

# PREPARATORY COURSE FOR SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ADVANCED LEVEL) EXAMINATION

## Introduction

The Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' Level Examinations are national level assessments jointly organised and conducted by the Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE) Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) and the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE). The 'A' Level certificate itself is an internationally recognised pre-university qualification that can be used to apply for tertiary education in the Commonwealth countries and in the United States of America.

Our programme thoroughly prepares private candidates for the Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' Level Examination with intensive lessons daily. Upon passing or obtaining outstanding results, students may opt to pursue their tertiary education in local polytechnics or universities, and overseas colleges and institutes.

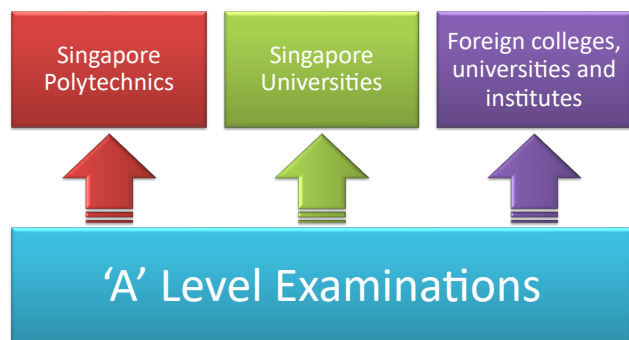


Figure 1. The possible education progression for students who have passed the 'A' Level Examinations

## General Information

Course Duration	: 12 Months (Full-Time) or 24 Months (Full-Time)
Course Level	: Preparatory
Course Developed By	: Stalford Academy
Course Delivery Method	: Classroom Teaching
Lesson Hours	: Mon to Fri, 8am to 7pm (actual duration depends on the number of subjects taken)
Lesson Venue	: Depending on Intake Please refer to "Contact Us" section for venue details
Total Contact Hours	: 1,080 contact hours (12-mth) (4 H2 subject programme) 2,160 contact hours (24-mth)

## Course Subjects

Applicants may enrol for the following subjects\*. Additional information about the syllabus may be found at [<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/gce-a-level>].

Subjects
Chinese Language and Literature (H2)
Mathematics (H2)
Physics (H2)
Chemistry (H2)
General Paper (H1)
**Chinese Language (H1)
**Chemistry (H2)
**Economics (H2)
**Further Mathematics (H2)

\* Subjects offered may change without prior notice. Applicants should check with the school before enrolment.

\*\* A minimum number of 10 students enrolling in the subject are required before the subject is offered.

## Admission Pre-requisites

### Local Students (12/24-month programme)

- be above 17 years of age as of 1st January of the year of enrolment
- have successfully completed Secondary School, obtained GCE 'O' level certificate or its equivalent

### International Students (12-month programme)

- be above 17 years of age as of 1st January of the year of enrolment
- have successfully completed Senior Middle 3 or Grade 12 or its equivalent
- have obtained a pass in English (i.e. 50% of total mark at current high school)

### International Students (24-month programme)

- be above 16 years of age as of 1st January of the year of enrolment
- have successfully completed Senior Middle 2 or Grade 11 or its equivalent
- have obtained a pass in English (i.e. 50% of total mark at current high school)

*Note: Students who do not meet the prerequisite admission criteria must obtain approval from the school's Principal prior to admission.*

## Academic Calendar

Course Duration	12-Month	24-Month
Commencement Date <sup>#</sup>	01/12/2025	01/12/2025
Completion Date	30/11/2026	30/11/2027
Academic Terms (Weeks)	4 Terms (44 Weeks)	8 Terms (88 Weeks)
Term Breaks & School Holidays <sup>@</sup>	One 1-week term break per term. One 8-week holiday per annum.	

<sup>#</sup> Students who missed the Dec intake intake may opt to commence their studies in Feb, May, or Aug the following year.

<sup>@</sup> Dates are subjected to changes and students will be notified two weeks in advance.

## Teaching Staff

The teacher to student ratio is less than 1:40, subject to room capacity. All of our teachers are dedicated and experienced, possessing at least university degrees and are registered with the SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG).

