



THE BRITISH
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SCHOOL **CAIRO**

Welcome to BISC Sixth Form

Your future starts here

Choosing the Right Route for You



A vibrant community based on trust

Welcome to the Sixth Form at The British International School, Cairo (BISC). As we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary, we take great pride in offering an exceptional learning environment, world-class facilities, and a student experience that is truly second to none.

Our Sixth Form provides two outstanding pathways: the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and A Levels. Each offers a rigorous, globally recognised curriculum designed to suit different learners and open doors to the world's leading universities. At BISC, students regularly secure places at top

institutions across the United Kingdom, the United States, Europe, and the Middle East, reflecting the strength and ambition of our academic culture.

I encourage every student to explore both pathways with curiosity and confidence. Understanding the possibilities each route offers is the first step in shaping your future.

Your journey to success begins here, and I am delighted that you are considering BISC Sixth Form as the next step.



Chris Hansen
Principal

What defines the Sixth Form at BISC?



The Sixth Form at BISC occupies a unique part of the School where students achieve personal success via personalised learning programmes. A 'school-within-a-school', it is a vibrant and exciting place where significant formative and academic development happens.

With multiple pathways, BISC offers its diverse range of students even more flexibility in terms of pathways to matriculation. To complement the excellent academic opportunities available to students, extensive effort is set aside advising, guiding and preparing students for success at universities. Our in-house Careers team, Form Tutors and Academic Leads work together to ensure subject-choices are made in an informed way with a clear progression in desired fields.



Edward Cabrelli
Head of Sixth Form



Two Pathways: A Levels & IB

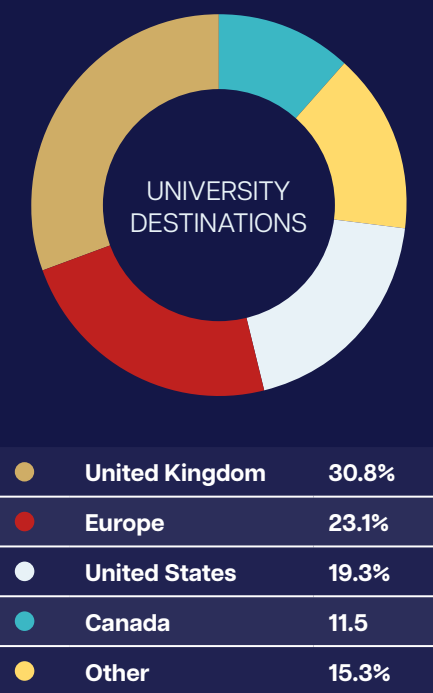
Your Path. Your Future.

In September 2025, the Sixth Form introduced International A-levels alongside its well established International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Within this framework students can select a Sixth Form pathway that follows either the IB Diploma Programme, or the International Advanced Levels. Both options are internationally recognised and provide students with excellent opportunities to attend dream further education institutions around the world. Each pathway has specific attributes that are advantageous to individual learners based on their academic profile and desired tertiary institutions.

	IBDP	A-levels
Number of subjects / structure	6 + Extended Essay + Theory of Knowledge + Creativity, Action Service.	3-4.
Range of subjects	Broad/balanced - must take subjects from certain subject groups e.g. languages, maths, sciences, humanities etc.	Highly specialised based on student interest.
Assessment style	Final assessment at end of second year + coursework component + oral exams.	Quarterly modular, primarily exam based.
Core requirements	Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) required.	No required core components.
Duration	2 years.	2 years.

“Begin early and be ambitious: learn what your chosen universities value and become the candidate who stands out from the crowd.”

Julie Allen
Head of Careers



Destinations & Careers

Inspiring Futures

Our Careers and Higher Education team provides comprehensive support to every student throughout the entire university preparation journey—from early exploration through to final applications. A crucial part of this process is ensuring that students conduct systematic and informed research into courses and universities so they can find their best “fit and match,” where they are most likely to thrive academically and personally. This research stage is the most time-intensive element of university planning and, when done well, leads to the strongest long-term success in higher education.

