

The School

The British International School Cairo (BISC) was established in 1976 to provide a balanced and challenging education based on British principles and curricula to meet the needs of:

children of the expatriate British and Anglo-Egyptian communities;
children from the Commonwealth and other countries with educational systems based upon British standards;
children of the English-speaking Egyptian community and other nationalities tied to British-type schooling.

The School has further strengthened its commitment to its international outlook by the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Diploma course which provides entrance to universities and colleges worldwide.

BISC is an independent, fee-financed, non-profit Society, authorised by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Our state-of-the-art new school campus is breathtaking in its sheer scale and quality and it is situated in Beverly Hills, 6th October.

Student ages range from 3 year-olds in Foundation Stage 1 to 18 year-olds in the Upper Sixth. BISC is a non-religious school, where all faiths are valued, and where religion is not a part of the curriculum. Class sizes are from a maximum of twenty-four in the Junior School to ten/twenty in the Senior School and very small groups in the Sixth Form. The overall staff/student ratio is 1:8. The diverse international student body leads to the natural development of goodwill, friendliness, tolerance and understanding among the pupils.

Over forty different nationalities make up the 870 pupils including: American, Australian, Belgian, British, Brunei, Canadian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Ecuadorian, Egyptian, Emirates, French, German, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Jordanian, Kenyan, Korean, Lebanese, Libyan, Mozambican, Nigerian, Omani, Pakistani, Palestinian, Russian, Saudi Arabian, Singaporean, Spanish, Sudanese, Swedish, Swiss, Syrian, Sri Lankan, Turkish, Ukrainian, Yemeni.

The school is open from Sunday to Thursday inclusive. The school day is 8:00am to 3:00pm. Students from Year 1 upwards are required to participate in our School Activities Programme.

There is excellent provision for pupils requiring ESL support in the Junior and Senior schools. The school has up-to-date policies on curriculum, child protection, health and safety, first aid and trips, which may be had upon request.

Bus service is available to most areas of Cairo. Details can be found on our website www.bisc.edu.eg or by contacting the Admissions Office.

For further information regarding admissions, please refer to our website or contact the Admissions Officer, Ms. Amanee Markos, at admissions@bisc.edu.eg. For general enquiries about the school, please contact Ms. Collette Goldsmith, PA to Principal at info@bisc.edu.eg.

The British International School Society (BISS) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization which owns and runs the British International School, Cairo (BISC). You may contact the Chairman, Eng. Ahmed Ezz, at the school address. Please mark your correspondence confidential.

The Junior School

All pupils follow a course of study in line with the relevant aspects of UK National Curriculum. They study the following:

Art	History	Physical Education
English	Mathematics	Science
Geography	Music	Technology
Modern Languages	ICT	Arabic

There is no automatic entry from Y6 into the Senior School - an entrance assessment must be passed.

Resources

As well as a fully-networked computer laboratory containing 26 multi-media units, each class has its own computer. Key Stage 2 children have access to a fully-equipped science laboratory. Key Stage 1 use portable science units appropriate to their needs. There is a spacious library containing both reference books and fiction. It is fully stocked with audio-visual equipment, including television and video and audio-cassette recorders and computers.

The Senior School

Academic standards are high and lessons are geared towards the upper half of the ability range. For the first three years, the curriculum is designed to provide a balanced education in academic and creative subjects as well as physical education. It is aimed at developing a student's potential by encouraging independent thinking, curiosity, enthusiasm and respect for hard work. The curriculum is also designed to train students to work independently and as a group. In the fourth and fifth years the curriculum is largely geared to the syllabus requirements of the GCSE examinations. There are fully-equipped science laboratories, with a Senior School Library and a wireless ICT network deploying sets of laptops.

Subjects offered at GCSE include:

English	Mathematics	ICT
Physics	Chemistry	Biology
French	Arabic	German
Business Studies	History	Geography
Art and Design	Music	Physical Education
Drama		

The school has one of the highest A*-A rates in the world.

International Baccalaureate

The two-year International Baccalaureate programme is offered in the Sixth Form, directly into which appropriately qualified students may enter from other schools. Eighteen academic subjects are offered at present and students undertake three at Higher and three at Standard level. The IB Diploma is awarded to those who successfully complete the unique and highly-regarded mixture of course work, formal examinations and extra-mural activities, which provides them with the ideal entry qualification to higher education throughout the world. Typically, Sixth Formers go on to Oxford, Cambridge, Ivy League and other top UK and American universities as well as European universities.

Clubs and After-School Activities

In both the Junior and Senior Schools a wide range of after-school activities are available. The following options are among those usually on the programme:

Table tennis	Sewing/Knitting
Art & Craft	Model UN
Running	Wildlife Project
Nature Garden	PADI Scuba diving
Basketball	Orchestra
Cricket	Badminton
Mixed ball games	Recorders
Choir	Glass Painting
Computer Club	Science / Maths Club
Board Games	Dance Club
Football	Service to the Community
Gymnastics	Debating Society
Horse-riding	Taekwondo
International Youth Award	Volleyball
Karate	Aerobics
Swimming	

All members of BISC are expected to act with courtesy and good sense at all times and in all places.

