



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







An Exceptional High School Experience

Our personalized and truly international approach to learning develops lifelong learners and determined problem-solvers who are prepared to be leaders in the 21st century.



Message from the Headmaster

As the Founding Headmaster of British International School of Chicago, I am proud to introduce you to our remarkable community of high school learners who are empowered to achieve more than they ever thought possible. Since the school opened in 2001, with just four students and two classrooms, our mission has remained the same. We encourage students to be ambitious, reach for their dreams, step outside their comfort zones, and try something new.

It is important to me that every child's talent be discovered and nurtured, whatever that talent may be. This is why our mighty, growing high school has a personalized approach to learning and puts one-of-a-kind opportunities within reach of every student. Our students receive individualized teacher support in every subject. They also perform community service on international trips and have the opportunity to play on multiple championship sports teams. As you will see in the pages of this brochure, there are so many ways we educate your child for the future and prepare them for the high performance life of their own choosing.

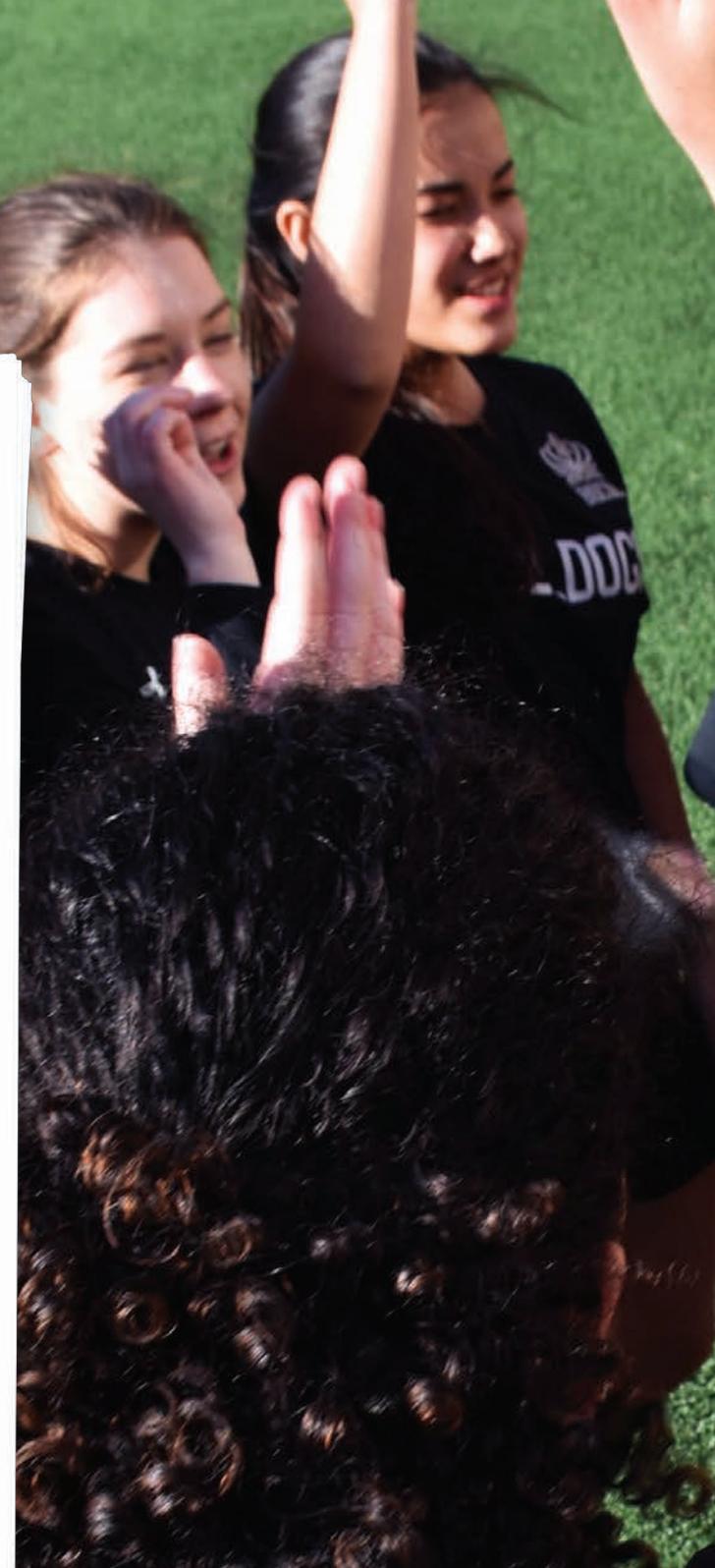
At the heart of our high school is community. The close relationships among faculty, students and their families plays a vital role in the students' successful development – academically, personally and socially. We work together inside and outside the classroom to enrich your child's learning, create lifelong memories and a deep sense of achievement. As part of the Bulldog family, your child becomes well prepared with the skills and mindset to thrive in a changing world.

