Branksome Hall Asia
2026-27 School Profile

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BRANKSOME HALL ASIA

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MISSION: Each day, we challenge and inspire students to love learning and to shape a better world.

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Characteristics

- Established in 2012
- Day and Boarding for Grades 6-12
- Co-ed in JKP - Grade 5, separate boys and girls in Grades 6 - 9, coed in Grades 10 - 12 (class of '27 and '28 is all girls)
- English is the language of instruction
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Korean High School Diploma (for Korean nationals)

Enrollment

Total students: 730

Junior School: JK Prep - Grade 5, 306 students

Middle School: 6 - 8, 157 students

Senior School: 9 - 12, 267 students

Class of 2027: ***61 students***

International Baccalaureate Final Results

YEAR	2026	2025	2024	2023
Total Students	72	81	70	80
Our IB Average	36	34	35	34
World IB Average	30.8	30.5	30.3	30.2

Diploma Programme Courses Offered

Language & Literature

English A: Language & Literature (HL/SL)
Korean A: Language & Literature (HL/SL)
Chinese A: Literature (HL/SL)

Individuals & Societies

Business Management (HL/SL)
Economics (HL/SL)
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)
Geography (HL/SL)
History (HL/SL)
Psychology (HL/SL)

The Arts

Music (HL/SL)
Theatre (HL/SL)
Visual Arts (HL/SL)
Film (HL/SL)

Language Acquisition

English B (HL)
Korean B (SL)
Spanish Ab Initio
French Ab Initio
Chinese Ab Initio

Experimental Sciences

Biology (HL/SL)
Chemistry (HL/SL)
Design Technology (HL/SL)
Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)
Physics (HL/SL)
Computer Science (HL/SL)

Mathematics

Math Analysis & Approaches (HL/SL)
Math Applications & Interpretations (SL)

Grading Scale and Policies

BHA uses the IB grading scale of 1-7 in MYP and DP. We do not calculate a GPA or rank students. Students completing courses that earn the IB Diploma are considered to be taking the most rigorous schedule available.

BHA limits students to 13 university applications. BHA encourages students to make thoughtful and intentional choices about when and where to apply. Predicted Grades for university applications are evaluated once, before the end of the first quarter of Grade 12, for students to submit in support of their university applications. We do not update Predicted Grades at any other time in the cycle.

Diploma candidates are limited to 3 HL and 3 SL courses in G11 & 12. Korean nationals must complete language requirements in Korean.

BHA Graduation Requirements

By the completion of Grade 12, students will have the ability to achieve three separate and distinct graduating diplomas.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

The DP curriculum is made up of six subject groups and the DP core. A candidate must take and complete the assessment components for six subjects, together with these core elements: theory of knowledge (TOK), the extended essay (EE), and creativity, activity, service (CAS). Candidates must take at least one course from each of the following subject groups:

- studies in language and literature
- language acquisition or a 2nd course from Group 1 in a different language
- individuals and societies
- sciences
- mathematics.

The 6th subject may be chosen from The Arts or from another subject group.

A "bilingual diploma" can be awarded to a candidate who:

- completes two languages selected from group 1 with a grade 3 or higher in both *OR*
- completes one of the subjects from group 3 or group 4 in a language that is not the same as their group 1 language, with a grade of 3 or higher.

Branksome Hall Asia High School Diploma

Students who successfully complete 27 credits in Grades 9-12 achieve the BHA High School Diploma. Credit is earned with a grade of 2 or higher. Four credits must be in English. All MYP courses are one credit each with the exception of semester courses and Korean History, which are a half credit each. All DP courses are one credit each with the exception of Theory of Knowledge, which is a half credit.

Korean High School Graduation Diploma

A Korean High School Graduation Diploma will be awarded to a student who has completed the necessary credit courses, including 204 hours of Korean language and more than 102 hours of Korean History over the course of Grade 7 through Grade 9. Additionally, they must complete designated hours of both Korean language and Korean History over the course of Grade 10.

The IB Continuum Advantage

BHA is an International Baccalaureate World School offering the full IB curriculum continuum. Students in Grades JKP – Grade 5 complete the IB Primary Years Program (PYP), students in Grades 6-10 study the IB Middle Years Program (MYP), and students in Grades 11 and 12 may complete the Diploma Program (DP).

In Grade 9, students will select 2 Arts electives in addition to their core academic courses.

