may re-sit the failed subjects in the Oct/Nov session'***.
- EBIS will continue to offer a Year 9+ year to support any student who needs to re-sit any Pearson iLower Secondary subjects; this would be in addition to beginning some IGCSE subjects and continuing their National Studies subjects.
- As per the current academic year, progression on to Year 10 is not permitted until the student has passed the Year 9 examinations – **this has not changed.**

THE CORE ASSESSED SUBJECTS— ENGLISH

- For iLower Secondary English, the curriculum contains two main strands.
- Exam:
 - Externally assessed
 - **Written test: 1 hour and 45 minute**

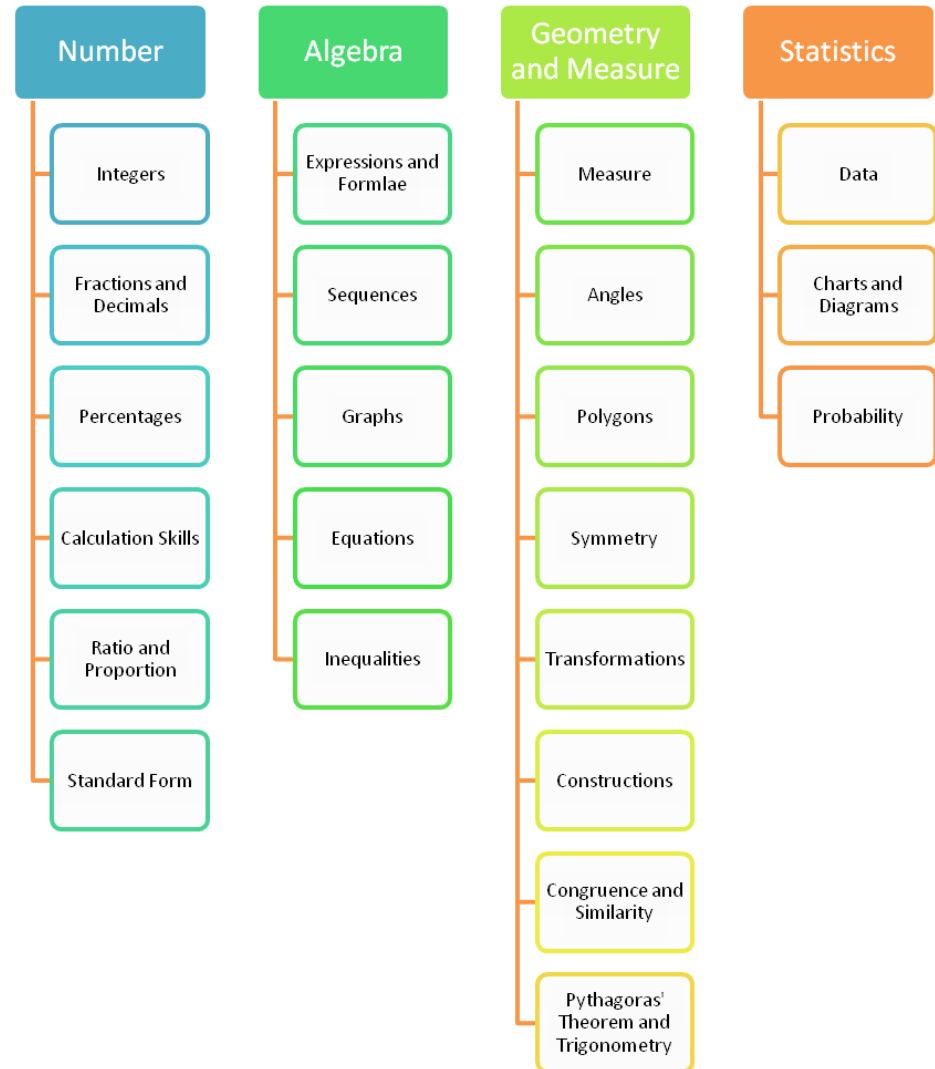


THE CORE ASSESSED SUBJECTS— ENGLISH

- **How will students be prepared for the examination?**
 - The Y9 curriculum will revise all writing styles and teach the new ones required by Pearson.
 - There is much more emphasis on reading to identify implicit meaning and the effects of language. The Y9 curriculum will therefore contain much more reading and analysis in both language and literature lessons.
 - Pearson produced end of term exams will be used to assess reading and used to inform effective preparation of the students.
 - Writing will be assessed at least three times per term.
 - Students will be issued with a selection of past exam questions to enable them to get used to the style of questioning used in the examination.

