



Bordeaux
International
School

depuis 1987
since 1987

International Students at Bordeaux International School



Studying at Bordeaux International School combines the benefits of **high quality teaching in English**, with the experience of **living in France**, enjoying the culture, learning the French language, and gaining **an international diploma**.

The school offers **three** programmes:

- A **bilingual** English/French education for children from the ages of **three** to **thirteen**;
- For students aged **fourteen** to **eighteen**, programmes taught in English leading to Cambridge International Education (CIE) **IGCSE** and **International Advanced Level examinations**.
- An individual **language improvement programme** in either English or French language

BIS offers a unique educational experience, ensuring our students develop to their full potential. Throughout the school there is an accent on learning French and with students from over **twenty different nationalities**, the school offers the opportunity to flourish in a truly **international environment, with class sizes kept to a maximum of 14 students**.



Bordeaux International School is situated in the **heart of the city** and has been in existence for 30 years. Bordeaux is an **historic town** renowned for its architecture and its connection with the wine industry. It has a modern public tramway system and a reputation for being **one of the safest cities in France**. With an **excellent climate** and vast range of **cultural activities**, it is also listed as the world's largest urban **UNESCO** World heritage site.

Bordeaux is considered one of the best places to live in France for quality of life - named European City 2015 - and has been voted third in the ranking for the **most appealing city** in France. Bordeaux is close to fantastic beaches, beautiful countryside, and benefits from a **2-hour** high-speed train link with **Paris**.

BIS is a fully accredited member of the Council of International Schools (CIS – <http://www.cois.org>), recognised by the French Ministry of Education, and a registered examination centre with The University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (<http://www.cie.org.uk/>). For more details, visit our web site at: www.bordeaux-school.com.

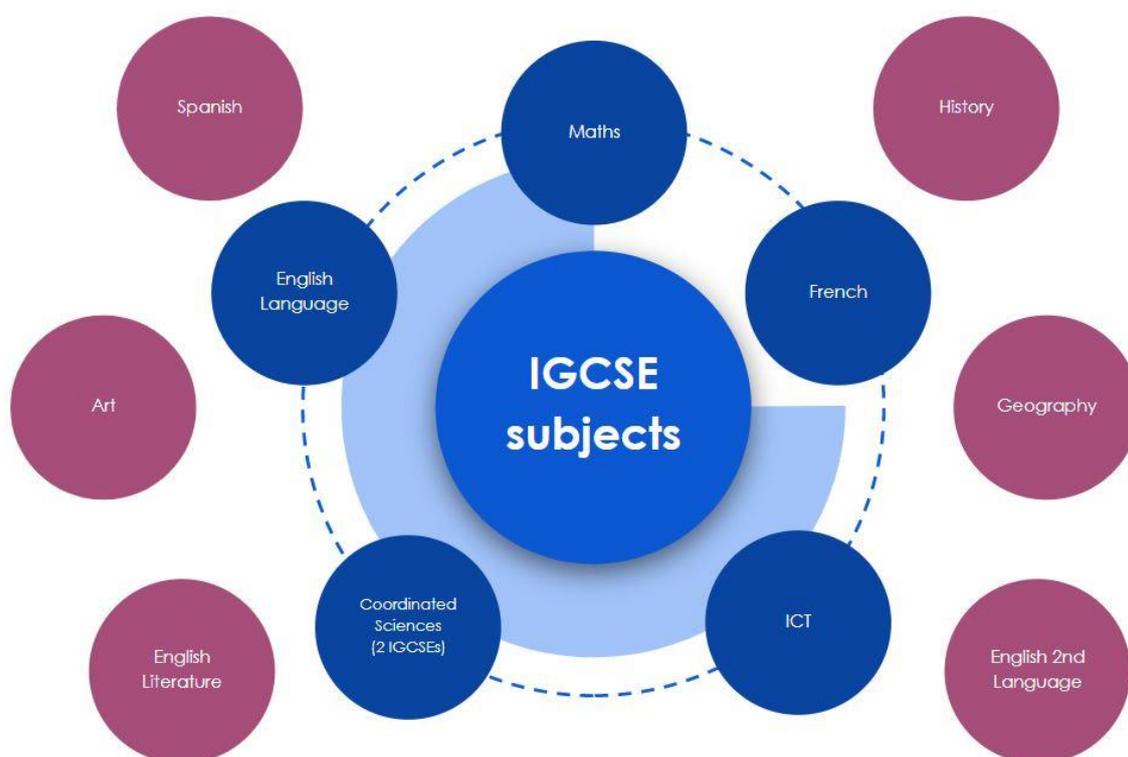
PROGRAMME OF STUDY

IGCSE (14 – 16 years)