In Grade 10, students must select 2 Science courses, 2 Individuals and Societies semester courses, and 2 Arts/Design electives, in addition to their other core academic courses. They also complete the IB Personal Project as a culminating experience of the MYP. It is a self-directed inquiry where students pursue a topic of personal interest independently over several months to demonstrate the skills and knowledge acquired throughout the MYP. It involves creating a significant product or outcome related to their chosen topic, documenting the entire learning process in a process journal, and submitting a final reflective report to showcase their intellectual growth, creativity, and Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills.

Students have the option to complete the IB Diploma Program (DP) in Grades 11 and 12, or they may choose to complete a combination of IB Certificate courses at either the Higher (HL) or Standard Level (SL) and Branksome Hall Asia courses. Branksome Hall Asia courses are based on the corresponding IB DP course content at the SL level with modified assessment rubrics.

Holistic IB Grade Level Descriptors

7 *Comprehensive Understanding*
Demonstrates comprehensive mastery with sophisticated understanding. Shows originality, insight, and the ability to apply knowledge effectively across diverse and challenging contexts.

6 *Thorough Understanding*
Demonstrates a very good understanding with broad knowledge that is applied effectively in most contexts. Communicates clearly and effectively with appropriate use of subject-specific language.

5 *Competent Understanding*
Demonstrates good understanding with sound knowledge that can be applied competently in familiar contexts. Shows clear communication and appropriate use of skills and techniques. Represents secure, solid performance at the expected level.

4 *Adequate Understanding*
Demonstrates adequate understanding with satisfactory knowledge that can be applied in straightforward, familiar contexts. Shows basic competence with some limitations in application and occasional lapses in accuracy or clarity.

3 *Basic Understanding*
Demonstrates some understanding with partial knowledge that can be applied in basic contexts. Communication contains lapses in clarity and accuracy.

2 *Limited Understanding*
Demonstrates limited understanding with weak knowledge that is difficult to apply effectively. Communication is often incomplete or unconvincing.

1 *Very Limited Understanding*
Demonstrates minimal understanding with fragmentary knowledge that cannot be applied effectively. Communication is unclear and often unsuccessful in conveying meaning.

BHA Signature Programs

CASE: After school program with over 150 options to choose from. Examples include:

C (Creativity): TEDx, Orchestra, Theatre production, Vocal Academy, Dance Academies

A (Activity): Basketball, Swimming, Tennis, Golf, Soccer, Equestrian, Volleyball

S (Service): Amnesty International, Red Cross, Friends of Sagye, Student Ambassador

E (Enrichment): Model UN, World Language, Young Investors Club, Robotics Competition

CAS: An IB experiential learning requirements where students engage in creative, physical, and service activities to develope skills, broaden perspectives, and contribute to their communities while fostering personal growth and responsibility.

Branksome Hall Asia Councils

Prefects and Councils – Prefects serve as role models and mentors, guiding younger students and leading councils that represent the student body from Grades 6–12. There are 14 councils dedicated to serving different areas of school life. Students in Grades 6 – 11 apply for positions on Council, with each council being led by an elected Grade 12 Prefect. The Prefect Council, led by the Head Girl, provides students with opportunities to develop essential skills in communication, problem-solving, and teamwork while contributing to the school community. For an example of the initiatives planned by each council, please visit: https://www.branksome.asia/student-life/student-leadership.

- Admissions Council
- Arts Council
- Assembly Council
- Athletics Council
- Beta Kappa Council
- Boarding Council
- Clan Council
- Digital Life Council
- Language Proficiency Council
- Inclusion Council
- Junior School Council
- Service Council
- Student Life Council
- Sustainability Council

BHX – Explore. Experience. Exchange.

BHX is our signature experiential learning program, designed to challenge students to cultivate resilience, curiosity, and personal growth beyond traditional classroom settings. These programs take place globally and are guided by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Lifelong Learner Standards, emphasizing transformative experiences that foster:

Love of Learning – Students demonstrate the ability to set and pursue personal goals and engage in learning through a “challenge by choice” approach.

Empowered Citizenship – Students grow as globally minded learners and leaders by developing the IB learner profile attributes alongside their individual growth objectives.

Shaping Impact – Students gain a deeper understanding of the consequences of their decisions and are inspired to contribute to a better world.

Participation in BHX experiences is credit-bearing. To earn academic credit, students complete structured pre- and post-experience reflections, a final product for each program, and fully engage in the immersive experiential learning activities integral to BHX.

Our School Values

CARE
For each other, our spaces, and our communtity

COLLABORATION
With each other, our teachers, and our leaders

EXCELLENCE
In all we do

Please visit https://www.branksome.asia/academics/university-results to view the full list of university acceptances and matriculations.