



The British School in Colombo

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Empowering integrity. Fostering unity. Shaping tomorrow's global citizens.

Welcome to The British School in Colombo, the leading international school in Sri Lanka. Established in 1994, we are proud to be the only school in the country accredited by British Schools Overseas and a distinguished member of FOBISIA. Catering to students from the Early Years Foundation Stage to 18 years of age, we offer a comprehensive education based on the National Curriculum for England, alongside Cambridge and Pearson IGCSEs and A Levels.



At the heart of our ethos is a commitment to nurturing and empowering individuals poised to make meaningful contributions to a rapidly evolving global landscape. Our educational philosophy champions the holistic development of our students, aiming to maximize their academic achievements, moral integrity, and socio-emotional intelligence. This foundation fosters resilient, solution driven individuals with a deep sense of community and belonging.

Our curriculum is crafted to instil resilience, foster innovation, and nurture a strong sense of belonging. We emphasize the importance of digital literacy to equip our students for the technological advancements of the future, and we promote global citizenship by developing an empathetic and ethical understanding of the world. Through a dynamic and engaging learning environment, we encourage our students to be curious, reflective, and proactive, guiding them toward a lifelong love of learning.

The British School in Colombo is more than an educational institution; it is a community committed to inspiring students to face challenges with courage and integrity, with the vision to create a more equitable and sustainable world. Our purpose transcends education; we aim to elevate every student, preparing them not only for academic success but for a fulfilling life. Join us in shaping the leaders, innovators, and compassionate citizens of tomorrow.

Join The Team at The British School in Colombo: Where Excellence Meets Opportunity

At The British School in Colombo, we are not just a school; we are a community united by our commitment to excellence and our shared belief in **Empowering integrity. Fostering unity. Shaping tomorrow's global citizens.** Our dedication to providing a broad and balanced educational experience has positioned us as a leading institution in Sri Lanka, celebrated for our academic rigor, performance opportunities, and sporting achievements.

Our exceptional academic record, particularly in the challenging Cambridge International Examinations for IGCSE and A Levels, stands as a testament to our educational philosophy. In 2023, our students achieved remarkable success: 93% secured 5 or more grades at A*-C level at IGCSE, with 55% of grades between A*-A and an impressive overall A*-C grade achievement of 93%. At A Level, our students demonstrated their academic prowess with a 98% pass rate; 66% achieved grades B or higher, and 43% excelled with A*-A grades.

These accomplishments underscore not only the talent and hard work of our students but also the dedication and expertise of our staff and the invaluable support from our parent community. Together, we celebrate a culture of continuous improvement, aiming for even greater heights each year.



Our students' exceptional achievements have won them places at globally renowned universities, reinforcing our position as one of Sri Lanka's premier educational institutions. Looking ahead, we seek committed and enthusiastic professionals to work with us in guiding the next generation of business thinkers, entrepreneurs, creators, and problem solvers.

Join us in our journey towards excellence and growth. Support us in advancing both students and staff, as we contribute to Sri Lanka's evolving educational landscape.

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Our Purpose

At The British School in Colombo, we are united by a singular purpose: to nurture and empower individuals who will thrive in and contribute to an ever-changing world. We stand out by committing to the holistic development of each student, ensuring they realise their full academic potential, cultivate a robust moral compass, and develop the emotional and social intelligence necessary for genuine global citizenship.

We aspire to foster individuals who are resilient, solution driven, creative and have a deep sense of community and belonging. We believe in the transformative power of learning, encouraging our students to be curious, reflective, and proactive in their educational journey from the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Senior School and beyond. We embrace technological innovation, giving our students the skills they need to thrive in a rapidly changing economic landscape. Our graduates embody a profound sense of ambition, underpinned by an unwavering empathy and a steadfast commitment to ethical principles.

We are here to inspire a love of learning, the courage to face challenges with integrity, and the vision to create a better world. Our purpose is not just to educate but to elevate, preparing students not only for the next stage of their education but for life itself. At The British School in Colombo, we don't just teach; we transform lives, fostering the leaders, innovators, and compassionate citizens of tomorrow."

Our Values

- **Ambition:** Pursue high standards in all we do.
- **Integrity:** Act ethically and honestly.
- **Resilience:** Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth.
- **Collaboration:** Strengthen our community through teamwork.
- **Inclusivity:** Value diversity and foster a sense of belonging.
- **Curiosity:** Inspire a lifelong love of learning and discovery.

Holistic Education

At The British School in Colombo, we pride ourselves on providing an exceptional education experience that goes beyond the traditional realms of academic learning. Nestled in the heart of Sri Lanka's vibrant capital, our school is a beacon of excellence in education, offering a holistic approach to student development in a nurturing environment.

Our campus has facilities designed to cater to every aspect of our students' growth and learning. With two dedicated libraries, our junior and senior students enjoy access to a good array of resources, fostering a love for reading and research from an early age.

The centrepiece of our performing arts department is a modern auditorium, renowned for its excellent acoustics, lighting, and sound systems, providing an unparalleled experience for performers and audiences alike. Additionally, our black box theatre offers a versatile space for theatre studies, encouraging creativity and expression.

Sports and physical education are integral to our holistic education philosophy. Our facilities include a inside and outside basketball courts, cricket nets, and a soft-surfaced play area for safe and enjoyable physical activities. The covered swimming pool and sports terrace, along with a fully-equipped weights room and gymnasium, ensure that our students have the best to develop their physical abilities in a supportive environment.

While we do not have playing fields on campus, we maximise the use of Colombo's excellent grounds and stadiums nearby, allowing our students to experience a variety of sports and outdoor activities. Most of our older students also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, and we have a range of overseas trips available every year.

The British School in Colombo stands out with its unparalleled extra-curricular and sports programme, the first of its kind in Sri Lanka. Our extensive range of activities ensures that every student can explore their interests, develop new skills, and excel in their chosen areas. From sports to arts, technology to community service, our programme is designed to cultivate well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges of the future.

At The British School in Colombo, we believe in inspiring our students to achieve their fullest potential, in academics, personal growth, and character development. We invite you to join our community, where children will receive an education that sets them on a path to success, both in Sri Lanka and on the global stage.

Living in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka, with its rich mosaic of cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and warm hospitality, offers a uniquely captivating experience for expatriates. Living in Sri Lanka, particularly within the bustling capital of Colombo, is an adventure replete with discovery, enjoyment, and unparalleled experiences.

A Weekend in Colombo: An Assortment of Activities

Colombo has an eclectic mix of music and cultural experiences that cater to a wide range of tastes. The city is a hub for live music, offering everything from traditional Sri Lankan performances to contemporary and international. This year there has been a variety of art, music, and literary festivals, as well as numerous smaller events. Popular with tourists, some venues offer Kandyan and low country dances, accompanied by traditional instruments like the tabla and flute, offering a glimpse into the country's rich musical heritage.

The city boasts a variety of art galleries and museums, such as the National Museum of Colombo, which provide insight into Sri Lanka's artistic and historical legacy and the contemporary Saskia Fernando art gallery. Cultural festivals throughout the year celebrate the visual arts and local craftsmanship. Colombo has many historical and religious sites, interesting local markets, and a huge variety of restaurants.

Exploring Beyond Colombo

One of the prime benefits of residing in Sri Lanka is the ease of accessing stunning destinations within just an hour or two's train journey from Colombo. The enchanting city of Galle, with its historic Dutch fort and quaint streets, is perfect for a day excursion. For those who favour the beach, the sands of Mount Lavinia are a short train ride away, offering a retreat from the city's hustle and bustle. There is surfing and diving nearby, and opportunities for walking, both in the city and in the national parks.

Sri Lanka: A Sanctuary for Holidays and Adventure

Sri Lanka is not merely a place to live and work; it's a destination filled with adventure and exploration. From the mist-clad hills of Nuwara Eliya to the wildlife-rich national parks like Wilpathu and Udawalawe, the country offers a range of experiences for the adventurous at heart. Whether it's trekking on the Pekoe Trail, highlighted by National Geographic in *its Best of the World* list for 2024, surfing on the Eastern coast, or heading out on safari to observe elephants, leopards, and an array of bird species in their natural habitats, Sri Lanka caters to all.

The island's strategic position also renders it an ideal base for venturing into other parts of Asia for holiday travels.

Advantages of Living in Sri Lanka

Residing in Sri Lanka affords expatriates a unique blend of experiences – from the warmth of its people to the riches of its culture, and the sheer splendour of its natural environment. It's a place where tradition and modernity coalesce, offering a quality of life that is both enriching and exhilarating. The cost of living is comparatively low, enabling a comfortable lifestyle and an opportunity for saving.

If you have a passion for adventure and want to make a meaningful impact, working at BSC presents a unique opportunity. The landscape and culture is unique and varied. Teaching here gives you the chance to explore the country in depth, to look beyond the tourist veneer of surfing beaches, misty mountains and ancient ruins. It's a chance to blend adventure with impact in an environment that is off the beaten path.

Discover the Rewards of Joining Our Faculty at The British School in Colombo

At The British School in Colombo, we believe that the well-being and professional growth of our faculty are paramount to our success. As a member of our teaching team, you will enjoy a comprehensive benefits package designed to support not only your career but also your lifestyle and family.

Professional Development and Educational Opportunities:

- We are committed to your professional growth through an excellent professional development programme, including opportunities to attend workshops and seminars overseas as part of our affiliation with the Federation of British International Schools in Asia (FOBISIA).
- Our 180-day school year is designed to optimize teaching and learning while allowing for personal time and professional development.
- For faculty members with families, we offer the possibility of free school places for up to two children, ensuring they receive a top-tier education alongside their peers.

By joining The British School in Colombo, you become part of a supportive and dynamic community where teaching is not just a profession but a passion. Here, every day is an opportunity to inspire, to learn, and to grow, both professionally and personally.

Further information

To learn more about The British School in Colombo, we encourage you to visit our school website and social media accounts, which we hope will give you a flavour of the school.

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Job descriptions and application process

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