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SCHOOL PROFILE 2026

ABOUT US

Established in 2006, B.D. Somani International School (BDSIS) is located in Mumbai's southernmost enclave of Cuffe Parade. Nestled between the expansive Arabian Ocean and a busy, tree-lined avenue, the school offers robust academics, a swathe of extra-curriculars, and a competitive, nurturing environment to all its students.

CURRICULUM

BDSIS follows a progressive approach to learning. It is a Reception to Grade 12 school and proudly offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE). Our objective is to foster academic rigour, with emphasis on developing life skills through sports, the performing arts, community engagement, and non-profit work.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through its internationally recognised curricula set in a quintessentially Indian setting, BDSIS focuses on the social as well as the intellectual development of its students. We seek to encourage respect for individuality and self-awareness. We are cognisant of the rapidly evolving world, and the diverse challenges our students will have to negotiate in the coming years. Our goal is to equip our students with skills that will help them meet those challenges with proficiency, empathy, and kindness.

OUR ETHOS

Our core philosophy is centered on a well-refined holistic educational model that is best captured by the quote attributed to Einstein: *"Not everything that counts can be counted, not everything that can be counted counts."* While we remain highly data-driven, it's our lived experience that our students are more than the sum of their grades, and possess multiple intelligences. All BDSIS students pursue the IBDP without compromise, choosing subjects they are most passionate about. Our educators are highly-trained, dedicated professionals who are more than teachers – they serve as mentors, who go beyond traditional roles. Their care and kindness engenders thoughtfulness and empathy in our young learners.

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND THE USE OF AI

BDSIS places the highest emphasis on academic integrity and ethics. Our goal is to blend technology and education, while enabling an environment that respects individual creativity and academic honesty. We acknowledge that Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other developing technologies are a transformative force in contemporary education. Our commitment is to nurture an advanced learning environment that leverages these tools for enriched teaching, learning, and innovative experiences. With the integration of AI, we acknowledge the inherent responsibility that accompanies its use.



SCHOOL AWARDS

CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

Awarded to a student who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA over the two years in the IB Diploma Program.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Awarded at the end of the academic year to a grade 12 student who has been instrumental in creating a positive impact on our school community.

PRINCIPAL'S ROLL

Awarded to students who achieve a GPA of 3.8 and above and maintain 95% attendance at the end of each semester.

HONOR ROLL

Awarded to students who achieve a GPA of 3.5 and above and maintain 95% attendance at the end of each semester.

BEST STUDENT

Awarded at the end of the academic year to a student in every grade level, who has consistently achieved high scores in all subjects.

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT AWARD

Presented to the student with the highest mathematical difference between the semester two GPA and semester one GPA of that academic year.

SUBJECT AWARDS

Awarded at the end of every academic year to the best student in each subject, based on their academic performance throughout the academic year.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Students at BDSIS get to demonstrate and further hone their leadership qualities by being elected to the Student Council, House Council, and the MUN Secretariat. Our Student Council President and Vice-President ensure that student voice is prioritized at all times and they meet routinely with the School Leadership Team.

IGCSE SUBJECTS
COMPULSORY
First Language English (0500)
Literature in English (0475)
Cambridge International Mathematics (0607)
Co-ordinated Science (Double Award) (0654)
OPTIONAL (ANY FOUR)
Art and Design (0400)
Drama (0411)
Music (0410)
Computer Science (0478)
Additional Mathematics (0606)
History (0470)
Economics (0455)
Business Studies (0450)
Geography (0460)
Hindi as a Second Language (0549)
French as a Foreign Language (0520)
Spanish as a Foreign Language (0530)
Environmental Management (0680)
Global Perspectives (0457)

IBDP SUBJECTS
GROUP 1: STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
English Language and Literature SL, HL
GROUP 2: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
Spanish ab initio SL; Spanish B SL, HL
French ab initio SL; French B SL, HL
Hindi SL, HL
GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES
Business Management SL, HL
Economics SL, HL
History SL, HL
Psychology SL, HL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL, HL
GROUP 4: SCIENCES
Biology SL, HL
Chemistry SL, HL
Physics SL, HL
Environmental Systems & Societies SL, HL
Computer Science SL, HL
GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS
Math Analysis and Approaches SL, HL
Math Applications and Interpretations SL, HL
GROUP 6: THE ARTS
Theatre Arts SL, HL
Visual Arts SL, HL

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our school's philosophy of holistic education is firmly anchored in the extra-curriculars we offer. Students can choose from a variety of sports, cultural, service, theatre, career-related, and personal enrichment activities, including Model United Nations, Student Council, Yearbook, and TEDxBDSIS. Students participate in competitive intra and inter-school events such as the B.D. Idol, B.D. Liga, B.D.Slam and International Day. BDSIS students often travel to cities across India for sports, MUN and other events, as well as to Europe on curated field trips for experiential learning.

