



2026/27

# The IWS prospectus

A registered online Cambridge  
International School





**Cigdem Karaman**  
CEO & Founder

WELCOME

# Welcome to **IWS Online School**

Education is one of the most significant investments a family makes. At IWS, we believe that a school's primary role is to provide a stable, clear environment where students can find their confidence and reach their potential.

Our approach is straightforward: we combine the academic rigour of the Cambridge curriculum with the flexibility of modern online learning. We do not just deliver lessons; we provide a structure that supports growth. Our teachers act as dedicated mentors, ensuring that while students learn to be independent, they are never left without guidance.

Whether your child is beginning their education in Primary or preparing for university in the Sixth Form, our commitment remains the same: to deliver high-quality British education with clarity, consistency and care.

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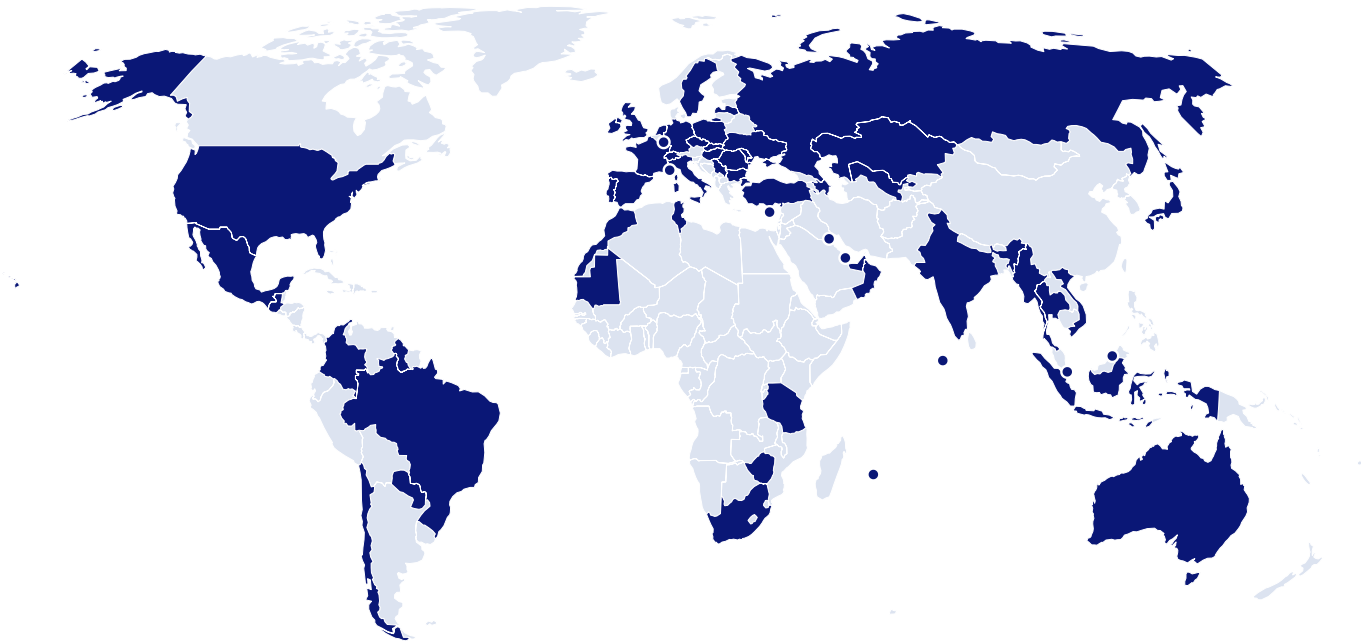


Look for the play button: families and students tell their own story in short films all through the book.

WELCOME

# Our students live **all over the world**

IWS is a British school that meets online. Our students join their lessons from home, wherever their family lives.



## IN THEIR WORDS



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**He is always eager to attend his online lessons, and he speaks very highly of his teachers.**

Taylah R., parent of a Year 7 student

WELCOME

# How we teach

Children do their best work when they know what's expected and the help doesn't change from week to week. Everything we do rests on three ideas.

## Clarity

Lessons, messages and expectations kept simple, so your child always knows what comes next.

## Structure

Calm, steady routines that keep lessons, homework and deadlines in order.

## Growth

Steady progress that builds your child's confidence, one step at a time.

Every lesson keeps the same rhythm: the teacher explains, your child practises with help, and the class recaps what they've learnt.



**Discover, Create, Lead.** It's our motto, and the way through the school: year by year, students take on more of their own learning, ready for university and beyond.

Lessons, recordings and work all live in one place on the learning platform.

## THREE WAYS TO LEARN

# Same curriculum, **three ways to learn**

Every family has a different rhythm. The teaching stays the same; you choose how much of it is live.



### **Academy**

The complete IWS school.  
12 to 15 live lessons a week,  
depending on year group.



### **Bridge**

Alongside another school or  
pathway. One live lesson in  
each subject every week.



