

GRADE 7 - A level



PSSonline 2021

HIGH SCHOOL

PRIVATE SCHOOL  
SWAKOPMUND



Carpe Diem

# Cambridge Progression Explained

**Cambridge Primary**  
5 to 11 year olds\*

**Cambridge  
Primary**  
Grade R – 6

*Similar to UK Key stage 1 & 2*

**Cambridge Secondary 1**  
11 to 14 year olds\*

**Cambridge  
Secondary 1**  
Grade 7 – 8

*Similar to UK Key stage 3*

**Cambridge Secondary 2**  
14 to 16 year olds\*

**Cambridge IGCSE®**  
Grade 9 – 10  
IGCSE Year 1 & Year 2

*Similar to UK Key stage 4*

**Cambridge Advanced**  
16 to 19 year olds\*

**Cambridge  
International**  
AS & A Level  
Grade 11 – 12 (AS)  
Grade 13 (A)

*Similar to UK Key stage 5*

AS (Advanced Subsidiary)  
A (Advanced) level

Cambridge International Qualifications are recognised worldwide [www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/recognition-and-acceptance/country](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/recognition-and-acceptance/country)

## Cambridge Secondary 1

Grade 7 & 8

- Cambridge Secondary 1 is typically for learners **aged 11 to 14 years**.
- It builds on the foundations of Cambridge Primary, although it is **not essential to have completed that stage before beginning Cambridge Secondary 1**.
- It sets clear learning objectives for the first three years of secondary education.
- It is compatible with other curricula, internationally relevant and sensitive to different needs and cultures.
- It is **appropriate for learners whose first language is not English**.
- It focuses on learners' development and provides schools with **international benchmarks**.

## IGCSE

International General Certificate of  
Secondary Education

- Cambridge IGCSE is recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide. It is an international passport to progression and success.
- IGCSE students must pass **at least 5 subjects** (including English and Mathematics) at **A\* - C** in order to progress to Cambridge International AS & A Levels.
- Students do not have to write IGCSE external examinations if they choose to continue with AS level as long as they have a minimum of a C symbol in their internal examination at the end of year 2 of their IGCSEs.
- For all external examinations, fees have to be paid per subject. This is not included in the school fees and subjected to the exchange rate with the British Pound.

## AS Levels

Advanced Subsidiary

- AS level is a two year programme of study which develops students' knowledge, understanding and skills in **independent thinking and applying knowledge**.
- At PSS, a students can take **up to 6 AS** subjects.
- **Students choosing the AS route must pass a minimum of 4 Cambridge International AS examinations in order to graduate with University exemption** - 4 AS subjects are also the minimum requirement for SA Universities.
- Most European Universities will still require a Foundation year.

## A Level

Advanced

- A-level study is demanding. The examinations are conducted by Cambridge and are **recognized by universities worldwide, without** the need for a Foundation year.
- In order to progress to A Levels, students must **pass the AS exam in the subject with a minimum C symbol**.
- During the study, students will have continuous assessment in school, as well as semester examinations in August. This internal assessment will track students' progress and the grades will be included in the school reports.
- The internal grades do not count towards the final Cambridge examinations.

Unless you finish A-level at PSS! 😊

# Why go online?

- At PSS all teachers and students use **Moodle** as a central learning hub. As a result, we had no problems in assisting our students during the lockdown periods, which made us realise that we can assist many more students in Namibia.
- **Our online students are PSS students, the only difference is that, whatever the reason, they cannot always physically be in Swakopmund or at school.**



# What is Moodle?



- Moodle stands for **M**odular **O**bject-**O**riented **D**ynamic **L**earning Environment.
- It is **secure** and **user-friendly**.
- It is used by most of South Africa's leading Universities.
- Moodle offers an **engaging** and **effective** eLearning experience.
- The **Moodle Mobile app** makes it even easier to access courses and content anywhere, anytime, and even when offline.
- **With PSSonline we use the Moodle platform and combine it with experienced teachers in International Cambridge subjects to reach out to the rest of our country.**

## When you enrol for our online courses you will receive the following:

- Experienced subject teachers
- Weekly group Zoom sessions • 2 x 1 hour scheduled hours per subject per week.
- Assistance, guidance and explanation of subject content
  - Students receive a timetable for meetings, which mostly happen during the **morning**.
  - **Flipped classroom** - students expected to read and revise the work before class starts. Zoom sessions used to explain the work and answer questions.
- Student tutors can assist with one-on-one sessions.
  - At PSS, senior students are rewarded with community service hours if they offer their assistance in the lower grades.
  - These academically strong students work together with the subject teachers to help individuals or small groups in need of extra tutoring.



