



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
OF CHICAGO, SOUTH LOOP
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



Success!

A highlight of school and student accomplishments in the 2015-16 school year

1.2M

AMOUNT OFFERED
IN MERIT-BASED COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS

8

SPORTS TEAMS RANKED
IN FIRST, SECOND OR
THIRD PLACE

139

AWARDS WON AT 2015-16
ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

5

QUALIFICATIONS TO
STATE COMPETITIONS

10K

AMOUNT FUNDRAISED FOR
TANZANIA EXPEDITION

47

ADMISSION OFFERS
TO TOP-100
UNIVERSITIES

4

AWARDS WON IN
GLOBAL CAMPUS
COMPETITIONS

5K

AMOUNT DONATED
TO LURIE CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

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Major Math triumphs in contests



Middle School UKMT Contest

The only Year 6 student to participate, Dominic Catizone earned the highest marks in our school and qualified among 1,200 students worldwide for the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Olympiad. Thousands of students from more than 30 countries compete in UKMT contests each year. The top 40% of scorers receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate. In the Junior Olympiad, Dominic scored among the top 120 participants, earning bronze. Thirty-nine students in Year 7 and 8 also won certificates (four gold, 13 silver and 22 bronze).

American Regions Math League

Emre Mutlu (Year 9) won a medal for earning the highest score on his team at the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) Competition held in Iowa City. The ARML

Competition brings together the nation's finest students for what's often referred to as the World Series of math contests. Though the contest is written for High School students, some exceptional Middle Schoolers (like Emre) qualify to participate. Competitors take part in a team round, individual round and two relay rounds. In all, more than 120 teams of 15 students competed.

UKMT Intermediate Contest

Thirteen students in Year 10 and 11 earned certificates (two gold, five silver and six bronze), and Oliver Cohen (Year 11) was among the top 5,000 scorers worldwide. In Year 9, Emre Mutlu was among the top 500 scorers worldwide and qualified for an advanced round of competition in which he scored among the top 25% of competitors and also earned a medal presented to the top 100.

ICTM State Math Contest

The Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) hosts the annual ICTM State Math Contest to recognize outstanding achievement through academic competition. Twelve of our High School students competed in the ICTM Regional Contest at Chicago State University. Our Algebra I and Algebra II teams both took first place. We also achieved great success in the individual competitions: Megan Trivedi (Year 11) tied for first place in Algebra I, and Kate Ritchie (Year 11) and Vishwam Chand (Year 13) tied for first place in Algebra II. The winners moved on to the ICTM State Contest where the Algebra I team took fifth place out of 39 teams, and the Algebra II team took 16th. Oliver Cohen (Year 11) was among the top 5% of competitors in the individual round, comprised of approximately 160 students.

Middle School Math Contest

Our students earned four awards at the annual Middle School Mathematics Contest hosted by Latin School of Chicago. Judges awarded prizes at each grade level to individuals and teams. Our Year 9 team took first place, and our Year 6 team came in second. Dominic Catizone (Year 6) won first place in the individual round, and Emre Mutlu (Year 9) took second place.

MATHCOUNTS

On the heels of wins at the Middle School Math Contest, our students reigned supreme at the MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition. Our 10 team members qualified to take part after achieving the highest scores in our school competition where approximately 120 students representing 40 schools gathered for three hours of rigorous problem-solving. Our team won second place in the private school section, and Emre Mutlu (Year 9) placed first in the private school section. He also achieved the highest overall score out of all competitors, qualifying to take part in the state competition where he placed 24th out of all competitors.

Handwritten mathematical expressions in various colors:

$$2x + \frac{1}{4} - 8x^2$$
$$= 79x + 4\frac{1}{x} - x^2$$
$$y^3 + 9x + 2 - \frac{7}{x}$$



Science

We've got success down to a Science

Primary Science Fair

Children shined during the annual Primary Science Fair. Judges presented Commended and Highly Commended Awards to all the children, which is evidence of their great work.

Science Olympiad

Our Middle School Science Olympiad team became the first in school history to qualify for the Illinois State Tournament. We held a local invitational right here at BISC South Loop, where students took home 26 awards. At the regional competition, we placed fourth overall and won another 20 awards. Our success continued at the state contest, where we won five awards, including two first-place spots.

LEGO League

Middle Schoolers rocked the FIRST® LEGO® League Competition. At the regional tournament, our presentations and robot impressed the judges, who awarded the team with the Judges' Award for strong results in every aspect of the competition. With that, we scored our very first qualification to the Illinois Championship Tournament.

Shedd Aquarium Experience

What an honor! Shedd Aquarium selected children in Year 5 and 6 to take part in its new field trip experience. They explored exhibits, making observations along the way with an iPad app designed just for the program.

