

SCHOOL PROFILE



The School and Community

The British School of Brussels (BSB) is a thriving international learning community for children from the ages of 1-18 years. While 30% of our students originally come from the UK, we are a truly international school as our student body constitutes over 70 different nationalities from all over the world. 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. Academic progress and success is a key priority for the school, but we also maintain a very strong pastoral focus and students are encouraged to develop wider skills beyond academic study, 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. The foundation of our Learning Community is set out in our Guiding Statements where we aim to be an **Educational Force for Good** by developing **Confident, Caring and Courageous people**, fostering **Curious** and **Resilient** learners and encouraging **Respect** for self, others and the wider world.

Curriculum

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. BSB students are entered for the IGCSE Science (Double Award) or IGCSE Science (Single Award) exam and are taught by subject specialists for each of the components. The Year 11 Dutch qualification is the CNaVT (Certificaat Nederlands als Vreemde taal).

There is a Pre IB and A Level course available for students arriving in September of Y11. Students take GCSE Mathematics, English Language, Single Award Science and French, together with a broad range of non-examined subjects.

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

Most students studying A Level and/or International BTEC will also complete an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). The expectation is that students will begin three A Levels/Level 3 International BTEC and complete them over two years. A small number will begin four. We do not offer AS Levels as a stand-alone qualification. Some students in Years 10-13 take the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) at B1 or B2 level.

The following A Level Subjects are offered:

Art & Design (Fine Art)
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design & Technology: Fashion and Textiles
Design & Technology: Resistant Materials
Economics
English Literature
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
German
Government & Politics
History
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Music Technology
Physics
Sociology
Spanish
Textiles

The following IB Diploma Subjects are offered:

Biology
Business & Management
Chemistry
Computer Science
Dutch Language B
Dutch Language A: Language & literature
Economics
English Language A: Literature HL
English Language A: Language and Literature SL
Environmental Systems & Society
Film
French Language B
French Language A: Language & Literature
Further Mathematics
Geography
German Language B
History
Language A:
literature school-supported self-taught
Mathematics
Music
Physics
Psychology

Spanish Language B
Spanish ab initio
Theatre Arts
Visual Arts

The following Level 3 International BTEC subjects are offered:

Business
Hospitality
Sport
Business + Hospitality
(as the Extended International Diploma)
Business + Sport
(as the Extended International Diploma)

Class Rank, GPA and Mid-Year Grades

The British School of Brussels does not class rank or calculate a GPA for students. We report two grades in Year 12 and Year 13: Mid-Year and End of Year grades.

Enrolment

Total enrolment: 1,260
Secondary School: 810
Primary School: 450
Class of 2024: 118
Maximum class size in Secondary School: 21
Maximum class size in Post16: 14

Faculty

Percentage of Faculty with a Bachelor Degree: 99.8%
Percentage of Faculty with a Post-Graduate Degree: 4.6%
Percentage of Faculty who are qualified teachers: 99.8%
Percentage of local Faculty: 44.6% (local + have become Belgian)
Percentage of foreign Faculty: 56.4%
Top nationalities represented in Faculty: British (32.5%), Belgian (43.6%)

University Acceptances

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.

