

BSB

THE BRITISH
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Annual Reporting

Academic Year 2023-2024

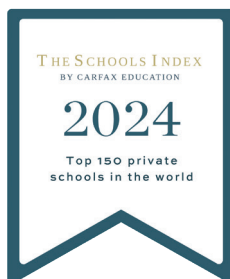
Learning together
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Awards

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, awards and accolades serve as powerful markers of a school's commitment to quality.



Towards the end of 2023, BSB was honoured with the prestigious Spear's School of the Year Award. This accolade celebrated the school's outstanding excellence and innovation over the previous 12 months, with BSB chosen from a shortlist of eight of the world's most exceptional schools. Renowned for acknowledging trailblazers in entrepreneurship, philanthropy, and leadership, the Spear's Awards bestowed this honour on BSB based on its commitment to excellence in various facets of school life, particularly highlighting academic performance, pastoral care, facilities, and the integration of cutting-edge technology.



In addition to the Spear's Award, BSB earned a spot among the top 15 private schools in Europe for the fifth consecutive year and was independently ranked in the prestigious Carfax Schools Index's top 150 private schools globally for 2024. The Schools Index, compiled by Carfax Education in collaboration with Spear's, is the sole global ranking of the world's leading private schools.

BSB Futures, the school's careers programme, was also lauded for its innovative approach when it won the Future Pathways category award at the ISC International School Awards 2023. This programme enriches learning by building connections with the professional world and preparing students with the skills and values needed for their future pathways, whether in further education or their chosen careers.

The panel of judges at ISC Research praised the BSB Futures programme for its comprehensive approach, engaging students, teachers, and external partners alike. The programme supports Secondary students through the IB, A-level, and BTEC programmes, helping them to choose the course and approach that best suits their ambitions.

BSB also celebrated individual accolades with inspirational young scientist Oleksandra Pyshna receiving the coveted Rising Star award at the 2023 Independent School of the Year Awards. This award honours a student who has achieved exceptional success in various aspects of their academic and personal lives, valuing not only academic excellence but also resilience and contributions that positively impact the school and broader community.

Oleksandra, one of the 50 students who joined BSB after fleeing the war in Ukraine, has inspired her fellow students and teachers. At just 16, she conducts postgraduate-level research in astrophysics, maintaining regular communication with PhD students worldwide and presenting her research at numerous conferences.

Additionally, 15 BSB students were honoured with Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards for their remarkable accomplishments in the 2023/2024 examination series. These awards were a testament to their dedication and commitment to academic excellence, showcasing BSB students' ability to perform at the highest level in international examination categories. These included four awards for the highest marks worldwide, six for the highest marks in Europe, and eight for the highest marks in Belgium.

BSB continues to shine as a beacon of excellence, with a dedication to fostering an environment that nurtures talent, innovation, and holistic development. The accolades and achievements of our students and programmes in 2023 and 2024 stand as a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience. As we look to the future, BSB remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate a community of learners who are prepared to excel and make meaningful contributions to the world.

Exam Results



at IB

Compared to a worldwide average of 80%



35 point average

significantly higher than the world average of 30.32



More than 25 IB subjects



of our candidates obtained 30 points or more



Our highest student IB score (the highest score possible)