New collaboration with MIT launches

We unveiled our collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Our new approach to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) is an innovative way to help your child develop skills for the future, such as flexibility, creativity and communication. Nord Anglia Education is working with MIT to introduce your child to this innovative way of learning the STEAM subjects, which teaches them how to apply their skills to real-world situations.

Every year our students engage in a series of in school challenges developed by MIT and

every Spring Term, a group of our students visit MIT to experience student life and the university. Several Bulldogs traveled to Massachusetts to participate in an exclusive program along with peers from other Nord Anglia schools around the world at the Cambridge Science Festival. There, they immersed themselves in a culture of hands-on problem-solving, met leading MIT scientists, built and experimented in workshops, and learned about the new discoveries that will shape their future. Activities during the MIT visit include everything from building robots, to bioengineering, to coding.



Novel accomplishments for budding writers

Global Campus

Our school was home to two winners of the Global Campus Creative Writing Challenge. Sofia Burciaga (Year 6) was one of 31 winners in the Primary category, and Sophie Davis (Year 12) landed among 15 winners in the Upper Secondary category. Thousands of Nord Anglia students submitted their work for the chance to appear in this year's *Creative Writing Anthology*, which features the most outstanding submissions. The judges were Rhiannon Lassiter, an award-winning author of science fiction, fantasy and horror, and Kevin Crossley-Holland, winner of the coveted Carnegie Medal and the Guardian Children's Fiction Award. The judges selected the students' work for its creative use of language, well planned structure, thoughtful rhythm and pace, and clear expression of the theme "Be Ambitious".

Battle of the Bard

Our Battle of the Bard team made it to the competition finals, performing their piece at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre in front of a live audience. The students competed with approximately 50 other Chicago schools in a series of Shakespeare slam events aimed at building community across geographic, demographic and cultural boundaries through performance, team spirit and friendly competition.



Artists paint picture of success



High School Art Exhibition

Five students received an enormous honor when the Illinois High School Art Exhibition showcased their artwork at the 2016 General Exhibition, a “best of the best” art competition. Schools across Chicago enter more than 2,500 student pieces, and judges select just 500 for the General Exhibition. Well done to Nicola Henchek (Year 11), Carew Bayma (Year 12), and Dulcie Light, Alana Van Der Smissen and Claudia Garin (Year 13). Carew won the Thomas Eakins Emerging Artist Scholarship to attend the Summer Academy at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Visual Arts Competition

Giana Burciaga (Year 4) was recognized for her artistic talents, earning the Student Choice Award in the Global Campus Visual Arts Competition. See Page 11 for the full scoop.

Student Artwork in Hong Kong

In Spring Term, the Chief Executive Officer of Nord Anglia Education, Mr. Andrew Fitzmaurice, paid us a special visit. He was thrilled by the artwork on display and inquired about a particularly brilliant painting of a rhino. Today, the piece is exhibited in his office in Hong Kong! Check out the photo above.

Musicians rock performances & exams



Community Choir Performance

We took center stage at the Roosevelt Collection Tree Lighting Ceremony. In the presence of 25th Ward Alderman Danny Solis, Santa and members of the South Loop community, the talents of our students, parents and teachers shined. Following the choral performance, approximately 70 students took the crowd by surprise with a flash mob dance.

ABRSM Results

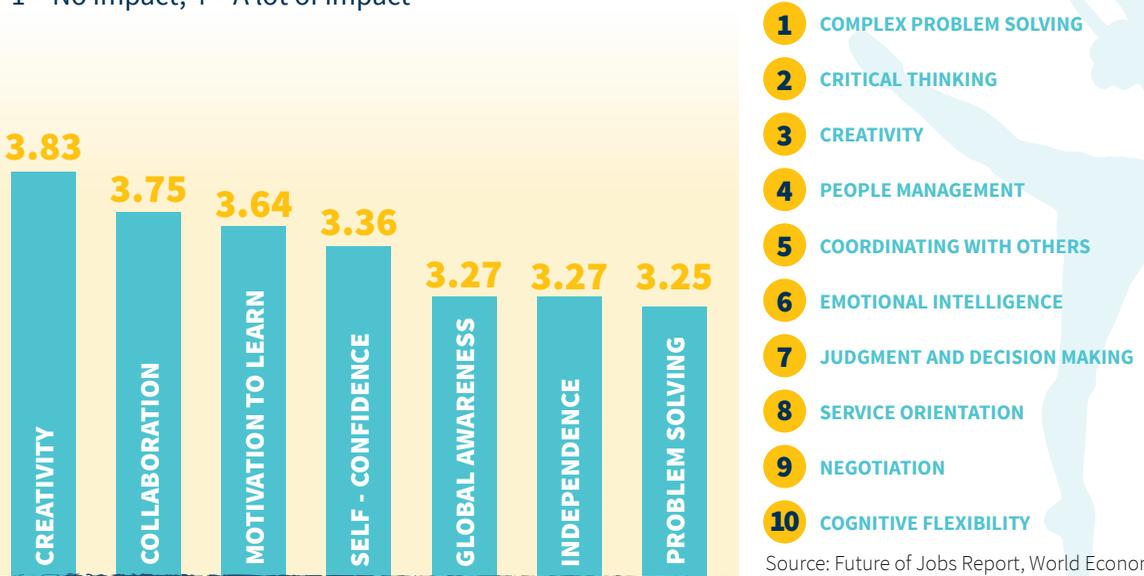
Students achieved outstanding results on Associated Boards of the Royal Schools of Music exams. They achieved a 100% pass rate and earned more scores in the top two tiers than ever before.

