# B.D. SOMANI
## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2019

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## ABOUT US

B.D. Somani International School (BDSIS) was one of the earliest IB curriculum schools to be established in Mumbai and the first in South Mumbai.

We received our first cohort of 61 grade 11 students in July 2006. Two years later we expanded the school downwards into grade 9 and thereafter gradually increased the number of levels so that by 2013 we were a seamless school with classes from preschool to grade 12. To date, we have had more than 1000 graduates, some of whom have gained admission to the world's leading universities.

Ours is an atmosphere that values academic excellence and BDSIS seeks to encourage individuality and self-awareness. We aim to nurture and develop the potential of each of our students and prepare them to become dynamic, caring and productive members of a democratic and collaborative society.

## CURRICULUM

BDSIS offers students an internationally recognized curriculum, while maintaining a connection with the values, culture and roots of our country. We focus on social as well as intellectual development of the students to equip them to be successful in the global community of the 21st century. We offer the Cambridge International curriculum through grades 6 to 10 and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in grades 11 and 12.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

### IGCSE

BDSIS students are required to study five compulsory subjects – First Language English, English Literature, International Mathematics and Coordinated Sciences (since it is a double award, it is counted as 2 subjects). They must also choose four other optional subjects.

### IBDP

All BDSIS students are enrolled into the full IB Diploma Program. They must choose a minimum of 3 higher level (HL) and 3 standard level (SL) subjects. Students must choose at least 1 subject from each category with an exception of the arts, instead of which they may choose a second science or social studies subject. At BDSIS, students can choose either Business and Management or Economics at the higher level, and not both.

We believe that the full IBDP is a very rigorous and holistic curriculum and therefore do not encourage our students to participate in additional examinations such as the APs. Exceptional academic students have in the past taken an additional IB subject and the school has made provisions for this.

| SUBJECTS | IGCSE | IBDP |
|---|---|---|
| ENGLISH | First Language English | English A Literature (HL & SL) |
| | English Literature | |
| ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE | French | French B (HL & SL) |
| | Spanish | French ab initio (SL) |
| | Hindi | Hindi A Literature (HL & SL) |
| | | Hindi B (HL & SL) |
| | | Spanish B (HL & SL) |
| | | Spanish ab initio (SL) |
| MATHEMATICS | International Mathematics | Mathematics (HL & SL) |
| | Additional Mathematics | Further Mathematics (HL) |
| | | Mathematical Studies (SL) |
| SCIENCE | Coordinated Science (Double Award) | Biology (HL & SL) |
| | Computer Science | Chemistry (HL & SL) |
| | | Physics (HL & SL) |
| | | Environmental Systems & Societies (SL) |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | Business Studies | Business Management (HL & SL) |
| | Economics | Economics (HL & SL) |
| | Environmental Management | Geography (HL & SL) |
| | Geography | History (HL & SL) |
| | Global Perspective | Environmental Systems & Societies (SL) |
| | History | |
| ARTS | Arts & Design | Theatre Arts (HL & SL) |
| | Drama | Visual Arts (HL & SL) |
| | Music | |
| OTHER | Extended Essay | Extended Essay |
| | | Theory of Knowledge |

# ACADEMIC AWARDS

### PRINCIPAL'S ROLL
Awarded to students who achieve A-/A/A+ in every course, with no effort grade less than 1. Approximately 5% of our students achieve this award every semester.

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

### CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Presented at the end of the academic year to an exceptionally motivated and dedicated student from each grade for engagement with the school community.

### HONOUR ROLL
Awarded at the end of every semester to students who achieve a minimum grade of B in every course, and an effort grade no less than 2.

### CLASS VALEDICTORIAN
Awarded to a student who has achieved the highest academic grades in his/her class in grades 11 and 12.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Participation in ECAs is critical to overall development. We believe that students learn as much outside the classroom as they do in class. We encourage our students to be involved with the activities that they enjoy most. We offer a variety of sports as well as cultural, service, and personal enrichment activities. These include activities such as Model United Nations, Theatre productions, Student Council, Yearbook, BD Broadcast, BD Idol and Work Experience Week amongst others.

# GRADING SYSTEM

Quarterly report cards are issued for academic and effort grades. For university applications, we issue a transcript that reports grades for 2 semesters and the final grade in each subject. We do not rank our students or calculate a GPA.

