

Welcome to The British School of Amsterdam

The British School of Amsterdam is an independent co-educational non-profit day school providing world class teaching and learning for children from 3 to 18 years. We are the first school in the Netherlands to be accredited by the UK Government as a British School Overseas. Our school offers a stimulating and caring environment enabling your child to realise their full potential academically and develop the skills and confidence for a fulfilling and responsible life in a changing society.

The Senior School is for children aged between the ages of 11- 18 and is housed in a building attached to the Junior School facility, situated in the Fred. Roeskestraat, 1.5 kilometres from the Early Years and Infant School.

The school offers a stimulating environment and the maximum class size is 22. The pupils benefit from smaller teaching groups in the upper years and in our Sixth Form. Classrooms are used by a range of subjects, alongside specialist rooms equipped for science, IT and computing, music, drama and art. The multifunctional shared hall space is used extensively by both the Senior and Junior schools for performances, exhibitions and assemblies. A hot meal is served in the dining room every lunchtime. Breaktimes are a social time for pupils and are spent outside in the school grounds.

The Senior School timetable, split over a two week period, enables a broad and balanced curriculum. The day runs from 8.40 to 3.40.

Our extracurricular activities run before, during and after school and offer our pupils an enriching provision in, amongst others, the areas of technology, sport, and the arts.

"The British School of Amsterdam provides high quality education, much of which is outstanding. Relationships between teachers and pupils and pupils and their peers are outstanding and ensure that they feel happy and secure in their learning. The behaviour, attitudes and engagement of pupils in their learning is exemplary. They are a credit to the school."

BSO Inspection Report (November 2017)

Building project

In 2016 the school acquired a 19th century listed building in the south of the city that will be redeveloped into our new beautiful 14,000m² home. It is expected that we open for September 2020. It has always been our vision to be on one site. This a multi-million euro project and will be an amazing chapter in the evolution of the school. The new school will have many enhancements including a 7m high sports hall and state of the art theatre.



In the Senior School we aim:

- To inspire all pupils in our inclusive, diverse community, encouraging and fostering tolerance and respect for all.
- To challenge pupils to take risks in their learning and support them in their educational journey, within and beyond the curriculum, to unlock their full and unique potential.
- To develop creative, independent and innovative learners.



Senior School Information

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Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 and 9)

At The British School up to the end of Key Stage 3 (age 14), all pupils follow the same core curriculum, which includes:

- English 7 hours (over two weeks)
- Mathematics 7 hours
- Science 6 hours
- Humanities 8 hours
- Languages and Drama 8 hours
- ICT and Computing 2 hours
- Physical Education 4 hours
- Music and Art 6 hours
- Personal, Social and Health Education 2 hours

Attainment and Effort grades are reported three times per academic year. In Years 7, 8 and 9 (Key Stage 3) attainment is measured in alignment with end of year expectations.

The British School Key Stage 3 grades (Years 7 to 9)	GCSE Grade (Years 10 and 11)	New GCSE grade (Years 10 and 11)
1 Excelling	A*	8/9
	A	7
2 Secure	Secure B	Secure 6
	B	6
3 Working towards	Secure C	5
	C	4
4 Developing	D	3
	Below D	2 or lower

Pupil body

The school roll is 930. We are a truly International school with over 40 different native languages and 75 different cultures (including dual nationality parents). Our pupils are actively multicultural, many speaking languages at home that are additional to their academic curriculum.

British	16%	Early Years School	220 pupils
Indian	22%	Infant School	176 pupils
Dutch	15%	Junior School	274 pupils
American	8%	Senior School Pupils	260 pupils

Curriculum

The British School of Amsterdam offers a curriculum that is broad and balanced. In Nursery and Reception the curriculum follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. The primary section is split between the Infant and Junior schools. The curriculum broadly follows the National Curriculum for England, in addition to teaching Dutch as a foreign language and native language.

Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11)

In years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4) pupils take IGCSE (International General Certificate of Education) or GCSE (General Certificate of Education) courses, externally examined at the end of the two years.

Compulsory core curriculum

- Mathematics 6 hours
- English 6 hours
- Biology 4 hours
- Chemistry 4 hours
- Physics 4 hours
- PSHE* 2 hours
- Physical Education* 4 hours

*Not examined externally

Optional subjects (pupils select four optional subjects)

- Art and Design 5 hours
- Business Studies 5 hours
- Dutch 5 hours
- Drama 5 hours
- French 5 hours
- Geography 5 hours
- History 5 hours
- Computing 5 hours
- Media Studies 5 hours
- Music 5 hours
- Physical Education 5 hours
- Spanish 5 hours

Sixth Form (years 12 and 13)

In years 12 and 13 (Sixth Form) pupils specialise in up to five subjects. GCE (General Certificate of Education) courses at Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level are available in the following subjects:

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Dutch
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Further Mathematics
- French
- Global Perspectives
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish

Additional GCSE Courses

- English
- Mathematics
- Combined Science

All subjects taken at Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level are timetabled for 8 hours every fortnight.