Uniform

Students wear a School Uniform up to the age of 16, the regulation items of which must be bought at the official outfitters –

Mobaco

6th October: beside Dandy Mall, Carrefour Tel 35391440
Open from 9:30am to 11pm every day

Zamalek: 8 Ahmed Sabri Street Tel. 27382790
Open from 10am to 10pm every day

Admission

The Principal interviews all prospective students and their families. Further interviews and testing are carried out in the Junior and Senior Schools to assess the suitability of the applicant/s. After the successful completion of the entrance procedures, places are offered, subject to the availability of space.

Application forms, and other relevant information regarding the admissions process, are available on the school's website.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Principal
Simon O'Grady, BSc, MA

Business Manager
Mona El Fawal, BA

Head of Senior School
Charles Wall, BSc, PhD, PGCE, NPQH

Head of Junior School
Michael Higgins, BEd, MA

Deputy Head Academic
Basman Zora, BA, PGCE

Deputy Head Juniors
Rebecca Layton-Short, BA, MA, PGCE, NPQH

SENIOR SCHOOL

Heads of Year:

Alison Phaup, MA, PGCE

Eavan Zora, BA, QTS
Debra Wellington, BEd

Heads of Department:

Tatyana Morland, BSc, MA, PhD
Michael Hollis, BA, MSc, PGCE
Paul Badham, BSc, PGCE, ONC, HNC
Candice Jouffrai, BA, PGCE
Janice Hunter, BA, MA, PGCE
Henry Haynes-Wood, BEd, HND
Ruth Radwan, BA DTEFLA
Russell Short, BA, PGCE
Jeremy Wyre, BEd.
Rosemary Sabet, MA

Riman Nemr, BA
Ann English, BEd, DipEd, MEd

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Margaret Cashman, BA, PGCE
Julie McGlynn, BA, MA, PGCE
Jennifer Farag, Cert Ed
Lorraine Stevens, BEd
Teresa West, BSc, PGCE
Sophie Carrigan-Hart, BA, PGCE
Stephen Roberts, BSc, PGCE
Una Mulrenan, Cert. Ed
Suzanne McQuade, BA, MPhil, PGCE
Corina Shoy, BSc, QTS
Amal Zaki, BA
Lisa Clarke, BSc, Cert.Ed, LRAM, ARCM
Lawrence Sayers, BA, PGCE
Ian Frost, LLB law degree, PGCE

Dalia Louis, MBBch, MSc

Head of Sixth Form/
IB Coordinator
Head of Middle School
Head of Lower School &
Senior Teacher

Head of Mathematics
Head of English
Head of Science
Head of Modern Lang.
Head of Art & Design
Head of ICT
Head of ESL
Head of Humanities
Director of PE
Head of Drama & VPA
Coordinator
Arabic Coordinator
Head of Learning Support

Foundation Stage Coord
KS1 Coordinator
KS2 Coordinator
FS1 Literacy Coordinator
Mathematics Coordinator
Science Coordinator
Science Coordinator
PSHCE
Humanities Coordinator
ICT Coordinator
Arabic Coordinator
Head of Music
DT Coordinator
CAT Coordinator

School Doctor

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2009
Sunday 30 August – Thursday 17 December
Eid El Fitr: 20 – 22 September (inclusive)
Armed Forces Day: 6 October
Eid El Adha: 26 – 30 November (inclusive)
Islamic New Year – 18 December

SPRING TERM 2009
Sunday 10 January – Wednesday 31 March
Coptic Christmas – 7 January
Half-term: 24 – 27 February (inclusive)
Prophet's Birthday – 26 February
Western Easter – 4 April
Eastern Easter – 4 April
Sham El Nessim – 5 April

SUMMER TERM 2009
Sunday 18 April – Thursday 24 June

REGISTRATION FEE	£ 100	Payable before testing. It does not guarantee the offer of a place and is non- refundable.
SUPPLY FEE	£ 900	Payable once on entry
ADMISSION FEE (Payable once on entry)	£ 2,168 £ 2,544 £ 2,948 £ 2,993	FS1 FS2 & Junior Classes Y7-Y9 Y10 & Y11 (GCSE)

Please note: the above fees are non-refundable in all cases.

TUITION FEE per term	£ 2,168 £ 2,544 £ 2,948 £ 2,993 £ 3,174	Foundation Stage 1 FS2 & Junior Classes Y7-Y9 Y10 & Y11 (GCSE) Sixth Form (IB)
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Yearbook (charged first term) £ 15
Refundable deposit variable (see fees schedule)
Tuition fees are non-refundable except at the school's sole discretion.

For further information and/or to arrange a visit to the School, please contact:

*The Admissions Office
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Beverly Hills Compound,
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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