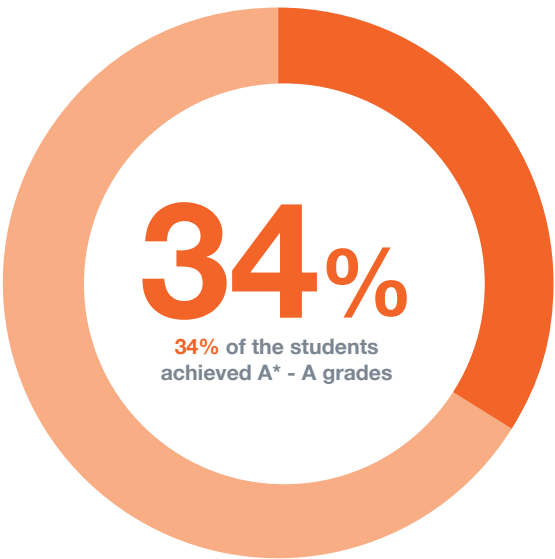


Our IB Diploma results are outstanding

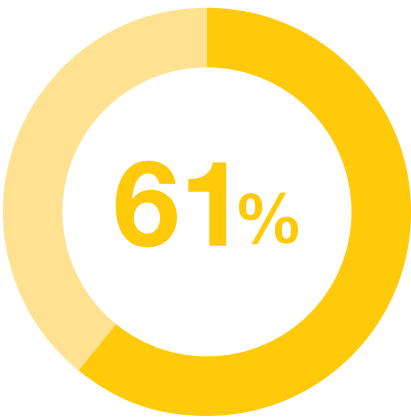
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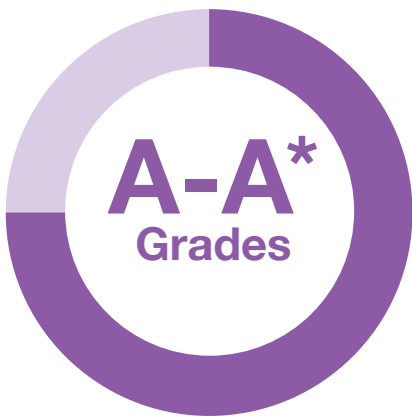
at A Level



BTEC pass rate with 85% awarded at Merit or higher



BSB A Level grades at A* - B (UK national average 53%)



Highest achieving students achieved 3 A* and 1 A

94% of all GCSE grades awarded at Grade 4 or above (UK national average 67%). 57% of the GCSEs achieved were at Grades 7-9 (UK national average 22.6%)

Exam Results

Comparison of examination results 2024

GCE A Level %											(I)GCSE %												
A-LEVEL RESULTS		2020*	2021*	2022*	2023	2024	2020 UK National Average*	2021 UK National Average*	2022 UK National Average*	2023 UK National Average	2024 UK National Average	(I)GCSE RESULTS		2020*	2021*	2022*	2023	2024	2020 UK National Average*	2021 UK National Average*	2022 UK National Average*	2023 UK National Average	2024 UK National Average
A*-A	BSB	43%	45%	49%	32%	34%	14.4%	19.1%	14.6%	25.4%	27.6%	9/A*	BSB	31%	26%	23%	19%	40%	6.3%	7.4%	6.6%	4.9%	5%
A*-B	BSB	74%	75%	70%	59%	61%	38.6%	44.8%	36.4%	51.6%	55.3%	9-7/A*-A	BSB	64%	59%	62%	50%	57%	25.9%	28.5%	26%	21.6%	22.6%
A*-C	BSB	98%	85%	86%	79%	78%	66.1%	70.3%	59.7%	76%	76%	9-4/A*-C	BSB	96%	97%	97%	92%	94%	75.9%	76.9%	73%	67.8%	67.4%
A*-E	BSB	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%	99.7%	99.5%	98.4%	82.6%	98%												

* Exam results based on teacher assessment and limited or affected external communications due to COVID.

International Baccalaureate Diploma		
	BSB 3-Year average	Worldwide 2024
Number of students	49	192,867
Mean Diploma Points Score	35	30.32
Percentage 40+ points or more	21%	11%
Percentage 36+ points	44%	19.78%
Percentage 30+ points	90%	26.95%
Percentage Pass Rate	97%	80%
Highest Points Score	44	45

MUSIC AND DRAMA RESULTS 2023-2024						
TCL* PRACTICAL	ENTRIES	DISTINCTION	MERIT	PASS	FAIL	
2023-2024	46	16	25	5	0	100%
ABRSM** PRACTICAL	ENTRIES	DISTINCTION	MERIT	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE IN %
2023-2024	24	7	11	6	0	100%
June 2023	26	8	9	9	0	100%
March 2023	8	2	2	4	0	100%
December 2022	13	4	2	7	0	100%
TOTAL ABRSM PRACTICAL	71	21	24	26	0	100%
ABRSM THEORY	ENTRIES	DISTINCTION	MERIT	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE IN %
2023-2024	2	2	0	0	0	100%
June 2023	2	2	0	0	0	100%
March 2023	2	1	1	0	0	100%
December 2022	1	0	0	1	0	100%
TOTAL ABRSM THEORY	7	5	1	1	0	100%
ROCK SCHOOL	ENTRIES	DISTINCTION	MERIT	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE IN %
2023-2024	34	18	16	0	0	100%
March 2023	30	11	16	3	0	100%
TOTAL ROCK SCHOOL	64	29	32	3	0	100%
LAMDA***	ENTRIES	DISTINCTION	MERIT	PASS	FAIL	PASS RATE IN %
2023-2024	45	23	21	0	1	98%
Feb 2023	30	5	20	0	5	83%
TOTAL LAMDA	75	28	41	0	6	92%

