

BISC policy on Admission

1. Philosophy and principles

At BISC, we believe that every student should have the opportunity to access and succeed in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. As such, our admissions policy is designed to ensure that all students who are committed to the academic and personal challenges of the IB Diploma Programme have the chance to apply and be considered for admission.

The majority of students entering the IB program (including continuing BISC students) have completed iGCSEs in the previous year, and hence admission requirements are phrased in terms of iGCSE grades, however alternate qualifications (eg. GCSEs, MYP courses, BTECs,..) showing a comparable level of attainment will be accepted.

2. General Requirements

To be admitted to the IB Diploma Programme, applicants should meet the following requirements:

1. Have a strong foundation in academic subjects, as demonstrated by a minimum of 5 A* to C grades in iGCSEs.
2. Show a commitment to personal and academic growth, as demonstrated through involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership roles, and community service.
3. Demonstrate the ability to handle the rigors of the IB Diploma Programme, as demonstrated through strong work ethic, time management skills, and self-motivation.
4. Meet any additional requirements as outlined by the school and the IB Diploma Programme.
5. Have a solid grasp of academic English (C1) level, as assessed by the BISC EAL department.

We recognize that every student is unique, and as such, we will consider all applicants on an individual basis. We will take into account a range of factors, including academic performance, personal characteristics, and potential for success in the IB Diploma Programme.

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community, and as such, we welcome applications from students of all backgrounds and abilities. We encourage all students who meet the above requirements and are interested in the IB Diploma Programme to apply.

3. Subject Specific Requirements

Some subjects at some levels have further requirements, in order to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the required prior learning

1. HL AA mathematics requires either a grade A or A* at iGCSE or the passing of an entry test based on the iGCSE syllabus
2. HL biology requires either a grade A or A* in iGCSE biology or the passing of an entry test based on the iGCSE syllabus
3. HL chemistry requires either a grade A or A* in iGCSE chemistry or the passing of an entry test based on the iGCSE syllabus
4. HL physics requires either a grade A or A* in iGCSE physics and a grade of B or above in iGCSE mathematics, or the passing of an entry test based on the iGCSE syllabus.

4. Options for those not meeting the above conditions

Students who narrowly miss out on the above conditions may still be admitted to the diploma program on the condition that they commit to work on the area(s) where they do not meet the conditions over the summer prior to enrolment and pass the appropriate entry test at the beginning of term.

Students who miss the above conditions by a substantial margin will be offered the option of taking IB courses as opposed to the full diploma, or enrolling in the pre IB course, largely consisting of iGCSE preparation classes.