We welcome your family to become a valued member of our vibrant community. Your high school adventure starts here!



Michael Horton

Founding Headmaster





Reasons

Parents and Students Choose BISC South Loop



Exceptional Teachers

“ The teachers over my 10+ years at the school were inspiring role models. They brought a global perspective. I can't imagine having a better experience anywhere else. ”

Joe, CLASS OF 2017

“ We kept our son at the school for the full 15 years because of small class sizes with tremendous individual attention from extraordinary teachers. ”

Krista, PARENT SINCE 2002

Unique Approach to Learning

“ There's a different methodology of teaching. Students don't study to take a test but to understand and become experts. ”

Alicia, PARENT SINCE 2012



Holistic Development

“ This is the right high school for my daughter because it has no limits. She is encouraged to excel in all areas - personally, socially and of course, academically. ”

Heike, PARENT SINCE 2005



Strong College Preparation

“ I earned 16 college credits from my IB exams, which is a semester's worth so that frees me up to be more flexible with my classes. ”

Simon, CLASS OF 2017

Diverse Extracurriculars

“ There is always so much going on, from drama productions and sport, to music through the Juilliard program, art shows and science fairs. ”

Beth, PARENT SINCE 2015

Individual Attention

“ Thanks to the small class sizes, I am more engaged with my teachers and subjects. ”

Rachel, STUDENT SINCE 2005



Family Friendly

“ The school offers many social opportunities for children and families through evening activities and outings, dances and educational workshops. ”

Maria, PARENT SINCE 2015

Tight-Knit Community

“ I have friendships from as far back as preschool. ”

Nataliya, STUDENT SINCE 2004

Smooth Transitions

“ I have been attending the school since age three and have enjoyed every second of it. Transitioning from year to year has been very natural to me, not only academically but socially as well. ”

Nika, STUDENT SINCE 2005



International

“ My family lived abroad before coming to Chicago and this is by far the most international school in the city. ”

Anna, PARENT SINCE 2011

“ Students are well rounded because they can do many things at school. They understand how to prioritize, are independent, and ready for college. ”

Alicia, PARENT SINCE 2005





Community Is at the Heart of Our High School

We are proud to be a home away from home for students representing 31 Chicago Communities and 17 nationalities. It's a safe haven where everyone can honor their individual and cultural beliefs, and experience a challenging academic environment and engaging community.

High School Stats



Founded
2001

Student Population (Grades 9-12)
136

Student/Faculty Ratio (Grades 9-12)
4:1

Students Enrolled in BISC before High School
62%

Maximum Class Size
20

College Counselors
2

Colleges at Annual Fair
70

Annual Visits from Colleges
50

Additional Annual College Programs and Events
10+

IHSA Championship Sports Teams

5

Sports Teams

6

Clubs and Boosters

40+

Annual Domestic and International Trips

5+

Spirit Days

40+



School Uniform
Business Attire

World Languages



French



German



Mandarin



Spanish

ACT[®]

Highest Score

35 of 36 points

Average Score

30

Higher than the average of Chicago Public Schools, five Selective Enrollment Schools, Illinois and the United States

SAT

Average Score

1390 of 1600 points



Memberships, Affiliations & Accreditations

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Advanced Placement

Learning-Focused School by Fieldwork Education Services

National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)

Council of International Schools (CIS)



South Loop Neighborhood Highlights

Culture

Near Museum Campus and the neighborhoods: China Town, Pilsen and Little Italy

Green Space

Grant Park offers 319 acres of lawn and recreational fields

Education Hub

Colleges Nearby: Columbia College Chicago, United Center, Roosevelt University, Northwestern University, DePaul University and School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Athletics

Steps away from Soldier Field, home of Chicago Bears football, international soccer matches, and professional ice hockey games



Typical School Day Schedule:

**Clubs and sports;
cafeteria open for breakfast**

7:45-8:25 a.m.

Lessons

8:25-10:05 a.m.

Break

10:05-10:30 a.m.

Lessons

10:30 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

Lunch

(off campus with signed release form)

12:35-1:25 p.m.