Juilliard Collaboration

In 2015, we became one of two Illinois schools offering The Juilliard-Nord Anglia Performing Arts Program, designed to promote cultural literacy, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration. Students follow embedded arts curriculum that begins with music, benefiting from enhanced lessons and exclusive opportunities to learn with Juilliard alumni and world-renowned musicians. All year long, students showcased their enthusiasm for the program and growing musical talents.

An evaluation one year on

Transferrable skills impact reported in Nord Anglia's teacher survey
1 = No impact, 4 = A lot of impact



Source: Future of Jobs Report, World Economic Forum

Skills Needed for the 21st Century

Teachers reported that the program developed a range of transferable skills such as creativity, self-confidence and problem solving. These are the top skills needed in the workforce by 2020 according to a report by the World Economic Forum.

92% of NAE teachers reported that students were **“very engaged”** in the embedded Juilliard curriculum.

100% of NAE teachers reported that visits by Juilliard artists helped to **inspire students in the performing arts.**

An International Perspective

Students reported that our embedded music curriculum with Juilliard made them think differently and understand the role of music in different cultures and history.

I have listened to music that has made me think in a different way.



I understand and can give examples of how history affects music.



■ Students in schools without the Juilliard curriculum

■ Students in schools with the Juilliard curriculum

Big wins in Social Studies



Illinois History Fair

Samuel Cutinho and Christopher Antosiewicz (Year 7) qualified for the state competition, an honor claimed by only the top 5% of Illinois history fair participants. They took home a Ribbon of Excellence!

Stock Market Competition

Alvaro Lanza (Year 11) placed third in The Stock Market Game™. Students aim to develop a successful investment portfolio by investing a virtual \$100,000. Alvaro beat out 82 teams, achieving a fantastic 13% return.

Business Studies Results

Kate Ritchie (Year 11) earned a prestigious Cambridge Outstanding Learning Award. The award honors her performance in the June 2015 Cambridge examination series in which she gained the highest mark in the United States for IGCSE Business Studies.

Chicago History Fair

After achieving the highest scores at our inaugural Middle School History Fair, 14 Bulldogs showcased at the Chicago Metro History Fair. Each year, approximately 7,000 Chicago students compete in history fairs at their schools, and just 400 move on to the Chicago Metro History Fair.

Model UN

Students led the planning and prep for four competitive teams. Our first Model UN school competition was held with Year 9 during Community Time. At Chicago International UN, our participation grew by 50%. We also made our first appearance at Harvard Model UN, where we qualified for Berkeley Model UN or the National Model UN Conference in 2017.

World class results in Global Campus competitions

Bucket Drumming Challenge

We won “Best Use of Location” for the North America region in the Think Outside the Bucket Challenge, in which Nord Anglia students around the world performed a cappella bucket drumming somewhere that reflected their school’s environment and location. Our students took to the streets of Chicago, drumming in front of landmarks like the Bean and Grant Park. The challenge, presented as part of The Juilliard-Nord Anglia Performing Arts Program, was judged by percussionist Justin Hines who has performed and toured internationally with professional ensembles and on Broadway.

Visual Arts Competition

On top of wins by Sofia Burciaga and Sophie Davis in the Creative Writing Challenge, Giana Burciaga (Year 4) won the Student Choice Award in the Visual Arts Competition. The contest tasked students with illustrating a story to improve their artistic techniques. Check out Giana’s stunning piece of work on the right. Her piece was published alongside sister Sofia’s story in the 2015-16 *Global Campus Creative Writing Anthology*, which features the most outstanding submissions from Nord Anglia students.





Athletics

Score! Wins for Athletics

With approximately two-thirds of students taking part in sports clubs and teams, the Athletics Department celebrated many successes during the 2015-16 school year.

In Primary Basketball, the team won first place in the league. We achieved undefeated seasons in High School Girls Soccer and High School Girls Volleyball. Our teams in Middle School Girls Soccer, Middle School Boys Soccer, High School Boys Basketball and Varsity Girls Volleyball scored second in their league. Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball finished the season ranked third.

