

International Baccalaureate Key Information and Results 2018/19



ST CLARE'S OXFORD

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Why study the IB at St Clare's?

St Clare's is a co-educational sixth form college for day and boarding students in a beautiful area of north Oxford, recently ranked within the Top 40 Independent Schools in the UK by The Daily Telegraph. The atmosphere here is informal and friendly, with an equal emphasis on hard work and encouraging personal responsibility.

An International Education

St Clare's offers local students and students from all over the world the opportunity to pursue a first-class education in one of the most vibrant and interesting cities in Europe.

"There is a stark contrast between IB students and A-level students with the former at an advantage"

London School of Economics

A world-class education without boundaries.



Course and subjects

What are the differences between IB and A Level qualifications?

- IB students take six subjects, three at higher level and three at standard level. These subjects are studied for two years and are examined at the end of that two-year period.
- In contrast A Level students usually take three or four subjects over a two-year period.

The IB offers a broader education: there are six subject groupings and students take a subject from each of these groups:

- 1 Language and Literature
- 2 Language Acquisition
- 3 Individuals and Societies
- 3 or 4 Interdisciplinary (Environmental Systems and Societies)
- 4 Sciences
- 5 Mathematics
- 6 Arts or Electives – you can choose to study Music, Theatre or the Visual Arts from this group OR you can choose one of the following:
 - another language
 - another subject from Individuals and Societies
 - another Science

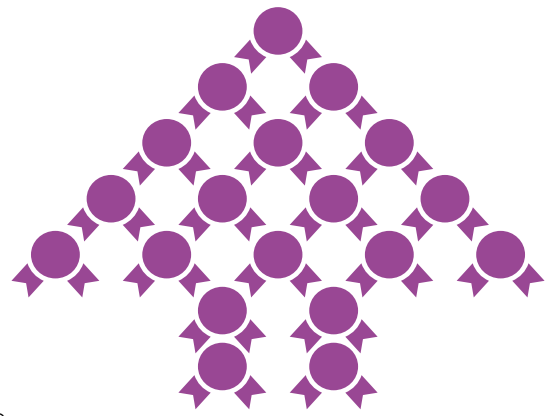
This flexibility means that it is possible to take Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics – if you want to study medicine – plus literature, a language and a social science subject.

It is also possible to take unusual subject combinations – Italian, English, Chemistry, Mathematics, Psychology and Art, which would be difficult to replicate in an A Level school.

There are also several other requirements which are an integral part of the IB:

- **Extended Essay** – 4000-word essay based on an original piece of research
- **Theory of Knowledge** – course which is also assessed
- **CAS programme** (Creativity, Activity and Service). This involves taking part in Creative, Active and Community activities with a reflective writing component

Schools which offer the A Level will, of course include sporting, cultural and volunteering activities within their sixth form curriculum but there is no attempt to integrate these elements in the same way that this has been done with the IB.



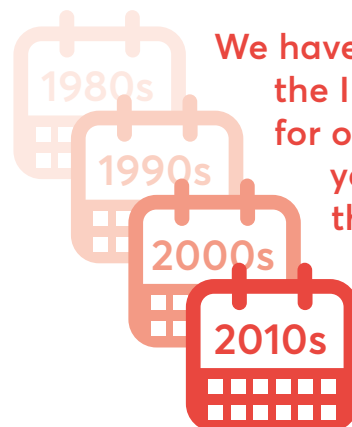
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we have students from over

40 countries



St Clare's students regularly win places at Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics and Imperial as well as Harvard, Yale and Stanford in the USA



We have offered the IB Diploma for over 40 years, longer than any other school or college in England



"The rigorous nature of the IB coupled with St Clare's international community, has really broadened my horizons. This experience has prepared and equipped me with the necessary skills to face the world, with the bonus of making some pretty amazing friends from all over the world along the way."

Chinasa (Nigerian-American) is studying Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, USA



"Choosing St Clare's for me was easy as it seemed to me that the school had the perfect balance between academic rigour and social life. I've also come to appreciate the great support network for applying to universities and colleges worldwide. Now, I cannot see myself having gone anywhere else."

Hugo (Swedish) is studying Economics at Middlebury, USA

Results

The highest possible score for the IB is 45 points – only 0.2% of students worldwide are able to achieve this each year.

- In recent years, 19 St Clare's students have gained the full 45 points
- According to the UCAS tariff, 45 points is the equivalent of 5 grade A* at A Level; 40 points is the equivalent of 4 grade A* at A Level and 35 points is equivalent to 2 grade A* at A Level and 1 grade A
- The percentage of students achieving a Diploma each year has remained constant over the last decade which indicates that, unlike the A Level, there has been little grade inflation

"Somerville will always be pleased to welcome entrants from St Clare's"

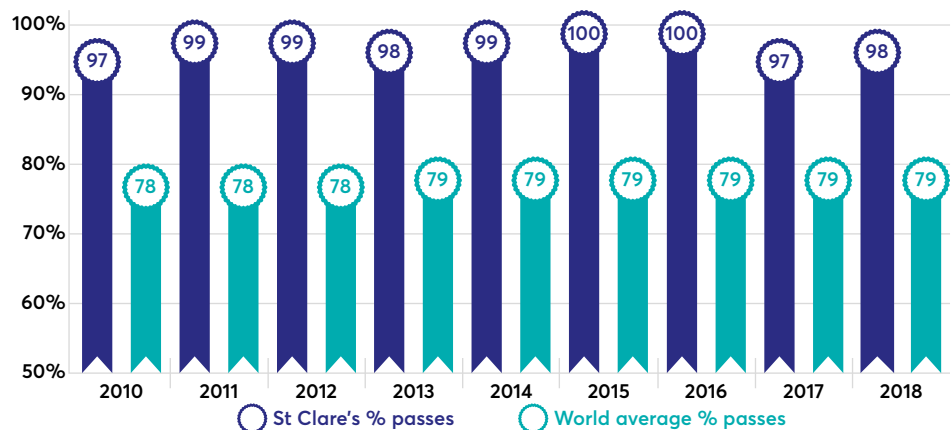
Somerville College, University of Oxford

2018 IB Diploma

St Clare's is pleased to announce an outstanding set of results in the May 2018 exams. This reflects the outstanding work of students and staff together.

