

THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF MILAN



*“AN EDUCATION OUGHT TO BE VERY GOOD
TO JUSTIFY DEPRIVING A CHILD OF ITS LIBERTY.”*

- JOHN STUART MILL



QUALITY BRITISH EDUCATION IN MILAN
FROM NURSERY TO UNIVERSITY



Established in 1969, **The British School of Milan** (Sir James Henderson) is a co-educational day school, with an international student body of 720 students ranging from ages 3 – 18, comprising over 40 different nationalities, and with a constituency extending across the whole of Milan.

Our mission is to **inspire learning within a caring, creative and international community**, to pursue **excellence**, and to **challenge** students to **think critically** as they prepare for the world beyond.

BSM

The BSM is unique in Milan in 3 ways.

We are the only British school:

awarded the highest rating of “excellent” by UK Government Inspectors
that is **not-for-profit**

- offering an **exclusively British system** of education following the English National Curriculum from the ages of 3 – 16, with IGCSE in Year 11 and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) in the Sixth Form.

The distinctive mix of **academic excellence, pastoral care, and a rich co-curricular programme** helps to instil in students a love of learning and a clear set of values, making the BSM experience challenging, ambitious, and fun.

Dr Chris Greenhalgh - Principal

MISSION

STUDENTS & STAFF

High quality teaching and learning is at the core of what we do at the BSM. The style of teaching is **progressive**, and **class sizes are small**.

BSM staff are almost all **British-trained** and mother-tongue teachers. Our teachers are professionally qualified, highly experienced and fully trained. Languages are taught almost exclusively by native language speakers including Italian, French and Spanish.

All students speak English to a high standard. Many are bi-lingual. Around 30% of

our students have English as a first language; around 50% have Italian as a first language – many of these have previously lived abroad and attended British or international schools elsewhere. Another 20% come from around the world, so the school is truly international.

The school promotes a culture of excellence, where students are inspired by world-class teachers, who use modern, digital methods of instruction as well as maintaining a traditional emphasis on reading and books. We ensure students are happy and well looked after.



- HOW MANY SHIPS HAVE DISAPPEARED IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE?
- WHAT DID CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FIND IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE?
- CAN GAS BUBBLES CAUSE A SHIP TO SINK?

The mystery of the Bermuda Triangle has puzzled people for many years. Can ships and planes really disappear without a trace? If so, is there a strange, unknown force at work?

Can Science Solve? explores some of the world's most baffling mysteries. Can we get to the bottom of them using science and logic, or will they continue to mystify us forever? Discover all of the theories, from the reasonable to the ridiculous, then decide for yourself what to believe.

These new editions have been updated to include:

- eyewitness accounts and dramatic photographs
- up-to-date information about scientific developments and research
- puzzles of fact and theories that explain how they were done and how they were solved
- a glossary to explain unfamiliar words, further resources, and web search tips.

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Other books in the series:

- The Mystery of the Moon
- The Mystery of the Great Wall
- The Mystery of the Loch Ness Monster
- The Mystery of the Sphinx
- The Mystery of Black Holes
- The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle
- The Mystery of the Antarctic





The Primary School comprises Nursery and Reception (Kindergarten), **Key Stage 1** (Years 1 – 2) and **Key Stage 2** (Years 3 – 6).

Classes are small, taught by expert staff.

The main focus is on **Mathematics and English**, with these subjects taught every day. But this is within a larger **creative curriculum**, which also sees pupils learning Science, History and Geography, ICT, Art and Design, with Music, PE, and Italian taught by specialists.

Many classes also enjoy Teaching Assistants, making personalised learning a reality. Pupils are warmly welcomed, settle in quickly and teachers ensure they are safe and happy. A well-resourced library helps pupils to develop their **inner life**.

The **British teaching style** ensures that pupils actively participate and engage in lessons, and develop personally as well as academically. Success is celebrated, and students emerge as confident, curious and enthusiastic learners.