Lessons

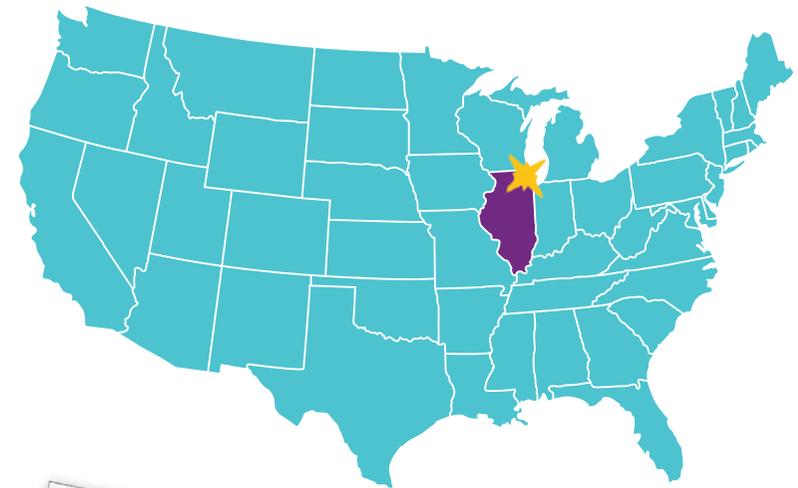
1:25-3:55 p.m.

Clubs

4-5 p.m.

Sports

5-6 p.m.



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Additional facts about Chicago:

- **Fifth** largest city in US
- **7.7** million live in the Chicago area
- **20** languages spoken
- Renowned for its **museums**
- Famed for its **bold architecture**



Personalized Learning



Your child is supported to achieve more than they ever thought possible by our British teachers, who are highly skilled in personalized learning strategies. They understand that students learn and develop in different ways, and identify each student's strengths and challenges. In every lesson, our teachers will nurture and inspire your child to achieve his or her academic, social and personal goals. With no more than 20 students in a lesson, our teachers can gauge each student's progress, adjust individualized learning targets as needed, and provide continuous feedback. Our personalized approach to learning also supports students' ambitions outside of school. Over the years, we have adapted lessons and

schedules for students pursuing activities like collegiate sports and professional ballet.

Staff also bring a wealth of international experience to their teaching. Many have taught outside the United Kingdom, including at Nord Anglia Education schools around the globe. Once they join us, teachers have ongoing opportunities for world class professional development. They continuously build their expertise by sharing and adopting best practice with colleagues around the world. Four of our high school teachers are among just 100 Nord Anglia instructors pursuing a master's degree in international education with King's College London.

Our talented and experienced teachers *individually tailor lessons for each student,* which instills a love of learning, encourages independent inquiry, and helps students achieve their personal goals.

“ Our three children have very different personalities and learning styles. Each has benefited from differentiated teaching tailored to their needs. ”

Ivana, PARENT SINCE 2006



Extraordinary Curriculum



Students follow highly respected college-preparatory curricula: the International General Certificates of Secondary Education (IGCSE) followed by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. Both two-year programs are recognized by the world's top colleges and universities. With more than 55 course options during their high school career, our students are able to create a personalized learning journey by choosing subjects that appeal to their unique strengths and interests. The wide variety of curriculum choices ensure a breadth of experience, covering world languages, social studies, science, English, mathematics, and the arts. Whichever courses your child pursues, they will learn to think

critically, ask challenging questions, discover what it means to learn, and solve problems. The introduction of Advanced Placement courses in 2018-19 will give your child another opportunity to dig deeper into subjects that interest them while earning college credit.

“ Our high school students can create their own stories and pursue their passions. Universities are looking for students who can tackle the world and participate in many things. ”

Heike, PARENT SINCE 2005

Your child will study an international curriculum that we believe is the best preparation for the *evolving challenges, opportunities* and responsibilities of our modern world.

High School Course Highlights:

- **World Languages:** French, German, Mandarin, Spanish
- **Social Studies:** Business, Geography, History
- **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- **English:** English Literature and Composition
- **Mathematics:** All areas of Math Studies
- **The Arts:** Film, Music, Dance, Computer Science, Design & Technology, Sports, Exercise & Health Science

Academic Outcomes

Our teachers believe passionately in learning and their enthusiasm extends to our students who are equally inspired to achieve their individual targets in every subject. A community spirit that emphasizes the rewards from hard work and engagement consistently lead the high school students to achieve outstanding results on their comprehensive exams.

2017 IGCSE Exam Results

- Exam entries graded at the highest two achievement levels: School – 61% | UK – 20%
- Exam entries graded at the highest four achievement levels: School – 97% | UK – 66%
- Students who achieved five or more grades at the highest four achievement levels: School – 96% | No comparison data

2017 IB Exam Results

- IB Diploma Pass Rate: School — 82% / World — 79%
- IB Diploma Score: School — 31.7 / World — 30 (out of 45 points)
- Top Score: 43

The IB Edge

Research shows that IB students are among the best prepared for success in higher education. In fact, the IB is highly regarded around the world and universities are actively seeking IB students to attend their schools.

- “Selected Institutions, like Stanford, perceive IB students as strongly prepared, capable and ready to take on the curriculum that we offer. IB Students are among who are ready to tackle what we offer them. The IB definitely have research to show there is a higher success rate in students in the first year or two of college.”

Debra Von Bargaen
Assistant Dean of Admission,
Stanford University

“College science courses are challenging, but the topics are similar to what I studied in IB, so that’s helpful.”

Alumnus

¹ IB Global Policy & Research Department, “Academic Performance of IB Students Entering the University of California System from 2000-2002,” August 2010.

² David Conley, PhD, et al., “International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: Examining College Readiness,” July 2014.



- College Readiness:** A study of IB students at the University of Oregon’s Honors College showed they were better prepared for college compared with non-IB students. Specifically, the IB graduates more efficiently managed the college workload and their time.²

“The analysis skills you learn in the IB program definitely help with all the long essays you write in college.”

Alumnus

- College Credit:** IB students who earn college credit can save on college tuition and take courses related to their major earlier. In Illinois, students who score 4 or higher on an Honors Level IB exam are entitled to course credit at a public higher ed institution.

“I completed IB Certificates and I earned enough college credits that I don’t have to take any electives, which means I can focus on classes for my major.”

Alumnus



Science Olympiad Competition

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Class of 2015 University Destinations

DENISON

DANIEL
SCOTT

SKIDMORE

TUCKER
WALSH

DePaul
University

ROMIL
RIAZ
KHOUSHBAB

Georgetown

JASON W
KRAUSE

RUTGERS

MAXIMILIAN
PEHERSAD
LEVE

LOYOLA
MOUNT.

KAYLAN

WARREN
WILSON
COLLEGE

EMMA
LEOPOLD

UNIVERSITY



College Counseling

With remarkable knowledge and skills, a global mindset, and great independence, your child will gain acceptance to and flourish at a college best suited to their aspirations.

College Counseling



Our graduates attend liberal arts colleges, research universities, special focus colleges, and comprehensive universities in the United States, United Kingdom, Europe and beyond. This wide-ranging list is the result of our hard-working, well-rounded students and our experienced college counselors who have relationships with hundreds of university admissions representatives.

Your child will work closely with the College Counseling Department all four years of high school. Through one-to-one meetings and a robust program of events and workshops, students develop and implement a personalized plan for high school course selection, standardized testing, college selection and admission.

Class of 2017 College Highlights

- **Merit-Based College Scholarships:** \$1.35 million
- **116 acceptances from 80 colleges** in the United States, UK, Canada and Europe
- **2018 Graduation Rate:** 100%
- **2018 College Acceptance Rate:** 100%

*U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings



Ranked in
the top 50
universities
worldwide

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Collaborative Innovation

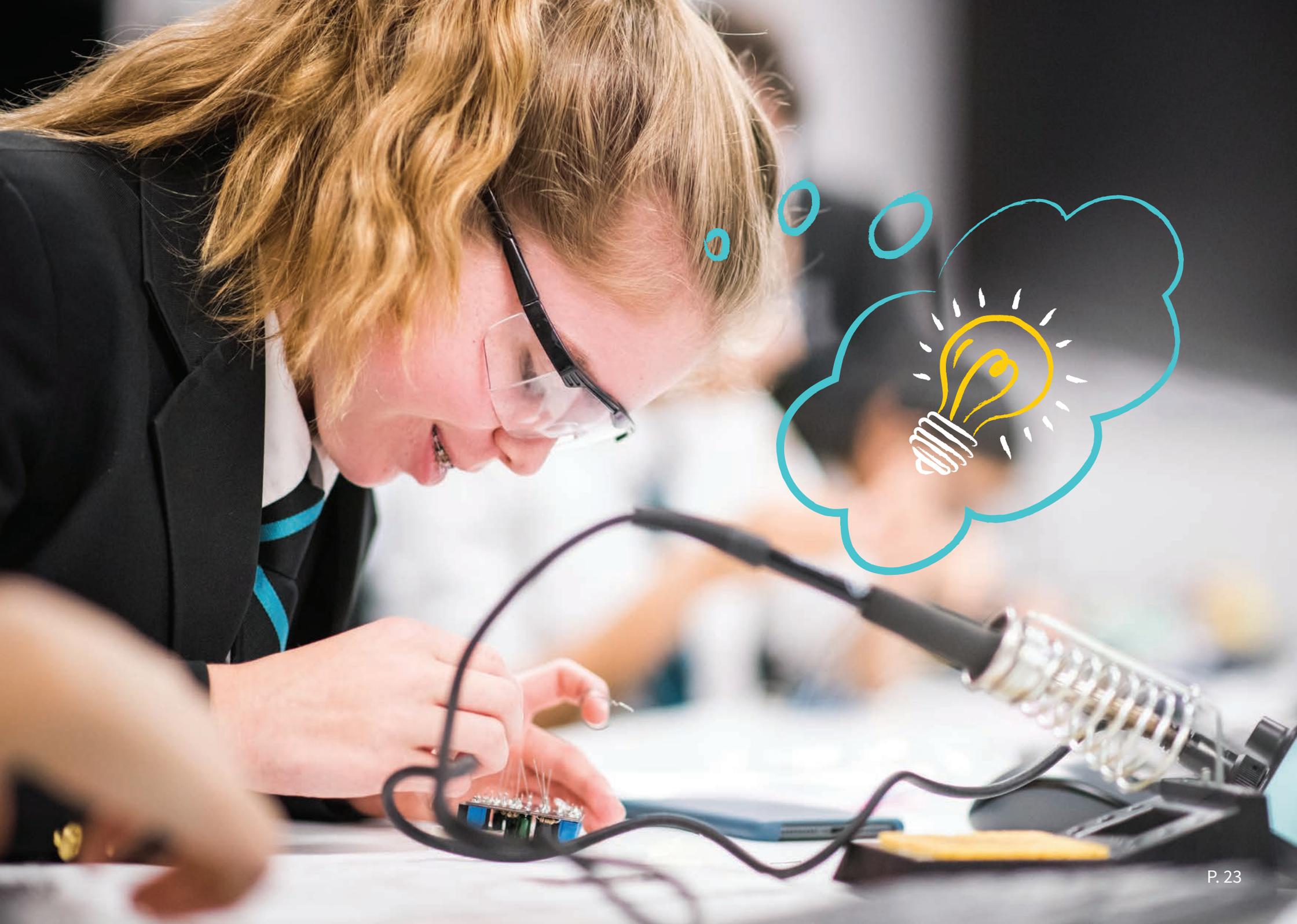


We believe in helping your child invest in the future and supporting them in accomplishing everything they aim for. To this end we have engaged in a number of collaborations with world-leading programs across a wide range of fields of expertise. Whether it's creativity in the performing arts or fostering innovation, making the world a better place or connecting with a global community, we give your child the chance to expand their learning and gain exposure to world-class knowledge and skills.

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Helping your child invent the future with MIT

We offer a unique collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), which includes a series of in-school challenges that focus on the juncture between the five STEAM disciplines, including bioengineering, robotics, and computer coding. Our teachers and students spend time every year immersed in STEAM workshops with leading academics at the annual Cambridge Science Festival at MIT, providing opportunities to learn directly from researchers at one of the world's leading STEAM institutions.



Collaborative Innovation



Empowering your child to change the world with UNICEF

We are collaborating with UNICEF to raise awareness of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and your child will work to create solutions for these global issues in our local community. UNICEF has also invited selected students from our family of schools to present their ideas on the SDGs at an event during the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development. This is a unique opportunity for Nord Anglia students to contribute to the discussion and influence policy at the highest level.

Preparing your child for the world stage with The Juilliard School

Your child will have the opportunity to expand his or her creativity and imagination through our performing arts program with Juilliard, a world leader in performing arts education. By studying and practicing the core works curated by Juilliard in music, dance, and drama your child will develop confidence, motivation and personal understanding of the world and other cultures. This opportunity also gives teachers a chance to network across our family of schools, and become part of a vibrant Juilliard community with like-minded and passionate professionals.

