

BRIGHTON COLLEGE BANGKOK PROSPECTUS

Prep and Senior School



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Brighton College: the UK's leading co-educational school



Welcome to Brighton College Bangkok and to our Prep and Senior Schools.

Brighton College Bangkok is part of a special family of schools that brings enormous benefit to our pupils. For instance, many of our teaching staff have worked in other Brighton schools, bringing their skills and expertise here to Bangkok. Our academic results have made headlines around the world (Brighton College UK achieved 98.5% A*-B at A level in 2018) and the Colleges in the Middle East have quickly become established leaders in their own right.

Brighton College is rightly renowned for its academic excellence. Our teaching and learning is indeed inspirational but we offer so much more than this - it is our commitment to the individual that really sets us apart, and nowhere will this be seen more clearly than in our Sixth Form. The A Level programme enables pupils to make choices that cater to their unique talents and interests, ensuring they are enthusiastic and excited about all aspects of their learning. Our focus on small class sizes and a tailored pastoral care system ensures every pupil receives individualised and relevant guidance in a caring and supportive community.

Vanessa Robitaille
Head of College

A Culture of Kindness

Kindness is at the heart of everything we do at Brighton College Bangkok.

Pupils are encouraged to be kind, honest, polite, determined and tolerant, creating a positive culture in which everyone feels valued and successful.

Our outstanding pastoral care creates an inclusive and respectful environment where pupils feel safe, motivated to learn and to extend their knowledge. Our pupils are able to question, to think critically and to be challenged by our highly experienced academic staff.

With an emphasis on effort, children learn that their attitude to life and learning is a vital prerequisite to their future success. This ensures that children excel, not just in the academic arena, but as thoughtful, empathetic global citizens who value themselves, others and the world around them.





A Passion For Learning

Our primary aim is to ignite a passion for learning and to ensure that it burns for a lifetime. We want our pupils to be fascinated by the world they will inherit; we want them to question why things are the way they are, and finally we want to instill a sense of creativity and innovation – a drive to make things better.

To help deliver these lofty goals, we take enormous pride in the recruitment and retention of the very best staff.

First and foremost, as teachers, we see it as our responsibility to make learning fun, varied, relevant and challenging. We set no pre-conceived limits, knowing that our pupils never fail to surprise us.

An Inspiring Curriculum

Our curriculum is tailor-made, it is innovative and imaginative yet rooted in a desire to provide strong foundations in every subject. With the benefit of being part of the Brighton College family of schools, and surrounded by the rich culture of Thailand, we are well placed to give our pupils something special.

First and foremost, we are hugely ambitious for our pupils. Our staff recognise that in order for children to leave us, ready to be ambassadors of the future, they need to wholly embrace a range of subjects and a wide breadth of pursuits. This enables them to develop academically, morally and socially.

We place enormous value on the development of creativity, tenacity and curiosity. Barriers between subjects are frequently broken down and our pupils' inter-disciplinary awareness creates a sense of relevance, which enables them to make connections with all they do.





Prep School Curriculum

Our curriculum delivers outstanding learning opportunities through excellent and innovative teaching. Our enhanced provision dares to look beyond the normal, inspiring and challenging children both within and beyond the classroom. Whilst it is based on the English National Curriculum, it also reflects our international location, preparing our pupils to be dynamic, curious and passionate young adults.

Uniquely, we introduce specialist teaching in Year 5; at this age children are ready for this additional rigour and depth. The passion and knowledge that subject specialists bring enthuses children, enabling them to acquire a greater understanding which we hope sparks a life-long interest.

In Year 8, children sit Common Entrance Examinations. Completing an external examination at this point adds an invaluable goal to the children's learning, as well as instilling many life skills in preparation for Senior School and beyond. On entry to Senior School, our pupils are ready to start their International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) studies a year early. This is quite simply because of the strength and depth of our accelerated curriculum.

Senior School Curriculum

Initially studying the same breadth of subjects as the Prep School, Year 9 pupils follow an academically rigorous curriculum, designed to equip them with the skills, understanding and curiosity for the journey ahead. The curriculum becomes increasingly focused, providing the depth of understanding required in order to achieve the highest possible grades and also to prepare them fully for the academic challenges of IGCSE.

In Years 10 and 11, pupils concentrate on the core areas of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology plus four optional IGCSE subjects that reflect their individual strengths, interests and aspirations.

In the Sixth Form, pupils typically choose to concentrate on four subjects to study at A-level as they prepare for university entrance.