* Trinity College London
**Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music
**London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

University Destinations



United Kingdom
40%



The Netherlands
10%



Belgium
9%



Rest of Europe
(inc ESP, CH et al):
16%



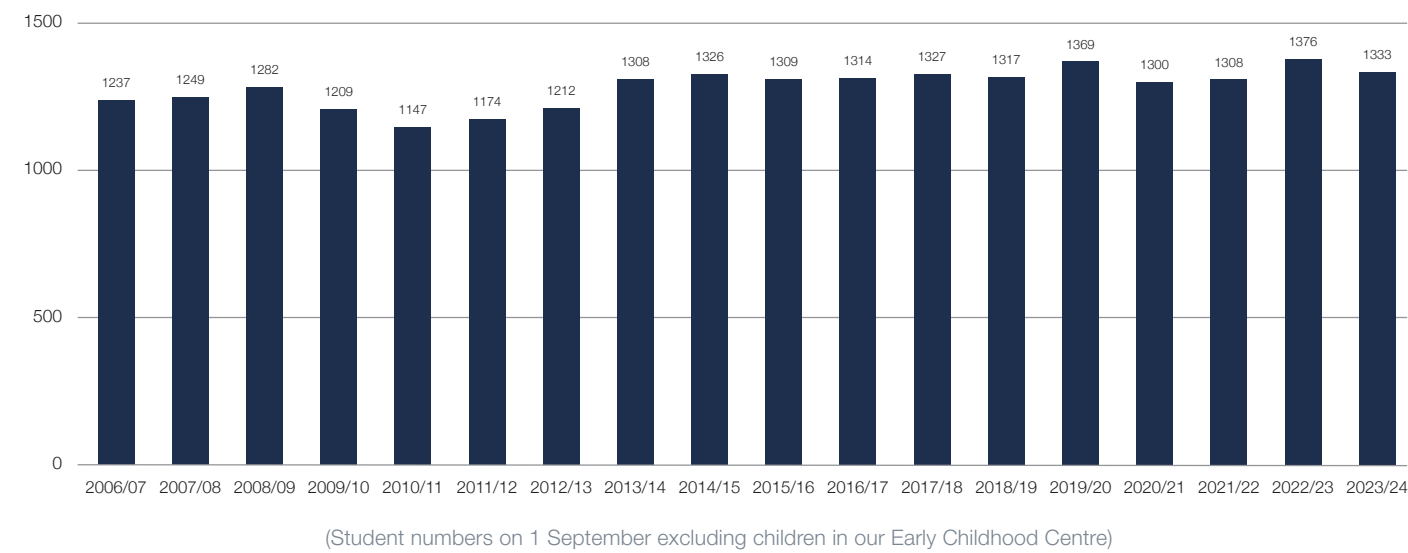
Outside Europe
(CAN and USA):
9%



Gap Year/Military service etc:
16%

Universities include: Imperial College London; University of St Andrews; University of Amsterdam; McGill University; University of British Columbia; Edinburgh Napier University; University of Oxford; Eindhoven University of Technology; London School of Economics and Political Science; Concordia University, Montreal; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