### **Foundation**

Recorded lessons, at your  
child's own time and pace.

## Which one fits your child?

TURN THE PAGE

# Which one fits **your child?**

|          | Academy                                                                             | Bridge                                                                   | Foundation                                                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TEACHING | A full weekly timetable of live lessons, with teachers and classmates in real time. | One live lesson in each subject every week, to consolidate the learning. | No live lessons. Learning runs on our library of recorded lessons. |
| MARKING  | Teacher-marked work and personal feedback, mock exams included.                     | Auto-graded quizzes and unit assessments.                                | Auto-graded checks that open the next part of the course.          |
| SUPPORT  | A Mentor, one of their own teachers, and the Well-Rounded Programme.                | A Mentor who keeps them on course.                                       | A Mentor who helps them stay organised.                            |

On every model: Houses, clubs, the whole platform, and no extra books to buy. Students sit Cambridge exams at a local exam centre; the family registers, and we guide you through it.

THREE WAYS TO LEARN

# What each way includes

The curriculum is the same in all three. What changes is how much is taught live, and how work is marked. Lessons are counted in each subject, each week.

|                       | Academy                                   | Bridge                                  | Foundation                                          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| PRIMARY TO IGCSE      | 3 live                                    | 1 live, 2 recorded                      | 3 recorded                                          |
| A LEVEL               | 4 live                                    | 1 live, 3 recorded                      | 4 recorded                                          |
| UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION | 15 live a week                            | 5 live a week                           | Recorded                                            |
| MARKING               | Teacher-marked work and personal feedback | Auto-graded work and automated feedback | Auto-graded work, with feedback on what's handed in |
| REPORTS               | Reports and a certificate                 | Academic reports                        | An end-of-year report                               |

Whichever way they learn, every student joins a House and can take part in clubs and forums.

THREE WAYS TO LEARN

# Alongside **their own school**

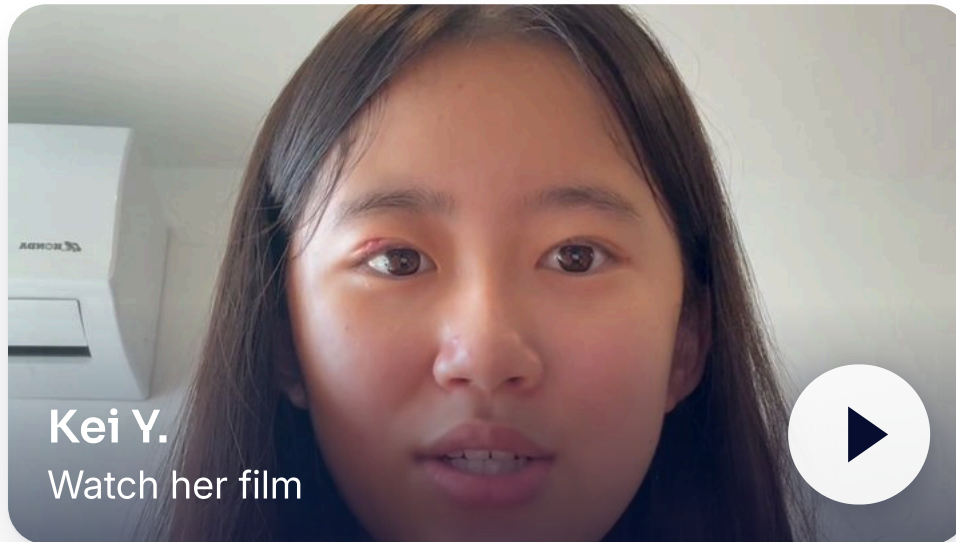
Bridge is for a child who stays at their own school, or follows another path, and wants a Cambridge education with us too.

|           | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU  | FRI  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Maths     | live |      |      |      |      |
| English   |      | live |      |      |      |
| Science   |      |      | live |      |      |
| Subject 4 |      |      |      | live |      |
| Subject 5 |      |      |      |      | live |

 one live lesson a subject, each week     recordings and work, when it suits

-  They stay at their own school.
-  A Mentor keeps them on course alongside everything else.