We also scored a spot in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). This was a tremendous accomplishment and the start of an exciting new chapter. IHSA regulates competition in most interscholastic sports at Illinois high schools. As part of IHSA, our sports teams can now take part in contests with IHSA member schools, leading to further opportunities for advancing sportsmanship, discipline and athletic prowess.

We also launched two community initiatives, the Community Olympics and Community Soccer League. Both brought together children from around Chicago for friendly sporting competitions on the soccer pitch.

Fantastique! Students demonstrate world language talents

World Languages Magazine

On top of innovative coursework and memorable cultural trips to Pilsen, Chinatown and Christkindlmarkt, the World Languages Department celebrated the launch of a brand new publication, *World Languages Magazine*. Produced by Year 10 students, the e-magazine features students' favorite recipes, student work and editorial pieces written in French, Spanish, Mandarin and German.

IGCSE Examinations

Two Year 10 students completed their external IGCSE examinations one year ahead of schedule. These examinations are challenging, and the students demonstrated their diligent preparation and standing as exceptional linguists.

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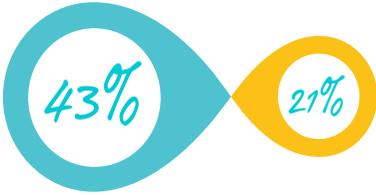


IGCSE Results

BISC South Loop vs. UK Average

Percentage of A/A* Grades

all student entries



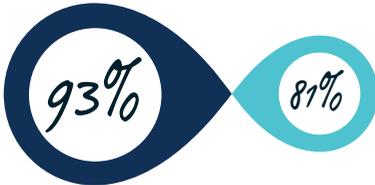
Percentage of A* - C Grades

all student entries



Percentage of 5 A* - C Grades

per student



IB Results

BISC South Loop vs. UK Average

IB Diploma Pass Rate



Average IB Diploma Score



Students Who Sat 4+ IB Certificates vs. Students Who Sat the Full IB Diploma





College Acceptances

Of the universities listed on the *U.S. News and World Report Global Universities Rankings*, Seniors earned 47 offers to top-100 universities, 36 offers to top-50 universities, and three offers to top-10 universities. Students were also offered \$1.2 million in merit-based college scholarships.

College Matriculation

California Institute of Technology
College of William and Mary
DePaul University
Drake University
Durham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
McGill University
Miami University

Newcastle University
Northwestern University
Queen Mary University of London
Syracuse University
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of Birmingham
University of California - Los Angeles
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Glasgow
University of Iowa
University of Mississippi
University of St. Andrews
University of Washington - Seattle
University of Wisconsin
Utrecht University
Wesleyan University

Seniors head to colleges worldwide

Bulldogs lend life-changing community outreach efforts



Make-A-Wish Walk Run

We teamed up with BISC Lincoln Park for two charity events. In September, 100 members of the BISC family donned their favorite superhero costumes to raise proceeds and complete a 5K race in support of Make-A-Wish Illinois. BISC was the event's top fundraiser and two of our team members were among the top-20 fastest finishers; congratulations to Lucy Harper, Director of Athletics, and Andrew Stone, Assistant Head of School.

Aon Step Up for Kids

In January, both BISC schools came together again for Aon Step Up For Kids, climbing to the top of Chicago's third tallest building and raising money for Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. BISC had one of the largest teams, with nearly 150 participants across both schools, and raised approximately

\$9,000. James Brook, P.E. Specialist, achieved the 29th fastest time out of almost 2,000 participants, and Year 12 student Aerial Burtley made a special appearance on CBS News before the event to talk about why participating is so important to our school.

Charity Events

To further support Lurie Children's Hospital, staff and parents organized two fantastic family events at our school, the Holiday Bazaar and Summer Fair. Both celebrated the season with themed games, activities, entertainment and food. Thanks to the Bulldogs' generosity, we donated approximately \$5,000 to Lurie Children's Hospital in the 2015-16 school year.

Tanzania Fundraising

Year 12 students also organized numerous activities that raised an astonishing \$10,000 to support their annual citizenship expedition to Arusha, Tanzania, where they perform service work with the local community. From an exclusive showing of the latest “Star Wars” film, to a bake sale, flower sale, benefit concert, silent auction and House dodgeball tournament, they well surpassed their fundraising goal of \$6,000.

Collection Drives

Over the winter holidays, students collected hundreds of items for community members in need. In November, we collaborated with Chicago Commons to host a Thanksgiving food drive. We donated packaged and canned food items that Chicago Commons passed on to people in need. We also partnered with Chicago Commons for a toy drive. From dolls to board games, the drive collected dozens of toys, as well as diapers, that we gifted to children in our community. We also collaborated with StreetWise for a winter coat drive to aid street vendors who work for the agency. We collected approximately 200 coats that kept StreetWise vendors warm during Chicago’s blustery winters.



GO BULLDOGS!