**CAROLA ELLIOT**  
*Online Coordinator*

Teaching:  
German & English



**DIETLINDE JACOBS**  
*Online Class Teacher*

Teaching:  
Sciences & Mathematics



**CHRISTIAN EWALD**  
Teaching:  
Geography & Computer  
Science



**ANICA JOONE**  
Teaching:  
Afrikaans





**CHARLES  
MACMILLAN**

**Teaching:**  
Computer Science



**ILZE VERMAAK**

**Teaching:**  
Afrikaans



**MIMI LINDE**

**Teaching:**  
Mathematics



**EHEMELA HOFFMANN**

**Teaching:**  
Accounting



- The online programme aims to complete each student's schooling at the same pace as those at the school. In other words, the year and term planning are the same.
  - All work is available on Moodle.
  - Students download and upload all assignments on Moodle.
  - Students write examinations at the same time as the students of the PSS.
- Our online students write examinations and receive progress reports in the same way as the students at school.
  - Examination papers are emailed to an Examination Officer at the remote venue.
  - Examinations are to be written under supervision with the same rules and regulations as at PSS.
  - After the exams, papers are sealed and couriered back to PSS for marking.
  - Students receive PSS reports in accordance with Cambridge standards.
- Online students have the opportunity to finish the International Cambridge courses and to write the external examinations at the PSS.

# Internal & External Examination Sitzings

	APRIL / MAY	AUGUST	OCTOBER / NOVEMBER
Grade 7 & 8			Internal examination
Grade 9 IGCSE year 1			Internal examination
Grade 10 IGCSE year 2	Internal examination	Internal examination	<b>IGCSE subjects you wish to continue on AS level – External examination.</b> Internal examination
Grade 11 IGCSE & AS	Internal examination <b>External examination (If you wish to improve previous marks.)</b>	Internal examination	AS subjects – Internal examinations <b>IGCSE subjects – External examination</b>
Grade 12 AS	Internal examination	Internal examination	<b>External examination</b>
A Levels		Internal examination	<b>External examination</b>

# PSSonline: Visiting weeks

- Our online students are invited to visit the PSS for the **1<sup>st</sup> week of the year** to meet their teachers and other students. During this week they will learn to use Moodle and to set goals for themselves.
- **Grade 8 students** are welcome to join our Orientation Programme for the **1<sup>st</sup> two weeks**.
- Online students may also join the classes for the **Open Air Programme (Grade 8 & 9)**.
- Online students may also join the PSS at the **end of Term 1 and Term 2** for face-to-face teaching and to use the lab for practical lessons in the sciences.
- During the weeks in Swakopmund, online students have the opportunity to meet with the rest of their group and their peers at school. Whenever possible, the PSS SRC will organise functions and events to socialise.
- If online students would like to attend more hours for face-to-face teaching at school, they are most welcome but normal school fees will be charged.
- Online students may change to face-to-face teaching at PSS any time, providing that there is space available in the grade.



# PSSonline: Subject Choices

## Grade 7 & 8

1.	English First Language
2.	German Foreign Language
3.	Afrikaans Second Language <b>OR</b> Mandarin
4.	Mathematics
5.	Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
6.	Geography
7.	Accounting
8.	Computer Science

