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Cambridge International School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023

ABOUT US

B.D. Somani International School (BDSIS) is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) certified Reception to Grade 12 school in the Cuffe Parade area of South Mumbai, India.

CURRICULUM

Our school follows a progressive approach to learning and a blend of internationally recognised frameworks that foster inquiry and investigation. The school curriculum is designed to nurture global citizens of the 21st century, mindful of their role in their communities and the world, and keen to actively contribute to both.

MISSION STATEMENT

B.D. Somani International School offers its students an internationally recognised curriculum in an Indian setting. The school focuses on social as well as intellectual development of the students to equip them to take their place in the global community of the 21st century. In an atmosphere that values academic excellence, the school seeks to encourage respect for individuality and self-awareness. At BDSIS, we aim to nurture and develop the potential of each of our students and to prepare them to become dynamic, caring and productive members of a democratic and interdependent society.

A STATEMENT ABOUT COVID-19

Central to the BDSIS mission is our total commitment to student health, safety and wellbeing. Whilst the adverse impact of COVID-19 on our school community has abated significantly, we are well aware of the continual challenges that surges in COVID-19 cases create. What remains unchanged is our steadfast promise to offer a world-class education to the BDSIS community of scholars, following all health-and-safety protocols issued by the Indian Ministry of Education. Although uncertainties still lie ahead, we are confident in our students' ability to not only cope, but thrive during challenging times.

A STATEMENT ON THE USE OF AI

B.D. Somani International School acknowledges the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other developing technologies as transformative forces 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. We trust that all BDSIS community members will use these resources responsibly, ethically, and in full accordance with our firm guidelines on academic integrity. Our goal is to blend technology and education, while cultivating an environment that respects individual creativity and fosters academic honesty.

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 at the end of each semester.

HONOUR ROLL

Awarded to students who achieve a GPA of 3.5 and above 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.

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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular participation is critical to the overall development of our students and we encourage them to engage in a range of activities outside the classroom. We offer a variety of sports, cultural, service, theatre productions, and career-related and personal enrichment activities - including Model United Nations, Student Council, Yearbook and BD Broadcast, amongst others.

IGCSE SUBJECTS

COMPULSORY

First Language English
Literature in English
Cambridge International Mathematics
Co-ordinated Science (Double Award)
One additional language
On Humanities subject

OPTIONAL (ANY FOUR)

Art and Design
Drama
Music
Computer Science
Additional Mathematics
History
Economics
Business Studies
Geography
Hindi as a Second Language
French as a Foreign Language
Spanish as a Foreign Language
Environmental Management
Global Perspectives

IBDP SUBJECTS

GROUP 1: STUDIES IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Language A English Language and Literature
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GROUP 2: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Spanish B - ab initio, HL & SL
French B - ab initio, HL & SL
Hindi B - HL & SL

GROUP 3: INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

Business Management
Economics
History
Psychology
Environmental Systems & Societies*

GROUP 4: SCIENCES

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Systems & Societies*

GROUP 5: MATHEMATICS

Math Analysis and Approaches
Math Applications and Interpretations

GROUP 6: THE ARTS

Theatre
Visual Arts

*All IBDP subjects, except ESS, are offered at Higher and Standard level

GRADING SYSTEM

All assessment at the school, from grade 6 through grade 12, is based on a criterion-referenced system. For quarter reports, the school uses an A to F system for academic performance and 1 to 4 for effort grades. The academic grades of A, B, C, D, and F represent the core values expressed as descriptors beside each grade. Students who demonstrate the highest levels of consistent competencies will achieve the + (plus) version of the grade in the Semester reports. Students who exhibit the competencies of the grade but to a less consistent level will be rewarded the - (minus) version of the grade. Semester report cards are issued for academic and effort grades. For university applications, we issue a transcript that reports the final grade in each subject. We do not rank our students.

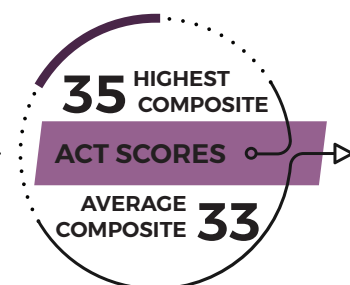
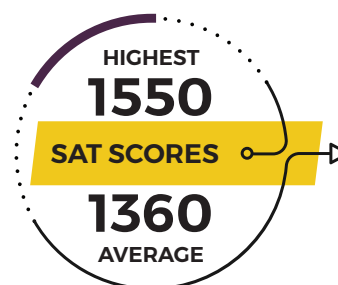
ALPHABET	EST. IB GRADE	EST. IG GRADE	GPA	ACHIEVEMENT
A+/A/A-	7/7/6	A*/A/A-	4.0/4.0/3.7	Excellent
B+/B/B-	6/5/5	B	3.3/3.0/2.7	Good
C+/C/C-	4/4/3	C	2.3/2.0/1.7	Satisfactory
D+/D/D-	3/2/2	D	1.3/1.0/0.7	Developing
F	1	F	0.0	Failing

IGCSE & IBDP RESULTS

IGCSE RESULTS	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Students	53	70	57	74	70
Grades A* or A in all 9 subjects	56%	67%	64%	66%	62%
Grades B or above in all 9 subjects	80%	85%	86%	90%	86%

IBDP RESULTS	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Students	49	52	73	80	59
Diplomas awarded	49	51	72	78	57
40 points and above	7	15	16	9	0
BDSIS average score	33.76	36.37	36.30	33.35	32.15
World average score	30.24	31.98	33.02	29.92	29.6

STANDARDISED TEST SCORES



UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

The B.D. Somani University Guidance Office plays an integral role in providing bespoke counselling to each of our students, 100% of whom go on to attend colleges and universities around the world. We embrace a student-centred counselling approach that supports students in becoming the independent scholars that universities and future employers seek.

UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS AT B.D. SOMANI

AUSTRALIA

Monash University
RMIT University
University of New South Wales
University of Sydney

CANADA

Huron, At Western
McGill University
McMaster University
Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo

FRANCE

The American University of Paris

GERMANY

Jacobs University (now Constructor
University)

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Baptist University

INDIA

Ahmedabad University
Ashoka University
ATLAS SkillTech University
FLAME University
Krea University
Narsee Monjee Institute of
Management Studies (NMIMS)
Plaksha University
St. Xavier's College
University of Mumbai

JAPAN

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

MALTA

Queen Mary University of London

SINGAPORE

LaSalle College of the Arts
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
SIM Global Education

SPAIN

IE University - Madrid

SWITZERLAND

Les Roches

THE NETHERLANDS

Eindhoven University of Technology
Erasmus University of Rotterdam
Maastricht University
University College Groningen
University College Utrecht
University of Amsterdam

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Gulf Medical University

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth
Aston University
Brunel University London
City University of London
ESCP Business School, London
Imperial College London
Istituto Marangoni, London
King's College London
London School of Economics and
Political Science
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast
Royal Holloway, University of London
The University of Nottingham
University College London
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of Westminster

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Arizona State University
Babson College
Barnard College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Carnegie Mellon University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emory University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hamilton University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Art and
Design
Middlebury College
New York University
Northwestern University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Skidmore College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
The New School
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University of Calgary
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana
Champaign
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of North Carolina
- Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University