

"I wish I could have done the International Baccalaureate"

Rt. Hon David Miliband. Speech at Redland Green School, Bristol 30 June 2010.



"I am a great admirer of the already existing International Baccalaureate and I am determined to support a wider take up of that qualification"

Rt. Hon Michael Gove Secretary of State for Education. Speech to Westminster Academy 6 September 2010.

Why take the International Baccalaureate?

You are going to go to college and you need to get an education which will prepare you for the fast changing globalised world of the 21st century.

What are the advantages of the IB?

- You can keep your **options open** by keeping your studies broad.
- It is **international**.
- Its value is in the whole package, with **personal development** as well as **subject knowledge**.
- All of the **world's leading universities** recognise and respect the IB.
- There is **NO** grade inflation.
- Universities **respect** the rigour of the IB.
- You will **stand out** from the crowd.

Higher Education Statistics Agency, study comparing International Baccalaureate with UK A Levels demonstrates strength of IB diploma curriculum.

- IB students are twice as likely as non-IB students to enroll at one of the UK's top 20 universities.
- 19% of IB students get a First Class Honours degree compared to 14.5% at A Level.
- 55.1% of IB students get a 2.1 Honours degree compared to 52.6% at A Level.
- IB students are almost twice as likely to pursue graduate study.
- IB students typically have a higher starting salary than non-IB.
- IB leavers are more likely to be employed in graduate level jobs and earn a higher median salary than A Level and equivalent leavers.

What does the IB do?

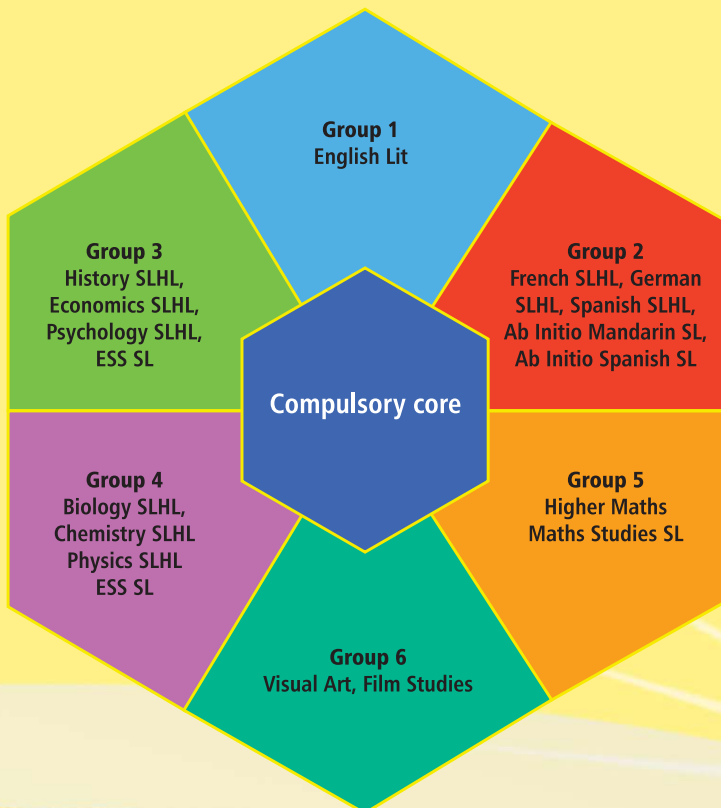
It encourages **international-mindedness** by helping students develop an understanding of their own cultural and national identity.

It fosters a **positive attitude to learning** by encouraging students to **ask challenging questions and critically reflect** in Theory Of Knowledge (TOK) ; it **develops research skills** in the Extended Essay and it helps young people **participate in community service** through Creativity, Action and Service (CAS).

What will I study?

6 subjects: 3 at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level (see the hexagon below): pick one subject from each group. See Priestley prospectus and website for each detailed subject description. You do not have as many lessons for Standard Level subjects as for Higher Level subjects, so it is NOT like studying 6 A Levels!

You will also do the Core. The Core is a big part of what makes the IB so special.



INSTEAD OF A SUBJECT FROM GROUP 6 YOU CAN TAKE TWO SUBJECTS FROM GROUPS 2, 3 OR 4



What does the Core consist of?

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

You will study how we know things through different ways of learning e.g. through our Emotions and through our Reason. You will also examine a range of different Areas of Knowledge, for example, the Arts and Natural Sciences. TOK will prompt you to see yourself as a **thinker** and to recognise the need to **act responsibly** in our **complex world**. TOK helps you to see ways in which you can **connect your knowledge** across your different hexagon subjects.