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular and internationally recognised qualification, followed by schools in more than one hundred countries and valued by universities and employers throughout the world. The program is designed to encourage high academic standards through **two-year courses** in specific subjects, each leading to a **final external examination** usually at 16 years of age.

Cambridge IGCSE develops learners' skills in creative and critical thinking, and problem solving, giving students excellent preparation for the next stage in their education.

<http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/middlesec/igcse/overview>



For students taking IGCSE examinations, Bordeaux International School offers a core of subjects – English language, Mathematics, Coordinated Science, ICT, and French plus option/choice subjects: Spanish, History, Geography, English Literature, English as a 2nd Language and Art.

Entry requirement: students should have a minimum level B1 in English.

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY AND A2 (ADVANCED LEVEL) EXAMINATIONS (16 – 18 years)

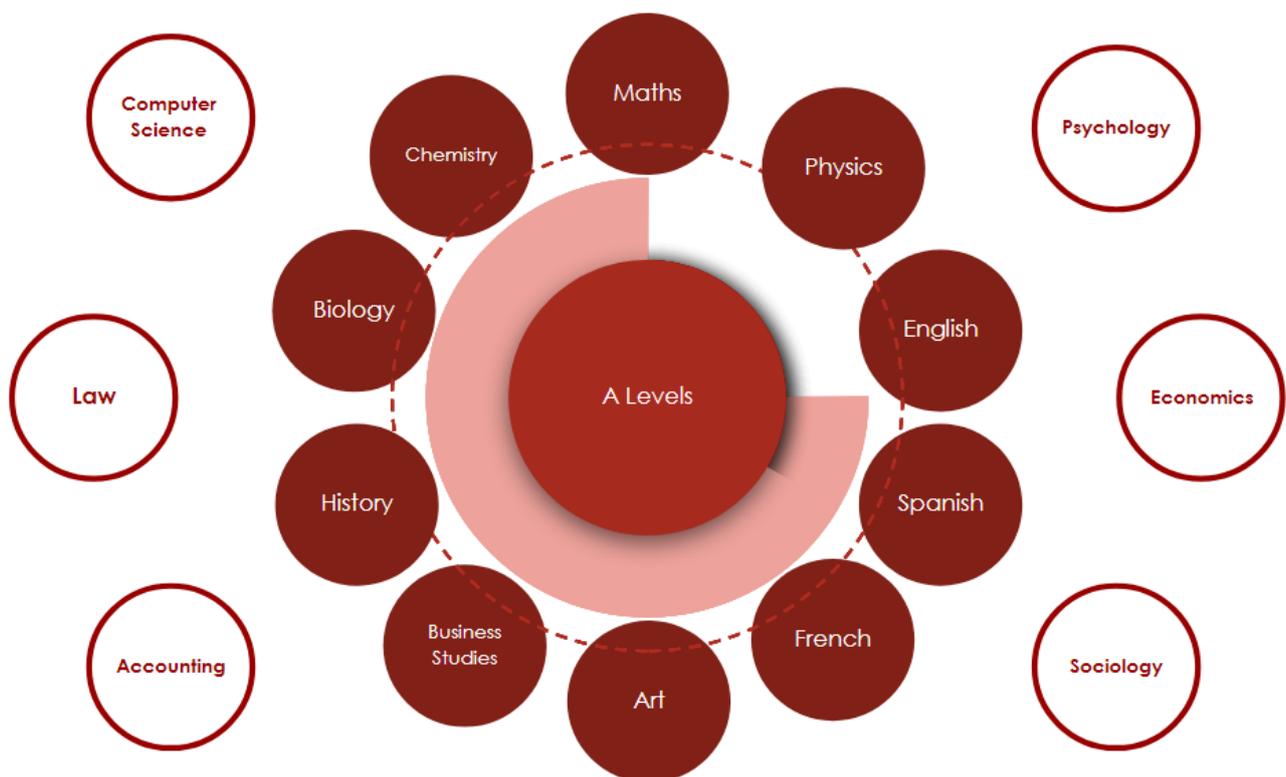
BIS offers a range of ten different subjects at AS and A Level (see circle below). Students typically choose **three or four A-Level subjects to study at International Advanced Level**, taking the AS examination at the end of the first year, and the full A level after two years ([download brochure](#)).