## Grade 9 IGCSE

### Compulsory Subjects

☐ English First Language

☐ Mathematics

☐ German First Language

OR

☐ German Foreign Language

OR

☐ German Foreign Language for beginners

*Choose a MINIMUM of THREE subjects from the list below*

☐ Chemistry

☐ Physics

☐ Geography

☐ Biology

☐ Accounting

☐ Afrikaans / Mandarin OR  
☐ Computer Science

# PSSonline: Dates 2021

## Term 1

- ☐ 25 Jan: Grade 8 Parent evening
- ☒ 26 Jan: School starts
- ☐ 26 Jan: HS Parent evening
- ☐ 29 Jan: Gr. 8 Dune night
- ☐ 30 Jan: PSS Big Walk (postponed – tba)
- ☐ 5 Feb: Gr. 8 Concert
- ☐ 11 Feb: HS Award Ceremony
- ☐ 12 Feb: Valentines Dance (SRC)
- ☐ 5 March: Mother/ Daughter evening
- ☐ 5 & 6 March: NAPSO Athletics
- ☐ 16 March: Namibia Day (SRC)
- ☒ 22 March: Independence Day
- ☐ 31 March: Easter egg hunt (SRC)
- ☒ 1– 5 April: Easter Weekend (PSS Mid-term break)
- ☐ 9 April: PSS Interhouse netball
- ☐ 16 April: Nationals Hockey (Whk)
- ☐ 12 – 26 April: Gr. 12 Exams
- ☐ 19 – 23 April : Gr. 8 & 9 Open Air school
- ☐ 26 – 30 April: Online students at PSS
- ☒ 30 April: School closes

## Term 2

- ☒ 31 May: School starts
- ☐ 26 – 29 May: NAPSO Wintersport
- ☐ 4 June: PSS Interhouse Hockey
- ☐ 14 – 18 June: HS Career Week
- ☐ 18 June: Winter Ball (SRC)
- ☐ 18 June: Pro-Ed Sports day
- ☐ 22 June: Culture Day (SRC)
- ☐ 14 & 15 July: HS Play
- ☐ 23 – 26 July: Mid Term Break
- ☐ 24 July: Hockey – Quarter finals
- ☐ 30 July: PSS Bazaar
- ☐ 2 – 16 Aug: Gr. 10 – 12 Exams
- ☐ 7 Aug: Hockey finals
- ☐ 16 – 20 Aug: Online students at PSS
- ☐ 18 Aug: PSS Interhouse 5-a-side Soccer
- ☒ 19 Aug: School closes

## Term 3

- ☐ 6 – 17 Sept: Grade 11 Cape Town Tour
- ☒ 14 Sept: School starts
- ☐ 17 Sept: PSS Interhouse - Squash
- ☐ 22 Sept: Valedictory Service
- ☐ 24 Sept: Matric Farewell
- ☐ 25 Sept: Father/Daughter Dance
- ☐ 1 Oct: External Cambridge Exam starts
- ☐ 8 – 10 Oct: SRC Camp
- ☒ 29 Oct – 01 Nov: Mid Term Break
- ☐ 11 – 26 Nov: Internal PSS Exams
- ☒ 2 Dec: School closes
- ☐ 8 Dec: Reports Out

**Event dates might change depending on Covid regulations.**

# High Performers as Tutors & Robotics

- One way to support our high performing students is to ask them to help other students. This programme has proven to be a success at PSS and has helped many students.
- PSS is one of only two **Robotics** centres in Namibia. We offer this as an afternoon activity. Online students may join these sessions during their weeks in Swakopmund.





# What is Active Learning?

- Teaching strategies at PSS aim to **engage students as active participants and improve their critical thinking skills.**



*I see and I forget.*

*I hear and I remember.*

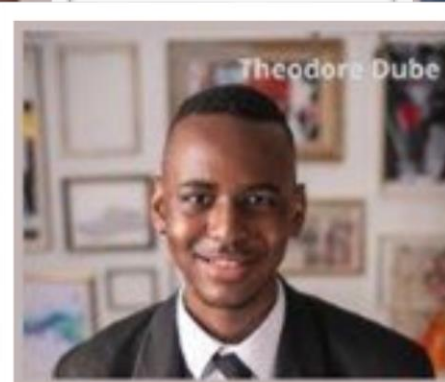
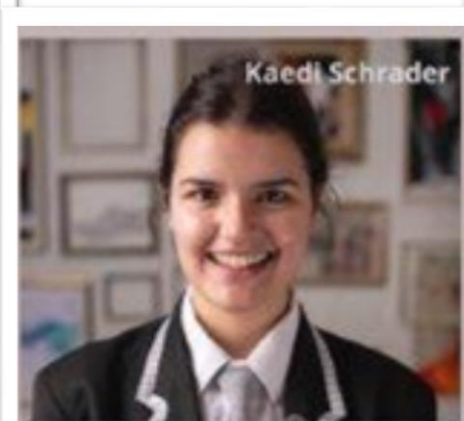
*I do and I understand.*

