

## 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 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 265 students, with a High School comprising around 70 students.
- BIS is a candidate school for New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), with full accreditation expected in the Fall of 2018.
- BIS employs 60 full-time and part-time teachers. This provides the learning community with a student-teacher ratio of over 5:1.
- BIS' student body includes representatives of over 30 nationalities, with 45% Kyrgyz Citizens and 55% 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, indoor sports court, computer laboratory, 12,000+ book library, outdoor

football field and basketball court, wi-fi accessible campus, common areas, etc.

### SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Junior Varsity and Varsity Sports are offered to both male and female teams in Soccer, Basketball, 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, Jazz Band, Varsity Sports, Debate Tournaments, Student Council, Ski Club, International Educational Visits, etc.

### CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITATION

- 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 (SL & HL)
  - Russian A (SL & HL)
  - English B (SL & HL)
  - French B (SL & HL)
  - Spanish B (SL & HL)
  - Russian ab-initio (SL)
  - French ab-initio (SL)
  - Geography (SL & HL)
  - History (SL & HL)
  - Economics (SL & HL)
  - Biology (SL & HL)
  - Physics (SL & HL)
  - Mathematics (SL & HL)
  - Computer Science (SL & HL)
  - Visual Arts (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
  - Geography
  - History
  - Economics
  - Business Studies
  - Art & Design
  - with additional subjects offered as required.
- In Grades 9, 10 and 11, students are also offered Kyrgyz Language, Geography and History 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. Results from our first graduates in 2018 were exceptional, especially considering that most students have English as a second or third language, and many only joined BIS in Grade 11.

	Worldwide 2017	BIS 2018
Number of full Diploma students	157,488	11
Pass Rate %	78%	91%
Average points obtained by students who passed	30	32
Highest Diploma points awarded to an individual student	45	42
Average grade for students who passed the Diploma	4.8	5.1
% of Students who achieved a Bilingual Diploma	23%	60%

### CAMBRIDGE IGCSE

Exams are held in April/May in Grade 10. Twelve students took IGCSE exams in 2018 and 11 had 7 subjects or more including two languages. All but one was awarded the Cambridge International Certificate of Education (ICE) award, with 27% percent receiving the highest level, ICE Distinction Award, and 55% the ICE Merit Award. Taking all the exam results together, 14% were awarded A\* - the top mark available in the IGCSE system. 31% were awarded A or higher; 61% were awarded B or higher; and 83% were awarded C or higher.

### FURTHER SCHOOLING OF GRADUATES

Students from the Class of 2018, our first High School graduating class, are currently enrolled in the universities listed below or are taking a gap year, or are in employment prior to university.

- University of British Columbia, Canada. Computer Science (2 students).
- IE University, Spain. Business.
- University of Mannheim, Germany. Economics.
- Leiden University, Netherlands. Psychology.
- Lynn University, USA. Social Entrepreneurship.
- American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyz Republic. Psychology (1 student), Business (1 student).
- Kyrgyz State Medical Academy, Kyrgyz Republic.