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The British International School, Cairo (BISC) is a selective, co-educational, academic day school with approximately 1,100 pupils aged 3-18 and is committed to excellence in all its activities in and out of the classroom.

The school's **mission** is to be a vibrant **international** community offering an outstanding **British-style** education, focused on **independent learning** and the promotion of **global citizenship**.

Our **vision** is to inspire all members of the school community to be **curious, courageous, engaged** and **resilient learners, respecting diversity** and **motivated**, as **global citizens**, to effect a positive **change** in society.

## The School and the Community

BISC provides a challenging and stimulating environment in which English-speaking students from diverse international backgrounds benefit from an education which is British in its principles, practices, curricular structures and assessment.

The School was established in 1976 to serve the educational needs of expatriate children in Cairo, although two-thirds of the students now come from local Egyptian families. Over time it has built its reputation on the basis of its academic record and the breadth of its educational programmes. Graduates of BISC progress to some of the finest universities in the world, and BISC is regarded as the school that makes tomorrow's leaders.

## The Academic Programme

In the Junior School, the Early Years Education is firmly rooted in the progressive practice of the UK Foundation Stage Curriculum (FS1-2), and the Junior Education (Y1-6) is founded on the National Curriculum of England.

In the Senior School, the Senior Education (Y7-11) has a broad balance of academic subjects and extra-curricular activities, leading to GCSE/IGCSE examinations in Year 11. In

the Sixth Form, students have academic or vocational pathways: through extensive subject options in the International Baccalaureate Diploma or the BTEC Diploma (although this is being discontinued from September 2019 to focus solely on the IB). Each pathway leads to some impressive university entry options.

## Accreditation

Now one of the leading schools in the Middle East, BISC achieves excellent academic results and is an Accredited Member of the Council of British International Schools (**COBIS**) and the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (**IAPS**). It is also in membership of the British Schools of the Middle East (**BSME**). COBIS and IAPS are constituent members of the UK Independent Schools Council (**ISC**), which entitles BISC to a formal inspection from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (**ISI**).

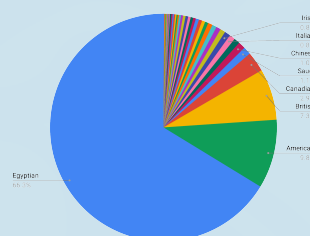
## Co-Curricular Activities

The school firmly believes in a broad curriculum. To this end, it is committed to offering learning opportunities outside of the classroom, to take advantage of its excellent facilities. There is a thriving sports programme, an extensive schedule of peripatetic music lessons, as well as a broad range of extra-curricular activities, such as the Duke of Edinburgh International Award and Model United Nations. Students play an active role in a revived House system through a range of activities and competitions.

## Demographics

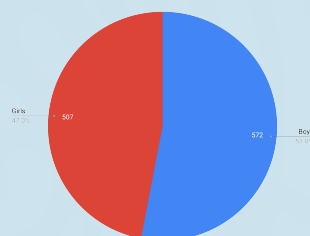
- 66.3% Egyptian
- 9.8% American
- 7.3% British
- 2.9% Canadian
- 33.7% Other

The diverse international student body leads to the natural development of goodwill, friendliness, tolerance and understanding among the pupils, with over 1,000 students representing over 40 nationalities.

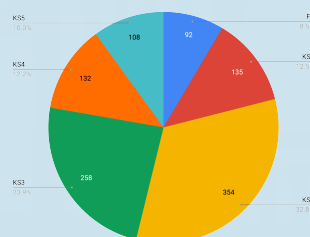


We have a total of 1079 students on roll as of January 2019.

- Girls 47%
- Boys 53%



- Junior School 54% at 581 students
- Senior School 46% at 498 students



## GCSE & IGCSE Highlights



Academic Year	A*-A/9-7 %	A*-C /9-4 %	Value Added
2018	51%	85%	0.36
2017	44%	91%	0.22
2016	53%	95%	0.52
2015	51%	92%	0.39

## IB Highlights



Academic Year	Mean Diploma pts.	Mean Subject pts.	Value Added
2018	34.61	5.49	0.06
2017	33.69	5.39	0.26
2016	32.88	5.28	0.18
2015	32.76	5.19	-0.02

## Governance

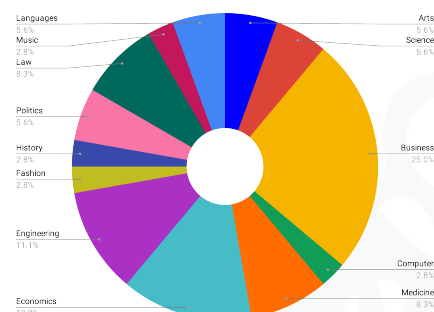
BISC was the first school in Egypt to be inspected by the ISI, most recently in February 2015, and the first to have been accredited by the IAPS. The school achieved 'excellent' in all aspects in its last ISI inspection. The School should undergo inspection by a DfE accredited inspectorate during the 2019-2020 academic year.

BISC is governed by a Board of Directors who determine the aims and overall conduct of the School. In conjunction with the Principal, it sets and reviews the policies, plans and procedures that will ensure the best possible education for present and future pupils. The school is a not-for-profit school with charitable status. It is owned by a perpetual trust of current parents who are members of The British International School Society (BISS). Board members are elected by and responsible to the BISS in accordance with its constitution. Communication with parents occurs via the AGM, direct bulletins, and through a dedicated email address.

## School Leavers Areas of Study

from class of 2018.

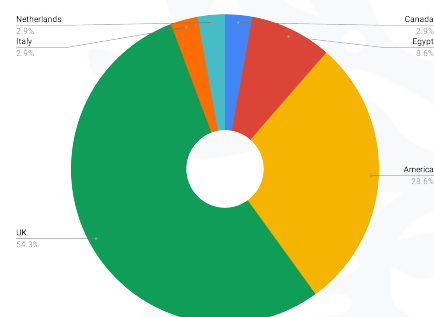
A larger number of our students go on to study business however consistently year on year we have a wide range of subjects studied.



## Country Break-down of University Placements

from class of 2018.

The vast majority of our students will study in the UK or USA with few remaining in Egypt. Canada and Europe are consistently the next most popular destinations.



## Behind the Scenes

For a behind the scenes look at what goes on at BISC follow us on our social media.

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[The British International School, Cairo](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-british-international-school-cairo)

## University Destinations

from the last two years.

American University Cairo  
Boston University  
Brock University  
Cairo University  
City University Hong Kong  
City University London  
Coventry University London  
Durham University  
George Washington University  
Goldsmiths College  
Heidelberg University  
King's College London  
Kingston University  
Manchester University  
Marangoni Fashion Institute  
New Giza University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Parsons School of Design  
Queen Mary University of London  
Stanford University  
The College of Wooster  
The University of Chicago  
University College London  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Bath  
University of Berkeley  
University of British Columbia  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Middlesex (Dubai Campus)  
University of New Haven  
University of Oxford  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Roehampton  
London  
University of Sheffield  
University of Surrey  
University of the Arts London  
University of Toronto