Africa, Asia and Australia Curtin Mauritius FEDISA Fashion School ISME, Bangalore University of Montevideo Multimedia University, Cyberjaya, Malaysia United States International University, Africa University of Sydney Yonsei University Underwood International College	Germany Humboldt University of Berlin Technical University of Munich (2) Technische Universität Berlin	Bournemouth University University of Brighton (2) University of Bristol (5) Bristol, University of the West of England (7) University of Buckingham University of Cambridge University of Chichester City St George's, University of London (2) University of Dundee University of Durham (4) University of East Anglia (2) University of Edinburgh (7) Edinburgh Napier University University of Essex (2) University of Exeter (13) Falmouth University University of Glasgow Glasgow Caledonian University (2) Goldsmiths, University of London Hartpury College and University Centre (2) Imperial College, London (2) Keela University University of Kent (2) King's College, London (7) Kingston University (4) LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) (2) Lancaster University (3) University of Leeds (3) Leeds Arts University Leeds Beckett University (2) University of Liverpool (3) LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science) (2) London South Bank University University of Loughborough (5) The University of Manchester (4) Manchester Metropolitan University (4) Newcastle University (4) University of Northampton (2) Northeastern University London Northumbria University, Newcastle (3) Nottingham Trent University (2) Open University (2) University of Oxford (2) Oxford Brookes University (2) University of Plymouth University of Portsmouth Queen Mary, University of London (6) University of Reading Regent's University London Royal Agricultural University University of Salford	University of Sheffield (3) University of Southampton (4) Southampton Solent University University of Stirling (2) St Mary's University, Twickenham University of Surrey (3) University of Sussex (3) Swansea University Ulster University University College, London (7) University of the Arts, London University of Warwick (4) University of West London University of Westminster University of Winchester University of Worcester University of York (4)
Belgium Artevelde University of Applied Sciences (2) HOWEST University of Applied Sciences (2) Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven (10) Université de Liège (2) Université catholique de Louvain (UCL) Odisee University of Applied Sciences (2) Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp (2) Thomas More University of Applied Sciences (5) United Business Institutes, Brussels (2) University College Leuven-Limburg (2) ULB (Université libre de Bruxelles) VIVES VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) (5)	Ireland Maynooth University NCAD National University of Ireland, Galway Technical University of the Shannon Trinity College Dublin	University of East Anglia (2) University of Edinburgh (7) Edinburgh Napier University University of Essex (2) University of Exeter (13) Falmouth University University of Glasgow Glasgow Caledonian University (2) Goldsmiths, University of London Hartpury College and University Centre (2) Imperial College, London (2) Keela University University of Kent (2) King's College, London (7) Kingston University (4) LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) (2) Lancaster University (3) University of Leeds (3) Leeds Arts University Leeds Beckett University (2) University of Liverpool (3) LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science) (2) London South Bank University University of Loughborough (5) The University of Manchester (4) Manchester Metropolitan University (4) Newcastle University (4) University of Northampton (2) Northeastern University London Northumbria University, Newcastle (3) Nottingham Trent University (2) Open University (2) University of Oxford (2) Oxford Brookes University (2) University of Plymouth University of Portsmouth Queen Mary, University of London (6) University of Reading Regent's University London Royal Agricultural University University of Salford	United States Barnard College Bentley University Boston University Brown University California Institute of Technology Cornell University (2) Dartmouth College Eastern Illinois University Florida Institute of Technology Fordham University University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2) Northeastern University (2) University of Rochester University of San Diego (2) Virginia Tech University of Washington, Seattle
Canada Concordia University (2) McGill University (3) OCAD University (2) Ottawa University Queen's University University of British Columbia University of Toronto Western University	Netherlands Amsterdam University College (3) University of Amsterdam (3) Breda University of Applied Sciences (2) Delft University of Technology (4) Eindhoven University of Technology (8) Erasmus University Rotterdam (9) Erasmus University College (2) University of Groningen (4) HAN University of Applied Sciences Hotelschool The Hague Inholland University of Applied Sciences (2) Leiden University Maastricht University (16) Maastricht Hotel School Maastricht Academy of Music Radboud University The Hague University of Applied Sciences (2) Tilburg University College University College Utrecht (2)	Spain ESADE Business and Law School (3) EU Business School (2) IE University (9) University of Navarra Universidad Europea de Madrid	
Europe Asker School of Visual and Performing Arts Charles University, Prague Comenius University, Bratislava École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne Franklin University Switzerland Lund University Sammelweis University University of St Gallen Medical University of Warsaw SGH Warsaw School of Economics Webster University Geneva	United Kingdom Anglia Ruskin University University of Bath (3) University of Birmingham Arts University, Bournemouth University Centre Bishop Burton		
France INSA Lyon LISSA School of Design NEOMA Business School PSB (Paris School of Business)			

Examination Results

(I)GCSE	2025	2024	2023	A LEVEL	2025	2024	2023	IB DIPLOMA	2025	2024	2023	BTEC (Lev 3)	2024	2023	2022
A*-A/9-7	52%	57%	50%	A*-A	35%	34%	32%	Average Total Points	36	35	35	Distinction or higher (= A or A* at A Level)	60%	59%	46%
A*-C/ 9-4	90%	94%	92%	A*-B	66%	61%	59%	40 or higher	7%	21%	20%				
				A*-C	86%	78%	79%	36 or higher	55%	44%	37%				
				A*-E	96%%	96%	99%	30 or higher	93%	90%	83%				
								Highest	42	44	44				

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.

Enrichment and Holistic Curriculum

The Enrichment programme at BSB is an integral part of school life as part of a holistic curriculum. Students engage in a diverse range of activities including sport, drama and music, all supported by state-of-the-art facilities. Football, gymnastics and swimming are priority sports and full-time professional coaches support and guide students at different levels that range from participation for fun to high level competition both in Belgium and across Europe. Netball, tennis, golf and basketball are also played competitively in local leagues in Belgium and with other international schools. BSB is the only international school in Belgium to have its own 25m indoor swimming pool which forms part of an extensive sports complex that also includes a multi-purpose sports hall, specialist gymnastics space, dance studio, fitness room bouldering wall and 5G artificial pitches. Music and drama opportunities are exceptional across the age range and benefit from specialist rehearsal spaces and a fully functioning Theatre. Two full theatre productions are produced each year alongside a busy programme of music competitions and performances. Many students also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at all levels. This is complemented by an extensive range of CAS activities and a wide variety of curricular and extra-curricular trips and residential visits. Activities such as THIMUN (The Hague Model United Nations), Belgian Special Olympics, Fair Trade and a range of environmental projects through our GIN (Global Issues Network) group enable BSB students to actively develop leadership skills and to engage actively, ethically and purposefully with the wider world.