SENIOR SCHOOL

In the Senior School, students follow a **broad, balanced and rigorous curriculum**, with a wide range of subject options, choosing up to ten at **IGCSE**, and six subjects for the International Baccalaureate. The **IB** is the gold standard of international education and the best preparation for university and the world of work.

Our **Sixth Form numbers around 110**, and in addition to academic studies, students pursue a programme of Creativity, Activity and Service, developing a rounded personality and the transferable skills of **leadership** and teamwork. A well-resourced Learning Centre helps to support their studies.

The vision is always to educate young people to the highest possible standard. Classes are small and there is an **exceptionally friendly atmosphere** in which students quickly make friends. High professional standards of pastoral care ensure that students are safe and happy.

Students pursue academic excellence and perform outstandingly well beyond the classroom. We also want them to be principled and driven by **core values**, including critical enquiry and creativity, with a strong spirit of independent learning and international-mindedness.





The BSM enjoys a reputation for achieving the **best and most sustained academic results** across any equivalent school within Milan. Our most recent **Inspection** by UK Government Inspectors rated the quality of our teaching and learning ‘**excellent**’ - **the highest possible rating**.

University Success

The school provides access to **top universities** in the UK, Italy, the USA, as well as Europe and across the globe. Recent **University destinations** include the prestigious universities of Oxford, Durham, Edinburgh, University College London, the London School of Economics, Exeter, Leeds, Manchester, as well as Bocconi, Toronto, Madrid and Amsterdam.

IB Results

The results in the last two years are the best the school has ever achieved, including a mean score achieved by BSM candidates of 35 points – well above the world average of 29.8.

IGCSE Results

We have also seen fantastic successes in IGCSE. Most recently, students attained A* grades in 40% of all their exams, with A*-C grades accounting for 97% of all exams taken – an outstanding performance and among the best results the school has ever achieved.

CO-CURRICULUM

The school offers a **rich and varied programme** of activities beyond the curriculum. This is an integral part of every pupil's learning experience. Just as we celebrate the academic success of our pupils, so too we encourage active participation in the school's co-curricular programme.

Sport is an integral part of school life from Nursery to the Sixth Form and reflects the holistic education that the school offers. We make extensive use of high-quality facilities close to the school that allow students to participate in a range of sports such as football, basketball, volleyball, rugby, badminton, karate, fencing and trampolining.

Our PE staff were recently awarded the **AfPE Award for Excellence** – a distinction shared by only one other school in Europe.

The BSM helped to create the Northern Italian Schools Sports Association – **NISSA** – to facilitate the organisation of fixtures and inter-school tournaments. The school Varsity football team recently won the NISSA Team Winners Trophy.

There is a wide range of **over 100 clubs and societies** on offer both at lunchtime and after school. Clubs include Art, Chess, Computer, Creative Writing, Drama, Film, Irish Dancing, Debating, Model United Nations, Photography, and Yearbook. We have also started a Breakfast Club.

The **Duke of Edinburgh International Award** programme helps to equip young people with practical and social skills. The award is offered at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels from Year 10 to Year 13. Expeditions include hiking in the mountains of Lombardy, Trentino and Liguria.





The activities and achievements of the Music department are among the most impressive of any major British school in the world. There is a combined school **choir** with over 150 singers, Primary and Senior School **orchestras**, and a Jazz Band.

Regular performances include the Carmine Christmas Concert and the San Simpliciano Easter Concert. Recent pieces include Mozart's Coronation Mass, Faure's Requiem and Handel's Messiah.

The Drama department stages a major production each year, recently performing Shakespeare's; A Midsummer Night's Dream, and combining with the Music department to

produce Guys & Dolls. Primary School pupils participate in around 9 performances for parents staged throughout the year.

There are also summer **concerts**, individual instrument concerts, and the annual Chamber Choir tour to prestigious venues such as St Peter's in Rome, Madrid, Venice, Florence, Naples – all this in addition to the regular Wednesday Concerts.