— Confucius





# Student Representatives - 2021



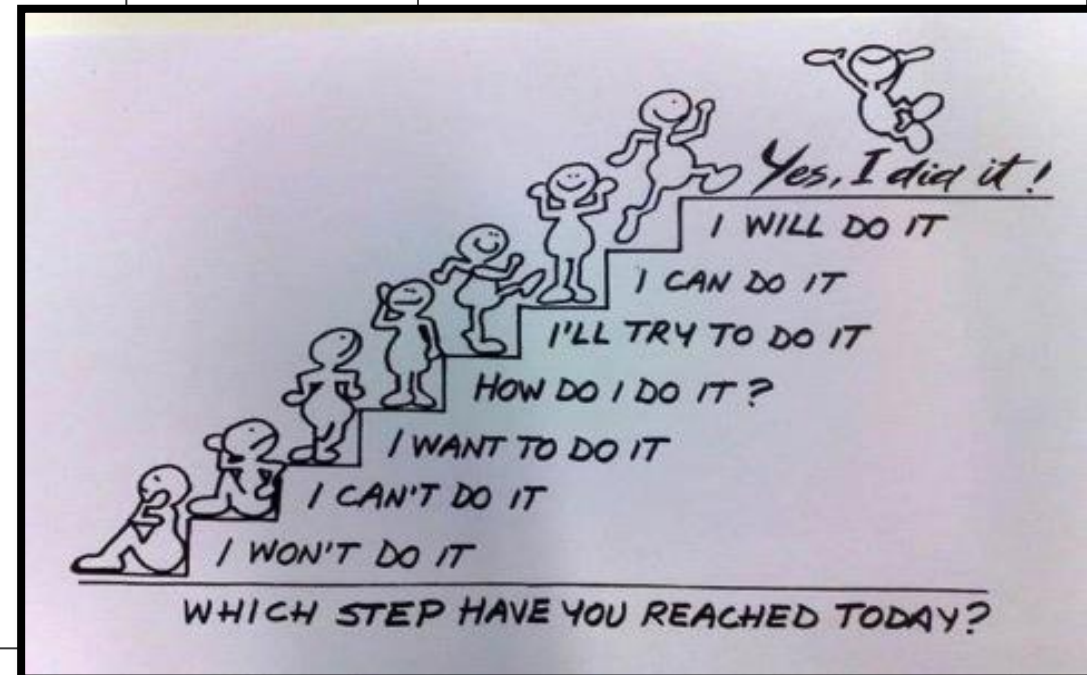
# SRC 2021

# Goal Setting

Class teachers and the SRC help students to set **SMART** goals, monitor progress and give advice and support.

- Goal setting helps towards long-term vision and short-term motivation
- By setting goals students can:
  - improve academic performance
  - increase motivation
  - increase pride
  - improve self-confidence

- ✓ *Specific*
- ✓ *Measurable*
- ✓ *Achievable*
- ✓ *Results-Focused*
- ✓ *Time-Bound*





- We **encourage** and **acknowledge** all participation in sport, therefore students receive certificates for achievements from private sport clubs at our award ceremonies.
- Students can use these certificates in their portfolios when applying to Universities or other Tertiary Institutions.
- Our online students are welcome to join us for Athletics and other school sport events.



# Grade 8 Orientation

- The aim of the Grade 8 orientation weeks is to welcome new Grade 8 students to the High School and to introduce them to the subjects, teachers and leaders as well as our High School's history and traditions.
- Activities during this week are focused on creating opportunities to get to know class members in different surroundings and to create a spirit of 'belonging' to a group.
- Activities also aim to teach our values:
  - ✓ **Responsibility**
  - ✓ **Compassion**
  - ✓ **Excellence**
  - ✓ **Integrity**
  - ✓ **Respect**

- Our Grade 8 students participate in a hike in the dunes close to town, while camping overnight under the stars accompanied by the SRC, Gr. 12 students and teachers.
- Some of the topics that will be addressed during the orientation period are:
  - ✓ "How to achieve academic success"
  - ✓ "Conflict resolution in the classroom"
  - ✓ "The power of peer pressure"
  - ✓ "Personal hygiene"
  - ✓ "The importance of extra-curricular activities"



# Partnership with Parents



Parents and teachers have a common goal....  
to facilitate the best educational experience possible *for YOUR CHILD and OUR STUDENTS*

We will receive the best results if we...

