

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

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CAMPUS**



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The International Baccalaureate (IB) is an internationally recognised alternative to A Levels and provides a Level 3 qualification that is accepted and highly regarded by all universities (including Russell Group and Oxbridge), and employers worldwide.

It has been studied by over half a million students in 143 countries since 1968 making it a well-established and prestigious qualification in the global age.

It is a respected route into a range of careers including law, medicine, the military, civil service, teaching and journalism.

The top IB scores are worth the equivalent of five A\* grades at A Level and a low pass is worth the equivalent of three B grades at A Level. Over half of the 2020 cohort achieved 38 points or above out of a possible 45, with three students gaining 39.

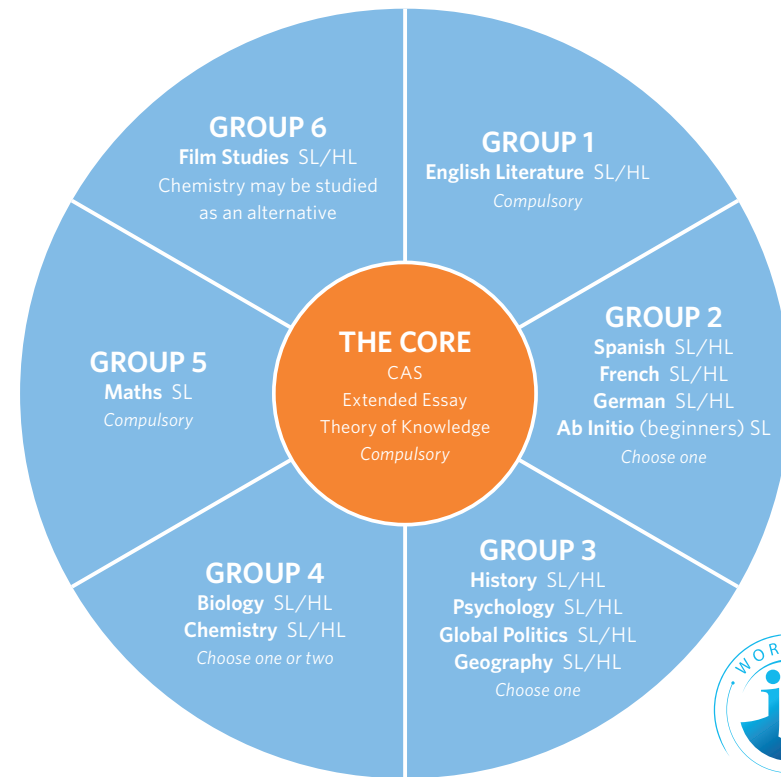
Students choose six subjects: three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL). HL subjects receive four hours of tuition per week and SL subjects are taught for 2.5 hours per week. Subjects are chosen from six groups, alongside a core programme. The Core is an important part of the IB and encourages students to achieve success in ways that will enrich them beyond the academic curriculum. It comprises of an Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and CAS (creativity, activity and service).



**BEX MILLER**  
Course Leader

The IBDP is challenging, intellectually stimulating, exciting and distinguished by breadth. In order to be successful in a changing world, students require a wide range of skills and abilities to take on new challenges. All students develop this breadth by studying six subjects: English, mathematics, a science, a humanities subject, a modern or classical language and a creative arts subject.

Universities unanimously praise the IB. They appreciate the breadth and rigour of the programme. IB students are often noted for their ability to manage themselves, their independence of thought and their ability to immediately shift into the higher-order thinking required at university. It suits the intellectually curious and those who want to develop, not just academically but also personally.



“As one of the top colleges in England, BTC has high expectations of our students. The IB enjoys a coherent set of values which encourages students to be open-minded inquirers, reflective learners and intellectual risk-takers.”

Sam Reilly | Assistant Principal

## The Core

The Extended Essay allows you to research and write a 4,000 word paper on an academic topic. It promotes high level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity. It can take the form of a traditional essay or an evaluation of an experiment. University admissions tutors are particularly impressed by the research and analysis skills developed through the Extended Essay.

Theory of Knowledge is the flagship element in the IB. It encourages critical thinking about knowledge itself and tries to help you make sense of the world around you.

Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS) requires the completion of two to three hours a week of creativity, activity and service. Creativity includes a range of artistic activities, as well as the creativity that you demonstrate in designing and implementing service projects or in developing new skills. Previous students have kept creative journals, learnt instruments, applied henna designs and made films; they have also taught and learnt new languages including Arabic, Latin and sign language.

**“Whilst the course is challenging, it’s very rewarding and my personal tutor is amazing. She’s so helpful and really passionate about the course.”**

*Liliana Snedden | 37 points*



Activity can include participation in individual and team sports or physical activities, as well as taking part in expeditions and local or international projects. Previous projects have included fitness classes, playing for sports teams, teaching dance and helping at Scouts or Brownies.

Service encompasses a host of community and social service activities such as working with children, the elderly, people with learning difficulties and those who are new to the country. Project work forms a central feature of the Service element.

**“My academic aspirations include studying cognitive neuroscience and psychology at University of Manchester but I haven’t decided which career to pursue.”**

*Constanta Silviana Banu | 33 points*



“The IB is a golden ticket to the university of your choice and provides you with a variety of skills to support your future career.”

*Marieta Jance | 39 points*



“The College has an incredibly friendly atmosphere, with mutual respect between my peers as well as between student and staff.”

*Roshan Adve | 33 points*

“I’m currently studying for a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology after having done undergraduate and Masters of Science degrees.”

*Megan Rowley | 36 points*



Showcase events are a great way to explore your options.  
Visit our website and keep an eye on our social media for dates.

## VIRTUAL SHOWCASE EVENTS

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Tuesday 19 January 2021	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 2 March 2021	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 9 June 2021	6pm - 8pm



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### **Bridgwater Campus**

Bath Road,  
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Somerset TA6 4PZ

### **Taunton Campus**

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Taunton  
Somerset TA1 5AX

### **Cannington Campus**

Rodway, Cannington  
Somerset TA5 2LS