

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

SCHOOL & 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 65 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 are key priorities for the school, with a strong pastoral focus where students are encouraged to develop wider skills beyond academic study, engaging in service learning opportunities and seeing 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

The British School of Brussels is made up of two schools: the Primary School – ages 1–11 and the Secondary School from ages 11–18.

BSB is an inclusive, international learning community committed to being a force for good, who provide a credible, coherent, holistic curriculum, built around our Guiding Statements, and underpinned by the UNESCO 4 Pillars: Learning To Know; Learning To Do; Learning To Live Together; and Learning To Become. Tuition is mainly in English, although bilingual learning is also offered in French.

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).

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

Students then choose 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 subjects will also complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). 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.

CLASS RANK, GPA & 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.

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ACCREDITATIONS



A TRULY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Nationalities



of students originally
from the UK



Languages
spoken



Class of 2026

Max. class size, Secondary



21

Max. class size, Post-16



14

2026/27 COURSE OFFERINGS

23 A LEVEL Subjects 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

25 IB DIPLOMA Subjects 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
- 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

3 LEVEL 3 INTERNATIONAL BTEC Subjects offered

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

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The school year is broken up into three terms:

TERM 1

Late August or early
September until mid-December

TERM 2

Early January until late
March or early April

TERM 3

Late April until late
June or early July

EXAMINATION RESULTS

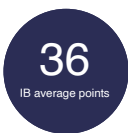
IB	2026	2025	2024	2023
Average Total Points	36	36	35	35
40 or higher	23%	7%	21%	20%
36 or higher	60%	55%	44%	37%
30 or higher	90%	93%	90%	83%
Highest	44	42	44	44

BTEC	2026	2025	2024	2023
Distinction or higher (A or A*)	39%	60%	59%	46%

A Levels	2026	2025	2024	2023
A*-A	35%	35%	34%	32%
A*-B	66%	66%	61%	59%
A*-C	87%	86%	78%	79%
A*-E	98%	96%	96%	99%

I/GCSE	2026	2025	2024	2023
A*-A / 9-7	52%	52%	57%	50%
A*-C / 9-4	93%	90%	94%	92%

OUR 2026 SUCCESS



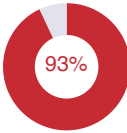
IB
World average:
30.88 points



A Levels
98% of grades are A*-E.
Almost 9 in 10 are A*-C.



BTEC
Almost 4 in 10 earn a
Distinction or higher.



I/GCSE
93% of grades are 9-4 (A*-C).
Over half are 9-7.

ENRICHMENT & 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 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.

25m indoor pool
only international school in Belgium with one

Sports complex
gymnastics arena, dance studio, fitness suite, bouldering wall

5G pitches
tennis courts, basketball & netball courts, running track

Theatre
Full-size working theatre & costume department

Music
Competitions & performances

Design studios
Art, Design Technology, & Textiles Studios

DofE & CAS
Duke of Edinburgh Award & CAS activities

Citizenship
THIMUN, Special Olympics, Fair Trade, GIN

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, Australia and South America

Curtin Mauritius
FEDISA Fashion School
ISME, Bangalore
University of Montevideo
Multimedia University, Cyberjaya
Sophia University, Tokyo
Western Sydney University
Yonsei University Underwood
International College

Belgium

Artevelde University of Applied Sciences (3)
College of Art and Design (CAD)
Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven (14)
Université de Liège (2)
Université catholique de Louvain (UCL)
Odisee University of Applied Sciences (3)
Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp
Thomas More University of Applied Sciences (4)
United Business Institutes, Brussels
University College Leuven-Limburg
VIVES
VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) (5)

Canada

Concordia University
McGill University (6)
OCAD University (2)
Ottawa University
Queen's University
University of British Columbia
York University

Europe

Akademiet School Norway
Asker School of Visual and Performing Arts
Charles University, Prague (3)
Comenius University, Bratislava
Czech University of Life Sciences
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Franklin University Switzerland
Sammelweis University
University of St Gallen
Medical University of Warsaw
SGH Warsaw School of Economics
Webster University Geneva
University of Zurich

France

Ecole Polytechnique (3)
INSA Lyon
LISAA School of Design
NEOMA Business School (2)
PSB (Paris School of Business)

Germany

Humboldt University of Berlin
Technical University of Munich (3)
Technische Universität Berlin

Ireland

University of Limerick
Munster Technological University
NCAD
National University of Ireland, Galway
Technical University of the Shannon
Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin (2)

Italy

Bocconi University (2)
LUISS Guido Carli (2)
Politecnico di Torino
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University

Netherlands

Amsterdam University College
University of Amsterdam (4)
Breda University of Applied Sciences (5)
Delft University of Technology (4)
Eindhoven University of Technology (8)
Erasmus University Rotterdam (7)
Erasmus University College (2)
University of Groningen (6)
Leiden University
Leiden University College
Maastricht University (11)
NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
The Hague University of Applied Sciences (2)
University of Twente
University College Maastricht
University College Utrecht
Wageningen University and Research (WUR)
Willem De Kooning Academy (WdKA) (2)

Spain

ESADE Business and Law School (4)
EU Business School (2)
IE University (11)
Les Roches Marbella
University of Navarra
Universidad Europea de Madrid

United Kingdom

Anglia Ruskin University (2)
Architectural Association
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
Arts University Bournemouth
University Centre Bishop Burton
Bournemouth University
University of Bristol (3)
Bristol, University of the West of England (4)
University of Buckingham
University of Cambridge
Cardiff University
University of Chichester (2)
University of Dundee
University of Durham (8)
University of East Anglia (3)
University of Edinburgh (5)
University of Essex (2)
University of Exeter (11)
University of Glasgow (2)
Glasgow Caledonian University (3)
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hartpury College and University Centre
Imperial College, London (4)
Keele University
University of Kent (2)
King's College, London (6)
Kingston University (2)
LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art)
Lancaster University (4)
University of Leeds (5)
Leeds Arts University
Leeds Beckett University
University of Liverpool (4)
Liverpool John Moores University
London South Bank University
University of Loughborough (5)
University of Manchester (5)
Manchester Metropolitan University (5)
Newcastle University (4)

University of Northampton (2)
Northumbria University, Newcastle (2)
University of Nottingham (2)
Nottingham Trent University (3)
Open University (2)
University of Oxford (2)
Oxford Brookes University (3)
University of Plymouth (2)
University of Portsmouth
Queen Mary, University of London (3)
Raindance Film School
Regent's University London
University of Salford (2)
University of Sheffield (3)
University of Southampton (4)
Southampton Solent University
University of Stirling
University of St Andrews
St Mary's University, Twickenham
University of Surrey
University of Sussex (2)
Swansea University
Ulster University
University College, London (8)
University of the Arts, London (3)
University of Warwick (3)
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of Worcester
University of York (4)

United States

Boston College
Boston University
California Institute of Technology
Cornell University (2)
Dartmouth College
Eastern Illinois University
Fordham University
Georgia Tech
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2)
Northeastern University
Purdue University
University of Rochester (2)
University of Southern California (USC)
University of Texas at Austin