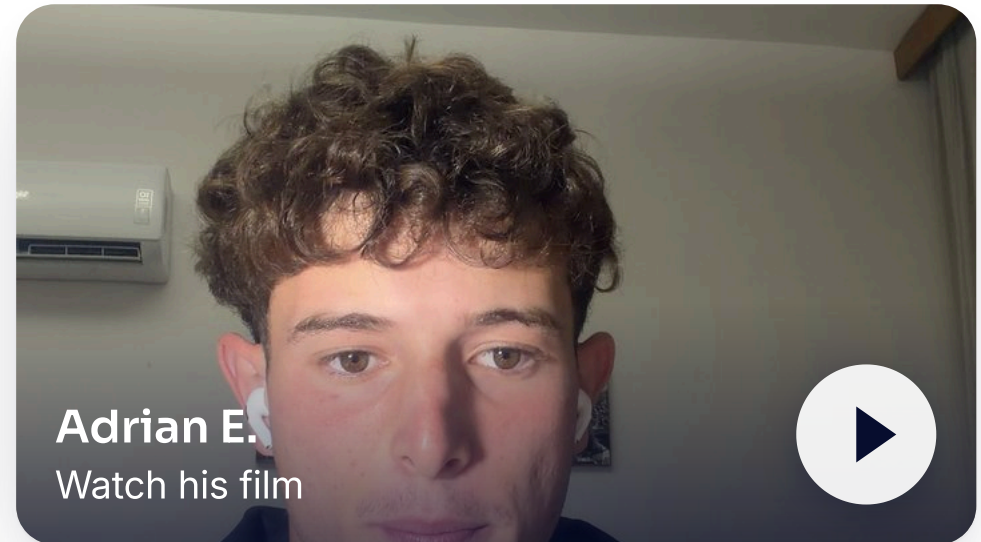
# School around **a full life**



**Kei Y.**  
Watch her film

**IWS has really helped me grow academically while allowing me to pursue my passion for ballet.**

Kei Y., IGCSE student and ballet dancer



**Adrian E.**  
Watch his film

**Having the flexibility to balance my academic responsibilities with my training and competitions was incredibly valuable.**

Adrian E., student athlete

## Is it allowed **where we live?**

It depends on the country. It's one of the first things we talk through with a family.

### **Where every child must attend a local school**

Some countries expect every child to be enrolled at a school there, and a few don't allow home education at all. Families there choose Bridge: their child stays at their own school and studies with us alongside it.

### **Tell us where you live**

On the call we'll ask where your family lives and what you have in mind, and we'll talk it through with you before you decide anything.

Lessons from  
home,  
wherever home is  
this year.



# Which year will my child join?

Each stage builds on the one before. We place your child by age, and the Learner Profile shows their level, whatever system they've come from.



## PROGRAMMES

Ages 5 to 11

# Primary School

A calm start to school, with a daily routine that mixes time on screen with time away from it.

Maths

English

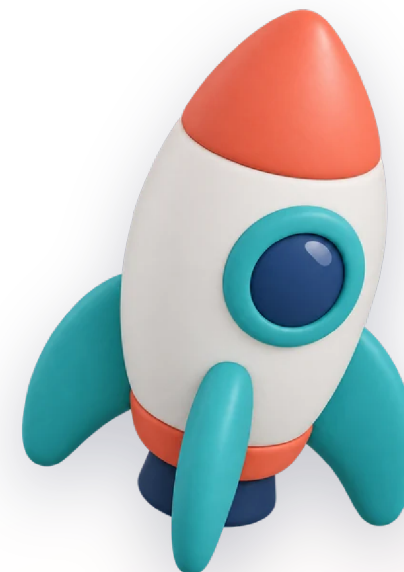
Science

Computing

Global Perspectives

**ASSESSMENT** Progress checks through the year, and no external exams.

**NEXT** A confident move up to Secondary.



**He gets to go play cricket in between lessons, and then he comes and he sits and he's able to learn again.**

Jess, parent of a Year 6 student

## PROGRAMMES

Ages 11 to 14

# Secondary School

Students take more charge of their own learning, and a steady week builds the study habits they'll need for IGCSE.

Maths

English

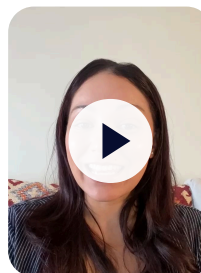
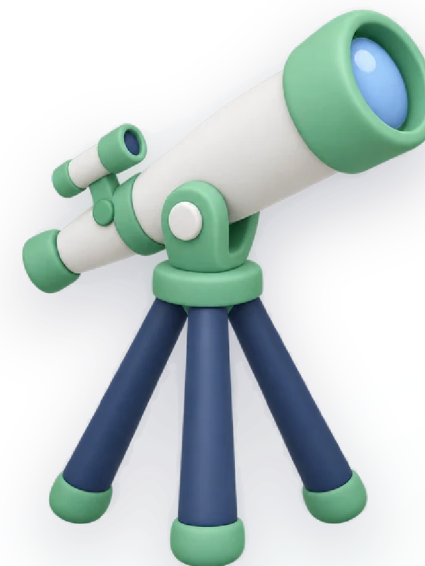
Science

Computing

Global Perspectives

**ASSESSMENT** Internal assessments in the style of IGCSE.

**NEXT** Ready for the demands of IGCSE.



**The teachers give one-on-one attention to the students, instead of just delivering a lecture.**

Taylah R., parent of a Year 7 student

## PROGRAMMES

Ages 14 to 16

# Cambridge IGCSE

Two years of serious subject work, with regular checks so students are ready well before their Cambridge exams.

