

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Chichester High Schools Sixth Form

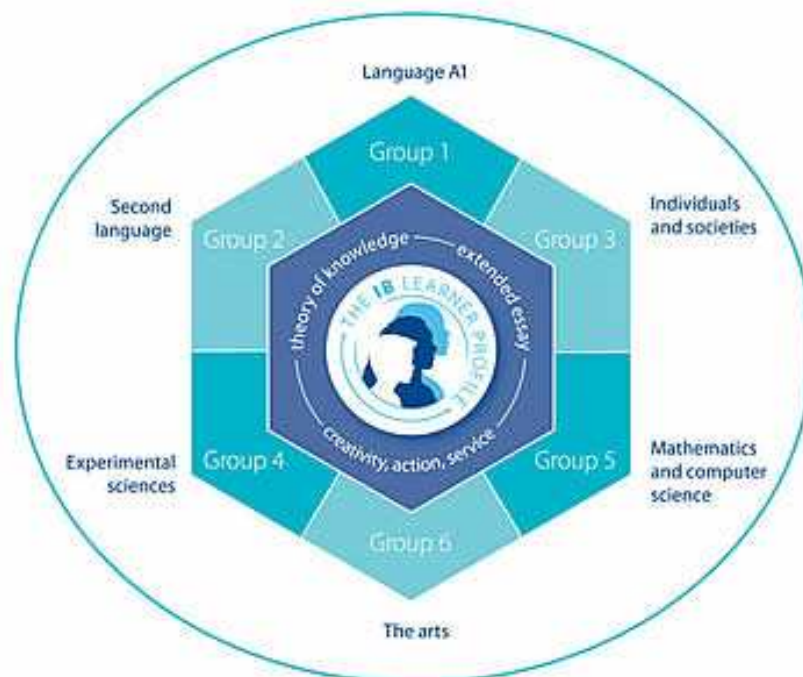
We are delighted to have the opportunity to extend our Sixth Form offer to our students and to be an **IB Candidate School** for the Diploma Programme. Courses leading to the award of the prestigious IB Diploma are an exciting alternative to A levels.

What is the IB Diploma Programme?

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is an internationally recognised qualification. It consists of a two year programme of study for 16-19 year olds.

What is the IB curriculum?

It is genuinely broad and balanced. Students choose one subject from each of five subject groups and one other from group six. Students will normally take three subjects at higher level (approximately equivalent to A2) and three subjects at standard level. This is represented by the IB Diploma Hexagon as follows:



Additional Features

The IB Diploma Programme also offers three other special features which are integral to the course. These are:

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Students look at 'truth', 'fact and opinion'. The aim is to develop decision making skills and critical thinking.

Extended Essay

The Extended Essay offers the opportunity to investigate a topic of special interest in greater depth. It is seen as a great strength of the IB Diploma because it introduces the kind of independent research and writing skills expected at universities.

Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)

This recognises the importance of personal development outside of academic work. Credit is given for skills, talents and participation in activities such as sport, theatre, community service and voluntary work. Our current enrichment programme includes many of these elements e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award, CCF, Community Sports Leadership Award, Millennium Volunteers and Young Enterprise.

What do universities think of the IB?

IB students are highly valued by British universities. The UCAS tariff gives the maximum IB mark of 45 points as a score of 768 points, equivalent to six and a half A grade A levels.

A student's viewpoint

'Apart from Physics and Chemistry, there was nothing I wanted to drop. I liked the idea of keeping up arty skills as well as Maths and Science and I want to do a languages degree, so the international aspect is an advantage.'

Entry requirements

GCSE entry requirements to the Sixth Form are the same for both pathways (A levels and the IB), so students will choose one or the other for individual reasons.