



The International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is a pre-university course aimed at highly motivated students. It provides a broad and rigorous education which fulfils the general entry requirements of all British and overseas universities and institutions of Higher Education and is very much welcomed.

How does the IB differ from 'A' level examinations?

The IB is a group diploma examination in which each student must choose six subjects - normally three at Higher and three at Standard level. Its broad curriculum requires students to cover humanities; arts and sciences in six academic subjects. In this way every IB student will continue to study a combination of the social sciences and languages together with the natural sciences and mathematics. In addition, students follow a programme of Theory of Knowledge, write an Extended Essay on a topic of their choice and complete 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service activities.



Why study it?

You are a good all rounder and wish to keep your options open. An excellent preparation for university. Universities in the UK and worldwide very much welcome students who have achieved an IB Diploma because of the breadth and depth of study including Theory of Knowledge. **The IB encourages the thinking student.** You will develop an independent and mature attitude to life and learning.

Employers are increasingly more interested in interviewing people who have studied a broader range of subjects at a higher level over two years, for example, scientists and engineers who can speak and write coherently; arts students who are numerate and are aware of current scientific and technological developments.

UK University entrance requirement:

Our average achievement in the IB of 31 points (world average is 29).
31 IB points achieved earns you 413 UCAS points.
See www.UCAS.com.

Minimum entry level:

Age 16
Excellent school grades at High School study
IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent)

Accommodation:

£95 per week catered £70 per week self-catered

Course Fee:

£5250 - September to June

40% and 25% Scholarships available in year 1

Added Benefits:

Free access to email and internet on College campuses
Free English language support



Core components

Creativity, action, service (CAS): For this element of the course you will spend a minimum of 150 hours developing creatively, physically and socially in the wider community. CAS provides a self-driven way of learning through real experience.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK): In this component you will examine the varieties of knowledge found in different areas: Maths, Science, Social Science, Politics, Morals and Aesthetics. TOK helps you to find connections between all the academic disciplines.

Extended Essay: This allows you to conduct an in-depth research project in an area related to your interests and career aims. The essay will develop your skills of critical thinking, research and academic argument, providing an excellent preparation for Higher Education.

Group 1: Language A *English (A2 also available)*

Group 2: Language B *French, Italian or Spanish*

Group 3: Individuals & Societies *History, Psychology, Geography or Environmental Studies*

Group 4: Experimental Sciences *Biology, Chemistry (HL + SL), Physics (HL + SL) or Environmental Studies*

Group 5: Mathematics *Mathematical Studies & Higher Mathematics*

Group 6: *Art and Design or an additional subject from Groups 2 - 4*

In certain cases a third science may be substituted for a Group 3 subject

How you will study

The course is delivered through a blend of the following:

- Classroom learning
- Practical work
- Making connections between your subjects
- Virtual learning environment (MOODLE)

How you will be assessed

The course is assessed through a blend of the following:

- Coursework in each subject
- Extended essay
- Oral examination
- Continuous assessment
- Presentations
- External exams at the end of the two years

More information and application forms are available on our website:

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