



# Diocesan Boys' School

## School Profile 2023 - 2024

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**CEEB Code:** 670470  
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### Centre for Further Studies and Careers (CFC)

The CFC supports, equips and prepares students throughout their secondary education for their local and overseas further studies or careers.

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## SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Diocesan Boys' School (DBS) was founded in 1869 and provides a liberal education based on Christian principles, offering a well-balanced curriculum for the development of the whole person. DBS has a reputation for academic excellence, with students achieving outstanding results in both the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). The school is also well known for its celebrated sports and music programmes, and for providing students with valuable opportunities to join and lead numerous clubs and societies.

#### Accreditation:

Registered member of the Hong Kong Education Bureau | Authorised IB World School and AFEC-Accredited Athlete-Friendly School.

#### Enrolment:

Grade 7 – 12: Total of 1,357 students

#### Average Class Size and Structure:

Grade 7 to 9: 27 students per class; 6 classes | Grade 10 to 12: (NSS) 28 students per class; 6 classes | (IB) 35 students per class; 2 classes

## SCHOOL DISRUPTION SINCE 2019

Our students have faced many challenges in the past few years. Academic disruptions started as early as November 2019 due to the social unrest. As our school is located where active protests took place, we were suspended for a week in November as required by the Education Bureau (EDB). Unfortunately, schools were forced to close for an extended period (from February to late May 2020) due to COVID-19 and teaching shifted online. Between 2020-22, our school conducted 3 months of Zoom lessons and 8 months of half day school. Extensive school closures, reduced teaching time, exam cancellation and prohibition of all ECA and external activities such as competitions, internships, summer courses, and CAS activities have caused a huge disruption to the normal teaching and learning of our students. Having reached sufficient vaccination rate, DBS has finally resumed full-day face-to-face instruction in mid-September 2022. However, strict quarantine and isolation orders, compulsory testing and travel bans imposed by the Government continues to disrupt the students' schooling. Despite these challenging circumstances, we are proud of our teachers and students who have done their best to uphold the academic rigor and standard of excellence.



# ACADEMICS

**Medium of instruction:** Lessons are conducted in English, with the exception of Chinese and French subjects.

**Curriculum:** From Grade 7 to Grade 9, students follow a general DBS Curriculum. From Grade 10 to 12, Students can choose either the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). IB enrolment is capped by the government at 60 students per grade to maintain the "Direct-Subsidy School" status.

**Grading System and Ranking Policy:** GPA is not calculated and students are not ranked.

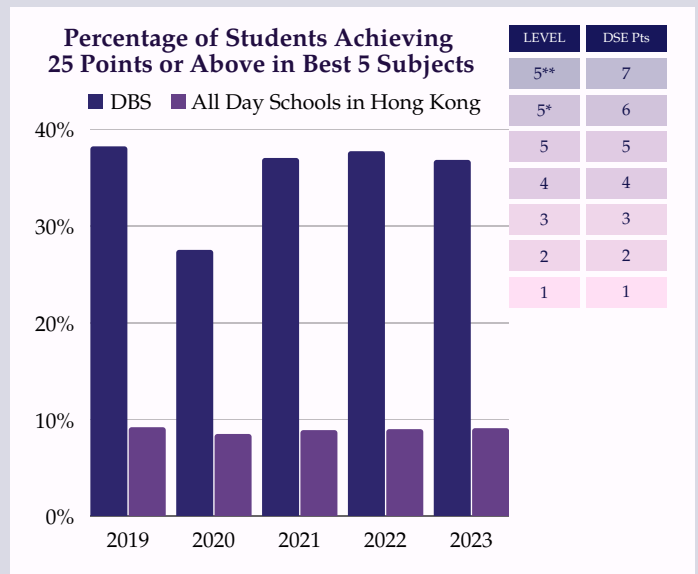
**Rigorous Academic Culture:** Unlike grading systems commonly used in North American schools, a C at DBS is considered to be a good performance in a class of academically competitive and competent students. Teachers would often set the Grade 11 exams at the standard expected of them in the actual public examination. Therefore, it is common for our students to have lower Grade 11 grades than their Grade 12 predicted grades, which are a more accurate indicator of what teachers believe they would achieve in the actual HKDSE/IB exams. Grade 11 is also a challenging year for our students as they are thrown in the deep end, while juggling a lot of extra-curricular responsibilities, which our students have a lot of.

## HONG KONG DIPLOMA FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)

Our HKDSE Section offers extensive subject combinations to develop students' versatile talents. Students can choose to take Design & Applied Technology, Ethics & Religious Studies, and other courses with equal emphasis on practice and theory linked to professional and vocational fields under Applied Learning apart from traditional subjects.

More info can be found at [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/) and [www.sites.google.com/db.s.edu.hk/nss](http://www.sites.google.com/db.s.edu.hk/nss) respectively.