In recent years, BIS has increased its range of offerings by giving students the **option to study one subject via a distance learning course**. Proposed subjects include Law, Economics and Psychology.

English is the language of instruction for IGCSE and Advanced Level. Support lessons in English are available when necessary.

All students are required to study French at an appropriate level.

All courses are subject to demand.



Entry requirements:

- **Students should have achieved IGCSE (or equivalent) grade A or above in the subjects they wish to study at Advanced Level.**
- **English language level B2.**

LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT COURSES

FRENCH:

French language teaching is a priority for the school and we accept students from beginners to bilingual. Students will be grouped for French tuition according to their competence in the language.

DELFF: It is possible to prepare for DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française - <http://www.ciep.fr/en/delfdalf/DELFF.php>) while studying at BIS. This diploma is taken in liaison with the Alliance Française in Bordeaux - generally for those 18 years and above.

ENGLISH:

Individualised programmes of study at all levels and preparation for TOEFL and for IGCSE and A Level courses.

LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES

Students will be assessed on their level of English, French and/or Spanish at the end of their time at the school and they will be presented with a certificate as proof of the language level they have attained. This certificate is widely recognised as proof of a student's competence in the language.

LANGUAGE LEVEL

It is important that students have the required level of English for IGCSE and A Level courses. To assess, we use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) which describes foreign language proficiency at six levels: A1 and A2, B1 and B2, C1 and C2.

Further details of this system can be found here:

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Cadre1_en.asp

To find out your level, you can take the test here:

http://www.cambridge.org/servlet/file/store7/item6039736/version1/EnglishUnlimited_All_Test_WrittenTest.pdf

To improve a language level, approximately 80-100 hours of tuition is needed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Duke of Edinburgh International Award Scheme (<http://www.intaward.org/>)

Students are encouraged to take part in the 'Duke of Edinburgh International Award Scheme' which has four elements – learning a skill, taking part in a service for the community, being involved for a period of time with a sport and taking part in an expedition involving hiking and overnight camping. It is a programme of personal development which is recognised by universities and employers worldwide.



Guidance and Career Orientation

All students are assigned a **tutor** who will personally guide them to achieve their **full potential**. They will also have **individual interviews** on a regular basis with the Head of Secondary to help them with their **academic progress**.



BIS offers a **dedicated higher education and careers counselor**, ensuring that students have the information, support and coaching needed to **get on the right path towards achieving their ambitions**.

Higher Education: Tailored guidance on options for **international study** at degree level and beyond, **full preparation** and **support for international university applications** (including throughout the UK UCAS cycle), as well as **coaching on writing personal statements**. Students will also enjoy **visits from leading international universities**.

Careers: Students benefit from **inspirational talks** from **professionals** in key fields, **workshops** (CV writing, interview technique and practice, start-up workshop), **visits** to business of interest, and the possibility of organizing **work placements**.

Leisure and Social Activities

As well as sport being part of the curriculum, students have the possibility to take part in **local sports teams** for evening practice sessions and matches at weekends. Various **after school clubs** offer a range of extracurricular activities such as Music (with school bands), Drama or Chess.





