



School Profile

2023-2024

"Welcome to the British International School of Stockholm. Our school challenges students through our holistic programmes of education to be globally minded and ready to transition to colleges in any part of the world.

Meet our Year 13 students, inspiring and leading the way for future generations to succeed at whatever they choose to do. " - Ciaran Harrington, Principal



OUR SCHOOL

The British International School of Stockholm is a learning focussed, student centred school that places children at the centre of everything we do. Our holistic philosophy emphasises both the intellectual and personal development of our students.

Established in 1980, we have a reputation for excellence in academic and pastoral care. As such, our school is the first choice in education for discerning parents in both the international and local communities of Stockholm. Our broad curriculum and wide extra curricular programme ensures success from Reception through to IGCSE and IB Diploma.

Through our curriculum and daily interaction with students, we develop the understanding and attitudes which help them to succeed in our ever changing world. We promote skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, compassion and creativity, amongst others, to ensure our high quality academic education is enhanced by learning how to learn. Dedicated, highly-qualified class and specialist teachers, together with a high staff to student ratio, ensure that every pupil at BISS receives the individual attention and support to achieve.

OUR COMMUNITY

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is 453 students with 25 different nationalities. BISS began as the British Primary School in 1980. The secondary campus was opened in 2014, with the first graduating year of IGCSE in 2018 and IBDP in 2021.

OUR VISION

To empower people to be their best and to cultivate and practice curiosity, resilience and respect.

OUR MISSION

Through outstanding teaching, BISS will nurture a responsible, reflective, respectful and globally-minded community of lifelong learners who demonstrate high levels of achievement whilst maximising personal, social, physical and academic development in an environment of positive challenge.

A BISS education is designed to enable smooth transition to other English speaking schools and examination courses around the world.

THE CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE): YEARS 10 & 11 (Equivalent US Grades 9 & 10)

The Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) curriculum is used to teach BISS students from 14 to 16 years old (Key Stage 4). The goal of the course is to prepare students for future academic success, including progression to IB Diploma, A Levels or other national pre-university qualifications. It arms students with the skills needed for future study, and the programme of study involves both practical and theoretical learning experiences which are planned within a regional context.

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds and recognised by leading academic institutions and employers worldwide. It was developed over 25 years ago and is tried, tested and trusted by schools worldwide.

Grades	IGCSE Results (%)				
	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022	June 2023
A*-A	46	55	60	45	33
A*-B	65	71	86	74	58
A*-C	87	91	97	95	79
A*-E	99	100	100	100	98

*No exam due to COVID. Results based on teacher assessment.

** Lowered grade boundaries due to COVID

*** Raised grade boundaries after COVID

JUNE 2023
88%
PASS RATE

6:1
Student to
Teacher Ratio

*Enrollment 2020 (40 students) - 2023 (100 students)

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

YEARS 12 & 13

(Equivalent US Grades 11 & 12)

The IBDP is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepare students, aged 16 to 18, for success at university and life beyond.

It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of students. The programme has gained recognition and respect from the world’s leading universities. Up to seven points can be awarded for each of the below blocks with three additional points, allowing students to achieve a maximum of 45 points.

Block 1 <i>First Language: Language & Literature</i>	Block 2 <i>Language Acquisition</i>	Block 3 <i>Individuals and Societies</i>	Block 4 <i>Sciences</i>	Block 5 <i>Mathematics</i>	Block 6 <i>The Arts and other options</i>
English A	French B	Economics	Biology	Mathematics HL/SL (Analysis & Approaches)	Visual Art
English B	Spanish B	Geography	Design Technology		Theatre
	Swedish Ab initio*	History	Physics	Mathematics SL (Applications & Interpretations)	Business Management
	Swedish A/B		Sport, Exercise & Health Science		Chemistry
	Language A SSST [‡]				Computer Science

*Language A SSST and Swedish Ab initio can only be studied at SL
[‡]Language A SSST (School Supported Self Taught) is available in other languages for those students who are not fluent in English or Swedish.

TRANSCRIPTS & SCHOOL CALENDAR

We fully support applications to universities worldwide and will provide a transcript for each student. The transcripts will include each student's IGCSE results (Grade 9 & 10), their report grades from the end of DP1 (Grade 11) and their predicted IBDP grades (Grade 12).

The 2023 - 2024 school year runs from mid-August to mid-June and is divided in two terms. We do not calculate a GPA.

"It is our attitude to learning, instilled in us at BISS, that will remain long after we have graduated from here."

Hampus Fischerström,
BISS Alumni, University of St Andrews

OUR ALUMNI

With just three graduating years under our cap, our alumni already have an impressive record of offers and university placements.

Currently we have BISS alumni in the UK at St Andrews, Leeds, Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Sussex, the London College of Fashion and Hertfordshire, at Tufts and George Mason University in the US, Ryerson in Canada and Maastricht in The Netherlands.

Students also received offers from Liverpool, Warwick, UCL, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lancaster, Bangor and Kent in the UK.