Connecting your child to a Global Campus

You may live in Chicago, but our Global Campus will help your child explore the world through online, in-school and international experiences. Global Campus activities are designed by educational experts and teachers to broaden their knowledge and nurture transferable skills valuable in school, university and the workplace. Your child will learn new skills and set their sights higher, developing a truly global perspective. From our in-school challenges to expeditions in Tanzania or Switzerland, we inspire your child to be ambitious in their learning.



Performing Arts
in
collaboration
with

Billiard | DANCE
DRAMA
MUSIC

Collaborative Innovation



Encouraging your child to love learning and achieve more

We enrich students' learning outside the classroom with Creativity, Action, Service and Enrichment (C.A.S.E.) time. C.A.S.E. time empowers students to develop new skills and take on new challenges. Each half-term, your child will select a new project, ranging from documentary filmmaking and MIT challenges, to Philosophy 101 and initiatives with local community organizations. High school students can also lead projects for middle school students, which is a valuable opportunity to build leadership and planning skills.

- 92% of high school students said C.A.S.E. is one of the best parts of school.

Jumpstarting your child's career path with professional experience

What knowledge and skills are needed to thrive in the "real world"? Our internship program for Year 12 (Grade 11) provides students with valuable learning experience in a career path that interests them. Each student shadows a professional in an industry of his or her choosing for one week in June. The experience instills a wonderful memory that sticks with students as they enter their senior year of high school and look towards college. Since the program launched in 2009, students have shadowed at more than 80 companies, including Gensler (Architecture), Northern Trust (Financial Services), Rush University Medical Center (Medicine), Athletico (Physical

Therapy), The Helt Law Group (Law), Sky Sports (Broadcasting), Leo Burnett (Advertising) and Greentarget (Public Relations).

“ My law internship was a breathtaking experience. I not only observed, but was able to live the working life of an immigration attorney for a week. I learned about types of visas and becoming a naturalized citizen, and developed tactical skills by working on a hypothetical case. I really appreciated the internship and now have an idea of what type of law I want to study in college. ”

Alumnus, CLASS OF 2017



Clubs



We encourage students to participate in the many clubs on offer, which include athletics, the arts and academic competitions. There are also support clubs in every subject, where students receive guidance from their teachers on coursework and exams. Your child can also plan and lead a club for their peers, a wonderful opportunity to grow leadership skills. Clubs take place before, during and after school, giving students the flexibility to get involved in a variety. On any given day, a student may play basketball in the morning, attend a World Languages support session at break time, and go to a Design & Technology club after school.

- Advanced Brass
- Art
- Art Support
- Battle of Bands
- Beginner Brass
- Big Band
- BisTech Theater
- Blithe Spirit
- Board Games

- Brass Booster
- Business Support
- Cheerleading
- Clarinet Booster
- Composition Club
- Computer Science Support
- Contemporary Dance
- Dance the Musicals
- Debate
- Design Technology Competition
- Design Technology Support
- English Support
- Flute Booster
- Folk Group
- Fringe Festival
- Geography Support
- Hip Hop/Jazz
- History Support
- Keyboard Skills
- Ladies Coding

- Language Support
- Math Support
- Music Magic
- Music Theory
- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- Orchestra
- Referee Skills
- Rock Band
- Sax Booster
- Science Olympiad
- Science Support
- String Ensemble
- Strings Booster
- Student Council
- Theory of Knowledge Support
- Wake Up & Sing
- Writing Society
- Yoga



Our state-of-the-art school provides a *vibrant setting* for high school learning and community. High school students, in particular, enjoy enhanced access to a number of *fantastic* areas.



High School Spaces



IB Room

This new, dynamic room is outfitted with collaborative work spaces, couches, dry erase boards, a printer, charging stations and a vending machine. Sometimes quiet, sometimes full of conversation, the IB room is an exclusive destination for IB students (Year 12 and 13) during break time, study periods and after school.



Black Box Theater

Our new black box theater provides a versatile and intimate space for productions of all types. Here high school students are invited to experiment with lighting, sound and acting in improv acts, comic plays and fringe festivals.



Canteen

The high school lunch period is separate from the rest of the school, giving students great flexibility. During lunch, students can venture off campus with a signed release form or eat in the canteen, which offers special menu items just for high school. The canteen is also equipped with microwaves that high school students can use to heat lunch brought from home.



Fitness Suite

From sports team practice to recreation time and physical education, lessons, high school students often visit the fitness suite for strength and conditioning exercises. The students lead routines for each other and are also guided by staff, who always supervise activity in the space.

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