



Diocesan Boys' School

School Profile 2025 - 2026

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1869, Diocesan Boys' School (DBS) is an all boys' school that nurtures a strong community of lifelong learners grounded in Christian principles, who are committed to serve, to lead, and to make a difference in an ever-changing world. Located in the heart of Hong Kong, DBS students emerge as articulate, resilient, and globally aware individuals—ready to contribute meaningfully to diverse academic communities and to lead with integrity in an ever-changing world.



SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Our school curriculum is designed and structured to provide students with a holistic and liberal education for the development of the whole person. Students benefit from a well-balanced education, supported by expert faculty, and immersed in a vibrant ECA programme spanning music, sport, debate, and community engagement.

Students in Grades 7-9 follow the local Junior Secondary School Curriculum (NSS). For Grades 10-12, they choose between the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE) or the IB Diploma Programme (IB). IB enrolment is capped at 60 students per grade to maintain our Direct-Subsidy School status.

Enrolment:

Grade 7 – 12: Total of 1,375 students

Average Class Size and Structure:

Grade 7 – 9: (NSS) 27 students per class; 9 classes

Grade 10 – 12: (DSE) 28 students per class; 6 classes | (IB) 30 students per class; 2 classes

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

Accreditation:

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

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

Overseas Exam Preparation: Our school is **not** a test centre for SAT/ACT/UK admissions tests/IELTS/TOEFL etc. Students take these tests on their own, as necessary.

Academic Rigor & Grading: Our school's internal examinations are intentionally designed to be more challenging than public exams, fostering academic excellence and resilience. Unlike grading systems commonly used in North America, at our school, a 'C' at our school is considered a good performance in a class of highly competitive and academically capable students. To foster a rigorous academic culture, it is the school's tradition and practice for assessments in Grades 10–11 to be set at the standard that students are expected to reach when they complete the IBDP/HKDSE syllabus at the end of Grade 12, rather than the standard they are currently at. As a result, their Grade 11 results may appear lower than their Grade 12 predicted grades (this serves as a reliable indicator of final exam performance).

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CURRICULUM | ACADEMICS

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). In grade 9, students complete the final year of their Hong Kong Junior Secondary School Curriculum. All subjects listed for grade 9 are compulsory, and assessment is largely based on examination. This comprehensive curriculum allows students to survey a wide range of subjects in preparation for both the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

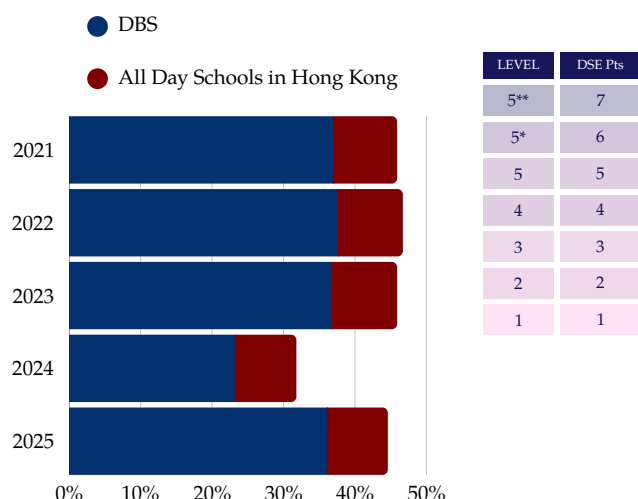
HONG KONG DIPLOMA FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)

Under the local Senior Secondary Curriculum, our students take the four core subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics (Compulsory Part), Citizenship and Social Development and select two or three elective subjects among the fifteen (including French) that we offer. Most students in our HKDSE section take 6 or more subjects.

To facilitate students' whole-person development and nurture positive values, we offer a wide range of Other (non-academic) Learning Experiences (OLE) both within and outside school hours. These include moral and civic education, community service, career-related experiences, aesthetic development and physical development.

