

## School Profile



## The School and Community

Founded in 1970 with a vision to be one of the best British, international schools in the world, The British School of Brussels (BSB) is a thriving international learning community, with children from the ages of 1-18 years from over 70 different countries. Based in the eastern suburbs of Brussels on a state-of-the-art campus, we offer a high-quality, holistic education to students of all abilities and linguistic backgrounds. Tuition is mainly in English, although bilingual learning is also offered in French, along with support for other mother-tongue languages. The largest student population comes from the UK (33%). Extra-curricular activities are numerous, covering sport, music, drama and much more and there is also a strong pastoral focus in the school. Students are encouraged to develop wider skills beyond the academic, to take part in service learning opportunities and to see themselves as global citizens of the future, able and willing to make a difference in the world.

## Curriculum

The British School of Brussels is made up of two schools: the Primary School - ages 3-11- and the Secondary School - ages 11-18.

All students follow the UK (English) National Curriculum up to age 16. This is enhanced to meet the needs of internationally mobile and expatriate families in Belgium.

Students take the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) and the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (IGCSE) at age 16. Students can also take an International BTEC (a vocational qualification awarded by the Business and Technology Education Council in the UK) at Level 2 in Business.

They then choose to study for the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level, the International Baccalaureate Diploma, or BTEC Level 3. Some students combine A Levels with Level 3 BTECs. Students study for these in "Post16" – the last two years of education at BSB.

Most students studying A Level and/or BTEC will also complete an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). The expectation is that students will begin three A Levels/Level 3 BTEC and complete them over two years. A small number will begin four. We do not offer AS Levels as a stand-alone qualification.

### The following A Level Subjects are offered:

Art & Design (Fine Art)  
Biology  
Business Studies  
Chemistry  
Computing  
Design & Technology  
Dutch  
Economics  
English Literature  
French  
Further Mathematics  
Geography  
German  
Government & Politics  
History  
Mathematics (Mechanics)  
Mathematics (Statistics)  
Media Studies  
Music  
Music Technology  
Physics

Sociology  
Spanish  
Textiles

### The following IB Diploma Subjects are offered:

Biology  
Business & Management  
Chemistry  
Design Technology  
Dutch Language B  
Dutch Language A: Language & literature  
Economics  
English Literature  
Environmental Systems & Society  
Film  
French Language B  
French Language A: Language & Literature  
French ab initio  
Further Mathematics  
Geography  
German  
History

Mathematics  
Mathematical Studies  
Music  
Physics  
Psychology  
Spanish  
Theatre Arts  
Visual Arts

### The following BTEC subjects are offered:

Applied Science  
Business  
Hospitality  
Sport

All classes are taught in English, except for language classes and in the Bilingual Programme in Year 7-9, where 35% of lessons are taught in French. A number of students each year sit for the Bilingual IB Diploma.

## Class rank and GPA

The British School of Brussels does not rank or calculate GPA for students. There is no appropriate system that would reflect the grading system of the GCSE and IGCSE, International Baccalaureate, A Levels or BTEC to a GPA. In addition, we have a transitory international population of students, many of whom transfer between different educational and grading systems.

## Enrolment

Total enrolment including Early Childhood Centre = 1320  
Secondary School = 752  
Primary School = 543  
Early Childhood Centre = 25  
Class of 2017 = 105

Maximum class size in Secondary School: 21  
Maximum class size in Senior Section: 14  
Student-teacher ratio: 10:1

## Faculty

Percentage of Faculty with a Bachelor Degree: 86.3%  
Percentage of Faculty with a Post-Graduate Degree: 15.4%  
Percentage of Faculty who are qualified teachers: 99.7%  
Percentage of local Faculty: 15.3%  
Percentage of foreign Faculty: 84.7%  
Top nationalities represented in Faculty: British (71.3%) Belgian (13.4%) French (5.8%)

## University Acceptances 2016-18

Over the last three years, virtually all BSB graduates have gone on to study in Higher Education. Here are the colleges, universities and professional schools in which they have enrolled. Acceptance without matriculation is indicated in italics.

### Africa, Asia and Australia

University of Cape Town  
Indian School of Management & Entrepreneurship (ISME), Mumbai  
SAE Institute Sydney

Superinfocom RUBIKA  
University College Dublin  
WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

Guilford School of Acting  
Hartpury College and University Centre  
University of Hertfordshire (4)  
Imperial College, London (3)  
Keele University  
University of Kent (9)  
King's College, London (3)  
Kingston University (3)  
Lancaster University  
University of Leeds (4)  
Leeds Arts University (2)  
University of Leicester  
University of Lincoln  
University of Liverpool (2)  
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
London South Bank University  
University of Loughborough (4)  
University of Manchester (3)  
Manchester Metropolitan University (4)  
Middlesex University  
University of Newcastle  
University of Northampton  
University of Nottingham (3)  
Nottingham Trent University (3)  
University of Oxford (3)  
Pearson College London  
University of Portsmouth  
Queen Mary, University of London  
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (2)  
Royal Veterinary College (2)  
University of Sheffield  
SOAS, University of London (2)  
University of Southampton (4)  
Southampton Solent University  
University of St Andrews (3)  
St Mary's University, Twickenham  
University of Stirling (2)  
University of Surrey (4)  
University of Sussex (5)  
Swansea University (5)  
Ulster University  
University College, London (7)  
University of the Arts, London (2)  
UCLAN (University of Central Lancashire)  
University for the Creative Arts  
University of Warwick (7)

University of West London  
University of Westminster  
University of the West of Scotland  
University of Winchester (2)  
University of Wolverhampton  
University of York (4)

