

School Overview

Founded in 1963, OIS is Norway's oldest international school, offering a high-quality English language education for children of all nationalities from 3-18 years of age. We are an IB world school, accredited by CIS and NEASC and the IB Organisation.

Enrolment

Total present enrolment is over 600 children representing around 50 nationalities with approximately 28% Norwegian, 53% other European, 24% Asian and Oceanian, 18% North American, 2% South American, 3% African and Middle Eastern. Many OIS students have dual nationality. There are approximately 150 students in our Pre-IB and IB Diploma Programme.

Administration & Counselling

The Upper Secondary School is for students aged 15 to 18/19 (Pre-IB through IB2). At OIS, in year 11, students follow the Pre-IB academic programme, in preparation for the International Diploma Programme in Years 12 and 13.

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Calendar

The school calendar follows a semester system, from August to June, with grades reported in January and in June.

Grading

We follow the International Baccalaureate system, with grades ranging from 7 (highest) to 1 (lowest). The IB Diploma is awarded to students who earn at least 24 points. We do not compute class rank at OIS, nor do we calculate GPA.

IBDP Course Offerings

We offer a range of IB subjects at standard (SL) and higher level (HL):

- English A Literature (SL & HL)
- English A Language & Literature (SL & HL)
- Norwegian A (SL and HL), Norwegian B (SL & HL)
- French B (SL & HL)
- Spanish B (SL & HL), Ab Initio (SL)
- History (SL & HL)
- Geography (SL & HL)
- Economics (SL & HL)
- Maths Analysis & Approaches (SL & HL)
- Maths Applications & Interpretations (SL)
- Chemistry (SL & HL)
- Physics (SL & HL)
- Biology (SL & HL)
- Computer Science (SL & HL)
- Visual Arts (SL & HL)

Other core elements of the IB Diploma:

- Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- Extended Essay (EE)
- Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS)

Students graduating with the IB Diploma are also awarded a NEASC accredited high school diploma.

Results

Admission to OIS is not based on competitive selection, yet our IB results are consistently strong, with nearly 100% pass rate over the last five years and mean score well above the global average.

Due to recent global circumstances and to the increase in test optional universities, the SAT data at hand is not significant enough to reflect our student population.

Higher Education after OIS

Almost all of our students go on to university, with some taking a gap year first. Listed below are some of the universities that made unconditional offers to our 2023 and 2024 graduates (* indicates where a graduate matriculated).

AUSTRALIA

University of Melbourne
University of NSW
University of Sydney

BRAZIL

Pontifical Catholic University
of Parana

CANADA

University of Toronto

CHINA

University of Hong Kong*

CZECH REPUBLIC

Charles University*

DENMARK

Copenhagen Business School**

FRANCE

EDHEC Business School*
ISCOM (école supérieure de
communication et publicité)*
Sciences Po Paris*

IRELAND

Dublin City University*
Trinity College Dublin*

ISRAEL

Reichman University*

ITALY

NABA (New Academy of Fine Arts)*

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam University
of Applied Sciences*
Eindhoven University*
Groningen University***
Leiden University**
Maastricht University
Radboud University*
Twente University
Tilburg University*

NEW ZEALAND

University of Auckland
University of Waikato

NORWAY

BI Norwegian Business School**
Norges Handelshøyskole (NHH)*
University of Oslo*
Norwegian Tech & Eng Uni (NTNU)*****
OsloMet
University of Bergen

SPAIN

IE University***
La Roche University for Hospitality
Marbella Design Academy
Saint Louis University, Madrid*

SWEDEN

KTH Royal Institute of Technology*
Stockholm University

SWITZERLAND

EHL Hospitality Business School*

UK

Aberystwyth University*
Heriot Watt University**
Hult International Business School
King's College London*
Kingston University
Imperial College London**
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics
Queen Mary University, London
UCL (University College London)**
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath***
University of Birmingham
University of Brighton***
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge*
University of Durham
University of Edinburgh***
University of Essex
University of Exeter*
University of Glasgow

University of Gloucestershire

University of Lancaster*
University of Leeds*
University of Loughborough*
University of Manchester*
University of Portsmouth
University of Sheffield*
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford**
University of Southampton
University of Stirling*
University of St Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of West of England
York University

USA

Albright College
American University
Boston University*
Brown University*
Carthage College
Columbia University*
DePaul University, Chicago
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Fordham University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Johns Hopkins University
Ithaca College
Oberlin College
Quinnipiac University
Stanford University
St. Olaf College
SUNY at Purchase College
The New School
Tulane University
University of Denver*
University of Illinois Urbana*
University of Michigan Ann Arbor
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Virginia*
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech*