

THE BRITISH
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SCHOOL, CAIRO

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TO BISC

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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to The British International School, Cairo (BISC). As Principal, I am proud to lead a community that combines the very best of British academic rigour with the warmth, ambition, and spirit of Egypt.

BISC stands as a place where young people are inspired, challenged, and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Our students excel academically, whether through the IB Diploma or our new A-Level programme, and leave us ready to thrive at the world's leading universities. But success at BISC goes far beyond examination results. We believe education should develop character, creativity, leadership, and a deep sense of responsibility to others.

What makes BISC unique is our atmosphere: a family-feel school where every student is known, valued, and supported. Visitors often remark on the energy of our classrooms, the richness of our extracurricular opportunities, and the confidence and courtesy of our young people. Alongside this, our bilingual approach and unique Egypt & the Middle East Programme, ensure students are grounded in their cultural identity while equipped with the skills and outlook to thrive internationally.

We remain committed to our founding values while looking ahead with bold ambition. Our investment in new facilities, cutting-edge technology, and a rapidly expanding Sixth Form reflects our vision to remain the school of choice for families seeking a truly world-class education in Egypt.

I invite you to discover BISC for yourself, to meet our outstanding teachers, to see our students in action, and to experience the vibrant spirit of our community. It is in those moments that the true essence of BISC becomes clear: a school that inspires excellence, nurtures individuality, and prepares young people to make a difference in Egypt, and the world.

Chris Hansen

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Principal of BISC



Begin with Wonder

Foundation Stage (FS1 & FS2)

At BISC, the journey begins at age three in warm, playful classrooms where learning follows the UK Foundation Stage Curriculum and unfolds through purposeful play, exploration, and discovery. Secure and stable, we celebrate uniqueness, creativity, independence, and high aspiration—building early confidence, curiosity, language, and number sense.



What your little one can expect

- **Inspiring spaces:** Spacious classrooms in the main building with direct access to bespoke outdoor play areas.
- **Specialist provision:** Arabic, music, PE in a natural garden, and swimming in an age-appropriate pool—taught by qualified specialists.
- **Expert care around every child:** UK-qualified teacher, bi-lingual graduate teaching assistant, dedicated classroom nanny; trained FS1 & FS2 playground supervisors; annual Safeguarding training for all Early Years staff.
- **Parents as partners:** Regular contact through parent–teacher meetings, Google Classroom updates, written reports, and daily availability at drop-off and pick-up.







Our promise

A joyful first school experience and the very best start possible.

Build with Confidence

Junior School

In Years 1–6, children move into the National Curriculum of England, building firm foundations in literacy, numeracy and social development— plus so much more. We provide a broad and balanced curriculum in a first-class learning environment where pupils are inspired to think deeply, create boldly, and care about others.

What learning looks like

- **Inspiring teaching:** Lessons that spark curiosity and stretch thinking—every child, every day.
- **Balanced curriculum:** English, maths, science, humanities, computing, Arabic, arts, music, and sport.
- **Character & community:** Teamwork, kindness, leadership and house spirit woven through school life.
- **Benchmarking to the best:** Educational provision and standards are aligned with leading UK practice.



Our goal

Children who feel known, supported and excited to learn — ready for the next step.

Whole-child growth

Intellectual
problem-solving, inquiry and a love of reading.

Creative
art, music, performance and design thinking.

Emotional & social
confidence, collaboration and empathy.

Physical
active play, PE and healthy habits

Moral
respect, responsibility and global citizenship.



Excel with Courage

Senior School

BISC's Senior School (Years 7-11) is small enough to know every student and big enough to offer real choice. A broad, balanced curriculum leads to GCSE/IGCSE, alongside a spectacular range of co-curricular opportunities. Specialist teachers bring subjects to life and help every learner fulfil their potential —supported by consistently strong value-added outcomes.

Our promise

"Known as individuals. Challenged as scholars. Growing as leaders."

What students experience

- **Academic breadth:** English, maths, sciences, humanities, computing, Arabic, arts, design & sport.
- **Expert teaching:** Subject specialists who stretch, support and personalise.
- **Co-curricular at scale:** Sport, music, drama, MUN, service, leadership and clubs that spark passions.
- **Character & wellbeing:** Confident, resilient learners who collaborate, communicate and lead.
- **Future skills:** Research, digital literacy, public speaking and project work that prepare students for Sixth Form and beyond.



Lead with Purpose

Sixth Form

IB Diploma & A-Levels | Careers & University Guidance

In BISC's Sixth Form (Years 12–13), ambition meets opportunity. Students choose the pathway that fits their goals—the IB Diploma Programme or Pearson A-Levels—and combine rigorous academics with tailored careers and university support. Small cohorts, specialist teachers and a vibrant co-curricular life help every student build confidence, independence and impact.

