

# SECONDARY PROSPECTUS



**“Be the best you can be at ISB!”**

*Isabel Klaja & Raunaq Hoque, Head Girl & Head Boy*

**Inspiring Minds | Shaping Values | Building Futures**



## MISSION

### INSPIRING MINDS

Active and engaging learning with high expectations

### SHAPING VALUES

A culture of respect, tolerance and open-mindedness

### BUILDING FUTURES

A World Class Education promoting individual excellence

# 54 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



Beginning as a one room schoolhouse in 1964

To an established, internationally accredited school offering a first class education from 1976 - 2015



To our outstanding, modern, bespoke eco-friendly campus, 2015 - present.

# WELCOME



**STEPHEN KAY**  
Head of Secondary

ISB is a vibrant, friendly and internationally diverse school situated in a fantastic new campus with modern teaching areas, excellent facilities and wonderful outdoor spaces.

We value community and provide a warm, supportive and inclusive environment where students of all ability ranges and backgrounds are inspired and challenged to achieve and excel; be it in the classroom, on the sports field, in Performing Arts or on-stage at the Model United Nations.

ISB is proud to be a not-for-profit school, where all revenue goes back into making the school a place where students, not costs, are the primary driver of improvement.

In the Secondary section, students are placed at the centre of everything we do, focussing on developing every student as an individual.

**Through the support and commitment of our highly qualified Secondary staff we are a school where:**

- students strive for personalised academic excellence;
- students develop their independence and take control of their learning;

- all students are supported through excellent pastoral care;
- diversity is respected, understood and celebrated;
- students take part in programmes that prepare them to become global citizens;
- academic studies are enriched by a wide range of learning activities - from Eco projects to FOBISIA events, from community service to school productions and from ECAs to House competitions;
- students learn to take better care of the environment around them;
- the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is offered to our Year 12 and Year 13 students - a broad based course that best matches our mission and vision - a gold-standard programme that is academically challenging, but also best prepares students for university;
- staff actively seek out opportunities for professional development - internally, nationally and internationally to ensure that teaching is always the highest possible standard and contains modern pedagogical thinking to engage, enthuse and motivate students in lessons.

We are incredibly proud of our school, our students and our community. We look forward to welcoming you to ISB so that you can see for yourself.

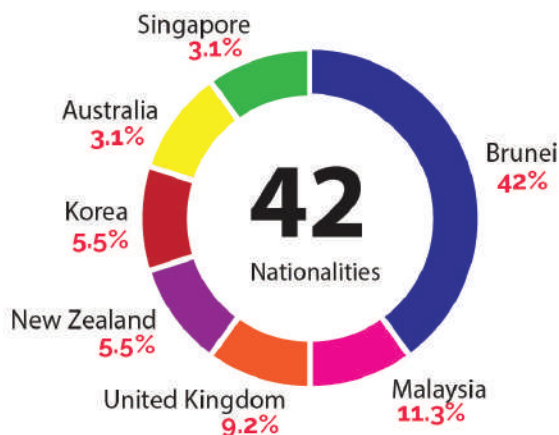




International Day is a celebration of the wonderful diversity of cultures and nationalities within our ISB community.