Beyond research, our university counselling programme offers highly personalised 1:1 guidance, including support with personal statements and application essays, as well as mock interviews for competitive pathways such as Oxbridge. Students receive tailored advice throughout every step of the process, helping them develop strong, authentic applications that showcase their individual strengths and aspirations.

All students use the Unifrog destinations platform as the central tool for their research. Unifrog provides access to thousands of global universities and degree opportunities, regularly updated admissions data, and insights into future employment trends.

Not just preparation for exams...
...preparation for life

AVERAGE IB SCORE

34

TOP IB ACHIEVER

45

SIX IB SCORES OVER

40

A place where
you can find your voice

The IBDP is perfect for students who:

- Excel in multiple academic subjects and are comfortable balancing humanities, sciences, mathematics, and languages.
- Have strong time management skills and who enjoy independent research and project-based work.
- Enjoy thinking critically, discussing ideas, forming arguments, and analysing perspectives.
- Are naturally curious about global issues and open to multicultural viewpoints.

A-Levels are ideal for students who:

- Have strong aptitude in specific subjects and prefer exam-focused learning with rigorous subject-specific content.
- Want freedom to specialise early in specific academic areas.
- Prefer to focus deeply on 3-4 subjects instead of many.
- Plan to apply to universities that prioritise subject depth, including those in the UK.



Sixth Form Life at BISC

A Day in the Life

The Sixth Form at BISC is housed in a purpose-built building with a courtyard, further ensuring that Sixth Form life is one separated from the rest of the school. Within the Sixth Form Quad students can relax and study in either the Common Room or the Study Hall, two exclusive multi-purpose spaces, as well as attend most of their lessons. The university counselling department and Sixth Form team are also housed here, contributing to a one-stop focussed learning environment. The shaded courtyard is a favourite meeting spot for the Senior School Student Leadership Team where they regularly plan whole school initiatives, workshops and CAS Projects - collaborating to continue developing a successful and enjoyable student school experience for all.



*The Common Room is a place
where we can be ourselves*

Focused & consistent learning environment

Life in the Sixth Form is a deeply collaborative affair - students and teachers gathered together, willing and eager to put anything and everything required for success. Guided and specific After School Activities provide students opportunities to engage with their teachers outside of the lesson, to strengthen relationships and foster deeper more authentic learning. The philosophy of learning beyond the confines of a lesson extends beyond the classroom - students in the Sixth Form are encouraged to go on two trips a year, one local and one international. Aims of these trips include collegiality, international mindedness and further developing empathy on local, regional and global scales. Student voice and agency is an integral part of these trips, allowing BISC the opportunity to adapt and tailor trips to better suit the specifics of each cohort.



Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

At BISC, we understand that the Sixth Form years are a crucial time of personal growth, academic challenge, and future planning. Our pastoral care and wellbeing programme is designed to support every student through this important stage of their educational journey.

A Supportive Environment

We believe that academic success goes hand-in-hand with emotional wellbeing. Our dedicated pastoral team works closely with students to create a safe, nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and heard. Each student is assigned a form tutor who provides regular one-to-one support, helping them navigate both academic pressures and personal challenges.

Wellbeing Support

Our wellbeing provision includes access to professional counselling services, ensuring students have confidential support when they need it most. Whether dealing with exam stress, friendship concerns, or planning for the future, our trained counsellor provides a safe space for students to talk through their worries and develop effective coping strategies.

Our PSHE programme offers support on stress management, resilience-building, and maintaining positive mental health. It addresses topics relevant to young adults, including healthy relationships, digital wellbeing, and preparing for independent living.

Building Resilience and Character

We're committed to developing confident, resilient young people who are ready for university and beyond. Through our leadership programme, students develop leadership skills, emotional intelligence, and the ability to support their peers.

Open Door Policy

Our pastoral team maintains an open-door policy, ensuring help is always available when students need it. We work in partnership with families to provide consistent support and keep communication channels open throughout the Sixth Form years.

Jennifer Ibrahim

Deputy Head Pastoral, Senior School

Ready to Join BISC Sixth Form?

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 the 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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