### CORE

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

### SCIENCE

Combined Science

or Biology, Chemistry, Physics

### CHOOSE FROM

Computer Science

Business Studies

Economics

Spanish

History

Psychology

### EXAMS

Cambridge IGCSE, sat at a local exam centre.



## PROGRAMMES

Ages 16 to 18

# A Level

Students go deep into a few subjects with specialist teachers, and learn to work the way they will at university.

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Business

Economics

History

Psychology

Sociology

Computer Science



**I have learned to become more independent with my work.**

Thato R., A Level student

## EXAMS

Cambridge International AS and A Level, and Pearson Edexcel for the A Level sciences, sat at a local exam centre.

## HOW MANY

Most universities ask for three A Levels.

## PROGRAMMES

Ages 16+

# University Foundation

A one-year route to university for students who do better with coursework than with high-stakes exams. The qualification is awarded through OCN London.

COURSE Business and Management

ASSESSMENT All coursework, with no final exams.

# 95%

of students go on to one of 165+ university pathways



## Only some subjects?

Yes. Your child can take the full package, or study subjects on their own.

### The full package

Every subject for their year, with the live lessons, marking and support of their learning model.

### Single subjects

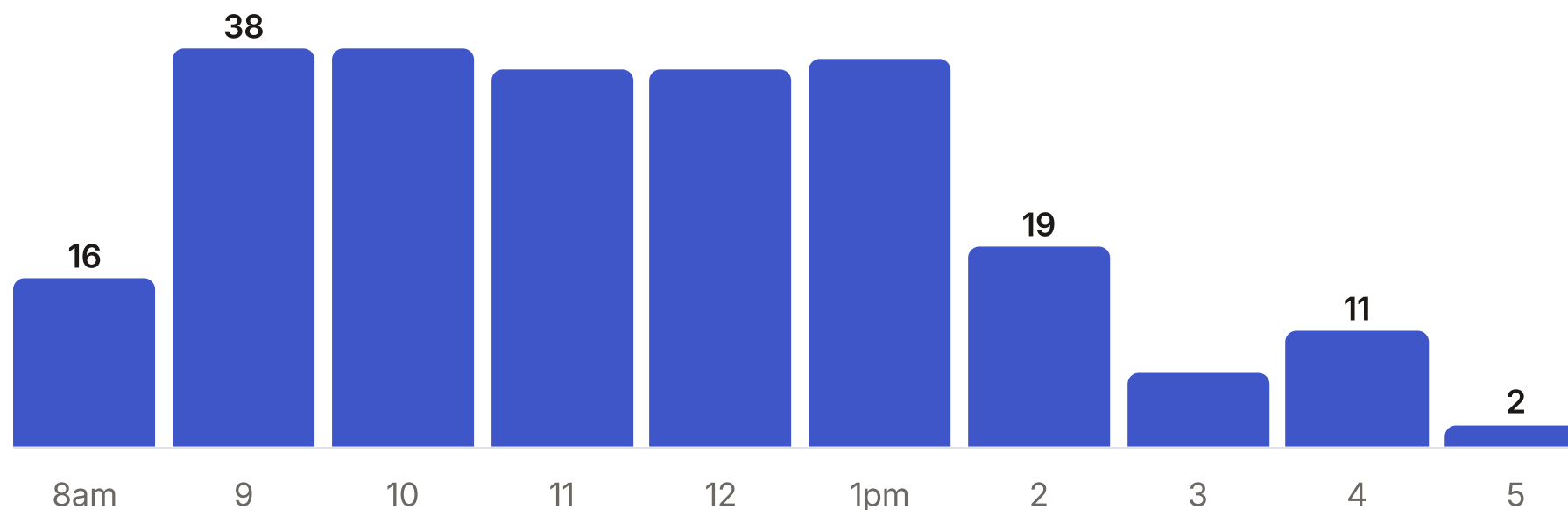
One subject or a few, alongside whatever else your child is studying. The Fees page shows the price of a single subject.

**At A Level:** most universities ask for three A Levels, so it's worth checking what your child's next step will need.

[See the fees](#)

# A day on UK time

When live lessons started in one real week, in UK time.



Lessons starting in each hour, Monday 12 to Friday 16 October 2026 (240 lessons). Source: the school's timetable in Moodle.

