



THE BRITISH
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL **CAIRO**

Welcome to Senior School

Inspiring Excellence. Shaping Futures.

Welcome

At The British International School Cairo, our Senior School provides an ambitious and forward-thinking British international education that prepares pupils to thrive in an ever-changing global world. Rooted in academic excellence and guided by the values of curiosity, integrity and resilience, we empower students to become confident, independent learners who are equipped not only for examination success, but for life beyond the classroom.

Through a rich and challenging curriculum, pupils are encouraged to think critically, question deeply and engage meaningfully with the world around them. From Key Stage 3 through to IGCSEs, A Levels and the IB Diploma Programme, our academic pathways are designed to stretch and inspire every learner while providing the personalised support needed for each individual to achieve their full potential. We place strong emphasis on intellectual curiosity, analytical thinking and a love of learning that extends far beyond examinations.

Pastoral care and wellbeing remain central to the Senior School experience at BISC. We are deeply committed to ensuring every student feels supported, valued and understood. Through strong relationships with tutors, teachers and pastoral leaders, students develop the confidence, emotional resilience and self-awareness needed to navigate challenges successfully, while building respectful relationships and a strong sense of identity.

Alongside academic achievement, we believe in developing well-rounded young people through exceptional opportunities in leadership, sport, the creative arts, and enrichment. Whether performing on stage, representing the school in competition, leading student initiatives or participating in global experiences, our students are encouraged to discover their passions, develop their voice and make meaningful contributions to the wider community.

At BISC, we also embrace innovation and educational technology to enhance learning and prepare students for the future. Through responsible use of digital tools, artificial intelligence and collaborative technologies, students develop the adaptability, creativity and problem-solving skills essential for the modern world, while remaining grounded in strong human connection and academic rigour.

Our Senior School is a vibrant, ambitious and supportive community where students are challenged to excel, encouraged to lead and inspired to become compassionate global citizens ready to shape the future with confidence and purpose.

Sarah Fuschillo
Head of Senior School



Academic Excellence

At BISC, academic excellence sits at the heart of the Senior School experience. Our British curriculum provides a structured yet flexible pathway from Key Stage 3 through to IGCSEs and on to Sixth Form study.

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9), students build strong foundations across a broad range of subjects, developing essential skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning. This stage is carefully designed to prepare

students for success in IGCSEs and future pathways including A Levels and the IB Diploma Programme.

We offer both breadth and depth, ensuring students explore a wide curriculum while also being challenged to achieve their personal best. Through personalised learning, targeted support, and extension opportunities, every student is encouraged to excel academically and grow in confidence.



IGCSE Pathways (Years 10–11)

In Years 10 and 11, students begin their IGCSE journey, selecting subjects that reflect their strengths, interests, and future aspirations.

A carefully structured options process ensures students and families are fully supported in making informed choices. Guidance is provided through academic counselling, subject briefings, and one-to-one support.

Throughout the IGCSE programme, students benefit from:

- Regular tracking of attainment and progress
- Targeted intervention and academic support
- Clear pathways to Sixth Form study

Our focus is on ensuring every student achieves strong outcomes while developing the skills required for success beyond school.

Specialist Teaching



At BISC, students in the Senior School benefit from specialist subject teaching across Key Stage 3, IGCSE and Sixth Form. Our experienced and highly qualified teachers bring passion, expertise and academic depth to their subjects, ensuring that every student is both challenged and supported to achieve their full potential.

Subject specialists provide a rich and engaging learning experience, combining academic rigour with innovative teaching approaches. Lessons are designed to develop independence, curiosity and critical thinking, preparing students for success in examinations and beyond.