Most students in our HKDSE section take 6 or more subjects. The following shows the achievements of our students in the last five years:



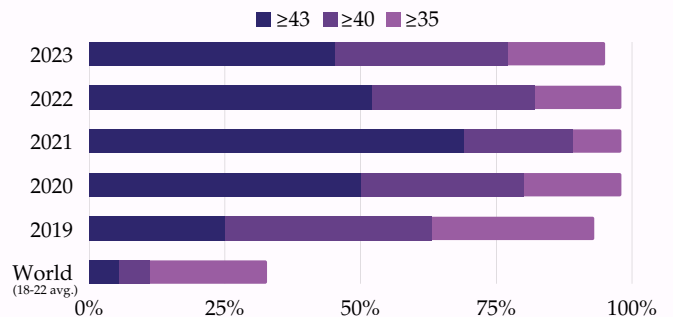
## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

Our IB Section has consistently ranked Top 3 in the Global Top IB Schools in the past 5 years. Since 2009, DBS has started offering the IBDP as an alternative pathway into tertiary education. Students start with our Grade 10 Bridging Program, which builds on the skills necessary to succeed in the IBDP in Grades 11 and 12. For more details about the DBS IBDP Curriculum, you may visit: [www.ib.dbs.edu.hk](http://www.ib.dbs.edu.hk).

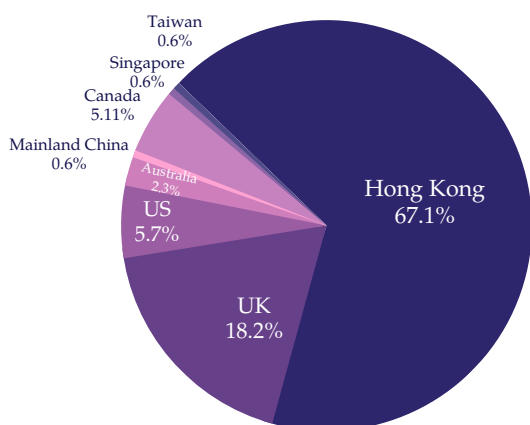
Mean Total Points Attained by DBS IB Diploma Graduates out of 45

COHORT	DBS	WORLD
2023	41	30.2
2022	42	32
2021	43	33
2020	42	31.3
2019	40.3	29.7

Proportion of Cohort Attainment at Key Tiers in Total Score Achieved



## MATRICULATION BY COUNTRY 2022 - 2023



COUNTRY / REGION	NO. OF GRADUATES
Hong Kong	118
United Kingdom	32
United States	10
Australia	4
Mainland China	1
Canada	9
Singapore	1
Taiwan	1
TOTAL	176

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are at the heart of DBS students' life. We have over 140 clubs and societies, majority of which are student run. Afterschool activities were suspended due to the pandemic and EDB policies, and have just resumed in September 2022.



## BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Economics Olympiad Team was founded in 2022 to ignite and develop high school students' interests in economics, business, and finance through rigorous trainings that enhance their problem-solving skills. Subdivisions of the team have participated in local entrepreneurship projects, such as the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology X SOW Goodwill project and the Hong Kong Junior Achievement project. Members also took part in global online competitions, such as the International Economics Olympiad (IEO) and the World Economics Cup (WEC), and have achieved 20 national, 11 continental, and 19 global awards. Additionally, the team has collaborated with the Chinese University of Hong Kong and HKUST to organise talks on advocacy of financial literacy to secondary school students.



## DEBATE, MOCK TRIAL & PUBLIC SPEAKING

As a prominent public speaking school in Hong Kong, our students have joined the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship (WIDPSC) on 11 occasions since 2018, three even serving as team captains. At the International Public Speaking Contest (IPSC) hosted by the ESU, a student advanced to the Grand Finals in April 2022, ranking sixth in a competition with over 1 million contestants. Our students' skills also extend to debating and mooted. The debating team has brought home the champion in over 10 regional and international competitions, including the Bar Association Debating Championships, the city's most prestigious debating competition on legal issues; in addition, the team also emerged victorious as the Hong Kong Champion in the Oxford Schools Debating Competition 2022, the largest British Parliamentary debating competition attracting over 1000 teams worldwide.



## ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

The Green School Action Group (GSAG) is a student-led initiative founded in 2014, aiming to promote environmental and conservational awareness among DBS students. The GSAG is split into 4 divisions - Biodiversity, Sustainable Consumption, Sustainable Cultivation and Energy and Climate Change. We hold annual recycling and waste reduction programmes, campus biodiversity research and tree tours; as well as partake in various external competitions, winning numerous awards - Gold Award in the UN Sustainable Development Goals Ambassador Programme held by CUHK for 2 consecutive years, Outstanding Conservation Award from the University of Hong Kong as well as being awarded 25,000 dollars by coming in 2nd and 3rd in the Green Innovation Challenge Competition by City University of Hong Kong in 2023.



