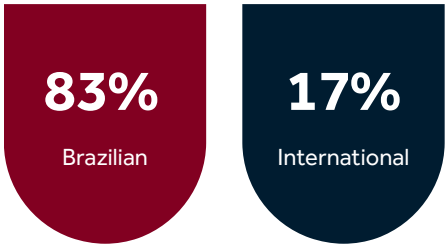
St. Paul's School
The British School of São Paulo

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

Adventure · Aspiration · Inclusion · Integrity · Kindness · Responsibility

SCHOOL TEAM

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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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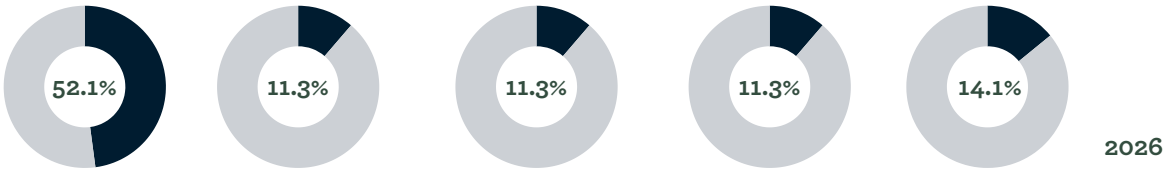
LEAVERS' DESTINATION



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