The Careers & University Centre

- **1:1 guidance:** Goal-setting, course matching, timelines.
- **Global applications:** UCAS (UK), Common App (US), Canada, Europe, and MENA—country-specific advice from essays to references.
- **Admissions preparation:** Personal statements/essays, interview & MMI practice, portfolio reviews, and admissions tests where required.
- **Readiness for life:** CVs and LinkedIn, networking skills, and our annual University & Careers Fair.

Outcomes that count

- Strong results and high value-added progress, with offers from leading universities worldwide.
- Graduates leave curious, resilient, and community-minded — ready to thrive at university and beyond.



Own your pathway

- **Two world-class routes:** IB for breadth and research; A-Levels for depth and specialism—both recognised by top universities.
- **Personalised programmes:** Subject choices aligned to target degrees (engineering, business, medicine, law, design and more).
- **Academic depth:** IB Core (TOK/EE/CAS) and A-Level specialism cultivate independence, critical thinking and intellectual agility.

Beyond the classroom

- **Super-curricular stretch:** Research, competitions, societies.
- **Real-world experience:** Internships, service projects, leadership roles, and alumni mentoring that build purpose and profile.



Our goal

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Every Child Known, Every Child Supported

Pastoral Care



At BISC, pastoral care is more than a system—it is the daily rhythm of school life. Every student is seen, heard and championed so they can thrive academically, socially and personally.

How we care

- **Personal attention:** Small class sizes and daily tutor time mean staff really know each child.
- **A place to belong:** Our House system builds friendships across year groups, encourages leadership, and adds healthy, friendly competition.
- **A dedicated team around each student:** Tutors, Heads of Year, and school counsellors work together to guide, support, and celebrate progress.
- **Wellbeing first:** Clear safeguarding procedures, proactive mental health support, and a whole-school commitment to student wellbeing.
- **Parents as partners:** Regular communication, drop-ins, and workshops keep families informed and involved.

What this looks like in practice

- Warm welcomes at the door, purposeful tutor time, and positive routines.
- House activities and leadership roles that build confidence and character.
- Swift, sensitive support when challenges arise — so small worries stay small.
- Consistent expectations and a culture of kindness where students look out for one another.

The outcome

Students feel safe, connected and ready to learn—developing the resilience, empathy and confidence to belong anywhere and lead with integrity.

Life Beyond the Classroom

After School Activities (ASA's)



At BISC, the school day does not end when lessons do. Our ASA programme is where curiosity becomes confidence, talents take flight and friendships are forged across year groups.

What's on offer

- **Sport:** A thriving pathway from recreational clubs to competitive leagues—expert coaching, inclusive teams, fixtures and tournaments, fitness and wellbeing.
- **Music & arts:** Peripatetic music lessons (individual and ensemble), choirs and bands, drama productions (onstage and backstage), and visual arts exhibitions that celebrate student creativity.
- **Leadership & service:** Model United Nations, student leadership roles and councils, debate, entrepreneurship and eco initiatives.
- **Community impact:** Service learning embedded across the school and integral to the IB—real partnerships, sustainability projects, fundraising and volunteering.

How it works

- **Try something new every term:** A broad menu of clubs and activities with easy sign-up each season.
- **All ages, all stages:** Age-appropriate opportunities from Junior School to Sixth Form, with stretch for the highly committed and space for first-timers.
- **Showcase moments:** Sports days, arts festivals, House competitions, concerts, productions and trips —memories that last.

The outcome

Teamwork, leadership, resilience and joy—skills and stories that enrich every application, audition and interview, and a sense of belonging that carries well beyond BISC.



ADMISSIONS

We are delighted that you are considering joining The British International School, Cairo. Here is a simple guide to help you understand each step of our admissions journey:

1. **Get in Touch**
   Your first step is to contact our Admissions Officer, Maha Reda:
   Email: admissions@bisc.edu.eg
   Mobile: 011111-21986.

2. **Apply Online**
   Complete our online application form.

3. **Assessment**
   Once we receive your application our Admissions Department will contact you by email to arrange your child's assessment appointment.

4. **Family Interview**
   If your child passes the assessment, we will invite them to meet either the Head of Junior School or the Head of Senior School, depending on their year group.

5. **Parent Meeting**
   We also arrange a short online meeting with both parents and the Deputy Chairman of the School. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about BISC and ask any questions you may have.

6. **Final Decision**
   After all stages are complete, our Admissions Office will email you with the outcome.

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