Achievement and Innovation

Understanding about how children learn and acquire new skills has never been better and our teachers meet regularly to discuss new and innovative ways to harness this understanding to enhance pupil progress. In addition, every aspect of the College has been designed to inspire curiosity, a love of learning and to enable our pupils to achieve beyond expectations. This is achieved through unrivalled facilities in sports and the performing arts, the state-of-the-art Learning Resource Centre, connecting all sections of the College, and stimulating classroom environments created by forward-thinking teachers.

Far from a school shackled by tradition, Brighton College Bangkok is an environment that resists complacency of any kind and is constantly looking to evolve and improve the experience of every pupil. We are a school that prepares its pupils to live happy and fulfilled lives in the 21st Century.

Pastoral Care and the House System

Quite simply our Houses are special, 'going the extra mile' to ensure that everyone's school experience is productive and happy. Our Houses create a strong feeling of community and belonging for children, parents and staff alike. Forming the foundation of our exceptional and personalised pastoral care, House Masters and Mistresses, and a team of Tutors, nurture, support, monitor and guide the children, playing an integral part in each child's life at the College.

Meeting daily, House Tutors know every child in their care, their strengths and weaknesses, their passions and interests. They know their successes and their struggles and are ready to celebrate and support as necessary. In short, our House teams ensure that Brighton College pupils become the very best versions of themselves.





Wellbeing and Young Ambassadors

Wellbeing at Brighton goes much further than typical personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) programmes: for us, it is about building excellent habits for life, which enable children to think well, to be resilient, to empathise, to respect one-another, and, ultimately, to thrive.

Our staff help every child to establish meaning and purpose, so that they can envisage where their lives might take them. Connected to this, is our Young Ambassadors Programme, which seeks to bring relevance to learning through cross-curricular projects that are modelled on real careers, like journalism, running a business, a life in conservation, and more.

Wellbeing feeds into all aspects of our lives, it feeds into every single subject we teach, and, as such, underpins all we do.

Beyond the Classroom

Beyond the classroom, pupils will have extensive opportunities to discover and explore a diverse range of new activities. Our extensive co-curricular programme will have something for everyone, including, but not limited to, performing and creative arts, sports and physical activities, informative and challenging trips, leadership and service opportunities, as well as stimulating academic clubs.

As children explore new disciplines, develop new skills and further their individual interests, we enable them to find their passion and that 'thing' that really makes them tick; this in turn will support everything that they do. Our pupils are encouraged to broaden their horizons and take risks, to think creatively and to look outwards, to care for others and for the natural world. Our safe and secure environment allows pupils to do all of this with confidence and excitement.





Sport for All

At Brighton College we believe that pupils should have the opportunity to be fully involved in sport; all achievements are recognised and celebrated across our entire community. The benefits of competitive sport go far beyond the simple accumulation of awards and it is equally important that all of our pupils, from the most gifted to the least confident, are given the opportunity to enjoy these benefits.

To this end, our talented and dedicated coaching team always places strong emphasis on encouragement and support. Accordingly, we provide sporting opportunities for everyone across the College, both competitive and recreational. Whether it is representing the House at volleyball, or the College at swimming, everyone can get involved.

Performing Arts

Drama, music and dance – the performing arts - are hugely important at Brighton, as much so as other, more traditionally academic pursuits.

We encourage every pupil to enrich and enhance the creative sides of their brains and to be involved in ‘performance’ as much as is physically possible.

Members of our choir and orchestras will rub shoulders with our budding actors, directors, technicians and dancers in our Performing Arts Centre, a vibrant hub of creativity.

Furthermore, frequent productions, including workshops, shows and festivals, all ensure that life at Brighton is quite literally all-singing and all-dancing.



The Campus and Facilities

Our 20 acre (50 rai), purpose-built campus contains some of the finest facilities of any international school in the world.

Classrooms blend the latest technology with traditional learning materials, providing teachers with the space and resources to innovate without limitation.

Our Performing Arts Centre, with drama and dance studios, instrumental teaching rooms for every type of musician, and a world-class 650-seat theatre showcases our passion for drama, music and dance.

Sixth Form pupils can keep fit in our dedicated sports hall or our fitness suite, as well as on an outdoor football pitch, four tennis courts, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved 400m athletics track, an IOC approved 50m Olympic-size swimming pool and a 25m practice pool.

Finally, Sixth Form pupils will be able to make themselves at home in their very own purpose-built, brand new Learning Resource Centre, which will contain a well-resourced library, spaces for quiet study and learning, and relaxation and social areas.