We recognise that every student learns differently. Our teaching is carefully differentiated to support a range of learning styles and abilities. Students who require additional support benefit from targeted intervention, small group teaching and personalised learning strategies, while high-achieving students are challenged through extension opportunities, enrichment tasks and advanced learning pathways. Booster sessions are available across subjects, particularly during key examination years. These sessions provide additional support, revision



STEM Education

STEM education plays a central role in the Senior School at BISC, equipping students with the knowledge, skills and confidence required for future careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Students benefit from modern science laboratories and specialist teaching across Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Practical investigations, experiments and hands-on learning experiences encourage curiosity, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Computing and digital learning are embedded throughout the curriculum, with students developing programming, computational thinking and digital innovation skills. Opportunities in artificial intelligence, robotics and emerging technologies help prepare students for an increasingly technology-driven world.

Mathematics is taught through a challenging and engaging curriculum that develops analytical thinking, logical reasoning and problem-solving. Enrichment opportunities allow students to extend their learning beyond the classroom, with participation in competitions, challenges and mathematics Olympiads.

Students are encouraged to explore STEM through clubs, competitions and collaborative projects. These opportunities foster creativity, teamwork and innovation, supporting students who aspire to careers in engineering, medicine, technology and scientific research.



Humanities

The Humanities curriculum at BISC encourages students to explore the world, understand global issues and develop critical thinking skills. Through subjects such as History, Geography and Global Perspectives, students gain a broad understanding of societies, cultures and global developments.

History lessons encourage students to analyse evidence, evaluate sources and develop informed opinions about the past. Geography enables students to explore environmental challenges, sustainability and global development, while Global Perspectives encourages students to consider contemporary world issues and develop international awareness.

Students are encouraged to debate, question and think independently. Through discussions, presentations and research projects, students develop strong communication skills and confidence in expressing their ideas.

Real-world application is central to Humanities learning at BISC. Students explore global challenges such as climate change, migration, international relations and economic development, preparing them to become informed and responsible global citizens.



Languages

Language learning is a fundamental part of the Senior School experience at BISC, supporting communication, cultural awareness and global understanding.

Our Egypt and the Middle East Programme means Arabic is offered for both native and non-native speakers, ensuring that all students receive appropriate challenge and support. The curriculum develops reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, while also fostering appreciation of Arabic culture and heritage.

Students also have the opportunity to study Modern Foreign Languages such as French and

Spanish, further expanding their global perspective and communication skills. Language learning encourages confidence, collaboration and cross-cultural understanding.

Being part of a bilingual environment provides students with a significant advantage, both academically and professionally. Students develop the ability to communicate across cultures and engage confidently in international environments. Through languages, students develop global awareness, cultural understanding and the skills needed to succeed in a diverse and interconnected world.

Creative & Performing Arts

Creativity is an essential part of life in the Senior School at BISC. Through Art, Drama and Music, students are encouraged to express themselves, develop confidence and explore their creative potential.

Art lessons develop technical skills, creativity and artistic expression. Students experiment with a variety of media and techniques, while also studying artists, movements and cultural influences.

Drama provides opportunities for students to develop communication skills, confidence and teamwork. Through performances, workshops and productions, students gain valuable experience both on stage and behind the scenes.

Music opportunities include instrumental lessons, ensembles, choirs and performances. Students are encouraged to develop their musical talents and participate in concerts and school events. Productions and performances throughout the year allow students to showcase their creativity and develop confidence. These experiences play an important role in building communication skills, resilience and teamwork.

Performances have included:

- A Twisted Fairy Tale
- School of Rock
- Greece
- Matilda
- And many more!



Sport

Sport plays an important role in life at The British International School, Cairo, promoting teamwork, resilience and a commitment to excellence. Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of sporting activities, supported by specialist coaches and excellent facilities.

Students benefit from an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a state-of-the-art running track, indoor and outdoor courts, and a multi-purpose gym, providing opportunities for both recreational participation and elite performance. These facilities allow students to develop skills across a variety of sports while promoting health, wellbeing and teamwork.

Competitive sport is a key part of the Senior School experience, with students representing the school in fixtures, tournaments and inter-school competitions. These experiences help students develop confidence, discipline and sportsmanship.

Elite pathways for students wishing to further develop their sporting talents include opportunities such as the Liverpool FC Academy partnership, which provide high-level coaching and development for aspiring athletes.