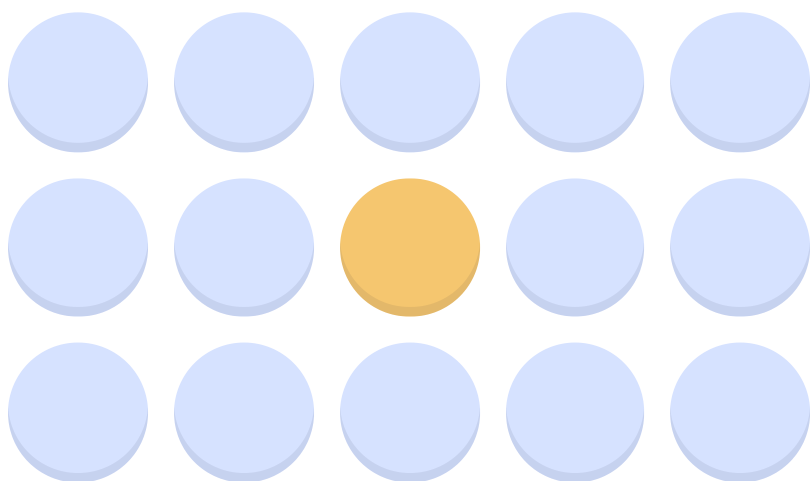
40 minutes each

Monday to Friday

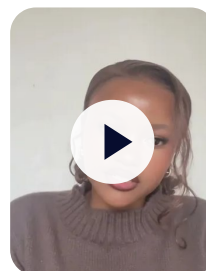
every lesson recorded

# Inside a live lesson

Classes have at most 15 students, and Primary classes are often smaller, so every child is known by name.



**At most 15** in a class, and one of them is your child.



**The classes are actually really interactive, unlike what most people would think when going to an online school.**

Serenity, IWS student

## Stuck? Missed one?

### **Missed a lesson**

Every live lesson is recorded and on the learning platform the same day, to catch up on or go back over.

### **Stuck on something**

In Academy, one-to-one help, as much as your child needs, at no extra cost.

### **Fallen behind**

In Academy, extra support for as long as it's needed. In Bridge and Foundation, their Mentor picks it up with them.

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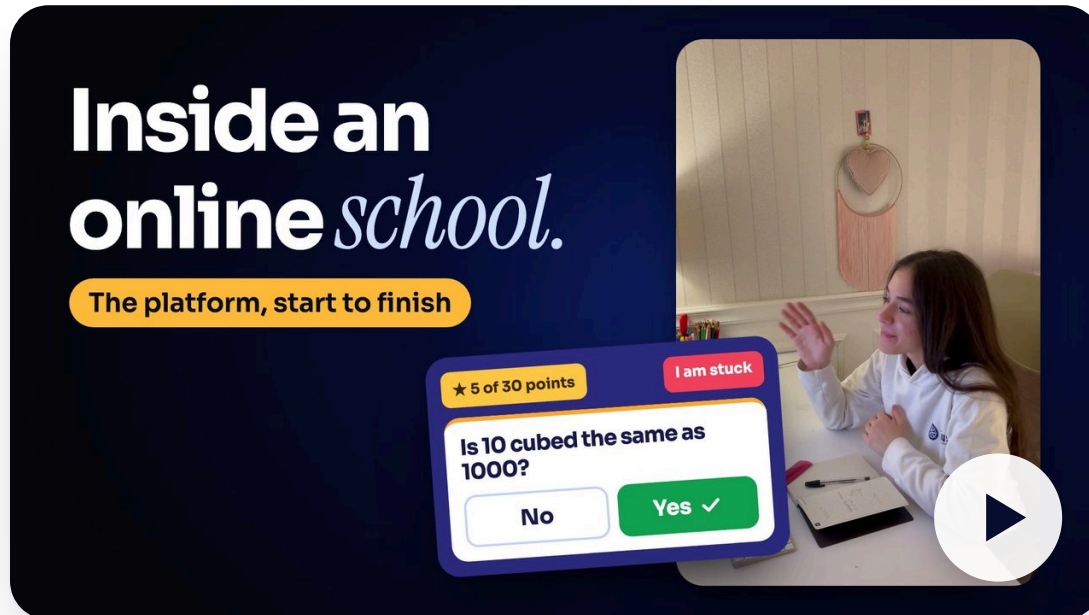
**We don't have to fight about getting schoolwork done anymore.**

**Jess**, parent of a Year 6 student

**Homework:** set each Monday and handed in each Friday. It pauses in the last three weeks of each term.



# What you need at home



The platform, start to finish: a short film

- ✓ **A laptop or desktop** with an up-to-date browser and 4GB of memory
- ✓ **A wired headset** with a microphone
- ✓ **A steady connection** of 5 Mbps or more
- ✓ **A webcam:** most laptops have one

## OUR TEACHERS

# Who teaches **your child**

Qualified teachers, each a specialist in their subject, who know your child by name.

