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Our vision is to create an inclusive, dynamic and challenging curriculum which encourages students to become internationally aware citizens of the future

OUR SCHOOL

- established in 1991 as part of the English Schools Foundation of Hong Kong
- approximately 1,225 coeducational students from age 11 to 18
- over 40 nationalities
- largest population is Eurasian with strong representation from Indian, Japanese, Chinese, European and Australian origins
- diverse faculty with 8 nationalities represented among the academic staff
- overall teacher to student ratio Post 16 is 1:10
- all students are residents of Hong Kong who are able to benefit from an education in the medium of English
- students access universities worldwide

THE CURRICULUM

The School provides a broad and balanced curriculum from Year 7 to 13 with academic options available for students from Year 10 onwards. The School does not rank order students and provides performance grades within the year as appropriate to the programmes studied. We have a designated Vice Principal assessing gifted and talented students at the school who creates appropriate programmes including a critical thinking course for the most able in Pre 16.

PRE 16 PROGRAMME: YEAR 10 & 11 (YEAR 9 & 10 - US EQUIVALENT)

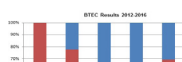
All students follow a two year course preparing them for IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) examinations. This includes a compulsory examinable core of Mathematics, Science and English. Students choose other examinable electives in the areas of Language, Humanities, Technology, Sport and the Creative Arts. In addition all students follow a non examinable core of Physical Education, ICT and Learning Skills. All students take the IGCSE Global Perspectives course with the option of sitting the examination.

GRADING OF IGCSE

Most students will sit nine examinations at the end of Year 11, while some will complete ten or eleven.

Please refer to the certified photocopies of IGCSE certificates for examination board grading.

IGCSE GRADE	WEST ISLAND SCHOOL %	
	2015	2016
A*	30	22
A* to A	58	53
A* to B	81	77
A* to C	96	93
A* to D, E, F, G, U	100	100



POST 16 PROGRAMME: YEAR 12 & 13 (YEAR 11 & 12 - US EQUIVALENT)

The School offers two main pathways for students in their final two years at the School. The first is the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) programme which was started in the School in 2009. The second is the International Diploma (ID) programme. Students in both pathways follow a sports programme and are expected to complete the CAS component of the IB pathway below. For a small number of students with Special Educational Needs we offer a bespoke "Foundation Diploma" which is a combination of appropriate qualifications.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA (IB)

The IB Diploma is a broad academic pathway typically taken by approximately 85% of WIS students. It offers breadth and gives students a chance to study a broad range of academic disciplines. More details about the IB programme can be found at www.ibo.org.

IB COURSES PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL

Note: Unless indicated all subjects are offered in Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL)

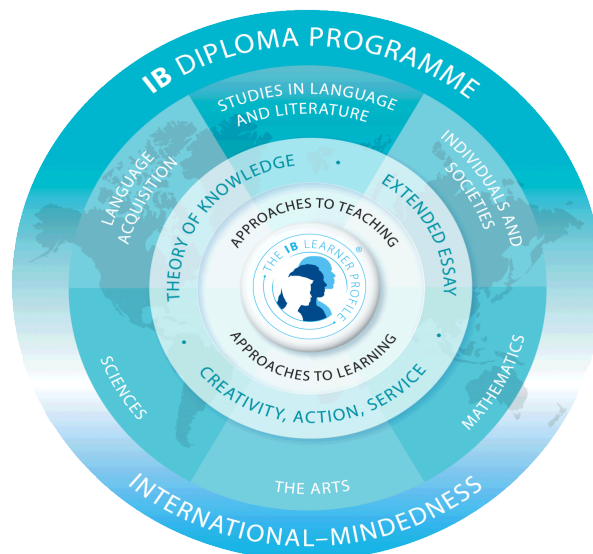
GROUP	
1	English Literature, English Language & Literature, Literature in Performance (SL only)
2	Chinese, French & Spanish
3	Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Business & Management
4	Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Design & Technology, Environmental Systems and Societies (SL only), Physics, Sports Exercise & Health Science
5	Mathematics (Further Mathematics is offered to the most academically able students), Maths Studies
6	Dance, Film Studies, Music, Theatre Studies, Visual Arts or a subject from Group 3 or 4 if needed for university entrance requirements

CLASS RANK

The School does not rank its students.