GRADING SYSTEM

All assessments at the school, from Grades 6 through 12, are based on a criterion-referenced system, using a grading scale from A+ to F. Academic transcripts reflect semester grades in each subject, as well as an average final grade for each subject. Within the IBDP, the school continues to use letter grades for internal assessment and reporting. However, IB predicted grades are reported on the 1-7 IB scale. Predicted grades are determined using students' performance throughout Grade 11, their end-of-year examinations, and academic performance during the first few months of Grade 12. The school does not rank its students.

BDSIS LETTER GRADE	ESTIMATED IBDP GRADE	ESTIMATED IGCSE GRADE	GPA	ACHIEVEMENT
A+/A/A-	7/7/6	A*/A	4.0/4.0/3.7	Excellent
B+/B/B-	6/5/5	B	3.3/3.0/2.7	Good
C+/C/C-	4/4/3	C	2.3/2.0/1.7	Satisfactory
D+/D/D-	3/2/2	D	1.3/1.0/0.7	Developing
F	1	F	0.0	Failing

IGCSE & IBDP RESULTS

IGCSE RESULTS	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Students	60	59	54	53	70
Grades A* or A in all 9 subjects	73%	76%	65%	56%	67%
Grades B or above in all 9 subjects	90%	92%	89%	80%	85%

IBDP RESULTS	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Students	51	43	51	49	52
40 points and above	25%	14%	22%	14%	29%
BDSIS average score	35.65	34.21	35.18	33.76	36.37
World average score	30.88	30.58	30.32	30.24	31.98
Difference between average scores	4.77	3.63	4.86	3.52	4.39

UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

The BDSIS Guidance team plays an integral role in providing counselling to our students applying to universities across the world. We advise students from Grades 9 to 12 on subject selection, extracurricular engagement, and personal development. We also provide comprehensive university application support to all our students. Our approach is student-centric with a focus on helping students apply to best-fit universities where they will thrive.

UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS AT B.D. SOMANI

~ universities attended by our graduates

AUSTRALIA

- ★ Monash University
- ★ University of Melbourne
- ★ University of New South Wales

CANADA

- ★ Huron University College at Western University
- ★ McGill University
- ★ University of British Columbia
- ★ University of Calgary
- ★ University of Toronto
- ★ University of Waterloo
- ★ Western University
- ★ Wilfrid Laurier University

FRANCE

- ★ The American University of Paris
- ★ ESCP Business School
- ★ ESSEC Business School

GERMANY

- ★ Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- ★ University of Tübingen

HONG KONG

- ★ Hong Kong Baptist University
- ★ Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- ★ The University of Hong Kong

INDIA

- ★ Ahmedabad University
- ★ Ashoka University
- ★ ATLAS SkillTech University
- ★ BITS Law School, Mumbai
- ★ Dr. D. Y. Patil University
- ★ FLAME University
- ★ Government Law College, Mumbai
- ★ HR College of Commerce and Economics
- ★ Indian School of Design & Innovation
- ★ Indian School of Management & Entrepreneurship
- ★ Jai Hind College
- ★ Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute for Architecture
- ★ Kishinchand Chellaram College
- ★ Krea University
- ★ Lala Lajpat Rai College of Commerce and Economics
- ★ Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies
- ★ O.P. Jindal Global University
- ★ Rachana Sansad
- ★ Russell Square International College
- ★ SP Jain School of Global Management
- ★ St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
- ★ Symbiosis International University
- ★ University of Mumbai

JAPAN

- ★ Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

THE NETHERLANDS

- ★ Amsterdam University College
- ★ Eindhoven University of Technology
- ★ Erasmus University Rotterdam
- ★ University College Groningen
- ★ University College Utrecht
- ★ University of Amsterdam

SINGAPORE

- ★ LASALLE College of the Arts
- ★ Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
- ★ Nanyang Technological University
- ★ National University of Singapore
- ★ SIM Global Education
- ★ Singapore Management University