In 2024-25, one student achieved four 5** and three 5* in the HKDSE examination. Another student from our school achieved three 5** and four 5*, while one student obtained one 5** and six 5*. The following shows the achievements of our students in the last six years:

Percentage of Students Achieving 25 Points or Above in Best 5 Subjects

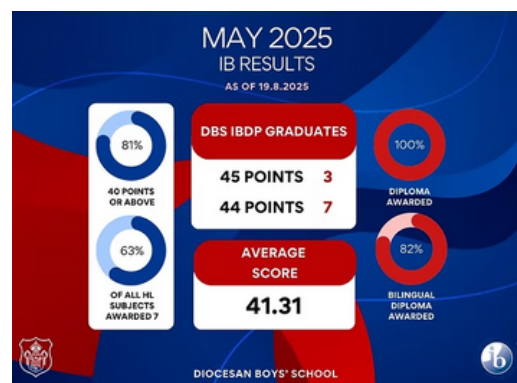


INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

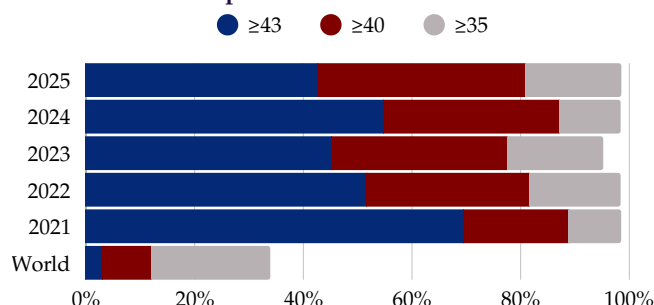
Since launching the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme in 2009, the IB Section has provided a holistic curriculum that balances scholarly achievement with creativity, activity, and service, allowing for personal growth.

Under the IB curriculum, Grades 11 and 12 students take six subjects—three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level—alongside the Core components: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), which foster independent research skills, intercultural understanding, and a commitment to making a positive impact.

Academic outcomes are exceptional: in May 2025, 3 students achieved the perfect score of 45, with 7 more earning 44 points. The average score of all our Class of 2025 IBDP graduates is 41.31 while the world average was 30.58.

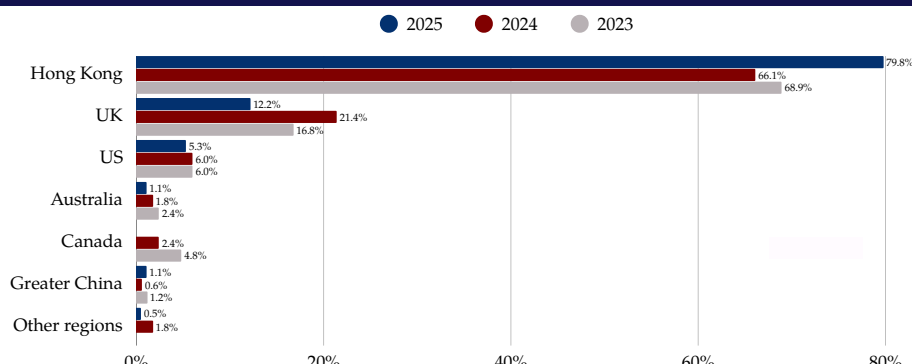


Proportion of DBS IB Students' Achieved Scores compared with Worldwide Scores



MATRICULATION BY COUNTRY (CLASS OF 2025)

COUNTRY / REGION	PERCENTAGE
Hong Kong	79.8%
UK	12.2%
US	5.3%
Australia	1.1%
Greater China	1.1%
Other Regions	0.5%



Offers from
Class of 2025 are
highlighted in RED

Australia

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

Canada

McGill University
McMaster University
Ontario Tech University
Queen's University
Ryerson University
Simon Fraser University
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Guelph
University of Manitoba
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
Western University
York University

Finland

University of the Arts-Helsinki (Taideyliopisto)

France

Made-In Sainte Marie Lyon

Germany

Jacobs University Bremen
Hochschule für Musik und Tanz Köln

Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
Hong Kong Arts School
Hong Kong Baptist University
Hong Kong Metropolitan University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
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

Japan

International Christian University
Wasada University

Mainland China

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

Netherlands

The Hague University of Applied Science
Conservatorium van Amsterdam

Singapore

Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore

Switzerland

Swiss Hotel Management School

Taiwan

Chung Shan Medical University
National Dong Hwa University
National Taiwan Normal University