- create a strong support system for your child
- communicate in a continuous, considerate, respectful manner
- create the best possible environment to foster physical, emotional and intellectual well-being



- The Eco-committee is run predominantly by PSS students.
- In our daily lives and with activities and events at the PSS we strive to be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- We expect this consideration from all our students, those at school as well as our online students.
- Please help us to achieve our goals by paying attention to:
  - ✓ the content of your lunchbox
  - ✓ how you travel to school
  - ✓ how to reduce waste as much as possible





## 19 – 23 April 2021 – Rock Lodge

### Open-Air School

The importance of our environment cannot be disputed and opportunities have never been greater, nor the need more urgent, for environmental education and this our students experience hands-on during our open-air school programme.

### Rock Lodge offers:

- ✓ A unique educational programme
- ✓ A holistic approach to personal development
- ✓ Adventure and challenges
- ✓ To develop young people as leaders
- ✓ A programme which aims to equip students to make independent and responsible decisions



# Grade 9 Challenge OR German exchange – Grade 9

19 – 23 April 2021



## Kahn / Swakop River Hike

On this hike the Grade 9 students challenge themselves physically and emotionally.

They carry everything they need, cook their own food and have a lot of fun!



Exchange programme with the Uhland Realschule - Germany

### Namibian programme involves:

- Hosting German students
- Activities in Swakopmund together with our German guests
- Tour to Etosha and B2Gold Mine

This programme creates wonderful opportunities for our students to make new friends and connections and offers the opportunity to visit Germany.



# Cape Town tour – Grade 10

17 – 29 November 2021



The Cape Town tour is a highlight and a unique tradition at the PSS

- ✓ Main aim to visit Universities and other Tertiary Institutions
- ✓ Provides insights and motivates students to work hard
- ✓ Exposes them to education opportunities
- ✓ Creates a tremendous amount of team spirit and memories

## **Award Ceremony** – 12 February 2021

- The High School Award Ceremony will be held in the Horst Fritze School Hall.
- During this ceremony, we celebrate the successes of our students. These include their academic, sport and cultural accomplishments. We also acknowledge the private efforts of our students, especially on the sport fields. (Please keep us informed.)
- The certificates can be used in application procedures to Universities and other Tertiary Institutions.

## **Valedictory Service** – 22 September 2021

- During the Grade 12 Valedictory Service we celebrate the academic, cultural and sporting successes of our current final year students.
- This is an extremely emotional occasion to reflect on their years at the PSS and to formally say goodbye.





# Big Walk & Bazaar

## Bazaar – 26 March 2021

The PSS Bazaar has a unique atmosphere of celebration and community spirit. During this day all money from the activities, games and sales goes towards the running of our school.

## Big Walk – 30 January 2021

- The Big Walk is a day where old and new students, parents and teachers have an opportunity to casually walk together on the beach, socialise and get to know each other.
- Students are expected to raise money – this money is used for extra-curricular activities at the PSS.
- The Grade 10 classes have the opportunity to sell food and drinks on this day as a fundraiser for their Cape Town Tour.



# What about the money?

<b>Once-off</b> application fee:	N\$ 500.00
<b>Once-off</b> administration fee:	N\$ 1,075.00
<b>Annual</b> registration fee:	N\$ 1,575.00

## Online teaching

Grade 7 (Junior Secondary Certificate, Year 1)	N\$ 2,960.00 per month
Grade 8 (Junior Secondary Certificate, Year 2)	N\$ 3640.00 per month
Grade 9 & 10 (IGCSE)	N\$ 3,640.00 per month
Grade 11 & 12 (AS)	N\$ 4,400.00 per month
Grade 13 (A Level)	N\$ 4,400.00 per month to be paid January to October

# Please contact us!

*We look forward welcoming you  
to the  
Private School Swakopmund!*

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