Student Numbers



Operating Costs



Remuneration and related expenses
72.09%



Other school service expenses
11.14%



Depreciation
6.02%



Operating expenses
4.09%



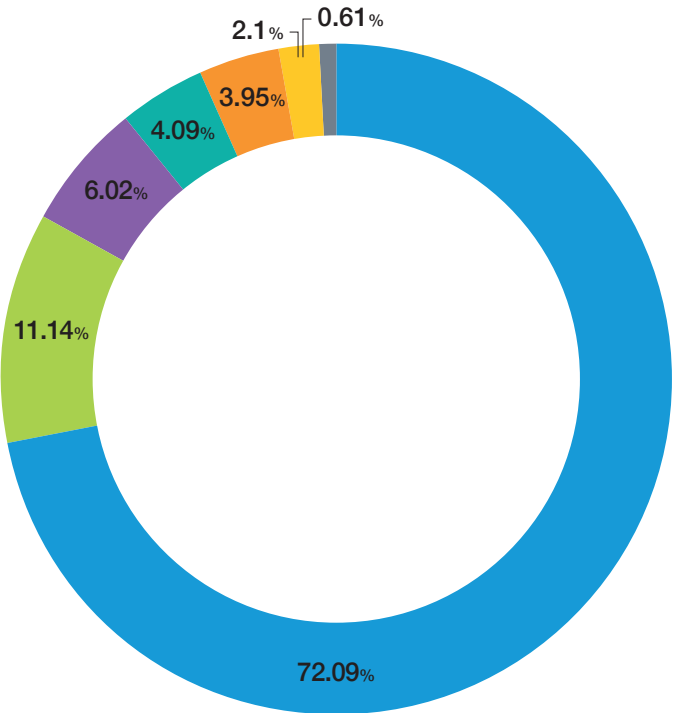
Educational expenses
3.95%



Administrative expenses
2.1%

