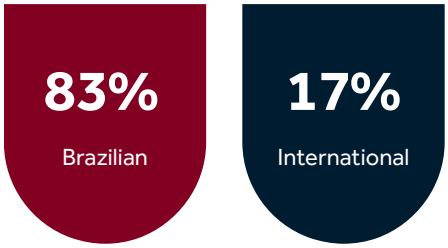
St. Paul's School
The British School of São Paulo

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026–27
CEEB CODE 910700

1926	3–18	IGCSE · IB	English
FOUNDED	AGE OF PUPILS	QUALIFICATIONS	OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

St. Paul's was the first British school established in São Paulo and offers an Anglo-Brazilian curriculum, embracing the best of both cultures. Having celebrated our centenary, we draw on our proud heritage as the first British school in Latin America to be recognised as a **British School Overseas (BSO)** by the UK Government. English is the language of instruction throughout K–12, and the curriculum integrates the **UK National Curriculum**, **Cambridge IGCSEs**, the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme** and the requirements of the **Brazilian Core Curriculum (BNCC)**. Beyond academics, a full **enrichment programme** spans a house system, 50+ clubs and societies, and extensive opportunities in creative arts, music and sport. The school occupies the same 1.8-hectare site it has held since 1928, in the heart of the leafy residential neighbourhood aptly named Jardins, in a campus where pupils benefit from both a rich history and innovative, modern facilities.

PUPILS



CORE VALUES



SCHOOL TEAM



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HEADTEACHER



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HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL



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ACCREDITATIONS

Leading Independent Schools HMC
independent schools council
The Independent Association of Prep Schools
COBIS Council of British International Schools
Cambridge Assessment International Education
THE SCHOOLS INDEX BY CARFAX EDUCATION
Showcase Schools & Colleges 2023-2024 Microsoft
Distinguished School
Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

St. Paul's School pupils prepare for IGCSE courses in Form 4 and Form 5 (Years 10 & 11, Grades 9 & 10). **All those in Lower and Upper 6th (Years 12 & 13, Grades 11 & 12) undertake the full IB Bilingual Diploma.** With ample opportunities to develop skills in creative arts, music and sport both inside and outside the classroom, the school aims to instil in every pupil a lifelong love of learning, self-development and confidence in their abilities.

IGCSE PROGRAMME FORMS 4 & 5

Compulsory IGCSE	Portuguese (First Language or Foreign Language), English Language & Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Optional — Group A (choose 2)	Geography, History, French, Spanish, Computer Science, Global Perspectives
Optional — Group B (choose 1)	Art, Drama, Music (BTEC), Creative Media Production (BTEC), Physical Education
Compulsory non-IGCSE	Brazilian Social Studies (BSS), Physical Education

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS OFFERED

ENGLISH
- Language & Literature A

PORTUGUESE
- Language & Literature A
- Literature A

MATHEMATICS
- Analysis & Approaches
- Applications & Interpretation

SCIENCES
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Computer Science**
- Environmental Systems and Societies

INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETIES
- Economics
- Business Management
- Geography
- History
- Global Politics
- Brazilian Social Studies*

ARTS & LANGUAGE B
- Film
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Theatre
- French
- Spanish
- Portuguese

** Available at Standard Level only.*
*** Cannot be taken as a sole science.*

Art may be dropped for a second Science, a second Individuals & Societies subject, or a Language B.
International pupils who do not speak Portuguese as a Language A take the full IB Diploma programme.

CONVERSION TABLE

St. Paul's (1-7)	IGCSE Grade	IB Grade	US Letter Grade
7	A*	7	A
6	A	6	A
5	B	5	B
4	C	4	C
3	D, E	3	D
2	F, G	2	E
1	U	1	F

St. Paul's reports on a single **1–7 scale** aligned to both Cambridge IGCSE and IB grades, with US letter equivalents provided for university reference.
Minimum passing grade at St. Paul's is C at IGCSE.
The minimum IB Diploma award is 24/45 points.

The school does not rank pupils or calculate a GPA.

