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**The British School,  
Warsaw  
Welcome  
to  
IB INFORMATION  
EVENING  
21 February, 2018**





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# Agenda



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- **An introduction to the IB Programme**
- **Meet the students**
- **Meet with IB teachers to learn about the courses on offer at The British School**



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# Making a Difference



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**“The IB develops the future leaders the workplace needs – people who know how to collaborate and who know the value of teamwork, people with analytical ability, versatility, international understanding. ”**

**The Independent , Wednesday 20 February 2013**



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# IB Learner Profile



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- **Inquirers**
- **Knowledgeable**
- **Thinkers**
- **Communicators**
- **Principled**
- **Open-minded**
- **Caring**
- **Risk-takers**
- **Balanced**
- **Reflective**



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# The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme



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- **An internationally recognised school leaving qualification**
- **A rigorous pre-university course of studies**
- **A comprehensive two-year curriculum**
- **An internationally recognised university entrance qualification**
- **A genuine challenge, even to the most academically inclined students**

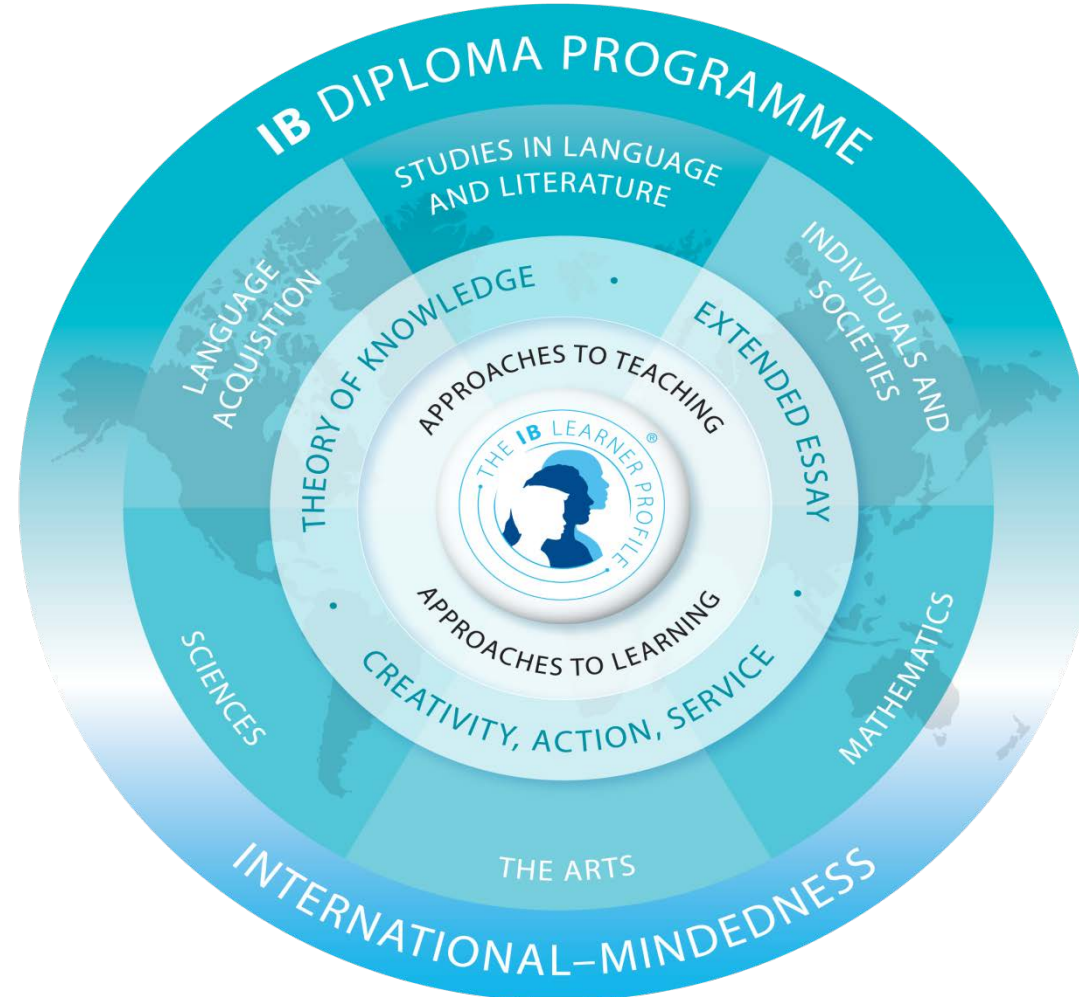


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# The Diploma Programme



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## Group 1: Language A



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### **Mother Tongue Language/Best Language**

