



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 **IGCSE** and **International Advanced Level examinations** with the **University of Cambridge**.
- 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 (BIS) is situated in the heart of the city and has been in existence for over 25 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 has a reputation for being **one of the safest cities in France**. With an excellent climate and vast range of **cultural activities** and sites of public interest, Bordeaux is considered one of the best places to live in France for quality of life, and has been voted third in the ranking for the **most appealing city** in France.

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)

IGCSE exams are the examinations taken in the English system at the end of compulsory schooling.

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.

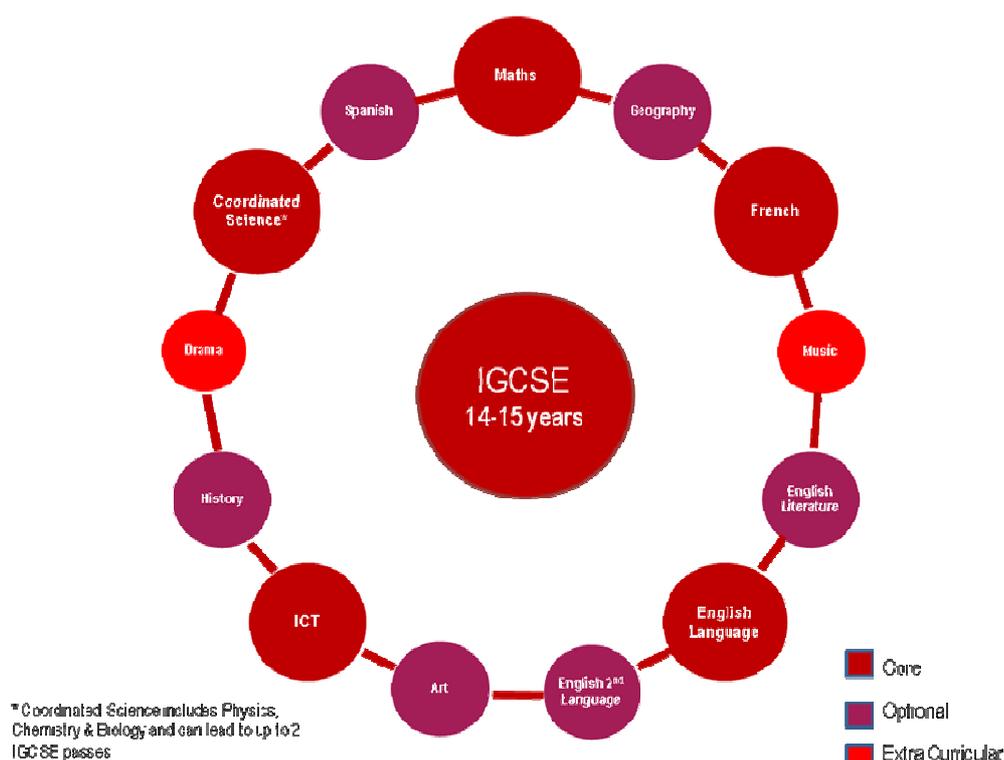
Cambridge IGCSE encourages learner-centred and enquiry-based approaches to learning. It develops learners' skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving, giving students excellent preparation for the next stage in their education. Clearly defined learning outcomes and content, mean Cambridge IGCSE is compatible with other curricula and is internationally relevant and sensitive to different needs and cultures.

<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.

Music and Drama are also available as extra-curricular activities which can lead to recognised qualifications.

Entry requirement: students should have a minimum level B1 in English (see page 4)



ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY AND ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATIONS (16 – 18 years)

Advanced Supplementary (AS Level) examinations are taken after one year of study (except for some language courses) and **Advanced Level** examinations are taken after a further year of study. Both are accepted worldwide as university entrance qualifications.

A challenging programme of study allows students to concentrate on four or five subjects of their choice at AS Level, then to continue with up to 4 of these subjects at Advanced Level.

There is a “core” of subjects offered, comprising: Mathematics, English, French, Business Studies and Physics.