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IGCSE RESULTS 2026

80	827	57.9 %	85 %	97.7 %
Candidates	Grades	grades at A*-A	grades at A* - B	pass rate at A* - C

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS 2026

69	100 %	13 %	35.23	45/45
Candidates	Pass Rate*	of pupils with 40+ points	average diploma score**	was the highest score

*World average pass rate = 82.6%
**World average score = 30.88

Most popular subjects

ENGLISH - LANG & LIT

HL - 36 CANDIDATES	5.8
SL - 35 CANDIDATES	6.1

MATH APPLICATIONS & INTERPRETATIONS

HL - 15 CANDIDATES	5.6
SL - 15 CANDIDATES	4

MATH ANALYSIS & APPROACHES

HL - 10 CANDIDATES	5
SL - 29 CANDIDATES	4.9

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

HL - 39 CANDIDATES	5.7
SL - 4 CANDIDATES	6.3

PHYSICS

HL - 7 CANDIDATES	5.3
SL - 6 CANDIDATES	5.2

ECONOMICS

HL - 31 CANDIDATES	5.9
SL - 2 CANDIDATES	6.5

BIOLOGY

HL - 8 CANDIDATES	6.5
SL - 25 CANDIDATES	5.4

CHEMISTRY

HL - 7 CANDIDATES	6.1
SL - 10 CANDIDATES	5

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES

HL - 4 CANDIDATES	5
SL - 10 CANDIDATES	5.9

PORTUGUESE - LANG & LIT

HL - 6 CANDIDATES	5
SL - 43 CANDIDATES	4.9

PORTUGUESE LIT

HL - 1 CANDIDATE	7
SL - 20 CANDIDATES	5.8

GLOBAL POLITICS

HL - 10 CANDIDATES	5.4
SL - 1 CANDIDATE	6

HL - High Level
SL - Standard Level

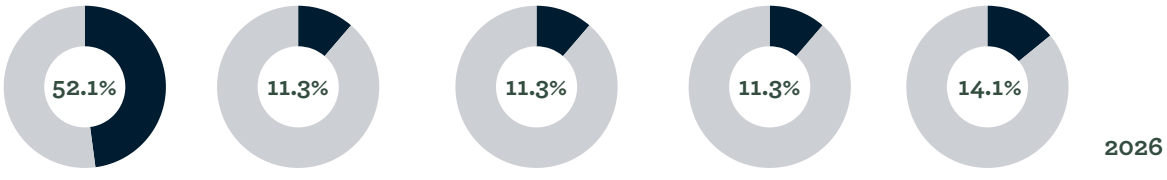
	Candidates	% Pass Rate	Average
2025	73	99	34.7
2024	75	99	36.0
2023	69	100	34.6

	Candidates	% Pass Rate	Average
2022	65	95	35
2021	70	100	37.3

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LEAVERS' DESTINATION



2026

North America | **UK** | **Continental Europe & Rest of the World** | **Brazil** | **Gap year and cursinho**

North America

This lists cover university destinations from 2024 to 2026; those in bold are the Class of 2026.



Babson College · Barnard College · **Belmont University** · **Bentley University** · **Boston College** · **Boston University** · University of Colorado Boulder · **Columbia University** · Cornell University · **Dartmouth College** · **Duke University** · Fordham University · **Georgetown University** · Georgia Tech · Harvard University · Indiana University Bloomington · **Lafayette College** · Loyola Marymount University · **McGill University** · **New York University** · **Northeastern University** · **Northwestern University** · Parsons – The New School · **Pratt Institute** · Purdue University · Rice University · SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) · Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) · Tufts University · University of California, San Diego · **University of Chicago** · **University of Michigan** · **University of Notre Dame** · **University of Oregon** · **University of Pennsylvania** · **University of Southern California** · University of Texas at Austin · **University of Toronto** · University of Virginia · University of Wisconsin–Madison · Vanderbilt University · **Wellesley College** · Williams College · Yale University

United Kingdom



City, University of London · Durham University · **King's College London** · London School of Economics and Political Science · Northeastern University London · Queen's University Belfast · Regent's University London · **Royal Holloway, University of London** · St George's, University of London · **University College London** · **University of Bath** · University of Birmingham · University of Bristol · University of Cambridge · **University of Exeter** · **University of Leeds** · **University of Manchester** · **University of Reading** · University of Sussex · University of the Arts London · University of Warwick

Continental Europe & Other



Anglo-American University in Prague · Bocconi University · EU Business School · **IE University** · **Istituto Marangoni Paris** · The University of Melbourne · **University of Amsterdam**

Brazil

IBMEC · ESPM · FGV (Fundação Getúlio Vargas) · **Insper** · **Link School of Business** · Mackenzie · Sírio-Libanês Medical School · UNISA · Einstein Medical School