## ACADEMIC

A    Exceptional
B    Very good
C    Needs improvement
D    Poor
F    Fail

## EFFORT

1    Exceptional
2    Very good
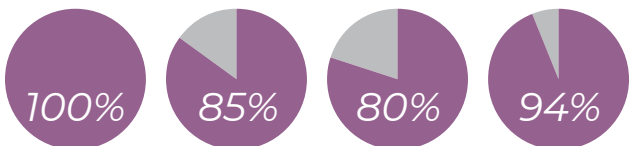3    Needs improvement
4    Poor

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# IGCSE RESULTS

## STUDENTS

| 22 | 41 | 59 | 71 |

**Students who achieved an A\* or A in all 9 subjects**

| 27% | 5% | 20% | 59% |

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |

| 100% | 85% | 80% | 94% |

**Students who achieved a C or above in all 9 subjects**

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# IBDP RESULTS

## STUDENTS

| 72 | 58 | 62 | 59 |

**IB Diplomas awarded**

| 71 | 56 | 60 | 57 |

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |

| 10 | 11 | 11 | ~ |

**Candidates who scored 40 points and above**

| 34.7 | 35 | 34.7 | 32.15 |
| 30.7 | 29.8 | 29.76 | 29.6 |
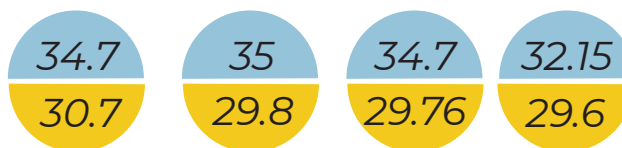
BDSIS average score
World average

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## SAT SCORES

HIGHEST SCORE
**1470**

AVERAGE SCORE
**1281**

### AVERAGE SCORES

READING & WRITING
**615**

MATH
**672**

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# STANDARDISED TEST RESULTS
# CLASS OF 2019

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## ACT SCORES

### AVERAGE SCORES

MATH
**29**

SCIENCE
**27**

ENGLISH
**27**

READING
**25**

HIGHEST SCORE
**34**

AVERAGE SCORE
**27**

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION | 2013 - 2019

## AUSTRALIA

The University of Adelaide
University of New South Wales

## CANADA

McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Wilfrid Laurier University

## INDIA

Ashoka University
FLAME University
HR College of Commerce & Economics
Indian School of Design &
    Innovation (Parsons, Mumbai)
Indian School of Management &
    Entrepreneurship
Jai Hind College
Jindal Global Law School
KC College
Krea University
Lala Lajpat Rai College of
    Commerce & Economics
NMIMS
O.P. Jindal Global University
Russel Square international College
SP Jain School of Global Management
St. Xavier's College

## HONG KONG

Hong Kong University of Science
    & Technology
Savannah College of Art & Design

## IRELAND

Trinity College Dublin

## THE NETHERLANDS

Erasmus University Rotterdam
Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
University College Utrecht
Amsterdam University College

## SINGAPORE

LASALLE College of the Arts
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore

## UNITED KINGDOM

Brunel University London
Central Saint Martins College of Art
    & Design
City, University of London
Durham University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Kingston University
New College of the Humanities
Queen Mary University of London
Regent's University London
Royal Holloway, University of London
St George's, University of London
SOAS University of London
The London School of Economics
    & Political Science
University College London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Kent
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of St Andrews
University of Surrey
University of Warwick
University of Westminster
University of York

## UAE

Gulf Medical University

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Allegheny College
Babson College
Bentley University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
California Polytechnic State University
Carnegie Mellon University
Claremont McKenna College
Cleveland Institute of Art
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emory University
Franklin & Marshall College
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Hamilton College, New York
Harvard University
Haverford College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Art & Design
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
    (Tisch, Steinhardt, Stern & CAS)
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pace University
Parsons The New School for Design
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design
San Francisco Art Institute
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Skidmore College
Swarthmore College
Texas A&M University
The City University of New York
The New School – All Divisions
The University of Texas, Austin
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California
    at Berkeley
    at Davis
    at Irvine
    at Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at
    Urbana–Champaign
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vassar College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Yale University