## MUSIC

DBS's renowned music programmes often earn international recognition. DBS has four orchestras specializing in Western and Chinese music, six choirs, and numerous ensembles. After the abatement of the pandemic in 2023, DBS' music ensembles have once again achieved wonderful results in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival and other competitions. In addition, first-time events such as the Concerto Competition were held to give students more performance opportunities. Furthermore, the DBS Senior Choir achieved World Champion in the World Choir Games in Gangneung, South Korea. The end of the year was marked with the successful hosting of the annual Homecoming Concerts.



## SPORTS

With 23 inter-school sports teams and 8 inter-house sports teams, DBS sports life is a pillar to the school's aim of all-round excellence. In the 2021-22 academic year, sports trainings were affected due to closure of public facilities and shortened school hours from the pandemic. In 2022, inter-school sports competitions slowly resumed. Even with the restrictions, our sports teams have continued to work hard and have clinched 13 Overall Champions in athletics, swimming, cross-country, beach volleyball, handball, volleyball, badminton, table-tennis, tennis, squash, indoor rowing, tenpin bowling and fencing. We have also nurtured a number of athletes who have achieved success at the international level, such as ITF Doubles title in Spain January 2022, Junior Fencing World Champion (foil) in April 2022, and youngest member of the Men's HK Football Team in the semi-final of 2023 Asian Games.



## S.T.E.M

DBS is also well-known for its academic excellence, achieving outstanding results in local and international STEM competitions. Despite the pandemic, our students won bronze medals in the International Mathematics and Informatics Olympiad competitions (IMO, IOI) 2023, the International Physics and Psychology Olympiads (IPhO, IPsyO) 2021, and the International Biology Olympiad 2019. One of our students has even been invited to be one of the problem authors in the European Girls Olympiad in Informatics (EGOI) 2023. Our robotics team has also in their first season become the Control Award Champion at the FIRST Tech Challenge Asia Pacific Open Championship 2023 held in Sydney, Australia, one of the most prestigious international robotics competitions. Locally, we won the Overall Championship in the Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics 2022-23, and the Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad 2023.

## Australia

Monash University  
Queensland University of Technology  
RMIT University  
University of Adelaide  
University of Melbourne  
University of New South Wales  
University of Queensland  
University of South Australia  
University of Sydney  
University of Technology Sydney

## Belgium

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

## Canada

McGill University  
McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Simon Fraser University  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Guelph  
University of Manitoba  
University of Ottawa  
University of Prince Edward Island  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
York University

## France

The Paris Institute of Political Studies

## Finland

University of the Arts Helsinki

## Germany

Jacobs University Bremen

## Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
Hong Kong Baptist University  
Hong Kong Metropolitan University  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Lingnan University  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
The Education University of Hong Kong  
The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
The University of Hong Kong

## Italy

Bocconi University

## Japan

International Christian University  
Keio University  
Wasada University

## Macau

Macau University of Science and Technology

## Mainland China

Beijing University of Chinese Medicine  
Central Conservatory of Music  
Fudan University  
Guangzhou University  
Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine  
Huaqiao University  
Nanjing University  
Peking University  
Tsinghua University

## Netherlands

The Hague University of Applied Science

## Singapore

Nanyang Technological University  
National University of Singapore

## Switzerland

Swiss Hotel Management School

## Taiwan

National Taiwan Normal University

## United Kingdom/Ireland

Brunel University London  
Bournemouth University  
Cardiff University  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
Guildhall School of Music and Drama  
Imperial College London  
Keele University  
Lancaster University  
London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts  
Loughborough University  
Newcastle University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Queen's University Belfast  
Robert Gordon University  
Royal Brimingham Conservatoire  
Royal Academy of Music  
Royal College of Music  
Swansea University  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Arts London  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Buckingham  
University of Cambridge  
University of Dundee  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Kent  
University of Lancaster  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
University of London, Goldsmiths  
University of London, KCL  
University of London, LSE  
University of London, Queen Mary  
University of London, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama  
University of London, Royal Holloway  
University of London, Royal Veterinary College  
University of London, SOAS  
University of London, St George's  
University of London, UCL  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Reading  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of Stirling  
University of Sussex  
University of St. Andrews  
University of Strathclyde  
University of Surrey  
University of Warwick  
University of York

## United States

Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Calvin University  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cedarville University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Grinnell College  
Harvard University  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Johns Hopkins University  
Manhattan School of Music  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Michigan State University  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York Film School  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pomona College  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rice University  
Rutgers University  
St. Olaf College  
SUNY Binghamton  
SUNY Stony Brook University  
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
The Juilliard School  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wesleyan University  
Wheaton College