

ADMISSIONS 2026/2027

Places available by year group

Cosmos International School educates children from Pre-school Group 1 to Grade 12, following both the Bulgarian national curriculum of the Ministry of Education and Science and the Cambridge International Pathway. English is taught intensively and a number of subjects are delivered in English within the Cambridge programme. Admission is open throughout the year where places are available.

PLACES AVAILABLE

Grade	Cambridge	Programme	Age	Availability
Pre-school 1	Year 1	Cambridge Primary Stage 1	5 – 6	4 places available
Pre-school 2	Year 2	Cambridge Primary Stage 2	6 – 7	2 places available
Grade 1	Year 3	Cambridge Primary Stage 3	7 – 8	full — waiting list
Grade 2	Year 4	Cambridge Primary Stage 4	8 – 9	1 place available
Grade 3	Year 5	Cambridge Primary Stage 5	9 – 10	2 places available
Grade 4	Year 6	Cambridge Primary Stage 6 · Checkpoint	10 – 11	1 place available
Grade 5	Year 7	Lower Secondary Stage 7	11 – 12	1 place available
Grade 6	Year 8	Lower Secondary Stage 8	12 – 13	full — waiting list
Grade 7	Year 9	Lower Secondary Stage 9 · Checkpoint	13 – 14	1 place available
Grade 8	—	Pre-IGCSE — preparatory year	14 – 15	6 places available
Grade 9	—	IGCSE — first year	15 – 16	6 places available
Grade 10	—	IGCSE — examination year	16 – 17	6 places available
Grade 11	—	A Level — first year	17 – 18	no class formed this year
Grade 12	—	A Level — examination year	18 – 19	6 places available

36 places in total — 6 in the pre-school groups and 30 in Grades 1 to 12. The Cambridge Year number matches the Stage number, with Year 1 corresponding to Pre-school Group 1.

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1 · ENQUIRY AND APPLICATION

Parents send an enquiry to office@cischool.bg or call at the school office. The application is accompanied by the child's birth certificate or identity document, the school reports from the previous school and the medical documents required under Article 141 of the Health Act.

STEP 2 · FAMILY MEETING AND PARENT INTERVIEW

The family is invited to the school to meet the Director and the Deputy Director. We show the building, the classrooms, the science and art rooms, the library, the dining hall and kitchen, the sports hall and playing fields, the grounds and play areas, the health room and the spaces used for the extended day, and present both programmes, the structure of the school day, the conditions and what we expect of students and parents. During the interview parents tell us about the child's previous schooling, the languages spoken at home, the child's health and any need for support, and ask their own questions. The meeting is a required part of admission and takes place before the taster days. Where the family is abroad, the meeting and the interview are held online.

STEP 3 · TASTER DAYS

Every applicant from Pre-school Group 1 to Grade 12 attends a taster day, and two or more where this is helpful. During these days the team observes the academic level in the core subjects, social and emotional development and independent learning skills, any need for general or additional support, how the child joins the group and interacts with classmates and teachers, and how the child copes with the full school day. Foreign students who are in Bulgaria temporarily and do not plan to settle here may choose to follow the international programme only.

STEP 4 · ENGLISH ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT

Applicants for Grade 4 and above sit an entrance assessment in English. It establishes the level of the language and whether the student is ready to join the Cambridge programme. For younger children the level is established through observation during the taster days. For applicants who are abroad the assessment may be held online, and the taster days are arranged in the first days after their arrival.

STEP 5 · OFFER AND ENROLMENT

After the taster days the class teacher, the subject teachers and the school psychologist prepare a joint opinion for the Director, taking the family interview into account. It informs both the admission decision and the support put in place from the first school day. Enrolment is confirmed by an order of the Director.

GOOD TO KNOW

Transfers to available places are made in Grades 1 to 6 throughout the school year; in Grades 7 to 10 also throughout the year, but where the transfer falls within teaching time, no later than 30 school days before the end of each term; in Grade 11, within the same profile and with identical compulsory profiling subjects; and in Grade 12, no later than 30 school days before the end of the first term and within the same profile (Article 106(1) of Ordinance No 10 of 1 September 2016).

Children whose mother tongue is not Bulgarian join additional tuition in Bulgarian as a foreign language from their first school day. This tuition is free of charge.

The number of classes and the number of students in them are determined by the school itself, in compliance with the state educational standard for the physical environment and for information and library provision (Article 100(2) of the Pre-school and School Education Act and Ordinance No 24 of 10 September 2020). Available places are the difference between that number and the students enrolled. The school publishes them on its website so that they are accessible to parents. This document is a courtesy translation; in the event of any discrepancy the Bulgarian version prevails.