Bordeaux International School is located in the **city centre**. This was an important factor in deciding the location of the school since we want our students, and particularly our older students, not just to think they are attending an 'English' School in France, but are actually involving themselves fully in **French life and culture**. Bordeaux is a **beautiful city** with many **museums, art galleries, restaurants and cafés**: we encourage students

to **get to know the city**, to **experience its ambiance**, to **enjoy its festivals and artistic events**, so that they gain the maximum enjoyment from living in a vibrant French city and being exposed to French language and culture – an experience they will remember for life.

School Trips and excursions

Students are involved in the life and culture of Bordeaux with regular visits to theatres, art galleries and museums, and through work placements with local businesses. Each year pupils have the opportunity to take part in extended trips either within France or abroad.

Accommodation

We arrange for students from abroad to stay either with carefully selected **local French families**, either weekly (excluding weekends) or full term during term time. (More information on our website: <http://www.bordeaux-school.com/en/high-school/accomodation>).

ENT – Learning platform

All students and parents are registered with our online platform "Edupage". This secure portal provides a range of tools for both parents and students to keep informed of daily school life, to help with daily organisation and to monitor student progress. Information such as timetables, homework activities and assignment deadlines can be found here.

The platform is also used as a means of constant communication between students, parents and teachers, including information relating to absences, grades, weekly emails concerning a child's general progress, school events and termly reports.

Why come to Bordeaux International School?

- IGCSE classes are taught in groups of a maximum of 14, which allows us to offer **differentiated teaching** and work with individual students on a one-to-one basis when necessary.
- Advanced Level classes are typically groups of between **five** and **ten** students which allows us to offer **differentiated teaching** and work with individual students on a one-to-one basis when necessary.
- We follow the students' academic progress closely and report to parents on a weekly basis, with more **detailed reports and assessment** grades at the end of each term.
- Newly **extended and renovated premises**, including a **media centre** and **science lab**.
 - Wide range of **extra-curricular activities** are available and **access to top sports facilities**.
- A **personal tutor** and **careers advice** that guarantees all motivated students access to **higher education**
- A friendly, **personalised working environment**, and a **personal desk** in the **private study hall for all A Level students**.
 - Living in one of the world's **safest and most beautiful** cities
 - Excellent exam results with a **100% pass rate**



TARIFFS - 2014 – 2015

REGISTRATION FEE (to accompany application form - once only payment, non-refundable)	
1st child	600 €
2nd child	500 €
3rd child	400 €
4th child	Free
CAPITAL FUND (once-only payment, non-refundable)	600 €

ANNUAL FEES	IGCSE	A Level (post 16 yrs) core subjects**
Class / Group	Y10 - Y11	Y12 - Y13
Tuition fees	12 980 €	13 980 €
Lunch (obligatory)	1 410 €	1 410 €
TOTAL	14 390 €	15 390 €
	+	+
Caution-préavis* (refundable)	4 200 €	5 000 €

*** CAUTION-NOTICE FEE (per child) - please read carefully**

- One full term's notice is required for withdrawing a student (details in contract).
- The caution-notice fee, equal to one third of tuition fees, is a one-off payment, **and is payable in advance or on 1st June with the school fees. At each change of class/group (see above table), the amount of the caution will be readjusted.**
- The school reserves the right to deduct costs for pupils to attend cultural visits, etc during the school year (max 60€ / year).
- The school reserves the right to deduct outstanding costs that may occur during the school year (exams, miscellaneous..)
- The balance of the fee is refunded following departure and during July provided the notice period respected.

BOARDING (with French host family)	
Weekly boarding (Monday - Friday, excluding holiday periods)	6 110 €
Full-time boarding (including weekends, excluding holiday periods)	9 100 €
Host family re-arrangement fee (for any changes made during the school)	180 €

MISCELLANEOUS	
** A Level – supplementary subjects (cost per subject)	1 500 €
English/French as an Additional Language - Early Learning & Primary ⁽¹⁾	1 000 €
English/French as an Additional Language - Middle School & Secondary ⁽¹⁾	1 200 €
Préparation au Brevet (classe de 3 ^{ème}) (sous réserve d'un nombre d'élèves	1 500 €

NB : In the case of a pupil's definitive exclusion following a decision by the Disciplinary Committee, tuition fees will not be refunded.