

General Criteria for admission to BISI IBDP

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To do the **Full IB Diploma** a student will need to have a minimum 6 grade C's at IGCSE including at least a C grade in English Language, Mathematics and a Science.

To access the subjects chosen at the level of the **IB Diploma** it is recommended that a student will need to have a minimum of 4 grade C's at IGCSE and sufficient knowledge of the English language.

In addition the following criteria and restrictions will apply:

Criteria for Registering for a Higher Level course

A student will need to achieve at least a B at IGCSE to continue the subject at IB Higher level. Continuing students joining the Full Diploma Programme will have interviews with the relevant Heads of Department before the end of Year 11 to determine their suitability for their chosen Higher Level Course.

Additionally:

1. To take Maths HL a student must have gained an A* in extended mathematics IGCSE or a B in Additional Mathematics IGCSE or pass a placement test. Students starting the Math HL course should take a total of 4 HL Subjects.
2. Subjects offered at IB level but not at IGCSE level at BISI will have no prerequisites for initial enrollment.

Course Choices for Students Joining BISI in Year 12

Decisions related to subjects, levels and whether the full diploma or diploma programme is more suitable for a student may be based on **previous school reports and external exam results, CAT4 test** and a **placement paper** made up of IGCSE level questions from the core subjects (English, Maths, Science). New students joining at the start of Year 12 will have interviews with the relevant Heads of Department in the first week of the term prior to being accepted onto their chosen Higher Level Courses.

Changes to Courses and Levels

Students who miss internal deadlines for completion of IB coursework may have their registration for the subject(s) concerned withdrawn. At the discretion of staff, the KS5 & IBDP coordinator and Deputy Director, the student may be able to continue to take that subject as a non-examined course.

Students achieving a 2 or 1 in an HL subject in any report during year 12 will drop to SL in that subject and take the **diploma programme** unless it is possible to promote the student from an SL course to an HL course in another subject.

Students achieving a 2 or 1 in an SL subject in any report during year 12 will drop that subject and take the **diploma programme** with a reduced number of subjects (to a minimum of 4)

Students starting the **full diploma programme** must have a minimum of 24 subject points in their

Mid-Year exams and in their End of Year exams or move to the **diploma programme**.

If the overall and subject-specific performance of a student on the **diploma programme** is higher than expected it may be possible for the student to transfer to the **full diploma programme** at the discretion of staff, the KS5 & IBDP coordinator and Deputy Director.

*Note: **All** students in years 12 & 13 must fulfil the IB CAS requirements*

The IB Diploma Curriculum Map



For the **Full IB Diploma**, students take one subject from each of the six curriculum areas - they can replace an arts subject with a second subject from groups 3 or 4. ESS counts as both a Science and a Humanities (individuals and societies) subject allowing greater flexibility in subject

choices. Three subjects must be taken at higher level and three at standard level. CAS, ToK and the extended essay must be completed.

For the **IB Diploma**, students can take any of the subjects on offer at any level - a minimum of four subjects. CAS must be completed.