In the Sixth Form pupils also follow a programme of Personal Social and Health Education, alongside study skills and careers. An enriching electives programme is offered to all pupils with courses in subjects such as Life drawing, personal fitness, law, chemical engineering, computer programming and mindfulness.

Pupils may also choose to study towards an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in a subject of their choice.

Advanced Level GCE attainment is graded as:

- A* (90+%)
- A (80-89%)
- B (70-79%)
- C (60-69%)
- D (50-59%)
- E (40-49%)

Effort Grades in the Senior School are awarded on a four point scale.

Effort Grade Description

- 1 Excellent level of effort
- 2 Good level of effort
- 3 Some concerns with the level of effort
- 4 Serious Concerns

Pupil leadership

Pupils in the Senior School are encouraged to apply for leadership positions on pupil committees, including the following positions:

Head Student

Head of Student Council

Eco Committee Leader

House Captains

Event Coordinator

In years 11, 12 and 13 pupils can apply for prefect and mentoring positions.

A pupil leadership award is an integral part of the extracurricular choices in Key Stage 3.

Extra Curricular

The Senior School offers a rich and varied programme of extracurricular activities which provide pupils with the opportunity to pursue and develop their own interests, to experience new ventures, to compete as individuals or as a member of a team in various settings etc.

Extracurricular activities are provided by specialist teachers and instructors. Clubs and activities running this academic year include:

- Art Club
- Basketball
- Chamber Choir
- Chess Club
- Debate Society
- FITNUT
- Glass Making
- Historical Film Club
- Mathematics Club
- Model United Nations
- Native Languages - Dutch, French, German, Spanish
- Orchestra
- Production Club
- Rowing Club
- School Band
- School Magazine
- Science Research Club
- Senior Choir
- Squash



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Pupils can take part in the International Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. The Service section of the Award encourages young people to understand the benefits of service to their community. The Skills section of the Award encourages the development of personal interests and practical and social skills. As part of a small team, participants will also plan, train for and undertake a journey with a defined purpose in an unfamiliar environment.

Examination Results

GCSE Results	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
A*	20%	16%	13%	17%	10%
A* or A	39%	34%	32%	42%	28%
A	19%	18%	19%	26%	18%
B	20%	31%	30%	23%	35%
A*, A or B	59%	65%	62%	66%	62%
A* to C	84%	87%	83%	83%	86%
Pass (A* to G)	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
No. of examinations	128	282	224	296	294.5

A-Level Results	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
A*	8%	15%	8%	18%	12%
A* or A	32%	29%	26%	43%	25%
A	24%	15%	18%	25%	12%
B	24%	17%	25%	20%	24%
A*, A or B	56%	47%	51%	63%	48%
A* to C	68%	71%	61%	79%	75%
Pass	92%	90%	94%	98%	97%
No. of examinations	35	41	62	87	78



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University Destinations

Pupils in their final year at The British School of Amsterdam apply for universities around the world. A Level examinations are a globally recognised qualification. The destinations of some of our pupils include:

Aberdeen University, Psychology
Akademie der bildenden Künste, Vienna, Fine Art
Amsterdam School for Hotel Management
Birbeck University of London, Business
Birmingham University, Pharmacy
Brighton University, Business Management
Canterbury Christ Church, Physiotherapy, Sports Science
Carlton University in Ottawa, Biotechnology and Biochemistry
Concordia University, Mechanical Engineering
Delft University of Technology, Chemical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering
Den Haag Hotel School, Business Administration
Durham University, Economics
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Economics and Business Economics
Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Fine Art
Greenwich University, Event Management
Groningen University, Business, Psychology, Chemistry
Hogeschool of Amsterdam, International Business Management
Imperial College London, Physics
King's College London, Classics
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management, Hotel Management
Richmond The American International University, Psychology
Saxion University in Enschede, Gaming and Technology
Sciences Po, Politics and International Studies,
St. George's University, Bio-Medicine
University of Amsterdam, English, European Studies, Psychology, PPL, Business and Economics, Econometrics, Sociology, History
University of Brighton, Architecture
University of Essex, Art
University of the Hague, European Studies
University of Munich, Engineering
University of Newcastle, Australia, Biotechnology
University of Surrey, Physics
University of Utrecht, Notarial Law
VU University, Computer Science, Science, Business and Innovation, International Business
Warwick University, Mathematics