## Mode of Assessment

1. Internal Assessment – all internal assessments will be in the form of written papers
  - a. For the 12-month programme, 4 Examinations will be conducted.
  - b. For the 24-month programme, 8 Examinations will be conducted.
2. External Assessment – GCE 'A' Level Examination [www.seab.gov.sg]
  - a. Registration for GCE 'A' Level Examination is in March
  - b. Examinations for all subjects (except for Chinese Language) will be held in November.
  - c. Students will sit for a Preliminary Examination at Stalford Academy in preparation for the actual 'A' Level examinations.

## Type of Qualification

- **Certificate of Completion** awarded by Stalford Academy, after fulfilling attendance requirements for completion of course.
- **Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'A' Level Certificate** awarded by Ministry of Education, Singapore and Cambridge Assessment International Education, after successful completion of GCE 'A' Level Examinations.

## Requirements for Completion of Course

- International Students (Student's Pass holders) must achieve **at least 90% attendance** and must not be absent for more than 7 consecutive days without valid reasons.
- Local Students (Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents), Dependent's Pass and Long-Term Visit Pass holders must achieve at least 75% attendance and must not be absent for more than 7 consecutive days without valid reasons.

## Refund Policy (Extracted from Stalford Academy Standard PEI- Student Contract Version 4.0)

[Ref: [https://www.tpgateway.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/edutrust-certification-scheme/9a\\_standard-pei-student-contract-version-4-0.docx](https://www.tpgateway.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/edutrust-certification-scheme/9a_standard-pei-student-contract-version-4-0.docx)]

### 3. TERMINATION AND REFUND POLICY (Please refer to the diagram in Schedule E)

- 3.1 The PEI will notify the Student in writing within three (3) working days after becoming aware of any of the following (each a "Refund Event"):
- It cannot commence the provision of the Course on the Course Commencement Date;
  - It cannot complete the provision of the Course by the Course Completion Date;
  - The Course will be terminated before the Course Completion Date;
  - The Student does not meet the course entry or matriculation requirements as stated in Schedule A; or
  - The Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (the "ICA") rejects the Student's application for the Student Pass.
- 3.2 Where any of the Refund Events in Clause 3.1(a) to (c) above has occurred:
- The PEI shall use reasonable efforts to make alternative study arrangements for the Student and shall propose such alternative study arrangements in writing to the Contracting Party, within ten (10) working days of informing the Contracting Party of the Refund Event.
  - If the Contracting Party accepts such alternative study arrangements, the PEI shall set forth such alternative study arrangements in a written contract and this Contract shall automatically terminate on the date that such new written contract comes into effect.
  - If the PEI does not propose alternative study arrangements to the Contracting Party within the time stipulated in Clause 3.2(a) above, or the Contracting Party does not accept such alternative study arrangements, the Contracting Party may forthwith terminate this Contract by way of a written notice to the PEI.
- 3.3 Where any of the Refund Events in Clauses 3.1(d) to (e) has occurred, the PEI shall forthwith terminate this Contract by way of a written notice to the Contracting Party.
- 3.4 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Clause 3.2(b) read with Clause 3.1(a), the PEI shall refund all Course Fees and Miscellaneous Fees paid by the Contracting Party within seven (7) working days of the termination.
- 3.5 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Clause 3.2(b) read with either Clause 3.1(b) or Clause 3.1(c), the PEI shall refund the Course Fees and Miscellaneous Fees in proportion to the uncompleted portion or duration of the Course, whichever is higher, to the Contracting Party within seven (7) working days of the termination.
- 3.6 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Clause 3.3 or Clause 3.2(c) read with Clause 3.1(a), the PEI shall refund all Course Fees and Miscellaneous Fees paid by the Contracting Party within seven (7) working days of the termination.
- 3.7 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Clause 3.2(c) read with either Clause 3.1(b) or Clause 3.1(c), the PEI shall refund the Course Fees and Miscellaneous Fees in proportion to the uncompleted portion or duration of the Course, whichever is higher, to the Contracting Party within seven (7) working days of the termination.
- 3.8 **Refund for Withdrawal During the Cooling-Off Period:**  
Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Contracting Party shall be entitled to, without any liability whatsoever to the PEI, forthwith terminate the Contract at any time within the Cooling-Off Period by way of a written notice to the PEI. The PEI shall return all Course Fees and Miscellaneous Fees paid to it within seven (7) working days of the receipt of the written notice.
- 3.9 **Refund for Withdrawal Outside the Cooling-Off Period:**  
Without prejudice to Clauses 3.1 to 3.8 above, the Contracting Party may terminate the Contract at any time before the Course Completion Date by providing a written notice to the PEI. Upon receipt of such notice, the PEI shall within seven (7) working days, refund to the Contracting Party such amount (if any) as determined in accordance with Schedule D.