**CC**

**Celeste Coetzee**  
Sciences



**Dennis Lukozi**  
Science and Physics



**Edward Eayrs**  
English



**Elsie Eayrs**  
History, and  
Academic Lead

**JR**

**Juan-Pierre van  
Rensburg**  
Maths

**LP**

**Leandro Perez**  
Spanish

**LT**

**Lourens Tredoux**  
Computing



**Michelle van  
Roon**  
Psychology and  
Sociology

**QK**

**Quraysha Khan**  
Business and  
Economics

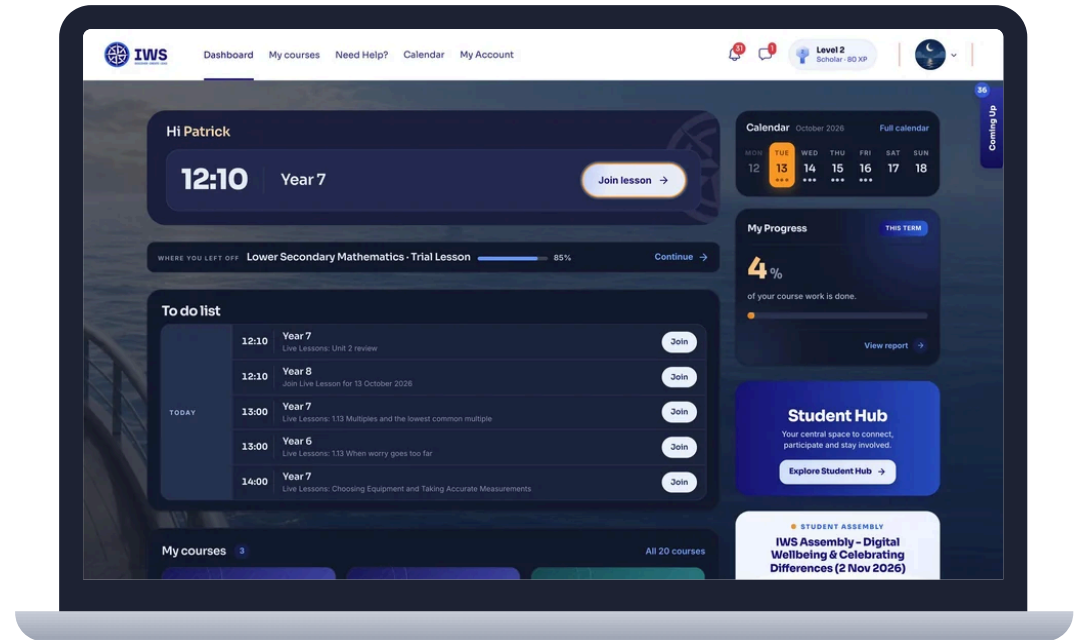


**Ruth Akintola**  
Primary

## OUR TEACHERS

# Progress you can see

- In Academy, teachers mark the work and give feedback. In Bridge and Foundation, quizzes and assignments mark themselves.
- Progress shows on the learning platform, and marks are in by the last week of each term.
- Each term has parent meeting weeks, booked straight with your child's teacher.



**What I love about the school is that they are in constant communication.**

Mpho M., parent of a Year 12 student

## OUR TEACHERS

# A Mentor for every student

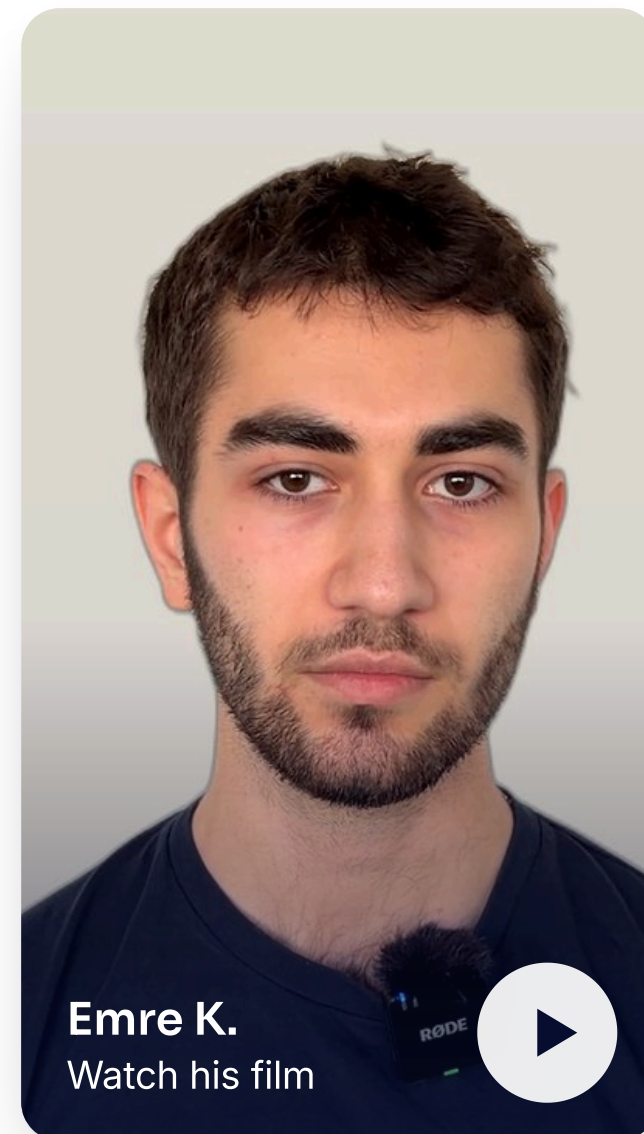
Every IWS student receives mentoring that fits their learning model. A Mentor keeps the wider view of each student: their goals, progress and habits, what's getting in the way and what should happen next.