GPA CALCULATION

The schools of the English Schools Foundation do not use the US system of GPA grading. WIS follows the IB grading system of level 1 to 7 for each subject.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011 - 2016 IB RESULTS

Year	No. of IB Diploma Students	% passed Diplomas	WIS average Diploma Score	Worldwide Average Diploma Score
2011	125	100	34.6	29.61
2012	122	100	35.25	29.77
2013	128	98.4	35.32	29.81
2014	127	98.4	35.23	30.1
2015	132	98.4	36	29.88
2016	124	99	36.6	30.1

* Please refer to the IBO website for latest score

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

Students following this pathway elect specialist subjects accredited by the Business and Technician Education Council (BTEC) www.edexcel.com. Students choose from a range of BTEC National (QCF) Level 3 Diploma (equivalent to two British GCE A Levels) and Subsidiary Diploma (equivalent to one British GCE A Level) courses which are widely accepted university entrance qualifications in the UK and other countries. In addition, all students complete a GCE AS equivalency in the research skills programme and a BTEC work skills course equivalent to a GCE AS level to augment their specialist subject areas. These may be added to by individual subjects from the IB programme.

GRADING OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

BTEC National (QCF) Level 3 Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma programmes are graded at Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass levels. Distinction* level is equivalent to British GCE A Level Grade A* (56 UCAS tariff points), Distinction level is equivalent to British GCE A Level Grade A (48 UCAS tariff points), Merit level is equivalent to GCE A Level Grade C (32 UCAS tariff points) and Pass level is equivalent to GCE A Level Grade E (16 UCAS tariff points). A British GCE A Level pass is Grade E.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013-2016 BTEC RESULTS

Year	% Pass	% Merit	% Distinction	% Distinction*
2013	6	5	40	49
2014	3	15	30	52
2015	9	20	22	49
2016	13	21	35	31

Distinction* was introduced in 2013

ENRICHMENT

West Island School offers a broad and dynamic range of leadership opportunities for students. Dynasty (House) Captains and Head Students are elected in Year 12 to represent the student body and oversee service committees. Students are also chosen to lead sports teams, organise annual cultural events and school performances. In addition, we offer a Model United Nations experience, debating, Amnesty International involvement and participation in academic competitions both in Hong Kong and within the region.

We hold an annual Horizons Week where students can extend their commitment to the areas of Creativity, Action and Service both in Hong Kong and overseas.

Post 16 students are encouraged to take responsibility within the community as leaders and as active mentors to younger students in the school.

The school is an elite school in sport. In the last five years the school has won the prestigious Hong Kong wide "Bauhinia Bowl" for best co-educational sporting school in Hong Kong three times and has placed in the top two schools for the other two years.



UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS 2008 – 2016

West Island School students have been accepted into the following institutions:

UK institutions

Abertay, Aberystwyth, Anglia Ruskin, Aston, Bath, Bath Spa, Birmingham, Birmingham City, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Britannia Royal Naval College, Brunel, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cardiff Metropolitan, Central School of Speech and Drama, Central St Martins, Chelsea College of Art & Design, Chester, City University London, College of St Mark & St John, Coventry, De Montfort, Dundee, Durham, East Anglia, Edgehill, Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier, Essex, Exeter, Falmouth, Glasgow, Goldsmith's, University of London, University of London, Hertfordshire, Hull, Hull York Medical School, Imperial College University of London, Keele, Kent, King's College University of London, Kingston, Lancaster, Leeds, Leeds College of Art, Leeds College of Music, Leeds Beckett, Leeds Trinity & All Saints, Leicester, Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores, London College of Communication, London College UCK, London School of Political Science & Economics, London School of Fashion, Loughborough, Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan, MET Film School, Myerscough College of Higher Education, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Newton Cookery School Edinburgh, Northampton, Northumbria, Norwich College of Arts, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Oxford, Oxford Brookes, Peninsula Medical School, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Queen's University Belfast, Queen Margaret, Queen Mary University of London, Regents, Royal Holloway University of London, Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam, Southampton, Southampton Solent, St Andrews, St Mary's University College Twickenham, Stirling, Strathclyde, Surrey, Swansea Metropolitan, Sussex, Tech Music School (BIMM London), University College London, University of London, University of the Arts London, University of Creative Arts, University of the Highlands & Islands, University of Wales Institute Cardiff, University of Wales Swansea, University of West England, Warwick, West London, Westminster, Winchester, York

