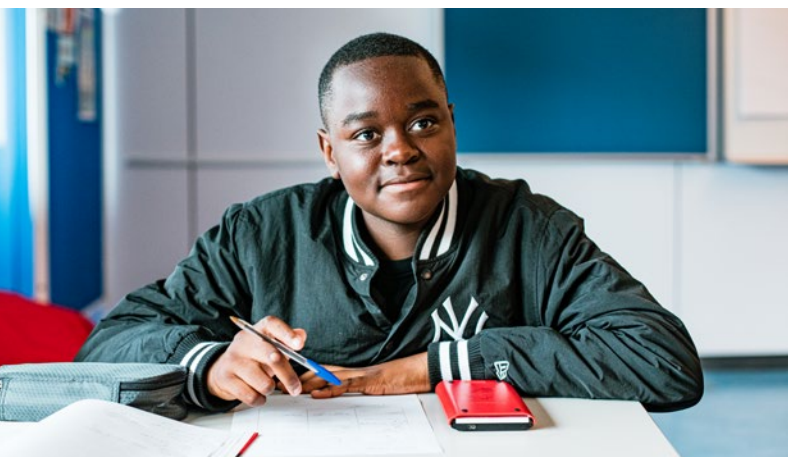


BBIS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FACT SHEET

PATHWAY TO GRADUATION



An overview of the BBIS High School Diploma, which is one of three pathways to graduation at BBIS.

WHY CHOOSE THE BBIS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA?

The High School Diploma is ideal for students with specific interests, such as music, arts, athletics, or business. It offers a more flexible schedule and provides options for college that do not require the full IB Diploma.

Here are some scenarios where the High School Diploma could suit you:

- You want to focus on your acting. You are involved in theatrical productions and hope to attend drama school.
- You play sport at a very high level (e.g. four training sessions a week, plus weekend matches). You don't need the IB DP to get a scholarship or place on a top team.
- You want to take more courses at standard level.

- You plan to apply to art school and your main priority is to work on your art portfolio.
- You run your own business and want to allocate more time to it. Doing the full IB DP would be too time-consuming.

REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE THE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA?

To graduate with the BBIS High School Diploma, you must take a combination of at least five IB DP courses, with the option of choosing an additional Visual Art or Music course. In the Diploma, assessments are marked internally. Courses can be taken at the higher or standard level.

- Achieve minimum attendance of 90% for each year of the programme
- Fulfil the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirements for the IB DP

- Attend the IB DP Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course and submit an exhibition and essay (modified if students do not choose to take a IB DP certificate in TOK)
- Acquire sufficient credits during Grades 9 to 12 (one year of study equals one credit)

TOTAL CREDITS

Language 1	4 credits of English
Language 2	4 credits of Language B
Individuals & Societies	4 credits of Individuals & Societies
Science	3 credits of Science
Mathematics	4 credits of Mathematics



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I take certificates as part my BBIS high school diploma?

Taking one or more IB DP certificates as part of your High School Diploma enriches your transcript with an internationally recognised qualification. To earn a certificate in a specific subject, you must complete the same assessments and examinations as IB DP students.

2. Can I attend university with the High School Diploma?

Our BBIS High School Diploma graduates have been accepted at the following universities:

- Northwestern University, USA
- University of California Davis, USA
- Touro University, Germany
- SRH University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Music School Berlin – BIMM University Berlin, Germany
- Constructor University (Jacobs University, Bremen), Germany
- University of Abertay Dundee, UK
- Hult International Business School, UK
- Richmond University, UK
- Hotel School the Hague, Netherlands
- Wageningen University, Netherlands
- Geneva Business School, Switzerland
- John Cabot, Italy
- American University of Paris, France
- Webster University in Geneva, Vienna and Leiden

Not all universities accept the High School Diploma for direct university admission. For example, German public universities, some UK universities, and some Dutch universities.

Students with the High School Diploma who want to access a wider range of universities can take a foundation course to meet the university entrance requirements.

3. How many students choose the High School Diploma?

The number of students opting for the High School Diploma varies depending on the school year. Typically, at BBIS, we have up to 12 students selecting the High School Diploma as their graduation pathway.

4. Who can I ask more about the High School Diploma?

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