- **Language A: Literature**
- **Language A: Language and Literature**
- **English and Polish are currently offered as Language A courses**
- **Students can make arrangements to study their own Language A – German, Korean, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Danish, Finish, Portugese**



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## Group 2: Second Language



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- **A second Language A course**

**OR**

- **Language B: A foreign language course for students with previous experience of learning the language:**

**OR**

- **Language Ab Initio: A foreign language course for students with no previous experience of that language**





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## Group 2: Second Language



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**At the moment, we offer :**

**Language B:**

**French, German, English, Spanish**

**Language Ab Initio:**

**German, Spanish**



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## Possible Combinations



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- **One group 1 course and one group 2 course**
- **Two group 1 courses - Language A Literature, and Language A Language and Literature**
- **Two group 1 courses- two Literature courses**
- **Two group 1 courses – two Language and Literature courses**
- **Three language courses selected from**



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## Group 3: Individuals and Societies



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- **History**
- **Geography**
- **Economics**
- **Psychology**
- **Business and Management**



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## Group 4: Experimental Sciences



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- **Biology**
- **Physics**
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Sport, Exercise and Health Science**



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## Group 5: Mathematics



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### **Mathematics is compulsory for all Diploma Candidates**

- **Mathematics: Higher Level**

- **Mathematics: Standard Level**

- **Mathematical Studies: Standard Level**



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## Group 6: Arts and Electives



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**Take one of:**

• **Visual Arts, Music**

**OR**

• **Another Language**

**OR**

• **Another Science**

**OR**

**Another subject from Group 3**



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# Current Timetabling Blocks for Year 12



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**Block 1: English**

**Block 2: Polish, German, French, Spanish**

**Block 3: History, Geography,  
Psychology, Visual Arts**

**Block 4: Physics, Biology, SEH Science,  
Music**

**Block 5: Mathematics**

**Block 6: Economics, Business, Chemistry,  
Computer Science**



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# Pamoja Online Courses



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## Group 2

French ab initio

Mandarin ab initio

Spanish ab initio

Spanish B SL

## Group 5

Mathematics SL

Mathematics HL

## Group 6

Film SL

## Group 5

Business Management SL

Business Management HL

Economics SL

Economics HL

IT in a global society SL

IT in a global society HL

Philosophy SL

Psychology SL

Psychology HL

[www.pamojaeducation.com](http://www.pamojaeducation.com)





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## Higher Level/Standard Level



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- **All subjects (apart from Language ab initio, SEH science and mathematical studies) are offered at Higher and Standard Level**
- **Higher Level means more knowledge to be gained, more and/or longer examinations and a higher level of study**
- **A minimum of three Higher Level and three Standard Level subjects must be taken**
- **Four Higher and two Standard Level subjects can initially be taken**



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Scale: 1 – 7



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- **Subjects are marked on a scale from 1 – 7 (7 is the highest)**
- **A minimum of 24 points are needed for a Diploma. Generally, a ‘4’ is considered to be a pass. (6 x 4 = 24) provided that the student passes the Extended Essay, CAS requirement and Theory of Knowledge.**
- **Achieving a ‘3’ in one of the courses does not necessarily mean failure of the diploma**



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- **6 subjects, x 7 points per subject, = 42 points**
- **A maximum number of points in the Diploma is 45**
- **The extra 3 points come from TOK and the Extended Essay**
- **Students are required to meet the CAS element of the programme to pass the Diploma**



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# Past IB Results



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	May 2011	May 2012	May 2013	May 2014	May 2015	May 2016	May 2017
No. of Diploma Candidates	34	36	35	47	38	32	43
Highest Diploma Score	42	45	45	44	45	44	45
% of Diplomas at 40+, TBS	12	24	20	20	22	29	19
Average Diploma Score, TBS	34	33	35	35	35	36	34
Average Diploma Score, worldwide	26.6	29.73	29.9	30.1	29.9	30.0	30.1
Average Subject Grade, TBS	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.3
Average Subject Grade, worldwide	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8



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# Theory of Knowledge (TOK)



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- **Compulsory, core element of the Diploma**
- **A critical examination of the ways of knowing and various areas of knowledge**
- **Assessed by an oral presentation and a formal TOK essay**
- **Along with the Extended Essay, TOK makes up the final three points of the Diploma's maximum 45 points**