The school is a Centre for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – **ABRSM** – in Italy, and has a team of 15 instrumental teachers who provide weekly tuition to over 200 students.

The Art department enjoys an outstanding local and even international reputation. Examination Boards use our students' work as exemplary material for other schools, and many graduates go on to pursue careers in Art, Architecture and Design.

The showcase is the annual **IB Art Exhibition**, where students display their chosen pieces in a gallery space in Milan.

But creativity is not just confined to the Arts. Creative approaches to learning inform the teaching of all our subjects, including experiments in Science, presentations in English and problem-solving in Maths.

Students remember 10% of what they are told but remember 90% of what they do. We ensure that our students **learn by doing** across the curriculum.



COMMUNITY

The BSM is a community and members often speak about the special **family atmosphere** within the school.

In addition to students and staff, parents play a large role in developing that community spirit. A strong parental support network of **Friends and Class Representatives** exists that regularly meets with the school's senior management team.

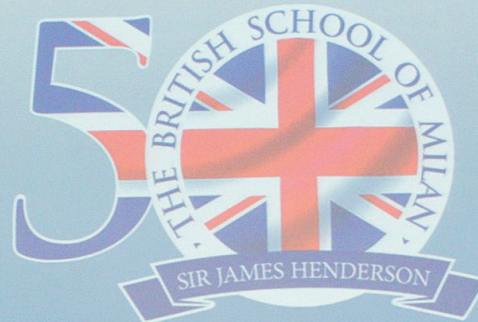
In addition, there is now a regular **Careers Fair**, at which more than 50 top professionals –

mostly parents and alumni of the school – freely give career advice to our students.

The **parent body** includes people from many walks of life – academia and the arts, business and finance, fashion and design, industrial, legal and medical professions. Among them are many notable alumni.

You can now follow the school as parents or alumni on **Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter**, and internally through our weekly Newsletter.





GOLDEN JUBILEE
1969 - 2019

PRESENTATION CEREMONY 2019



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The school is unique in Milan, in that it is formed of an Association, and therefore ultimately owned by the parents. Within the **Association** there exists an operating company – the **Srl**.

The **Board of Governors** comprises professionals and parents with a wide range of skills and expertise - legal, financial, marketing – as well as serving UK Principals and ex-officio governors such as the **British Consul General**

in Milan and the President of the **British Chamber of Commerce for Italy**.

Unlike other international schools in Milan, the BSM is a **not-for-profit** organisation. This means that the focus remains on education, with any surplus re-invested into the school rather than a dividend going to shareholders or to private equity.

ADMISSIONS

The BSM is a non-selective school, though entry is competitive in some year groups.

Where places are available, Admission is based upon:

- **Interview** with the Head of the relevant school section
- **Assessments** in English and Mathematics and CEM tests where appropriate in the Senior School
- **Reports** from the child's last or current school

Education is the best investment parents can make for their child. It can transform life chances,

