

# Cambridge Connections



The mission of Pasco High School is to create a collaborative environment that nurtures learning, mutual respect, and a strong work ethic, thereby helping to develop future citizens for the challenges that lie ahead.



## The Student Corner: FAQ About AICE Exams



As many are approaching their first AICE exams, Mrs. Fernandez graciously offered her time for an interview to address what to expect.

### **How do I find out when my exam is scheduled?**

You can find a link to the 2019 AICE exam schedule on the PHS website, including duration of each test. In addition, I have the schedule for AICE and AP exams on the window outside my office. I would like to point out that all AICE exams, with the exception of Media Studies and Global Perspectives, have at least two parts, scheduled on different dates.

### **Now that I know the date of the exams I will be taking, when and where do I report?**

Your teachers will receive an email before May 1<sup>st</sup> indicating exact times and locations for your exams. Typically all AM exams begin at 7:30am and all PM exams begin at 11:30am, unless you are asked to come earlier or later. The majority of exams will be held in the gym. Make sure to double check the schedule daily for any changes.

### **What should I bring with me to the exam?**

You will need to have your printed ticket (White or blue) with you at each portion of the exams, a photo ID (school ID or state issued identification), and at least two blue or black pens (standard colored ink). You may also bring a clear water bottle free of labels.

### **Am I allowed to bring my backpack, phone, keys, etc. with me?**

We strongly discourage bags of any kind. There will be a bucket/bin at the entrance to keep keys, phones and any medically necessary items such as an EpiPen or inhaler. You may not have these items on you while taking the exam. No personal belongings will be allowed in the exam room and the invigilator is not responsible for any belongings that may go missing if you leave your belongings outside of the testing area.

### **On a day I have an AICE exam, am I excused from the entire day of classes?**

Yes. You only need to be present for the exam. However, you are not allowed to wander around campus (if staying, students will need to be in their classes.)

### **What are the most important things for me to remember?**

- 1) You must be **on time**, have proper identification, and all necessary test taking items, such as: pens, and your ticket. Any further materials needed will be provided by the invigilator unless you are told otherwise.
- 2) Leave all exam related papers when you leave (including questions, answers, rough work, etc.)
- 3) The Invigilator is in charge of the room. He or she will give all instructions and is there to answer any questions. You must not talk to, or otherwise communicate with, nor disturb other students.
- 4) Read the back of your ticket for all exam notices.

## Our Cambridge Students Suggest...

"My advice is to study vocabulary heavily. I've found that if you understand the vocabulary then you can at least earn marks for writing the word down, even if you can't expand on it. Apply the graphic organizer while watching the clip, it's helpful in taking quick effective notes but I would also add not to obsess over it. Write to the last minute, I feel like there's always something you can add to get more marks, even if you think you've got everything I wouldn't spend any extra time doing nothing." - Nickole Hicks (Junior)

"I think my advice would be to look at past exams and the mark schemes to understand how the graders think. I try to adapt to the way the graders want (for example, I knew that the graders wanted at least 3 case studies, so I found 3 different ones and committed to memory)." - Megan Simonelli (Senior/Valedictorian)

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"It's important to take the writing samples you offer in class seriously. Experience is the best teacher of this dense material. And it's also good to just visualize the material. We're all consumers of media so just imagine how you engage with it in your personal life. Businesses know our consumption patterns and just react accordingly." - Akosua Kissi (Senior)

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Feeding America



Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Caterpillar to Butterflies Christmas Party



March of Dimes

Coastal Cleanup



Clay Shoot

Spring Market Car Wash



# Let's Volunteer:

## WATERGRASS ELEMENTARY 10 YEARS CELEBRATION

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

More Info: Mrs. Fernández

## ROTARY FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

More Info: Mrs. Edwards

## PHS GRADUATION VOLUNTEER

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m.

More Info: Mrs. Edwards

## Meet Our New Cambridge Counselor:



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