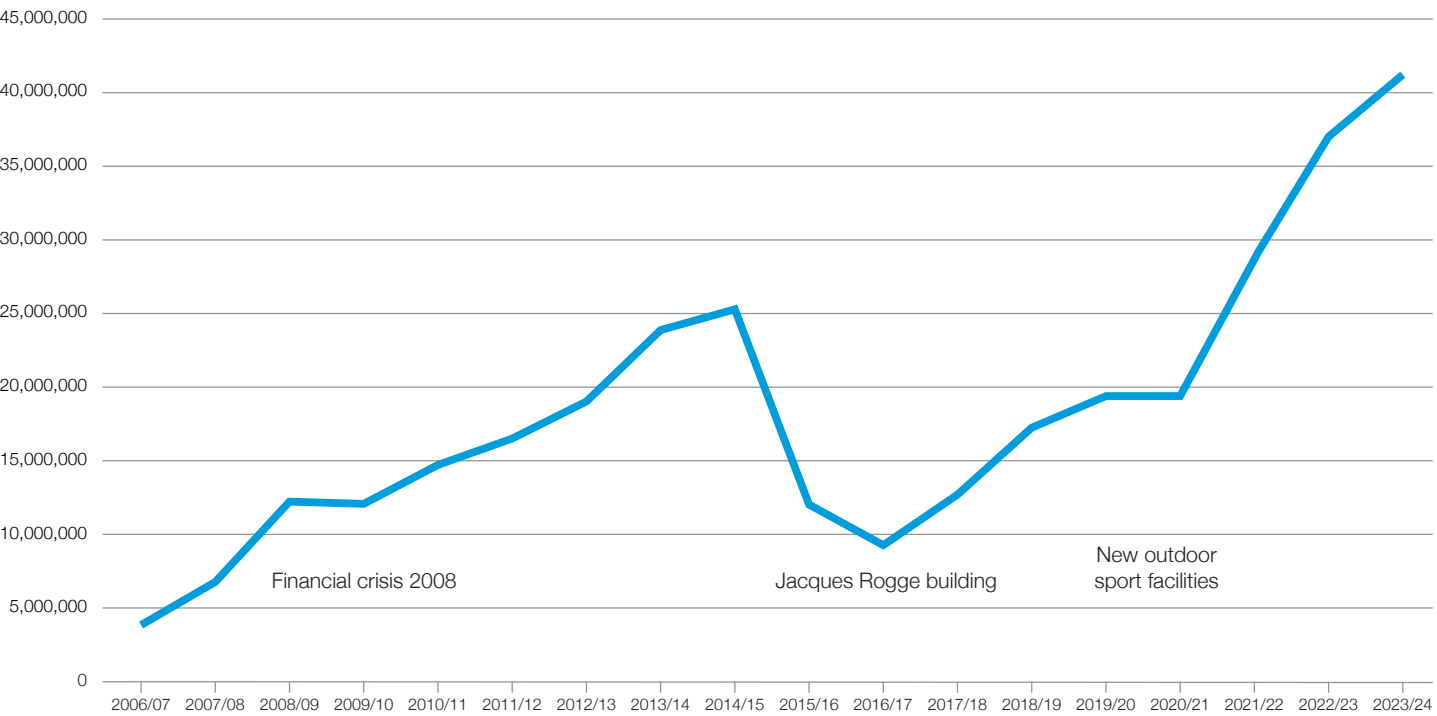


Conference and training expenses
0.61%



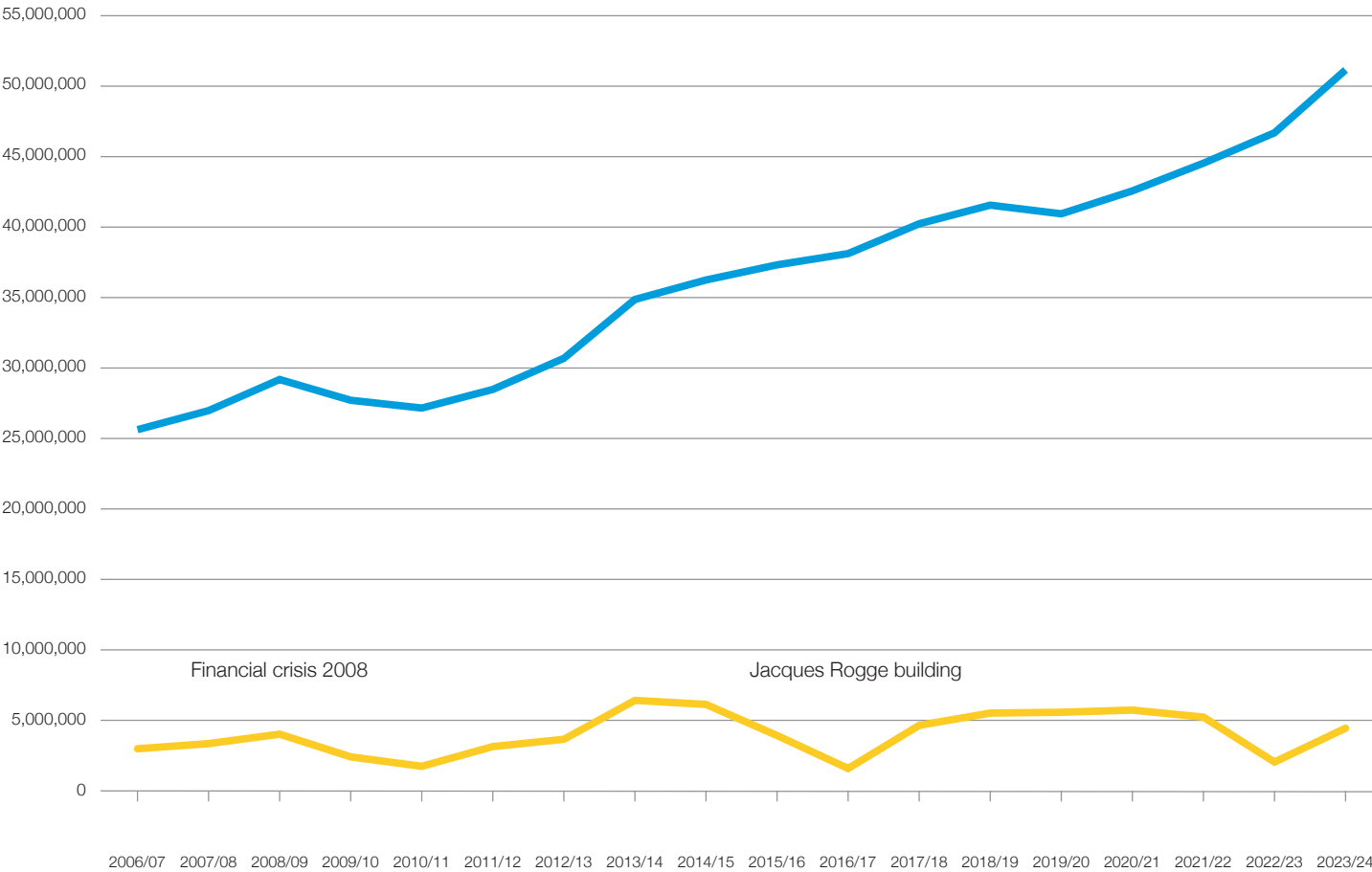
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Cash and Investments



Revenue

— Total revenue
— Surplus/Deficit





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