US institutions

Academy of Art University San Francisco, American University, Babson College, Bates College, Bentley, Boston, California College of Arts, California Institute of Technology, California Polytechnic, California State, Carnegie Mellon, Chicago, Citrus College, Colorado Boulder Temple, Columbia Pace, Cornell, Duke, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Emory, Endicott College, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Georgetown, George Washington, Illinois Urbana Champaign, Indiana Lynn, Loyola Marymount, Maryland, Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Massachusetts Lowell, Miami, Middlebury College, Michigan-Ann Arbor, Mills College, Mount Holyoke, Montana State Bozeman, New York, New York Steinhardt, New York Stern, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Northeastern, Northwestern, Ohio State, OTIS College of Art and Design, Oregon, Parsons New School of Design, Pennsylvania State, Portland State University, Pratt, Purchase College, Purdue, Rhode Island School of Design, Ringling College of Art & Design, Rochester Institute of Technology, San Francisco, Savannah College of Art & Design, School of Visual Arts, Scripps, Smith College, Southwestern, Stanford, Syracuse, Texas-Austin, Texas-Dallas, Tufts, University of Arizona, University of California Berkeley, University of California Santa Barbara, University of California Santa Cruz, University of California Irvine, University of California Los Angeles, University of California San Diego, University of Minnesota, University of Montana Missoula, University of Pennsylvania, University of Southern California, Virginia, Washington St Louis, Washington Seattle, Wake Forest, Wisconsin

Canadian institutions

Alberta, Alberta College of Art & Design, Art Institute of Vancouver, Bishops, Bow Valley, Calgary, Concordia University College of Alberta, George Brown College of Applied Art & Technology, Guelph, Langara College, McGill, Ontario College of Art & Design, Ottawa, Queen's University, Sherian College, Simon Fraser, Toronto, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Vancouver Film School, Vancouver Island University, Western Ontario

HK institutions

City University, City University Community College, Centennial College (HKU), Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKU Space, Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts, Hong Kong Community College Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Penasia Culinary Art School, Savannah College of Art & Design, University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong SPACE Community College, Yew Chung Community College

Australian institutions

Australian National University, International College of Hotel Management Adelaide, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology, University of Adelaide, University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, University of Queensland, University of Sydney

Other institutions

Amsterdam, Netherlands; Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands; Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines; Avans University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands; Beijing Language University; Culinary Institute of Switzerland; Dow International Medical College, Pakistan; Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, Switzerland; Erasmus University, Rotterdam; ESMOD, France; Hotel School of the Hague; IE University, Madrid; International Christian University, Japan; International Fashion Design School, Shanghai; Jacobs University, Germany; Lappeenranta University, Netherlands; Leiden, Netherlands; Les Roches International School of Hotel Management, Switzerland; Maastricht University, Netherlands; Osaka University, Japan; Prague Film School; Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan; Seoul National; St George's Medical School Grenada; Stamford University, Thailand; Sungkyunkwan University, Korea; Trinity College, Ireland; University College Dublin; University Cottocica del Socro Cuore; University of Delhi, India; Stellenbosch University, South Africa; University of Pretoria, South Africa; Utrecht University College, Netherlands; Waseda University, Japan; Yale-NUS, Singapore;



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