Our students' achievements:

- Once again, an outstandingly high IB score of 36 points against a world average of 30
- 65% of our students gained 35 points or better, the equivalent of 2 grade A* at A Level and 1 grade A, and above
- A quarter of our students gained the elite category of 40+, putting them in the top 5% in the world
- For the 12th time in 13 years, we have a student gaining 45 points
- 22 of our subjects were at least one full point above the world average
- In 4 subjects, 100% of students gained a 7 (highest mark)
- In 11 subjects more than half the grades awarded were 7 (highest mark)
- Physics and Chemistry HL had over 40% of their grades at 7 (highest mark)



St Clare's IB Diploma pass rates, which include successfully completing all subjects and components, have consistently outperformed world pass rates



University destinations

For 2018, 35 St Clare's graduates, have been placed in the Top 20 UK universities as ranked by the independent Complete University Guide 2018, with 20 in the Top 10. Six students are taking up places in Top 50 universities or Top 20 Liberal Arts Colleges in the USA according to the standard ranking list by U.S. News and World Report. Rankings represent an average of each university's provision, for example in teaching, research, entry standards, staff-student ratio, degrees awarded, job prospects, resources, retention rates and spending per student.

St Clare's is an international school and, as such, our students view universities from a global perspective. This year 64% of our current students are progressing on to a university in the Top 1% in the world as measured by the Times Higher Education World Rankings and the QS World Rankings.

World Top Universities where our students have been placed in last two years:

Top UK universities

- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- Imperial College London
- University of Warwick
- University College London (UCL)
- University of St Andrews
- Loughborough University

Top US universities and colleges:

- Bryn Mawr (Liberal Arts College)
- Amherst (Liberal Arts College)
- Harvard University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Carnegie Mellon University
- University of Rochester
- Brandeis University
- New York University
- The University of Southern California on the prestigious WBB Programme





St Clare's has had a life-changing impact on me. The challenging academic program and a stimulating community encouraged me to take on new challenges and pursue my interests. Becoming an active member of the community showed me the number of opportunities for self-development available. The time I spent here greatly contributed not only to shaping my character but also to broadening my outlook. I now feel equipped with the dedication and determination necessary to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Lucrezia (Italian) is studying Environment and Development at LSE



"These two years spent at St Clare's were intense, but I was very happy to see myself improving every week: both academically, and as a person."

Justas (Lithuanian) successfully received a full scholarship to study Biotechnology at Harvard University, USA



Scholarships

St Clare's offers a number of academic scholarships and bursaries for IB

- The maximum award is for full tuition fees (day students) or full tuition and residential fees (residential students)
- A larger number of smaller awards will be made and may include some awards of more than 50% of total fees
- Scholarships are awarded to students of strong academic ability, while bursaries may be awarded to students who would benefit from and make a considerable contribution to college life
- All awards run for the two years of the course, although renewal for the second year is subject to satisfactory performance and conduct
- Two Music Scholarships are also offered. They will cover the costs of weekly musical instrument tuition for students taking Music as an IB subject, during both years of the IB Diploma course
- We welcome applications from students from both the UK and overseas
- It is a requirement that all shortlisted applicants attend our Scholarship Day in late February



How to apply

As well as the IB Diploma we also offer a Pre-IB course which gives students the chance to study in more depth the subjects that they are most interested in.

The application procedure is very straightforward for both courses:

1. We need to receive the applicant's recent school reports
2. If these are satisfactory, we will invite the applicant and their parents to visit us
3. We will give them an extensive tour, including classes and residential accommodation

4. We will also arrange an interview and the Mathematics and English placement tests
5. If all goes well, we will offer the applicant a place at the end of the visit with written confirmation being sent shortly afterwards.

Feel free to contact our Admissions Registrar if you have any questions or queries:

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Accommodation

Students live in college houses within a five-minute walk to the main campus

- Each house accommodates between seven and 25 students, aged 15 and above
- Houses have single, twin and triple rooms, some with ensuite bathrooms (single bedrooms are for second-year IB students)

The advantages of living in a college house are:

- each house has a resident warden responsible for the welfare and care of students
- male and female students live in separate houses
- three houses are specifically for younger students (15-16 years old) where the wardens provide greater supervision
- all houses have a common room and a kitchen
- meals are provided in the dining room or the café
- WiFi is provided in each house and in every bedroom





"The IB was the right choice for me as I enjoy studying a variety of subjects and maintaining the skills I developed in my younger years of schooling. I have found much of the curriculum genuinely interesting and many of my teachers go outside of the syllabus so that we learn about things that we can apply to our lives, rather than simply memorising for our exams."

Avery (American) is taking a gap year



"St Clare's offers what is rarely achieved: internationalism, independence and accomplishment. The diversity of the teaching as well as the support for choosing your future path is one of the strongest features of the school."

Chloe (French) studying Engineering at Cambridge University



"St Clare's welcomes students and staff of all nationalities and cultures who will benefit from, and contribute to, our learning community. Living and studying together, we learn from one another. We are enriched and challenged by a diversity of views and ideas."



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