



The British International School, Cairo (BISC)

Report on the British International School, Cairo

I. General Information and Overview

Address: The British International School, Cairo
Beverly Hills Compound
Km. 38, Cairo Alexandria Road
6th October City
EG

Telephone: +2 02 38270444

Email: info@bisc.edu.eg

Website: www.bisc.edu.eg

The British International School, Cairo was established in 1976 to serve the educational needs of expatriate children in Cairo, making it the first British School in the Egyptian capital. It has built its reputation on the basis of its academic record and the breadth of its educational programmes. Over time, the School has grown and embraced children from the Commonwealth, the English-speaking Egyptian community and other nationalities tied to British-style schooling. In 1989, the School further strengthened its commitment to its international outlook by the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Diploma course, and, in 2008, BISC opened a state of the art campus in Beverly Hills, west of Cairo.

BISC is a flourishing international school. Children are accepted for admission at four main entry points: in the Foundation Stage, Junior School (Y1), in the Senior School (Y7) and in Sixth Form (Y12). The School's academic results are strong, making it one of the best in the Middle East. Graduates of BISC progress to join some of the finest universities in the world. A recent survey of the School's alumni who graduated in the three years between 2014 and 2016 has shown that 20% of its graduates have joined the US Ivy League and UK Russell Group universities, with 12% among those graduates joining universities ranked among the top 20 in the World.

The School has been inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) where it was classified as excellent and also received praise from subsequent PENTA inspection. BISC prides itself on following the same standards as schools in the UK and has developed a strong curriculum support department for students with learning difficulties, alongside rigorous child protection processes.



The British International School, Cairo (BISC)

II. School Roll Information:

Currently, BISC has 1173 students, holding 43 different nationalities that stretch over the world's five continents (as shown below in detail), making it a truly vibrant international school.

Total number of students:	1173
Foundation stage:	115
Junior School (Y1 – Y6):	468
Senior School ((Y7 – Y11):	462
Sixth Form (IB):	128
Number of British students:	123 (10.5%)

Number of student nationalities: 43
(American, Australian, Belgian, Bosnian, Brazilian, British, Canadian, Chinese, Cypriot, Dominican, Dutch, Egyptian, Philippine, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Jordanian, Kazakhstan, Kuwaiti, Lebanese, Libyan, Lithuanian, Mexican, Nigerian, Pakistani, Polish, Qatari, Romanian, Russian, Saudi, Serbian, Spanish, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Swedish, Serbian, Tunisian, Turkish, Welsh)

III. Curricula:

BISC teaches the National Curriculum for England and offers the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) and International Baccalaureate (Diploma) degrees.

IV. Inspections:

BISC has been inspected by ISI in 2015 and by PENTA in 2019.

V. Accreditations and Memberships:

BISC is a member of/accredited by:

- The British Schools in Middle East (BSME)
- The Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS)
- The Council of British International Schools (COBIS)
- The International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO)



The British International School, Cairo (BISC)

VI. Examinations and Achievements:

BISC has been accredited as an Examinations Centre for AQA, Oxford AQA, Edexcel, Cambridge, and IBO. Its students have scored a mean 35-36 IB diploma points in the past 3 years.

GCSE Exam Results (2020 – 2022):

Year	A*-A/9-7	A*-C/9-4	Value Added
2022	56	94	0.7
2021	53	91	0.5
2020	60	95	0.9

IB Exam Results (2020 – 2022):

Year	Mean Diploma Points	Mean Subject Points	Value Added
2022	35	5.61	0.5
2021	36	5.63	0.3
2020	35	5.57	0.3

University Destinations:

Over the past five years, BISC students have been offered places and admitted to top universities such as University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University College London, The University of Manchester, Stanford University, Harvard University, California Berkley, Yale, and Brown.

VII. Staffing and Community:

BISC teachers are educated to a high standard; most specialists hold higher degrees or are members of professional institutes. All teachers have professional teaching qualifications and are screened for child protection purposes. All BISC staff are trained on safeguarding. Staff who handle children are first aid trained. The School has 80 British teaching members of staff.

VIII. Facilities:

To support the educational process, BISC has two well stocked school libraries. To encourage students to make use of the libraries, students are given reading time and designated library times. Moreover, the School has four fully equipped ICT suites and a laptop in each classroom for teachers' use. Pupils are required to bring their own devices, but school is equipped with spare laptops for borrowing.



The British International School, Cairo (BISC)

As for the sport facilities, the School has a gym, football pitches, tennis courts, a 400m track, a 50m pool, and 1000m² sports hall. The outdoor playground for Junior School students is secured and fenced. Senior School students have outdoor seating areas and may use outdoor fields.

To support music and drama lessons and respective extracurricular activities, the campus has a well-equipped music centre that provides quality music lessons and offers one to one extensive teaching to students who have the passion for it. There is a band programme in place where all students learn one brass instrument. Drama is offered at all ages and is a popular subject at GCSE level, with over 30 students choosing to study this subject.

The School's cafeteria has an onsite caterer that provides hot lunches for Junior School pupils whose parents opt for it and for Senior School students as required. BISC has a superb health centre with two resident doctors and a nurse. School buses are fitted with GPS and designated bus matrons.

IX. Teaching Arabic Language and a Separate Module on Egyptian Society:

BISC has a separate programme that teaches Arabic language and Egyptian history to its Egyptian students. The objective is to facilitate the students' subsequent integration in the Egyptian society, labour market and public life. Towards the same objective, the School has launched at the beginning of this academic year, a parallel module on 'Egyptian Society'. This module introduces students to advanced knowledge of Arabic language, Egypt's history, and culture. The programme holds pertinent events such as lectures by distinguished members of the society (e.g. Egypt's renowned archaeologist Dr. Zahi Hawas and the Minister of International Cooperation Dr. Rania El Mashaat), movie evenings, puppet shows, trips, among others.