Through sport, students develop leadership skills, perseverance and a lifelong appreciation for health and wellbeing. Whether competing at a high level or participating recreationally, sport plays a vital role in student development.



Leadership Opportunities

Leadership opportunities are embedded throughout the Senior School experience at BISC. Students are encouraged to take responsibility, develop confidence and contribute positively to the school community.

The House System provides opportunities for collaboration, competition and leadership. Students can take on leadership roles within their houses, organising events and supporting younger students.

Student Council and leadership positions allow students to represent their peers and contribute to school development. Mentoring programmes also provide opportunities for older students to support younger pupils.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in Model United Nations (MUN), where they develop leadership, diplomacy and public speaking skills while debating global issues. Through conferences, collaboration and negotiation, students build confidence, critical thinking and a deeper understanding of international relations.

Through these leadership opportunities, students develop communication, teamwork and organisational skills, preparing them for future leadership roles.



"I've really valued the balance between academics and enrichment. Being part of student leadership and Model United Nations has helped me develop skills that will support me at university."

-Senior School Student



ASA's & Enrichment



A wide range of After School Activities (ASAs) enrich the Senior School experience at BISC. Students are encouraged to explore interests, develop new skills and pursue their passions beyond the classroom.

Activities include sports, performing arts, academic clubs, creative activities and leadership opportunities. ASA'S include:

- MUN
- Science Club
- Science Olympiad Club
- Chess Club
- School Choir
- Band
- Cooking Club
- Book Club
- And many more

These opportunities help students develop independence, teamwork and leadership skills while encouraging a balanced school experience.



"I really enjoy the variety of extra-curricular activities and the support from my teachers. There are so many opportunities to try new things, from sports to drama, and I feel encouraged to get involved."

- Year 9 Student



Pastoral Care

Student wellbeing is central to the Senior School experience at BISC. Our pastoral care system ensures every student is known, supported and guided throughout their school journey.

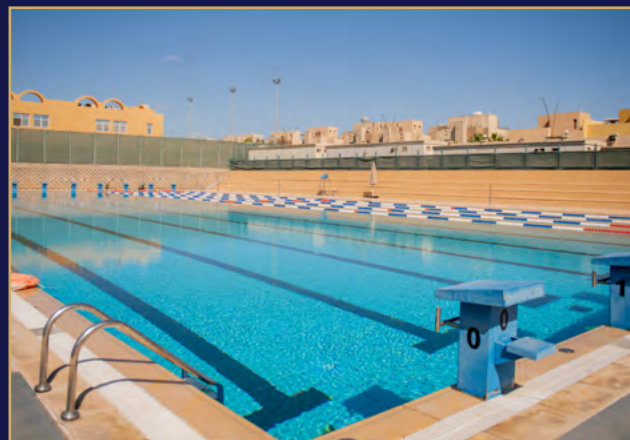
The tutor system provides regular support and guidance, while PSHE lessons focus on personal development, wellbeing and life skills. Students are supported in developing resilience, confidence and emotional intelligence.

CS (Curriculum Support) provision and learning support ensure that students receive personalised support where needed. Counselling and wellbeing services are also available with the dedicated school counsellor, supporting students' emotional and mental wellbeing.

Safeguarding is a priority, and students benefit from a safe, supportive environment. Transition support ensures students are well prepared as they move between key stages.

Our safeguarding team include the Head of Senior School, and the Pastoral Team, who are all fully trained to the highest DSL standards.

We regularly meet students to remind them of safeguarding protocols and reporting methods so students feel safe and supported.



Facilities

Students benefit from excellent facilities designed to support both academic achievement and personal development. Our specialist science laboratories provide students with opportunities for practical, hands-on learning across Biology, Chemistry and Physics, encouraging curiosity, experimentation and scientific thinking. Dedicated art studios offer creative spaces for students to explore a wide range of techniques and media, while our theatre and performance spaces support drama, music and school productions, helping students develop confidence and creativity.