In **Academy**, your child's Mentor is one of their own teachers.

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**Thanks to the mentoring support from IWS, I passed my A Levels with flying colours.**

**Emre K.**, graduate (his film is in Turkish, with an English version)



## Exams: where and how

Cambridge exams are sat in person, at an approved exam centre near you.

1

Your child studies the Cambridge course with us.

2

You register them with an exam centre near you.

3

You pay the exam fees to that centre, not to IWS.

4

They sit their exams in person at the centre.

**We guide you through every step,** from finding a centre to the exam day.

# 2,670+

**universities in 99 countries  
recognise Cambridge qualifications.**

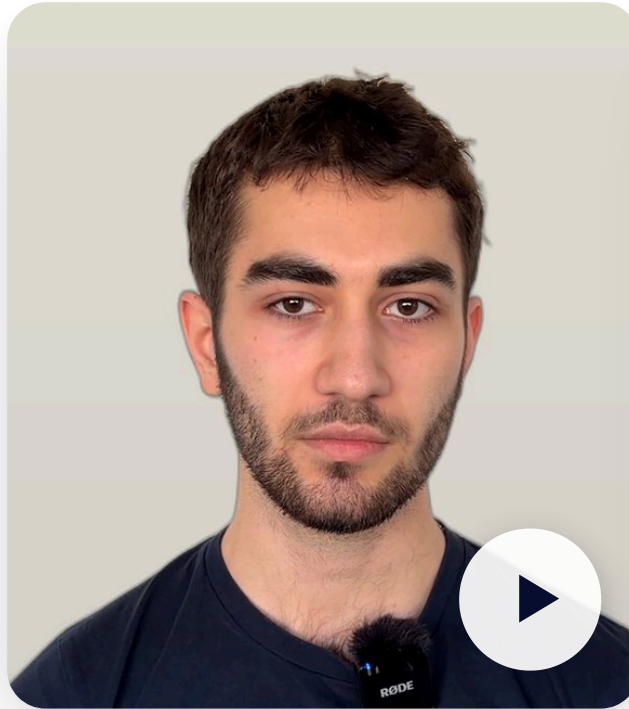
Cambridge International's own figure. IWS Online School is a registered online Cambridge International School.

# Where they went next



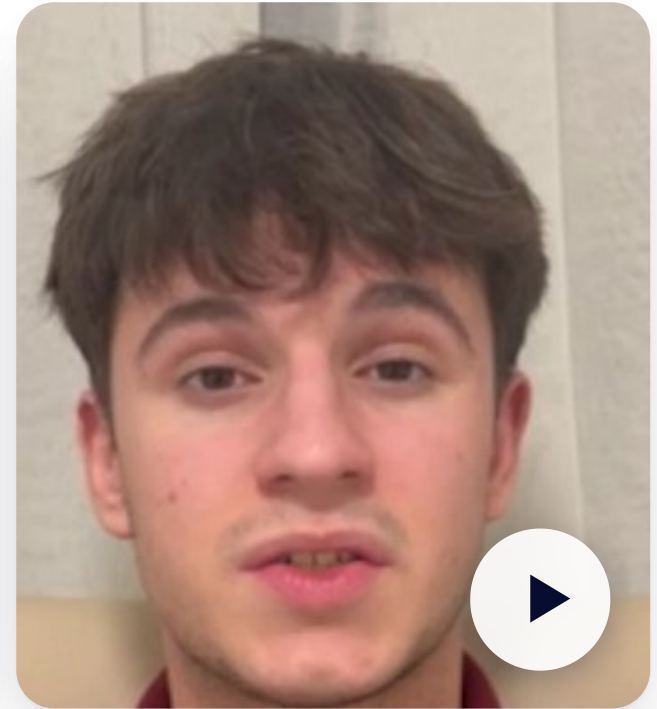
**Aydın T.**

Now at City St George's,  
University of London



**Emre K.**

Studying maths and data science



**Alexandru R.**

Reading law

# Is my child's English good enough?

## Every lesson is in English

Every subject is taught in English, at every stage.

## No pass-or-fail test

A short, friendly Learner Profile helps us understand your child and place them correctly.

## The trial lesson shows it

In a trial lesson, the teacher sees how your child copes with lessons in English.

## We'll be straight with you

If IWS isn't the right fit for your child's plans, we'll tell you.

IS IT RIGHT FOR US?

## When school **hasn't worked**

Some families come to us after a school that didn't suit their child.

- At most 15 in a class, so no child disappears at the back.
- Every lesson is recorded, so a hard day isn't a lost lesson.
- Learning from a quiet place at home, with breaks between lessons.
- A Mentor who keeps the whole child in view, and in Academy, extra support for as long as it's needed.

**Tell us about your child on the call.** If we're not the right fit, we'll say so.

# Friends, Houses and clubs

Every student joins one of four Houses after taking the House Quiz. The Houses are the four points of the compass in the IWS badge.