THE CORE ASSESSED SUBJECTS— MATHS

- For iLower Secondary Mathematics, the curriculum contains four main strands
- Exam:
 - Externally assessed
 - **Written test: 1 hour and 20 minute**
 - **Calculator allowed**



THE CORE ASSESSED SUBJECTS—MATHS

- **How will students be prepared for the examination?**
 - The Year 9 curriculum **revises content** required from Years 7 and 8 and teaches **new material** from the Year 9 course.
 - **Practise questions of each unit, unit review, extension and strengthening exercises** are offered in each unit to help students practise applying their knowledge.
 - **Unit check-ups** will occur biweekly along with mid and end of term exams.
 - Clear reinforcing materials are used with instructions using Pearson textbooks, workbooks and 'Online Pearson Active learn' which acts as a very useful tool for revising and reinforcing content.
 - **Assessment files** containing assessments which have been **marked and levelled**, are shared with students and parents throughout the year to give all students an accurate understanding of his/her level and targets to work on.
 - Prior to the examinations, students will be provided with a **revision program, home study material and tests** that will not only prepare them for Pearson examination techniques but also other maths examinations in the future.

THE CORE ASSESSED SUBJECTS— SCIENCE

- For iLower Secondary Science, the curriculum contains four main strands
- Exam:
 - Externally assessed
 - **Written test: 1 hour and 20 minute**

Scientific
Enquiry

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

THE CORE ASSESSED SUBJECTS— SCIENCE

- **How will students be prepared for the examination?**
 - The Year 9 curriculum **revises content** required from Years 7 and 8 and teaches **new material** from the Year 9 course.
 - **Progression checks and Summary sheets** are given to students outlining exactly what content will be assessed in each unit, **the page references** from where they can study and **websites** that can aid revision.
 - Teaching is enhanced through the use of the 'Pearson Active Teach' resources, and knowledge can be revised and checked by students through the 'Pearson Active Learn' website.
 - **Practise questions** are used in each unit as part of the teaching to help students **practise applying their knowledge** in the style of questions required.
 - **End of topic tests**, assess their understanding of content taught and helps teachers work with the students on revision and examination technique.
 - The Pearson ilower programme follows the British National Curriculum so allows students to progress on to the study of IGCSE Science subjects from any exam board.

How does iLower compare to the PrelG course.

Pearson iLower Secondary

- Assesses in Year 9, learning objectives from the Years 7-9 British National Curriculum
- Allows students to study the British National Curriculum throughout Years 7-9 and be prepared steadily for the examination.
- Students begin the IGCSE course in Year 10 with a solid understanding on which to build.

Cambridge Pre-IG

- Assesses in Year 9, learning objectives from the Years 10 and 11 British National Curriculum (Core IGCSE)
- Students need to cover approximately 70% of the IGCSE Course (Core content) in Year 9 and rely heavily on exam paper study to do this.
- Students repeat in Year 10 the content already taught in Year 9.

How does iLower compare to PrelG examinations.

Pearson iLower Secondary

- **English**
 - 1 x 1hr 45min exam
- **Maths**
 - 1 x 1hr 20min exam
- **Science (1 combined exam)**
 - 1 x 1hr 20min exam.

Total Papers: 3 Papers
Total Exam Time: 4h 25mins

Exam Date: Last week in May

Cambridge Pre-IG

- **English**
 - Paper 1 1h30min
 - Paper 3 30mins
- **Maths**
 - Paper 1 1 hour
 - Paper 3 2 hours
- **Science (for 3 science subjects)**
 - 3 x Paper 1 45mins
 - 3 x Paper 3 1h 15mins
 - 3 x Paper 6 1 hour

Total Papers: 13 Papers
Total Exam Time: 14 hours

Exam Date: From the first week in May

Timeline for Year 9

Spring term 2019

Normal timetable



18th April – 4th May 2019

Easter vacation



5th-28th May 2019

Collapsed timetable - Focussed revision of iLower subjects and National subjects only.



29th-31st May 2019

iLower Secondary Examinations



4th-6th June 2019

Eid Vacation (dates to be confirmed)



7th-26th June 2019

Secondary enrichment and KS4 Induction



Any questions?