United Kingdom/Ireland

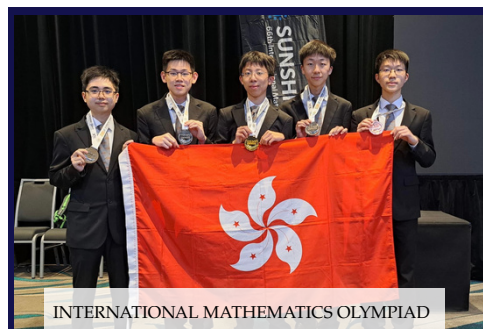
Abertay University
Brunel University London
Bournemouth University
Cardiff University
Coventry University
Durham University
Guildhall School of Music and Drama
Imperial College London
Keele University
Lancaster University
London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Newcastle University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen's University Belfast
Regent's University London
Robert Gordon University
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Royal Academy of Music
Royal College of Music
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Royal Northern College of Music
Swansea University
Teesside University, Middlesbrough
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 Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Lancaster
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
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 the West of England
University of West London
University of Warwick
University of York

United States

Amherst College
Babson College
Berklee School of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Colburn School of Music
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Eastman School of Music
Emory University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Harvard University
Indiana University Bloomington
Indiana University Jacobs School of Music
Johns Hopkins University
Manhattan School of Music
Michigan State University
New England Conservatory of Music
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oral Roberts University
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art and Design
St. Olaf College
SUNY Binghamton
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 Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts Amherst
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
Williams College
Yale University

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DBS has over 80 clubs, societies, interest groups, student organisations, and school teams, with most of them being run by students and with minimal teacher intervention. Students gain valuable experience in terms of organising activities and leading teams in competitions. This creates a very unique extracurricular ecosystem in DBS, which helps nurture our student leaders and creates a strong sense of community.



INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD



SAFE CRACKING INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS TOURNAMENT



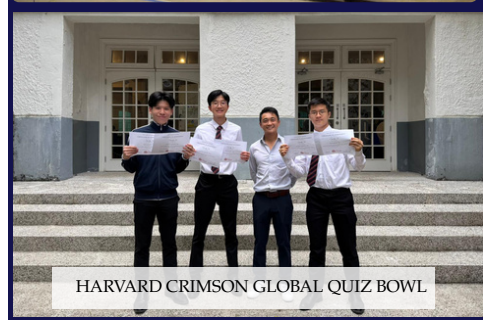
INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY OLYMPIAD



WORLD ROBOT CONTEST CHAMPIONSHIPS
BEIJING, CHINA



FIRST TECH CHALLENGE ASIA PACIFIC OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIPS, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



HARVARD CRIMSON GLOBAL QUIZ BOWL

STEAM & ROBOTICS

STEAM

DBS is well-known for its academic excellence, achieving outstanding results in local and international STEAM competitions.

Notable **international** achievements include:

- **Gold Medal** in the **International Mathematical Olympiad 2025**
- **Silver Medal** in the **International Cybersecurity Olympiad 2025**
- **Silver Medal** in the **International Olympiad in Informatics 2024**
- **Gold Medal** in the **International Junior Science Olympiad 2024**
- **First Runner-Up** in the **Safe Cracking International Physics Tournament 2024**
- **Bronze Medal** in the **International Biology Olympiad 2023**
- A student was invited to be a **Problem Author** for the **European Girls' Olympiad in Informatics 2023**
- **Gold Medal & Team 1st Place** in the **International Psychology Olympiad 2022**
- **Gold Medal** in the **International Physics Olympiad 2021**

Hong Kong Regional Competitions:

- **Overall Championship** in the **Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics (HKOI)** for **3 consecutive years (2022-2025)**
- **Overall Championship** in the **Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad (HKMO)** for **3 consecutive years (2021-2024)**

ROBOTICS

Competition Achievements:

- **FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC):**
 - Won the **Overall Champion (Inspire Award)** three times in the 2023-2024 season (in Hong Kong, Australia, and China)
- **FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC):**
 - Established **Hong Kong's first local school-based FRC team**.
 - Won the **Championship** and the esteemed **Rookie All-Star Award** as a new team against 40+ established national teams at the **World Robot Contest Championships 2024 in Beijing**