### Belgium

CAD (College of Advertising, Art and Design)  
Brussels  
ESRA (École Supérieure de Réalisation Audiovisuelle), Brussels  
HOWEST (Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen)  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (3)  
Odisee University College (3)  
Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles  
United Business Institutes, Brussels  
United International Business School, Antwerp  
l'ULB : La Cambre Horta  
Vesalius College  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel

### Netherlands

Amsterdam University College  
Delft University of Technology (3)  
Eindhoven University of Technology (3)  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Gerrit Rietveld Academie  
University of Groningen (6)  
Leiden University (4)  
Maastricht University (5)  
Royal Academy of Art, The Hague  
Tilburg University  
University of Twente  
Wageningen University

### United Kingdom

Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM)  
Anglia Ruskin University  
Arts University, Bournemouth (2)  
Aston University  
University of Bath (8)  
Bath Spa University (2)  
BIMM (British and Irish Institute of Modern Music)  
University of Birmingham (2)  
University College Birmingham (2)  
University of Brighton (3)  
University of Bristol (3)  
Bristol, University of the West of England (6)  
University of Cambridge (5)  
Canterbury Christ Church University  
University of Cardiff (2)  
Cardiff Metropolitan University  
University of Chichester  
City, University of London (2)  
Coventry University (2)  
Delamar Academy of Make-up and Hair  
De Montfort University  
University of Derby (2)  
University of Durham (6)  
University of East Anglia (7)  
University of East London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex (3)  
University of Exeter

### Canada

Bishop's University  
Concordia University  
McGill University (3)  
University of Ottawa  
Queen's University (2)  
University of British Columbia

### European

University of Akureyri  
Cours Florent, Paris  
Dublin City University  
EDHEC Business School  
Glon Institute of Higher Education  
IE University  
IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems  
International University of Monaco  
ISAL, Paris  
Musikschule Kreuzberg-Friedrichshain, Berlin  
National University of Ireland, Galway  
Pompeu Fabra University  
Les Roches Marbella International School  
of Hotel Management  
Sciences Po  
University of Siena  
SSTH Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality

University of West London  
University of Westminster  
University of the West of Scotland  
University of Winchester (2)  
University of Wolverhampton  
University of York (4)

### United States

AMDA, Los Angeles Campus  
*Albright College*  
*American University*  
Boston College  
*The Art Institute of Chicago*  
*University of California, Davis*  
*University of California, Merced*  
*University of California, San Diego*  
*University of California, San Diego*  
*Cal Poly Pomona*  
*Carnegie Mellon University*  
Cornell University  
*Drew University*  
*Drexel University*  
Florida Institute of Technology  
*Fordham University*  
*The George Washington University*  
*University of Georgia*  
*Hobart and William Smith Colleges*  
*Humboldt State University*  
*Maryland Institute College of Art*  
*Massachusetts College of Art and Design*  
Middlebury College  
New York University Stern School of Business  
Northeastern University (3)  
*Northeastern University (4)*  
Parsons School of Design  
*Pratt Institute (2)*  
*Ringling College of Art and Design*  
SAIC (School of the Art Institute of Chicago)  
*SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design)*  
*School of Visual Arts*  
SCI-Arc  
*University of Southern California*  
*Syracuse University*  
*Vanderbilt University*  
*University of Vermont*

## Examination Results

(I)GCSE RESULTS		2018	2017	2016
A*-A/9-7 (from 2018)	BSB	61%	60%	51%
A*-C/ 9-4 (from 2018)	BSB Worldwide	95% 66%	92% 65%	90% 67%

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS		2018	2017	2016
Average Total Points	BSB	35	37	36
	Worldwide	30	30	30
40 or higher	BSB	17%	32%	30%
36 or higher	BSB	46%	59%	57%
30 or higher	BSB	91%	98%	67%
Highest	BSB	43	44	44

A LEVEL RESULTS		2018	2017	2016
A*-A	BSB	35%	32%	30%
	Worldwide	26%	26%	26%
A*-B	BSB	67%	64%	59%
A*-C	BSB	87%	80%	83%
A*-E	BSB	100%	99%	99%

BTEC RESULTS (Level 3)		2018	2017	2016
Distinction or higher (= A and A* at A Level)	BSB	61%	67%	65%

## Academic Calendar

The school year is broken up into three terms: Term 1 which runs from late August or early September until mid-December; Term 2 from early January until late March or early April; and Term 3 from late April to late June or early July.

## Activities and Service

Service learning and enrichment activities are a vital and integral part of school life. Students have an extensive and diverse range of possibilities including sport, drama and music all supported by superb facilities. Sports include rugby, football, netball, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, golf, basketball and hockey. Many students compete successfully in the International Schools Sports Tournaments (ISST). BSB is the only international school in Belgium to have its own 25m indoor swimming, part of an extensive new sports centre which also includes a multi-purpose sports hall, specialist gymnastics space, dance studio and a fitness room. Music and drama opportunities are also exceptional across the age range. Many students also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at all levels. There is an extensive range of CAS activities available and a wide variety of curricular and extra-curricular trips and residential visits. BSB students are actively encouraged to develop leadership and to engage actively, ethically and purposefully with the world at large through such activities as THIMUN (The Hague Model United Nations), TEDxBBSB, Fair Trade, environmental projects and a range of service and charity initiatives under our banner of 'One World.' Students have set up their own project called 'The Best of Both' supporting schools in northern Ghana and every two years a group of staff and senior students work in these schools during a three-week summer project.