



## Bishkek International School - High School Profile

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### VISION AND MISSION

- BIS' Vision is to be the best international school in Central Asia providing inspirational education in a happy environment for globally minded students who are the leaders of the future.
- Our Mission is to enable our students to:
  - Develop their intellectual curiosity and achieve their academic, sporting and creative potential;
  - Be confident in their abilities and respectful of others;
  - Learn about local and global issues and prepare to tackle common challenges.

In a school which:

- Delivers and celebrates excellent teaching for internationally accredited education;
- Values diversity and inclusivity;
- Promotes the well-being of the whole school community;
- Contributes positively to the development of the Kyrgyz Republic.

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

- Bishkek International School (BIS) is a liberal secular non-profit community school, founded in 2010 and opened in September 2011.
- Current enrolment is over 300 students, with a High School comprising over 80 students.
- BIS employs 77 full-time and part-time teachers. This provides the learning community with a student-teacher ratio of over 4:1.
- BIS' student body includes representatives of over 30 nationalities, with 50% Kyrgyz Citizens and 50% from countries worldwide.
- There are 33 different mother tongue languages amongst our school's student body, with English as the main language of communication in the school.
- Students are offered 7 language choices across the entire school, with French and Russian offered K-12, and options for Spanish, German, Mandarin, Japanese, and Kyrgyz languages in certain grades and levels.
- Purpose built, secure, campus, with 3 fully equipped science laboratories, drama hall, music room, maker space, indoor sports court, computer laboratory, 12,000+ book library, outdoor field and basketball court, wi-fi accessible campus, common areas, etc.

### SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Junior Varsity and Varsity Sports are offered to both female and male teams in Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Badminton.
- BIS is a member of both the Central Asia Federation of Activities, Athletics and Art and Bishkek International Schools Association.
- High School students enjoy Drama productions, School Band, Varsity Sports, MUN, Debate Tournaments, Student Council, Ski Club, International Educational Visits, etc.

### CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITATION

- BIS is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Commission on International Education (CIE).
- BIS is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering IB Diploma Programme to students aged 16-19 in Grades 11 and 12.
- Students in Grades 11 and 12 normally take 6 IB Diploma Courses (options listed below) plus 3 core subjects 'Theory of Knowledge', 'Extended Essay' and 'Creativity, Activity and Service'
- Preparation for IB Diploma Programme exams is offered in the following subjects:
  - English A Language & Literature (SL & HL)
  - Russian A Language & Literature (SL & HL)
  - English B (SL & HL)
  - Russian B (SL & HL)
  - French B (SL & HL)
  - Spanish B (SL & HL)
  - German B (SL & HL)
  - Russian ab initio (SL)
  - French ab initio (SL)
  - Spanish ab initio (SL)
  - German ab initio (SL)
  - Geography (SL & HL)
  - History (SL & HL)
  - Economics (SL & HL)
  - Biology (SL & HL)
  - Physics (SL & HL)
  - Chemistry (SL & HL)
  - Computer Science (SL & HL)
  - Math: Applications and Interpretations (SL & HL)
  - Math: Analysis and Approaches (SL & HL)
  - Visual Arts (SL & HL)
  - Music (SL & HL)
  - Options are also available for self-study Language A and for online courses with Pamoja Education.



- In Grade 11 and 12, all students must take English A or B and one other language. All must take one 'Individuals & Societies' course, one 'Science' course, Mathematics, and one other choice to fulfill IB Diploma requirements. If the full Diploma option is not chosen, any 5 courses may be chosen for IB Diploma course exams only.
- BIS is a Cambridge Assessment International Education Accredited School preparing students aged 14-16 for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in Grades 9 and 10.
- Students in Grades 9 and 10 normally take between 7 and 9 IGCSE Courses.
- Preparation for Cambridge IGCSE exams is normally offered in the following subjects:
  - International Mathematics
  - Additional Mathematics
  - Coordinated Sciences
  - Computer Science
  - English First Language
  - Russian First Language
  - Spanish Foreign Language
  - French Foreign Language
  - German Foreign Language
  - Mandarin Foreign Language
  - Geography
  - History
  - Economics
  - Business Studies
  - Art & Design
  - Music
  - with additional subjects offered as required.
- In Grades 9, 10 and 11, students are also offered Kyrgyz Language, Kyrgyz History and Military Training options to meet national curriculum requirements, enabling them to pass Grade 9 and Grade 11 state examinations and receive a Kyrgyz High School Diploma in addition to their internationally accredited qualifications.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Bishkek International School 'High School Diploma' is awarded to all graduating students who meet the following minimum standards from Grade 9 to Grade 12:

- Credits (full academic year course) in the following subject areas:
  - English - minimum 4 credits
  - Other Language – minimum 4 credits
  - Mathematics – minimum 4 credits
  - Science – minimum 4 credits
  - Computer Science – minimum 2 credits
  - Individuals & Societies – minimum 4 credits
  - Creative & Elective courses (may be in the categories listed above) – minimum 4 credits
- Physical Education program completed.
- Community Service program completed.
- Minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA.

Students joining part way through high school are accepted as meeting these standards for prior years if they met the criteria applied at their previous school.

## GRADING AND RANKING

- Grade Point Average for IGCSE and IB DP courses are calculated on an unweighted scale.
- The school year is divided into four academic terms and two semesters. GPA scores are awarded each semester.
- BIS' high school uses two grading scales. A\*- U for IGCSE Courses and 1-7 for IB Diploma Program Courses.
- Small class sizes prevent BIS from using a ranking system for High School students.

Grade Conversion Table			
IGCSE GPA		IB Diploma GPA	
Grade	IGCSE	Grade	DP SL or HL
A*	4.0	7	4.0
A	3.8	6	3.8
B	3.5	5	3.5
C	3.0	4	3.0
D	2.0	3	2.0
E	1.5	2	1.0
F	1.0	1	0
G	0.5	-	-
U	0	-	-

## EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

### IB DIPLOMA

Exams are normally held in April/May in Grade 12, following externally assessed or moderated coursework.

The graduating class of 2020 comprised thirteen students, many of whom have English as a second or third language, and all of them chose to take the full Diploma. BIS students significantly outperformed worldwide averages, despite the challenges of remote learning from March to May, which our students overcame to complete their studies.

	BIS Results 2018	BIS Results 2019	BIS Results 2020	Worldwide Results 2020
Number of full Diploma students	11	15	13	170,343
Pass Rate %	91%	87%	92%	79%
Average points obtained by students who passed	32	34	35	30
Average grade for students who passed the Diploma	5.1	5.5	5.7	4.8
% of Students who achieved a Bilingual Diploma	60%	62%	46%	25%

### CAMBRIDGE IGCSE

Exams are held in April/May in Grade 10, but May 2020 exams were cancelled by Cambridge International, with awards to be made based on predicted grades and work assessed by BIS teachers. Twenty-two students were registered for IGCSE exams in 2020 and all students had 7 subjects or more including two languages. All but one was awarded the Cambridge International Certificate of Education (ICE) award, with 41% percent receiving the highest level, ICE Distinction Award, and 41% the ICE Merit Award. Taking all the exam results together, 18% were awarded A\*, 48% were awarded A or higher; 69% were awarded B or higher; and 84% were awarded C or higher.

## FURTHER SCHOOLING OF GRADUATES

University destinations in the last three years include:

- University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
- Santa Clara University, California, USA
- Rollins College, Florida, USA
- Lynn University, Florida, USA
- College of Charleston, S. Carolina, USA
- Berea College, Kentucky, USA
- De Anza College, California, USA
- Northern Virginia Community College, USA
- University of British Columbia, Canada
- Vancouver Island University, Canada
- University College London, UK
- Warwick University, UK
- University of Sheffield, UK
- University of Mannheim, Germany
- Jacobs University, Bremen, Germany
- Leiden University, Netherlands
- Twente University, Netherlands
- Hanze University of Applied Science, Netherlands
- Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
- IE University, Madrid, Spain
- Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Tokyo International University, Japan
- Inha University, Incheon, South Korea
- Chinese University, Hong Kong
- Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan