

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

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

BSB provides a coherent and 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, along with support for other mother-tongue languages throughout the school.

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.

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.

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
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: 1,333
Secondary School: 861
Primary School: 464
Class of 2024: 129
Maximum class size in Secondary School: 21
Maximum class size in Post16: 14

Faculty

Percentage of Faculty with a Bachelor Degree: 99.5%
Percentage of Faculty with a Post-Graduate Degree: 6.4%
Percentage of Faculty who are qualified teachers: 99.7%
Percentage of local Faculty: 41.2% (local + have become Belgian)
Percentage of foreign Faculty: 58.8%
Top nationalities represented in Faculty: British (33.7%), Belgian (41.2%)

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

FEDISA Fashion School
International Islamic University, Malaysia
Nanyang Technical University
United States International University, Africa
University of Sydney

Belgium

HOWEST University of Applied Sciences (5)
Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven (11)
Université de Liège (2)
Université catholique de Louvain (UCL)
Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp (2)
Thomas More University of Applied Sciences (6)
United Business Institutes, Brussels (2)
University College Leuven-Limburg (2)
ULB (Université libre de Bruxelles) (2)
VIVES
VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) (2)

Canada

Concordia University (2)
McGill University (4)
OCAD University (2)
Ottawa University
Queen's University
University of British Columbia (2)
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
Western University
York University

Europe

Asker Art School
Charles University, Prague
Comenius University, Bratislava
Franklin University Switzerland
Lund University
SGH Warsaw School of Economics
Webster University Geneva

France

École Polytechnique
ESMOD
LISSA School of Design
NEOMA Business School
PSB (Paris School of Business)

Germany

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
Technical University of Munich
Technische Universität Berlin
WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management

Ireland

Cork School of Music
Dublin City University
Griffith College, Dublin
Maynooth University
NCAD
National University of Ireland, Galway
Technical University of the Shannon

Italy

Bocconi University (2)
LUISS Guido Carli (3)
Politecnico di Milano

Netherlands

Amsterdam University College (2)
University of Amsterdam (3)
Breda University of Applied Sciences (2)
Delft University of Technology (10)
Eindhoven University of Technology (10)
Erasmus University Rotterdam (7)
Erasmus University College (3)
University of Groningen
HAN University of Applied Sciences
Hotelschool The Hague
HU University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht
Inholland University of Applied Sciences (2)
Leiden University (2)
Maastricht University (11)
Maastricht Hotel School
Maastricht Academy of Music
Radboud University
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
Tilburg University (3)
Tilburg University College
University College Utrecht
University of Twente
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Spain

ESADE Business and Law School (2)
EU Business School
Francisco de Vitoria University
IE University (5)
La Salle Campus Barcelona
Massana School of Art and Design
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Universidad Europea de Madrid

United Kingdom

Anglia Ruskin University
Bangor SERC (South-East Regional College)
University of Bath (4)

University of Birmingham (3)
Birmingham City University
Arts University, Bournemouth
Bath Spa University
University Centre Bishop Burton
Bournemouth University
University of Brighton (3)
University of Bristol (6)
Bristol, University of the West of England (6)
University of Buckingham
University of Cambridge (2)
University of Chester
University of Chichester
City, University of London
University of Dundee
University of Durham (5)
University of East Anglia (2)
University of East London
University of Edinburgh (5)
Edinburgh Napier University (2)
University of Essex (2)
University of Exeter (8)
Falmouth University
University of Glasgow
Glasgow Caledonian University (2)
University of Gloucestershire (2)
Goldsmiths, University of London
Hartpury College and University Centre (2)
Imperial College, London (3)
Keele University
University of Kent (4)
King's College, London (6)
Kingston University (4)
LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) (2)
Lancaster University (2)
University of Leeds (5)
Leeds Arts University
Leeds Beckett University (4)
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool (2)
LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science) (3)
London South Bank University
University of Loughborough (4)
University of Manchester (2)
Manchester Metropolitan University (3)
University of Newcastle (5)
University of Northampton (2)
Northeastern University London
Northumbria University, Newcastle (2)
Nottingham Trent University (2)
University of Oxford (5)

Oxford Brookes University (2)
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
Queen Mary, University of London (6)
Queen's University Belfast
University of Reading
Royal Agricultural University
University of Salford (2)
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton (5)
Southampton Solent University
University of St Andrews
St George's, University of London
University of Stirling (3)
St Mary's University, Twickenham
University of Surrey (4)
University of Sussex (3)
Swansea University (2)
Ulster University
University College, London (5)
University of the Arts, London (4)
University of Warwick (3)
University of West London
University of Westminster (2)
University of Winchester
University of Worcester
University of York (2)

United States

Babson College
Barnard College
Bentley University
Boston University
Brown University
California Institute of Technology
Cornell University
University of the Cumberland
Dartmouth College
Eastern Illinois University
Florida Institute of Technology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2)
Northeastern University (4)
University of Rochester
University of San Diego (2)
University of Southern California
Virginia Tech
University of Washington, Seattle

Examination Results

(I)GCSE	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
A*-A/9-7	57%	50%	62%	59%	60%	56%
A*-C/ 9-4	94%	92%	97%	97%	90%	92%

A LEVEL	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
A*-A	34%	32%	49%	45%	43%	31%
A*-B	61%	59%	70%	75%	74%	62%
A*-C	78%	79%	86%	85%	98%	80%
A*-E	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%

IB DIPLOMA	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Total Points	35	35	37	40	38	35
40 or higher	21%	20%	21%	54%	37%	14%
36 or higher	44%	37%	59%	94%	71%	45%
30 or higher	90%	83%	97%	100%	94%	84%
Highest	44	44	45	45	44	44

BTEC (Level 3)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Distinction or higher (=A or A* at A Level)	59%	46%	39%	83%	55%	57%

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.