Community & Innovation Achievements:

- **Significant Community Contribution:** Logged over **1,300 service hours** in a year, providing STEAM education to ethnic minorities and low-income students in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia
- **Guinness World Record:** Students broke the record for the "**Smallest Humanoid Robot**" which assists children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Internal Development & Outreach:

- **Hosted the DBS STEAM Fair**, which attracted **over 1,000 visitors** and serves as a key platform for promoting STEAM to new students and ensuring team sustainability

BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Notable Achievements:

- **International Economics Olympiad (IEO) and the World Economics Cup (WEC):**
 - The team has captured a total of 50 awards across all levels: 19 Global Awards; 11 Continental Awards; 20 National Awards
- **IEO OpenTrack #1 Rank:** In 2022, one student achieved 1st Place globally in the , economics test
- **Harvard Crimson Global Quiz Bowl 2025** (economics & business category):
 - Global Second place - Team; Second place in HK - Team & Individual

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

- **World-class Choir:** The DBS Senior Choir achieved outstanding results in the following **international competitions**:
 - Back-to-back World Champion - World Choir Games 2023 & 2024
 - 3rd in Grand Prix & 2x Category Winner - Taipei International Choral Competition 2025
- **Local Excellence:** Secured exceptional results in prestigious local competitions, including:
 - The Hong Kong Schools Music Festival
 - The Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows
 - The Singapore Raffles International Music Festival

Program & Opportunities:

- DBS boasts a vast music program with four orchestras (Western and Chinese), six choirs, and numerous ensembles
- Large-scale events like the Concerto Competition and the annual Homecoming Concerts provide performance opportunities for students

SPORTS

With 25 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 2024-25 academic year, our sports teams have continued to work hard and have clinched **19 Overall Champions** in archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, cross-country, fencing, football, handball, hockey, indoor rowing, squash, swimming, tennis, tenpin bowling and volleyball.

We have also nurtured a number of athletes who have achieved success at the **international level**, such as **Student Youth Games** swimming title in November 2023, Gold and Silver medalist (HK record) at the **Asian Junior Athletics Championship**, and 7th place in the **World Junior Athletics Championships**. Our upcoming graduate, Timothy Chow, is the youngest member of the **Men's HK Football Team** in the semi-final of 2023 Asian Games, and the Team recently won Champion in the **Tri-Nations Tournament 2024** with Fiji and Solomon Islands.

DEBATE, MOCK TRIAL & PUBLIC SPEAKING

As a prominent public speaking school in Hong Kong, our students have reached the **World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship (WIDPSC)** on 18 occasions since 2018. At the **International Public Speaking Contest (IPSC)** hosted by the ESU, two students advanced to the Grand Finals in April 2022 and 2024, ranking top 6 among 1 million contestants.

Our debating team has brought home the **champion in over 10 regional and international competitions**. Most recently in 2023-24, our school team emerged victorious in the nation-wide Sing Tao Inter-School Debating Competition, earning the team's **first-ever victory in 39 years** of participation. In addition, the team also won the **Hong Kong Champion in the Oxford Schools Debating Competition 2022**, the largest British Parliamentary debating competition worldwide. TEDxDBSHK 2025 also marked the school's first TEDx event in 6 years, which featured 150+ participants and 5 high-profile speakers.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Students of our Green School Action Group (GSAG), a student-led organisation, have demonstrated exceptional success in both external competitions and internal campus initiatives:

- **Gold Award** in the UN Sustainable Development Goals Ambassador Programme (Chinese University of Hong Kong) 2024 & 2025
- **Guinness World Record 2024** for the world's largest animal faeces papermaking
- **Outstanding Conservation Award (University of Hong Kong)** for a significant contribution to wildlife conservation
- **Imperial College London Hackathon:** Achieved **Top 10 Overall** at the Grand Finale, developed technology-driven solutions to environmental challenges
- **Ocean Park Conservation Alliance - Seahorse Ranger Initiative:**
 - Organised campus night walks and birdwatching sessions for the annual **City Nature Challenge**; built and installed bird boxes
- **School initiatives** - Recycled over 50 kg of plastic per semester; raised HKD15K through self-made terrarium workshops at our school's annual Garden Fete