SOUTH AFRICA

- ★ Regenesys Business School

SPAIN

- ★ IE University

SWITZERLAND

- ★ Les Roches

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- ★ Gulf Medical University

UNITED KINGDOM

- ★ Aberystwyth University
- ★ Arts University Bournemouth
- ★ Brunel University London
- ★ City St George's, University of London
- ★ Coventry University
- ★ Durham University
- ★ Imperial College London
- ★ King's College London
- ★ Kingston University
- ★ London School of Commerce
- ★ London School of Economics and Political Science
- ★ Loughborough University
- ★ Northeastern University London
(formerly New College of the Humanities)
- ★ Nottingham Trent University
- ★ Queen Mary University of London
- ★ Regent's University London
- ★ Royal Holloway, University of London
- ★ Royal Veterinary College
- ★ SOAS University of London
- ★ Solent University, Southampton
- ★ University College London
- ★ University for the Creative Arts
- ★ University of Bath
- ★ University of Birmingham
- ★ University of Bristol
- ★ University of Buckingham
- ★ University of Cambridge
- ★ University of Dundee

- ★ University of Edinburgh
- ★ University of Essex
- ★ University of Exeter
- ★ University of Kent
- ★ University of Liverpool
- ★ University of Manchester
- ★ University of Nottingham
- ★ University of Oxford
- ★ University of Sheffield
- ★ University of St Andrews
- ★ University of Surrey
- ★ University of Sussex
- ★ University of the Arts London
- ★ University of Warwick
- ★ University of Westminster
- ★ University of York

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- ★ Allegheny College
- ★ Arizona State University
- ★ Babson College
- ★ Barnard College
- ★ Bentley University
- ★ Boston University
- ★ Brandeis University
- ★ Brown University
- ★ Bryant University
- ★ Bryn Mawr College
- ★ California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- ★ Carleton College
- ★ Carnegie Mellon University
- ★ The City University of New York
- ★ Claremont McKenna College
- ★ Colby College
- ★ Colorado College
- ★ Columbia University
- ★ Cornell University
- ★ The Culinary Institute of America
- ★ Drexel University
- ★ Duke University
- ★ Emory University
- ★ Fordham University
- ★ Franklin & Marshall College
- ★ George Mason University
- ★ Georgetown University
- ★ Georgia Institute of Technology
- ★ Georgia State University
- ★ Hamilton College
- ★ Harvard University
- ★ Harvey Mudd College
- ★ Haverford College
- ★ Indiana University Bloomington
- ★ Johns Hopkins University
- ★ Lewis & Clark College
- ★ Loyola Marymount University
- ★ Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- ★ Mount Holyoke College
- ★ The New School
- ★ New York Institute of Technology
- ★ New York University

- ★ Northeastern University
- ★ Northwestern University
- ★ Pace University
- ★ Pennsylvania State University
- ★ Pitzer College
- ★ Pomona College
- ★ Pratt Institute
- ★ Princeton University
- ★ Purdue University
- ★ Rhode Island School of Design
- ★ Rutgers University–New Brunswick
- ★ Santa Clara University
- ★ Sarah Lawrence College
- ★ Savannah College of Art and Design
- ★ School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- ★ Skidmore College
- ★ Stanford University
- ★ Swarthmore College
- ★ Syracuse University
- ★ Temple University
- ★ Texas A&M University
- ★ Trinity College, Hartford
- ★ Tufts University
- ★ Tulane University
- ★ University at Buffalo
- ★ University of California, Berkeley
- ★ University of California, Davis
- ★ University of California, Irvine
- ★ University of California, Los Angeles
- ★ University of California, San Diego
- ★ University of California, Santa Barbara
- ★ University of California, Santa Cruz
- ★ University of Chicago
- ★ University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign
- ★ University of Maryland, College Park
- ★ University of Massachusetts Amherst
- ★ University of Massachusetts Lowell
- ★ University of Miami
- ★ University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- ★ University of Notre Dame
- ★ University of Pennsylvania
- ★ University of Pittsburgh
- ★ University of Rochester
- ★ University of San Francisco
- ★ University of South Florida
- ★ University of Southern California
- ★ University of Texas at Austin
- ★ University of Virginia
- ★ University of Washington
- ★ University of Wisconsin–Madison
- ★ Vassar College
- ★ Virginia Tech
- ★ Washington University in St. Louis
- ★ Wellesley College
- ★ Wesleyan University
- ★ Williams College
- ★ Yale University