### SCHEDULE D REFUND POLICY

% of [the amount of Course Fees and Miscellaneous Fees paid under Schedules B and C]	If the Contracting Party's written notice of withdrawal is received:
[75]	more than [30] working days before the Course Commencement Date
[50]	on or before, but not more than [30] working days before the Course Commencement Date
[10]	after, but not more than [7] working days after the Course Commencement Date
[5]	more than [7] working days but not more than [14] working days after the Course Commencement Date
[0]	more than [14] working days after the Course Commencement Date

## EduTrust Certification Scheme

The EduTrust Certification Scheme (EduTrust) is a quality assurance scheme administered by the SSG for PEIs in Singapore. It aims to distinguish private schools that are able to consistently maintain a high standard of quality in the overall provision of education services and make continual improvements that lead to positive student outcomes. Stalford Academy has been awarded 4-year EduTrust since 2013. [Please refer to the SSG Training Partners Gateway website for more details.](#)

## Fee Protection Scheme

To comply with the requirements of EduTrust, the Fee Protection Scheme (FPS) is implemented for all students for course fees payment. The FPS serves to protect the students' fees in the event a Private Education Institution (PEI) is unable to continue operations due to insolvency, and/or regulatory closure, or if the PEI fails to pay penalties or return fees to the student arising from judgments made against it by the Singapore courts. Stalford Academy uses The Lonpac Insurance Bhd for our FPS (Group) Insurance. The policy certificate is [available for download here](#). For more information on the FPS, please contact Stalford Academy or [visit the SSG website](#).

## Admission Procedures

### Step 1: Presentation of Course Information and Pre-Course Counselling

Applicants will receive comprehensive information on:

- Course Information
- Course Pre-requisites
- Course Admission Requirements

A pre-course counselling session will be conducted to help applicants understand what to expect when studying at Stalford Academy and to address any questions they may have.

### Step 2: Placement Test

Stalford Academy will arrange for the prospective student to undergo a Placement Test to assess their proficiency and recommend suitable course options. The test includes written examinations in English and Mathematics, as well as an oral component to evaluate speaking and listening abilities.

### Step 3: Application Submission

Applicants must submit the following documents in soft copy:

- Completed Application Form with Application Fee of S\$545
- [Applicant's Documents](#)
  - 1) Birth Certificate (translated or notarised if not in English)
  - 2) Passport Data Page (with at least 6 months validity)

- 3) Recent passport-sized colour photograph (plain white background with all facial features clearly visible)
- 4) Highest Qualification Certificate and Academic Transcripts (translated or notarised if not in English)
- 5) Change-of-Name Deed Poll, if applicable (translated or notarised if not in English)
- 6) HPB verification of vaccination (for foreign-born children aged 12 years and below only)

- [Parents' Documents](#)

- 7) Data Pages of both parents' passports
- 8) Parents' Proof of financial ability (e.g. bank statement or deposit letter)
- 9) Parents' letters of employment (stating commencement date, designation, and monthly salary)
- 10) Parents' business licence certificates if applicable (translated or notarised if not in English)

Note: Please send all scanned copies of documents by email to [\[enrol@stalfordacademy.com\]](mailto:enrol@stalfordacademy.com). Once the student pass application is approved, the applicant may have to bring all original application documents when entering Singapore to collect the Student's Pass. Please refer to the [Immigration & Checkpoints Authority \(ICA\) Website](#) for more details.

## ICA Student's Pass Regulations

**For International Students, Stalford Academy can only provide assistance to submit the Student's Pass application; the granting of Student's Pass is subject to the ICA's approval.**

All Student's Pass holders must comply with the following:

- 1) You are required to attend classes regularly and achieve a minimum of 90% attendance. If you fail to attend classes for a continuous period of 7 days, your Student's Pass is liable to be cancelled with effect from the 8th day.
- 2) Refrain from activities violating the "Terms & Conditions of Student's Pass (STP)" (including those stated in the Student's Pass application form and In-Principle Approval letter). **The student is not permitted to engage in any form of employment or attend an industrial attachment/internship programme, whether paid or unpaid, without a valid work pass issued by Ministry of Manpower.**
- 3) A student must not remain in Singapore without proper authority after the expiry of the Student's Pass. Stalford will inform the ICA of his/her means and date of departure.
- 4) A student is permitted to attend the course only after the Student's Pass approval has been given by the ICA.
- 5) A student must not be retained as a student in any other school(s) or course(s) other than the one indicated in the Student's Pass application form.
- 6) A student must surrender the Student's Pass for cancellation within seven days from the date of cessation or termination of his/her studies or course(s).