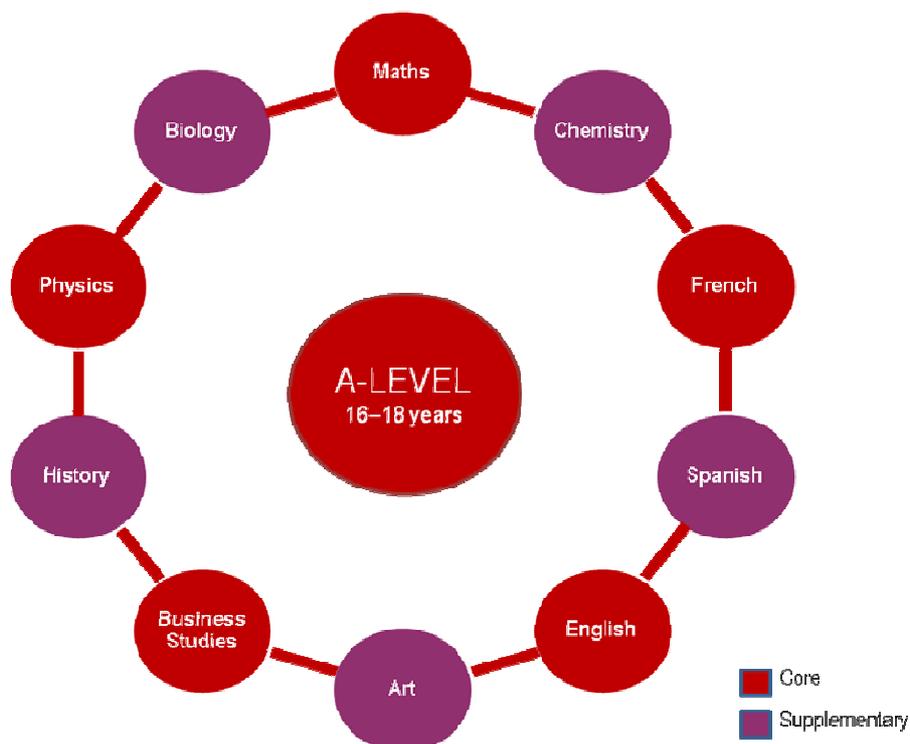
Supplementary subjects are available comprising: Chemistry, Biology, History, Spanish and Art. (At extra cost and subject to demand - please refer to school fees / further information upon request).

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

All students study French at an appropriate level.

Entry requirements:

- **Either a minimum of 5 passes at IGCSE level with grade C or above, or alternatively, students can take an online entrance test.**
- **English language level B2 (see page 4)**



LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT COURSES

FRENCH:

French language teaching is a priority for the school and we accept students with a range of abilities from beginners to advanced. 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:

Individualized programme 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_Write_nTest.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.



Placements

All students from 15 years upwards have the opportunity of a work placement with a local business or organisation for a week to see how a business functions and to improve their language skills.



Guidance and Career Orientation

All students are assigned a tutor who will personally guide them to achieve their full potential. They will also have personal individual interviews on a regular basis with the Head of Senior School to help them with their academic progress, university applications and career prospects.



Sport, Clubs and Activities

As well as sport being part of the curriculum, students take part in local sports teams in the evenings and on weekends. Various after school clubs offer a range of extracurricular activities such as Music (with school bands), Drama or Chess.



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.



ENT – Learning platform

All students have access to a virtual learning platform which provides information on work to be covered in class, all homework assignments, a virtual media centre and a personal work space. This platform allows a differentiated and regularly updated work schedule to be devised for each individual student.



Accommodation

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



WHY COME TO BIS?

- A friendly, **personalized working environment**
- Living in one of France's **safest and most beautiful** cities
- Excellent exam results with a 100% pass rate
- All students achieve a **high level of competence** in both **English and French** after studying at BIS.
- 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.
- 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.
- Wide range of **extra-curricular activities** including individual and group music lessons and access to the Duke of Edinburgh International Award.



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**
	Y10 - Y11	Y12 - Y13
Class / Group		
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 year)	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 suffisant)	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.