

Spalding Grammar School Sixth Form

Enrichment Information

Pre U: Global Perspectives and
Independent Research Report

Entry Requirement:

There are no special entry requirements; however, students with a strong GCSE profile will benefit most from this additional intellectual challenge.

Awarding Body: CIE

About the subject: Cambridge International Examinations offer a range of qualifications that prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed to be successful at university – hence PreU. We offer the CIE PreU in Global Perspectives and Independent Research Report to students who intend to study at university. The PreU carries UCAS tariff points. The course will develop your ability to work independently and to think critically, creatively and laterally. We teach the course through debating and so develop your ability to communicate effectively and work in teams. Students prepare to compete in the prestigious Debating Matters and English Mace competitions.

The factual content of the course is subject to change as the priority is to develop skills. We choose content that is meaningful and stimulating such as genetic engineering, policing the internet and the ethics of food production.

The course is taken in two sections. Students can opt to complete the short course in Year 12 or can continue to complete the full course over the two years. In Year 12 students complete Global Perspectives. They research and explore a range of issues challenging people across the globe. We challenge students to become critically aware of their own beliefs and those of other people, developing valid arguments by reflecting on and interpreting a range of evidence.

In Year 13 students write an Independent Research Report. They can investigate a subject they have already researched or dig into a new subject, possibly outside traditional school specifications. This can be very compelling evidence of a student's interest in a subject when applying for university.

Assessment is as follows:

Year 12: (All externally assessed)

- Written examination paper (25%)
- Coursework essay (30%)
- Presentation (40%)

Year 13: (Internally assessed and externally moderated)

- Independent Research Report

Where does it lead? We offer the PreU to students who intend to study at university to aid their UCAS applications and help them stand out from the crowd.