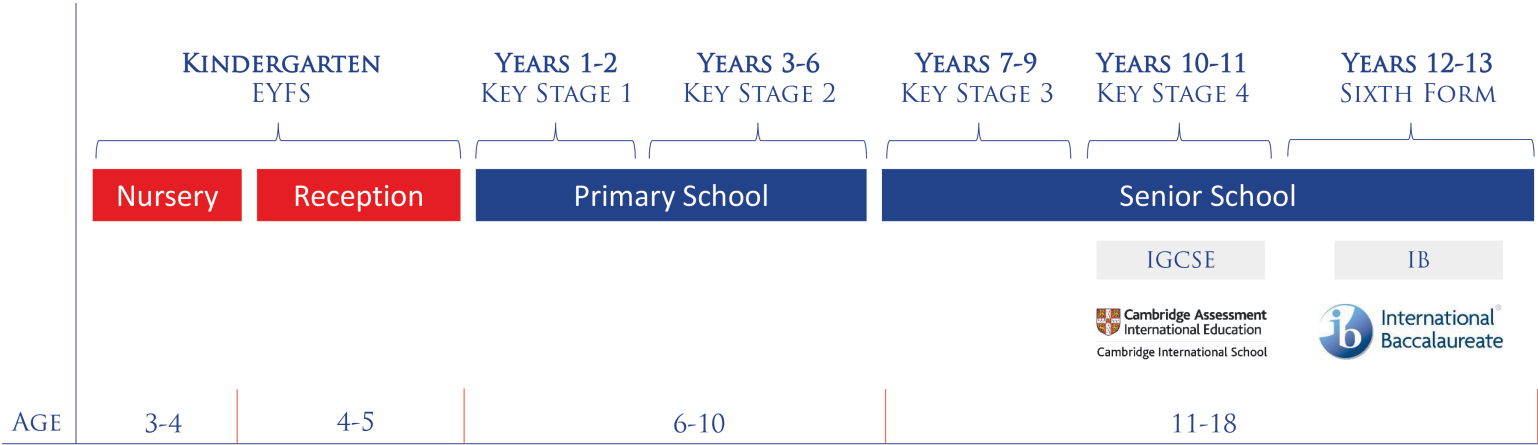
ensure that an individual thrives academically, flourishes socially, and enjoys a rich and creative inner life.

If you would like your son or daughter to enjoy the **BSM experience** and join a community that is international and dynamic, then please feel welcome to **visit and see for yourself** what a difference a BSM education can make.

To apply, visit the school website and complete the online application form.



TIMELINE



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UNIVERSITIES

Our students pursue degrees at top-20 UK universities and at many world-class universities, including:

UK Destinations

University of Oxford
 Imperial College London
 London School of Economics
 University College London
 The University of Edinburgh
 Durham University
 King's College London
 The University of Warwick
 University of Exeter
 Royal Veterinary College
 Central St Martins, University of the Arts London
 Queen Mary University of London
 University of York
 University of Bath

University of Leeds
 The University of Manchester
 University of St Andrews

Italy

Politecnico di Milano
 Università Bocconi
 Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano
 Università degli Studi di Milano
 Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milano

Rest of the World

Northeastern University, Boston, USA
 The University of British Columbia, Canada
 Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
 University of Maastricht, The Netherlands
 University of Michigan, USA
 Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea



The school is favourably located near central Milan, close to the Green Line Metro stations of Lambrate and Udine, and very well served by local buses.

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LOCATION

ACCREDITATIONS



The BSM is an accredited member of the Association of British Schools Overseas (BSO). Membership depends upon successful inspection approved by the UK government.



The International Baccalaureate (IB), established under UNESCO, embodies a philosophy of education. Around 2500 schools teach the IB in 150 countries world-wide. BSM students pursue the IB Diploma, a qualification recognised by universities and employers across the globe.



The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) is a professional Association of Heads of the world's leading independent schools. HMC has 289 members in the British Isles, and a further 54 international members, including the BSM.



DofE is the world's leading youth achievement award. It involves a personal challenge rather than a competition against others; at the school it comprises hiking expeditions as its main activity.



The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) Quality Mark is a prestigious award that evaluates the strength and quality of physical education and sport in a school. The BSM is one of only two schools outside the UK to have been awarded it.

The British School of Milan has been identified as one of the top 10 British Schools in the world.



The BSM is the only school in Milan inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), who rated the school "excellent" by UK government standards - the highest possible rating.



Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds, recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide.



COBIS is an association of 265 British International Schools of global quality. The BSM is an accredited member, meeting the UK standard for British Schools Overseas (BSO) through a successful inspection by a government-approved Inspectorate, ISI.



ABRSM is the UK's largest music education body and the world's leading provider of music exams, serving 93 countries across the globe. The BSM is the examination centre for the ABRSM in Italy.

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