# A TRULY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

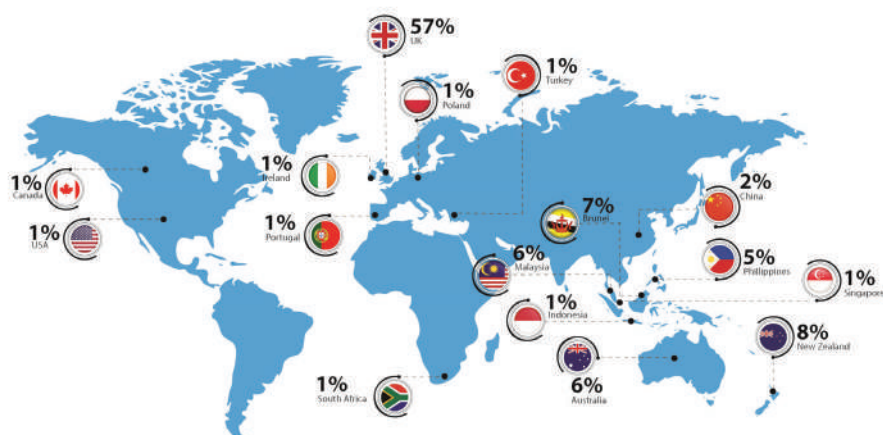
## Secondary Students' Nationalities



### Other Nationalities:

India - 2.2%  
 Philippines - 2.0%  
 Pakistan - 1.7%  
 Bangladesh - 1.1%  
 Canada - 1.1%  
 China - 1.1%  
 Indonesia - 0.9%  
 Myanmar - 0.7%  
 Poland - 0.6%  
 Saudi Arabia - 0.6%  
 Fiji - 0.4%  
 Nepal - 0.4%  
 Oman - 0.4%  
 Japan - 0.4%  
 France - 0.4%  
 Egypt - 0.4%  
 Algeria - 0.2%  
 Denmark - 0.2%  
 Germany - 0.2%  
 Ireland - 0.2%  
 Italy - 0.2%  
 Jamaica - 0.2%

## International Teaching Staff



# SHAPING VALUES



ISB has a long term commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability and is one of the very few Green Flag accredited Eco-schools in Asia.





## Inclusion

We are proud to be an inclusive school where everybody in our diverse community excels; including children with additional needs, our most able learners, and those for whom English is an additional language. We have high ambitions and set aspirational targets for all our students.

## Extra Curricular Activities

We feel it is important for our students to have access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities and clubs, which develop confidence, collaboration and positive attitudes, as well improving mental and physical health.

## Creative Arts

Creative Arts form a vibrant part of our curriculum and our extra-curricular activities including productions, musical groups, concerts, Dance Leader Awards and the opportunity for students to take part in FOBISIA events.

## International Mindedness

We nurture caring world citizens who appreciate and value the diversity of cultures in the world and see themselves connected to a global community.

## Model United Nations

Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC) is ISB's annual Model UN conference. BGIC is student-run and it develops essential skills in research, public speaking, collaboration and leadership.

## Pastoral Care

Tutors and Heads of Key Stages provide guidance, monitoring and mentoring through the Global Life Skills (GLS) programme, daily registration and weekly assemblies.

## House System

Friendly competition and teamwork is enhanced through students' ability to actively contribute towards their House during lessons and beyond the classroom.

## Student Council

Students have the opportunity to join a wide range of committees, led by 6<sup>th</sup> form students, increasing student involvement and student voice across the school.

## Critical Thinking

Through Theory of Knowledge (ToK) lessons, students develop critical thinking skills, reflect on their understanding and learn to value other perspectives.

# INSPIRING MINDS

## Key Stage 3

### Years 7 - 9 International British Curriculum

*Breadth, balance  
and coherence*

Key Stage 3 at ISB offers a balanced and challenging programme based on an internationally adapted British National Curriculum. The programme combines academic subjects with IB learner profile attributes; developing students' academic knowledge and understanding, critical thinking and social development. Students develop their personal, social and emotional health and safety, community service and eco-awareness through our ISB created Global Life Skills programme.

Maths	English	Science	MFL A	MFL B	History	Geo	Art	DT	Music	Drama	Comp Sci	PE	ToK	GLS
			O-Level Malay											

## IGCSE

### Year 10 - 11 CIE and AQA

*Subject  
'Specialism'*

The IGCSE programme at ISB is designed to prepare learners for the transition to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). All students study the ISB core subjects; English, Maths, Science and a Modern Foreign Language, alongside three selected option subjects. We also offer O Level Bahasa Melayu for our first language Malay speakers. Students are encouraged to maintain breadth of study whilst allowing for specialisation.