## Course Fees for Preparatory Course Singapore-Cambridge GCE (A-Level) Exam

### 12 Months

Fees Breakdown	Amount (S\$)
<b>Application Fee</b> <sup>1</sup> (non-refundable)	<b>545.00</b>
<b>Course Fees</b>	
Course Fee <sup>2</sup>	28,000.00
Academic Services Fee	6,000.00
Student Development & Support Fee	3,800.00
Laboratory Fee	4,200.00
Medical Insurance Fee <sup>3</sup>	135.00
Student's Pass Fee <sup>4</sup>	135.00
Sub-total before GST	42,270.00
GST 9%	3,804.30
<b>Total Fees Payable</b>	<b>46,074.30</b>
<b>Total Amount (Incl. Application Fee)</b>	<b>46,619.30</b>

### 24 Months

Fees Breakdown	Amount (S\$)
<b>Application Fee</b> <sup>1</sup> (non-refundable)	<b>545.00</b>
<b>Course Fees</b>	
Course Fee <sup>2</sup>	56,000.00
Academic Services Fee	12,000.00
Student Development & Support Fee	7,600.00
Laboratory Fee	8,400.00
Medical Insurance Fee <sup>3</sup>	270.00
Student's Pass Fee <sup>4</sup>	135.00
Sub-total before GST	84,405.00
GST 9%	7,596.45
<b>Total Fees Payable</b>	<b>92,001.45</b>
<b>1st Instalment (Incl. Application Fee)</b>	<b>46,545.30</b>

### Miscellaneous Fees (only when applicable)

Miscellaneous Fees Breakdown <sup>6</sup>	Amount (S\$)
Visa Application Fee	147.15
Medical Insurance Fee <sup>3</sup>	147.15
Student's Pass Renewal Fee <sup>7</sup>	147.15
Enrolment Fee	2,180.00
External Exam Application Fee <sup>8</sup>	65.40
HPB Verification Processing Fee	261.60
School Uniform	452.35
School Uniform (itemised)	Refer to Price List
Online Payment Processing Fee	Additional 3%
Co-Curricular Activity Fee	Subject to
Excursion Fee	Specific Activity

Note: Miscellaneous fees refer to any non-compulsory fees payable only when applicable.

### Modes of Payment

All fees are to be paid by SGQR PayNow, cash, cheque, or remittances (T/T) to Stalford Academy. An additional 3% would be levied for online payment methods using Alipay and Wechat Pay.

### Terms and Conditions

1. The Application Fee of S\$545.00 (inclusive of 9% GST) must be paid in full upon the submission of the application form. The Application Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. After the payment for the application is made, the school will verify that the student satisfies the entry requirements before issuing a Letter of Offer and Course Fees Notice to the student.

2. The Course Fee is for 4-H2 and H1 General Paper. Studies that commence after the Commencement Date shall enjoy a \$2,850.00 discount per calendar month.

3. Medical Insurance Fee is for Group Hospital & Surgical Insurance scheme arranged by the school (annual claim limit of S\$20,000.00 per student, T&C apply; refer to www.sa.edu.sg for more details). Local student (Singapore Citizen/Permanent Resident/non-Student's Pass International Student) who is protected by his/her own medical insurance coverage in Singapore can opt out from this medical insurance scheme.

4. Local students (Singapore Citizen/Permanent Resident/non-Student's Pass International Student) do not have to pay Student's Pass Fee.

5. **All Fees must be paid after signing of the student contract and before course commencement.** We consider payment made 30 days after the scheduled due date(s) as late. We do not charge late payment fee.

6. Miscellaneous Fees paid are non-refundable.

7. Fees may be subjected to changes as determined by the relevant government agencies as at the time of processing.

8. **Fees must be paid before external exam registration will be processed.**

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