Our excellent sports facilities support a wide range of activities and competitive sport, including an Olympic-sized swimming pool, state-of-the-art running track, indoor and outdoor courts, and a multi-purpose gym. These facilities promote participation, skill development and overall wellbeing.

Modern classrooms and collaborative learning spaces are designed to create an engaging and inspiring environment. Technology-enabled teaching spaces support innovative learning approaches, while the wider campus provides a safe, welcoming environment where students can thrive academically, creatively and socially.

Learning Technologies

Technology plays a central role in enhancing learning across the Senior School at BISC, supporting innovation, creativity and future-ready skills. Students use digital tools and online platforms to collaborate, conduct research and develop independence in their learning.

Our approach to learning technology goes beyond basic digital skills, introducing students to emerging technologies and future-focused learning. Through computing, data analysis, artificial intelligence, coding and robotics, students develop the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly digital and technology-driven world. These experiences encourage problem-solving, innovation and critical thinking across subjects.

Students also learn to use technology responsibly and effectively, developing strong digital literacy and online safety awareness. Technology is seamlessly integrated into teaching and learning, enhancing engagement, supporting personalised learning and preparing students for university, careers and the rapidly evolving global landscape.





Student Life

Senior School life at BISC is structured, supportive and engaging. Students follow a balanced daily routine, combining academic learning with enrichment opportunities.

Uniform requirements support a sense of pride and belonging. Student voice is valued, with opportunities for feedback and leadership.

A Day in the Life

A typical day in the Senior School begins with tutor time, where students connect with their peers, receive guidance and prepare for the day ahead. Academic lessons follow, delivered by specialist teachers who challenge and support students in their learning. Break and lunchtime provide opportunities for socialising, clubs and activities, while afternoons may include additional lessons, enrichment opportunities or sports fixtures. The school day often continues with After School Activities, allowing students to explore their interests and develop new skills.



"The Senior School at BISC has helped me become more independent and confident. The teachers really support you, especially during exams, and there are always opportunities to take on leadership roles."

- Year 11 Student

International Dimension

As an international school, BISC celebrates diversity and global citizenship, bringing together students from a wide range of nationalities and cultural backgrounds. This rich, multicultural environment allows students to learn from one another, develop cultural understanding, and build meaningful connections that extend beyond the classroom. Positioned at the crossroads of Africa, Europe and the Middle East, BISC offers a truly international perspective, preparing students to thrive in an interconnected global world.

International trips, exchanges and conferences provide opportunities for students to broaden their horizons and experience learning beyond the classroom. From educational visits and cultural experiences to leadership conferences and academic competitions, students gain first-hand insight into different cultures, perspectives and global challenges.

These experiences help students develop independence, confidence and adaptability, while strengthening their understanding of global citizenship. Through these opportunities, BISC students are prepared for success at leading universities around the world and future careers across Africa, Europe and beyond.

Trips include:

- Year 7:** Cyprus and Makadi Bay
- Year 8:** Madrid, Cordoba and Makadi Bay
- Year 9:** Alexandria and Cape Town
- Year 10:** Luxor and Bali
- Year 11:** THIMUN, Luxor and Kenya
- Year 12:** THIMUN, Aswan and Malaysia
- Year 13:** THIMUN, Aswan and a European trip including Brussels, Holland and Paris



Ready to join BISC Senior School?

Entry Requirements

- Academic reports from the current school for the past two academic years.
- Successful completion of the BISC entrance assessments, which include:
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT)

How to Apply – Simple Steps

- 1. Submit the Online Application Form**
Available on the website at www.bisc.edu.eg.
- 2. Assessment Invitation**
The applicant will be invited to sit for an assessment.
- 3. Student Interview**
After passing the assessment, the family and the student will meet with the Head of Senior School
- 4. Parent Interview**
A family interview will be scheduled with the Deputy Chair of BISC.
- 5. Formal Offer**
Upon successful completion of all steps, a formal offer of a place will be issued.



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*"I felt welcomed from my first day.
The students and teachers were very
supportive, and it was easy to settle in and
become part of the community."*

- New Student