Maths	English	Science	MFL or O-Level Malay	2-year IGCSE Option A (Humanities)	2-year IGCSE Option B (including Triple Science)	2-year IGCSE Option C (Creatives)	PE	ToK	GLS
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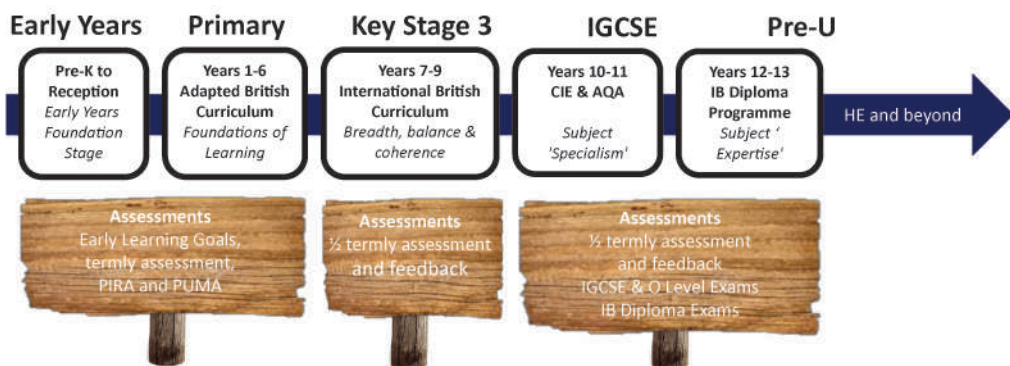
## Pre-U

### Years 12 - 13 IB Diploma Programme

*Subject  
'Expertise'*

The IBDP is an academically and personally challenging course for Year 12 and Year 13 students which allows ISB graduates to gain entry to top universities all over the world. Along with 6 subjects, students are required to meet the requirements for ToK, write a 4,000-word Extended Essay and complete CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service). Students who do not meet the entry requirements (generally 5 or more IGCSE A\*-C grades including English and Maths) for the full diploma may choose to study a more concise programme of individual IB courses.

Group 1 English A	Group 2 MFL	Group 3 Humanities	Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Group 5 Maths	Group 6 Creative Arts / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Humanities / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Science	ToK/EE	GLS
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Through authentic and challenging lessons, regular assessments and feedback, we equip all students with the skills and knowledge to excel.

In an ever changing world the ability to think critically, collaborate, communicate and problem solve are supported by our 1:1 device programme.

# BUILDING FUTURES

*"IB Diploma students were significantly more likely than their A-Level peers to attend a top 20 Higher Education institution and earn a first-class honours degree."*

- (HESA 2016)







**ISB**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BRUNEI  
FOUNDED 1964

**97%**  
pass rate

**IB Diploma  
Results**

**41**  
Highest  
point score

**32%**  
A\* - A

**IGCSE  
Results**

**81%**  
A\* - C









Our annual Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC) is a major student-led ISB event where we welcome students from Brunei, Asia and across the world to take part in a Model United Nations style conference that debates relevant global issues with the support of international experts.

# BEYOND CURRICULUM



Olympics

Maths

Eco  
Conference

Music  
Festival

Service  
Learning

Leadership  
Conference

Creative  
Coding

Swimming

Drama

FOBISIA is a regional federation of the leading British International Schools in Asia. FOBISIA events encourage students from different countries and cultures to interact and enjoy working together.



Our outstanding facilities, including our FINA Standard 25m competition pool are used during curriculum time and for special events to enhance the student experience.



# THE RESIDENCE



The ISB International Residence is home to Boarders from all around the world. The Residence provides students with a supportive environment, educating them to be responsible, productive and ethical citizens with strong values of respect towards other cultures and the environment. Our Residence students leave us as confident, independent, self-disciplined and well-rounded young adults, ready to take an active role in the world.



Our school productions are a great way to showcase our students' creative talents and to help develop their confidence.



# COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS



Parents are a vital part of our ISB community. Parents receive a data report once every half term about the progress that their child is making.

Data reports are supported by frequent assessment and feedback to ensure all students have personalised targets for improvement.



Twice per school year parents have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with their child's subject teachers and teachers are always available via email.

Parent workshops are run twice per term to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to discuss, understand and share in our goals, mission, vision and values. Parents have constant access to information about their child through our Edulink Parent Portal.





As a family oriented school we invite you to come and visit us to see first hand what ISB has to offer. Tours and further information are available by contacting [admissionmgr@ac.isb.edu.bn](mailto:admissionmgr@ac.isb.edu.bn)

We look forward to welcoming you and hope that you enjoy the rest of the information, including videos of our campus and the application pack.