**Seven clubs**, six of them led by students, meet online at 3pm UK time, Tuesday to Friday:

The Design Lab

Debate Club

Soccer Club

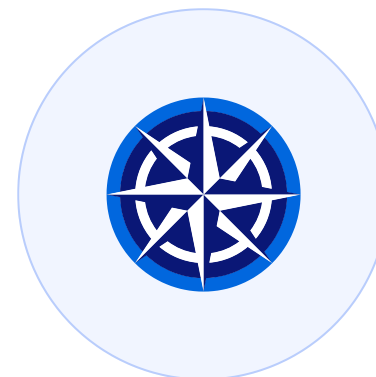
The Quills

STEM Club

Behind the Lens

Baking Club

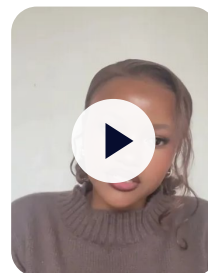
**North**  
*Integrity & Vision*



**West**  
*Resilience & Action*

**East**  
*Innovation & Discovery*

**South**  
*Empathy & Community*



**I've started the Debate Club, and I really like it because it's interactive, it builds confidence.**

Serenity, IWS student

# Heritage Day

Students and staff shared a piece of their heritage: a dish, a festival, a place or a tradition that means something to their family.

▶ Part 1

▶ Part 2



# CUMBIA



**a traditional Colombian dance**

# Safe and looked after

Everyone at IWS is responsible for keeping children safe. Our safeguarding policy covers staff checks and safer recruitment, how live lessons and one-to-one sessions are run, and online safety.

**Michelle van Roon** leads safeguarding and pastoral care, with **Elsie Eayrs** as her deputy.

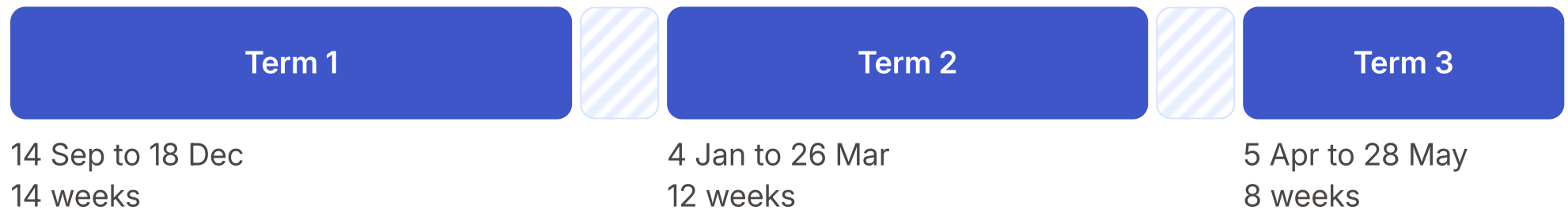
[Read the safeguarding policy](#)



WHEN CAN WE START?

# When can my child start?

At the start of a term, or partway through one. The 2026/27 year has three terms and 34 teaching weeks.



 Families join at any point in the year.

WHEN CAN WE START?

## Try it, then join

1

Talk to us. Book a consultation and tell us about your child. No obligation.

2

A trial lesson: 30 minutes with a qualified teacher, and a look inside the platform, at no charge.

3

The Learner Profile: a short assessment of your child's level. Not a pass-or-fail exam.

4

Your offer, then enrolment. Your child gets their login, the learning platform and a welcome from our team.

**Our admissions team replies within one working day.**

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

# What it costs

Your fee depends on three things:

**The programme**

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**The learning model**

×

**How many subjects**

- The Fees page shows where each model starts and the ways you can pay, and we'll give you the exact fee for your child when you talk to us.
- There are no textbooks to buy: everything is on the learning platform.
- Exam entry fees are paid to the exam centre, not to IWS.

[See the fees](#)

## Other questions families ask

### **Is IWS a British school?**

Yes. IWS is a British online school and a registered online Cambridge International School. The curriculum is British, and lessons are taught live by qualified teachers.

### **Can my child study at their own pace?**

Yes, in Foundation: recorded lessons at their own time and pace, with a Mentor who helps them stay organised.

**[More answers on our FAQ page.](#)**

### **Will my child have gaps when they join?**

We start by finding out where your child is. The Learner Profile shows their level and needs before they begin.

### **Is there an entrance exam?**

There's no pass-or-fail entrance exam. A short, friendly Learner Profile places your child.

## A PARENT'S VIEW



**Ardeshir B.**  
Watch his film

“

**I am an educator myself, I am a professor at the university, and I would recommend this school strongly.**

**Ardeshir B.,** parent of an A Level student

LET'S TALK

# Let's talk about **your child**

Whether you're ready to apply or would just like to know more, our admissions team is here from your first question to your child's first lesson.

**Book a Consultation**

**Apply**

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