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## The Extended Essay



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- **An individually researched, 4,000 word essay on a specific topic in an IB subject area**
- **This must be a subject offered by the IBO and, preferably, by the school**
- **Supervised by a member of staff**
- **Externally assessed by the IBO**
- **Marked on a scale from 0 – 34, using specific assessment criteria**
- **Combines with TOK to give the final 3 points for the Diploma**



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# The TOK/Extended Essay Matrix



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## The diploma points matrix

May 2015 onwards

		Theory of knowledge					
		Grade <b>A</b>	Grade <b>B</b>	Grade <b>C</b>	Grade <b>D</b>	Grade <b>E</b>	No grade <b>N</b>
Extended essay	Grade <b>A</b>	3	3	2	2	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade <b>B</b>	3	2	2	1	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade <b>C</b>	2	2	1	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade <b>D</b>	2	1	0	0	Failing condition	Failing condition
	Grade <b>E</b>	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition
	No grade <b>N</b>	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition	Failing condition

**Changes from *The diploma points matrix (May 2010 - November 2014)*:**

- B + C combination now results in 2 additional points (previously 1 point).
- A + E combination now results in zero points and a failing condition (previously 1 point).



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## Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)



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- **Compulsory core element of the Diploma**
- **Students should choose activities for themselves**
- **Students are required to plan activities, to carry them out and to reflect on what they have learned**
- **School can help find CAS activities for students although it is best if these are student-led.**
- **A poor CAS record will result in failure of the Diploma**
- **CAS Coordinator oversees progress on CAS activities**





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# University Entry Requirements



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- **There are numerous Higher Education options**
- **The top UK universities expect between 38 and 43 IB points, with 777 or 776 at Higher Level**
- **Mid-high ranking UK universities will ask for 34 – 36 points**
- **IGCSE grades are taken into account by leading universities**
- **Super-curricular experience is essential to support an applicant's profile**
- **The IB is looked on favourably by all universities because of:**
  - **academic breadth and rigour**
  - **the core elements (EE/TOK/CAS)**
  - **focus on independent learning and critical thinking.**



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As an IB student you need to be:



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- **Hard-Working**
- **Self-Disciplined**
- **Prepared always to do extra research**
- **Motivated**
- **Willing to learn**
- **Someone who enjoys a challenge**
- **Willing to give**



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## Academic Honesty



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**“Academic honesty must be seen as a set of values and skills that promote personal integrity and good practice in teaching, learning and assessment.”**



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## What comes next ?



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- **Work hard – in order to do well in your IGCSE exams and Pre-IB courses**
- **Think about your future choices at university as this will affect your choice of IB subjects**
- **Think about strategic choice of IB subjects that will maximize your IB total score**
- **Complete your subject choices form and return it to IB office by Monday, March 5**



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## IB SUBJECT CHOICES FORM 2018 - 2020

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

IB Groups		Subjects Offered	Check Subjects you wish to study*	Check Level HL/SL*
G R O U P  1	Language A: Literature	English		HL / SL
	Language A: Literature	Polish		HL / SL
	Language A: Language and Literature	English		HL / SL
G R O U P  2	Language B (at least 5 interested students needed to create a group)	English B		HL / SL
		French B		HL / SL
		German B		HL / SL
		Spanish B		HL / SL
	Language ab initio (at least 5 interested students needed to create a group)	Spanish ab initio		SL
		German ab initio		SL
G R O U P  3	Individuals and Societies	Business and Management		HL / SL
		Economics		HL / SL
		Geography		HL / SL
		History		HL / SL
		Psychology		HL / SL
G R O U P  4	Sciences	Biology		HL / SL
	<i>Biology and Physics cannot both be chosen for timetable reasons</i>	Chemistry		HL / SL
		Computer Science		HL / SL
		Physics		HL / SL
		Sport, Exercise & Health Science		SL
G R O U P  5	Mathematics	Higher Level Mathematics		HL
	<i>Only Higher Level Mathematics is a Higher Level course in this group</i>	Standard Level Mathematics		SL
		Mathematical Studies		SL
G R O U P  6	Arts	Visual Arts		HL / SL
		Music		HL / SL
6		Alternatively, instead of a Group 6 subject, choose another Language OR another Humanity OR another Science		
* check one subject in each group and check chosen subject's level HL or SL				



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# Thank You