THE EXTENDED ESSAY

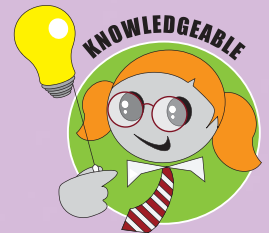
The Extended Essay is an **independent**, piece of research, brought together in a 4,000 word essay. It provides **excellent practical preparation for university** and is highly **valued by admissions staff**. It is an opportunity for you to engage in an in-depth study of a subject in which you are interested and might study at university. You will be supported throughout the process with advice and guidance from a supervisor.

CREATIVITY, ACTION AND SERVICE

CAS **values you** and **your contribution** to the world around you. Your participation in CAS will involve some kind of **service to a community**, for example coaching a football team, helping at brownies, volunteering in an old people's home or organising a charity event. It gets you to think about **why** you do what you do. It is also **fun!**

The IB in the UK

The UK is the second most important country worldwide (after the USA). Schools and colleges currently offering the IB in the North West include: Manchester Grammar School; Sir John Deane Sixth Form College and Caldya Grange Grammar School on the Wirral.



What is the IB worth?

- Points are awarded for each subject from 0 to 7.
- You also get 3 points for the Core.
- Grades are therefore given a score out of 45 points.
- Those who gain 24 points on their IB will have obtained the equivalent of two Bs and one C grade at A Level.
- The world average score for the IB is 29.4, the UK average is 32.6.

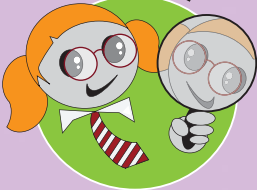




WHAT A PRIESTLEY IB STUDENT SAYS



REFLECTIVE



OPEN MINDED



CARING



A GOOD COMMUNICATOR



PRINCIPLED



BALANCED



SAMMY WRIGHT

Former high school - Sir Thomas Boteler

I have just started the IB and I chose it because it keeps my career options open and offers me a higher chance of being accepted by a university.

The IB is a lot about Theory of Knowledge, which is incorporated into all the subjects you study. For me A Levels are about facts to remember, whereas the IB, mostly because of TOK, gives me reasons to remember and to learn; it is more about why we learn, what to question and how to find out for yourself.

I am studying English HL, Economics HL, Psychology HL, German SL, Environmental Systems and Society SL and Maths Studies SL.

I also like CAS which is fun; you meet people and make friends doing stuff outside the classroom. It also makes you realise the importance of helping other people. CAS makes you think.

The IB is a tough course and keeps you busy. In my view it is a distinctive course which excels above others. It encourages you to be more independent and makes you a better person, helping you be open-minded and making you aware of why you learn.

What do the universities and educationalists say?

"We are very supportive of those academies that choose to offer the IB curriculum."

Nick Gibb MP Minister of State for Schools, House of Commons, 10 Jan 2011

"IB is well known to us as excellent preparation. Success in an IB programme correlates well with success at Harvard. We are pleased to see the credential of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript."

Marlyn McGrath Lewis, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Harvard University, USA

"Diploma Programme students are well-rounded, multifaceted, and multi-skilled and have studied in depth. They have good time-management skills. They score higher than students in other national systems, and the IB score is worldwide the same measure."

Hrilina Lock, Undergraduate Admissions Manager, London, School of Economics, UK

"We regard the IB as one of the best qualifications. Progression from IB Diploma students is very good indeed."

Richard Broom, City University (London)

"We hold the IB qualification in the highest regard"

Liz Lister, Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions, University of Edinburgh

"A-Levels are no longer the gold standard and should be scrapped in favour of the IB."

Sir Michael Rake (Chairman of BT) 2009

"We regard the International Baccalaureate as an extremely well-respected entry qualification, which we are more than happy to accept for entry to all our programmes"

Gaynor Glover, Head of Admissions Liverpool University

"You don't have to be super bright to take the IB, but you need to be organised to balance your extended essay, your community work and a wide variety of subjects."

Gordon Collins, founder of Career and Education Services

"A revival of the art of deep thought"

Michael Gove, SOS for Education

More reasons to do the IB

**THE WORLD IS CHANGING
DID YOU KNOW THAT ?**

- If you are one in a million in China there are 1 300 people just like you?
- The 7 % of India's population with the highest IQ is greater than the total population of the UK?
- These two countries have more Gifted and Talented students than we have students!
- China will soon become the number one ENGLISH speaking country in the world?
- It is estimated that today's learner will have on average 10-14 jobs by the age of 38? 1 out 4 workers today is working for a company they have been employed by for less than 1 year.
- According to Richard Riley, the former US Secretary for Education, the top 10 current in-demand jobs did not exist in 2004?
- There are about 540 000 words in the English language, 5 X as many as in Shakespeare's time?
- It is estimated that a week's worth of the Times newspaper contains more information than a person was likely to come across in a lifetime in the 18th century.
- For students starting a three year university technical degree, half of the information they learn in their first year, will be out of date by their final year.

THE IB WILL PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE





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