

THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF AMSTERDAM

Our School

At The British School of Amsterdam, our students are at the heart of everything we do. We believe every school day is important, fostering academic success, strong character, and meaningful relationships so our students thrive and learn to succeed.

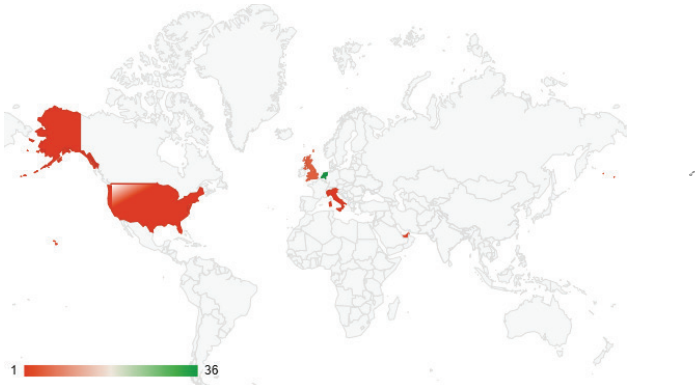
Our rich history has seen us grow from a small primary school to a through-school for ages 3 to 18. We bring our diverse community together at our historic Havenstraat building, where modern facilities blend seamlessly with its national monument status. Our origins as a parent-founded school are still celebrated through our exceptional parents' organisation, reinforcing that belonging is for everyone - students, staff, and families alike. Belonging is key to wellbeing; we thrive together.

Our rigorous curriculum leads to GCSE and A Level certifications, delivered by highly qualified and committed staff. Beyond academic excellence, our extensive enrichment programs cultivate well-rounded young people with a growth mindset and a can-do attitude, preparing them for top universities globally.

Our Vision

Forward looking, forward thinking: the very best that British international education offers. A thriving international school community which nurtures, inspires and empowers everyone to be the very best they can be.

University Destinations 2026 - 2027



Contact Information

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Student Body

Total number of students: **931**
Over **70** nationalities

Senior School enrolment: **487**
Class of 2026: **60**

British	14%	Dutch	12%
Indian	22%	American	9%
Russian	3%	French	2%
Italian	4%	Turkish	2%
Japanese	3%	Others	27%

Accreditations and Memberships

Accredited by:
Association of British Schools Overseas (AoBSO)
Cambridge International Education
Pearson
AQA

Member of:
Council of British International Schools (COBIS)
The Heads' Conference (HMC)
The Governance network for International Schools (iGNIS)
The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)
Duke of Edinburgh International Award

University offers and acceptances 2026 - 2027

Students receive support and guidance when preparing their university applications from the Senior academic team, University Counsellor, Head of Sixth Form, Head of Pastoral, Head of Senior School and the Principal. They are encouraged to limit themselves to 10 applications worldwide.

To view all universities please scan the QR code.

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Academic Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum used in England. Students start Year 7 when they are 11 years old. The Senior School is broken down into three stages: Key Stage 3 (KS3) which includes Years 7 – 9, Key Stage 4 (KS4) which includes Years 10 – 11, and Key Stage 5 (KS5) which includes Years 12 - 13 and is often referred to as the Sixth Form.

Key Stage 4 (KS4)

This is a two year programme taken in Years 10 and 11, leading to the UK qualifications:

GCSEs - General Certificate of Secondary Education
IGCSEs - International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Students follow a core curriculum which is supplemented with additional subjects based on their own choices.

At all levels, the curriculum is enhanced by extra-curricular activities in sport, music and drama. We ensure students have opportunities for investigative and independent learning, outdoor learning, educational visits, teamwork and leadership activities.

Core Curriculum

- English Language
- English Literature
- English as an Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Science:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - or Science Double Award which counts as two GCSEs

Personal Preferences

(four subjects can be selected from the below)

- Business Studies
- Media Studies
- History
- Geography
- Computer Science
- Music
- Art and Design
- Drama
- Physical Education (PE)

Key Stage 5 (KS5)

This is a two year programme taken in Years 12 and 13 leading to the UK qualifications:

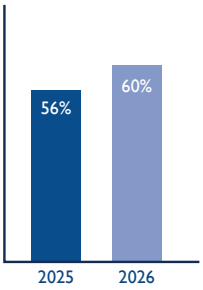
AS Levels - Advanced Subsidiary
A Levels - Advanced Levels (also referred to as A2)

The curriculum is based around three key components, the student's' chosen academic pathway, a complementary core curriculum and an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities. For their academic pathway students will choose four subjects that they wish to study in Year 12 from the list below. Students continue with at least three of those subjects in Year 13 to gain the full A Level qualification.

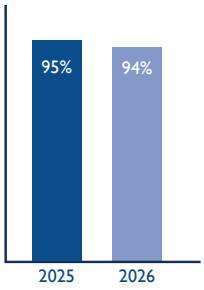
Subjects Available

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Dutch
- Economics
- English Language & Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish

GCSE Results

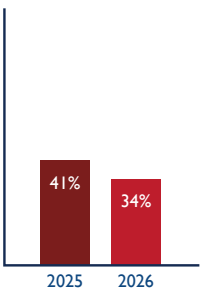


Percentage of high grades (9 to 7 - A or A*)



Percentage of high grades (9 to 4 - A* to C)

A Level Results



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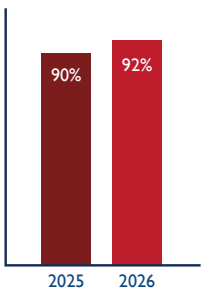

Percentage of high grades (A* to C)