



International Baccalaureate Diploma at CATS Canterbury

Your International Passport to University

Study the most prestigious, widely-recognised,
international pre-university programme with the UK's
leading university pathway provider



Why CATS Canterbury?



"I visited 5 Schools in total and chose CATS Canterbury for a number of reasons. I liked the town and the environment – it's smaller than a major city but friendly and familiar with an international student base."
Tobias Heim, Germany

All the support you need to succeed

Our commitment to academic excellence is indisputable (our 57 year history demonstrates this) and our commitment to you is uncompromising. When you join CATS Canterbury, you join the CATS Community – a like-minded family of staff and students working together to ensure you and your classmates are happy, supported and equipped with the skills required for successful study.



Making learning easier

All students have access to the tools that help make learning easier. These include independent study plans, computer suites, WIFI, quiet study areas, College and University libraries, weekly Personal Tutor contact, student council and Heads of Year. Students enjoy the benefits of independent education without the constraints of a traditional boarding school.

Canterbury

Home to three universities, Canterbury is one of the safest student cities in the UK offering every facility you will need within a small, familiar environment. Europe is just on our doorstep with Dover and the Eurostar a short drive away and London only an hour away by train.



Ideal class sizes and environment

The International Baccalaureate requires group input, focus and independent learning skills, CATS Canterbury class sizes are small enough to ensure you get the attention you need and large enough to enable healthy debate, creativity and spark. Students benefit from a range of study options including tutorials and lectures and develop analytical and critical skills and independent thinking.

Accommodation

Our students live in traditional houses, stylishly updated to include flat screens televisions, WIFI, purpose built kitchens and comfortable communal areas. All houses are located close to the Campus and the shops, cafés, restaurants and sporting facilities of Canterbury.

Houses range in size and allow students the freedom to live independently yet with the reassurance and supportive guidance of residential supervisors. Students are housed in under 16, under 18 and over 18, accommodation and can opt for self catering or full board.



Fees:	Per term	Annually in advance
Tuition	£6,000	£17,370
Accommodation	from £1,900	£5,500
Total	£7,900	£22,870

The two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma can be supported by a choice of preparatory English courses or an introductory one-year Pre-IB programme.

A student may join the Diploma programme for one year as part of the two year course which can then be completed in his or her own country, provided the subjects are compatible.

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Key facts / Entry requirements:

Suitable for: Motivated, capable students who have successfully completed high school

Age: 16+

IELTS: 5.5+

Programme length: 6 terms

Entry date: September

Examinations: Examinations take place at the end of the two year programme with on-going coursework.

The International Baccalaureate is the fastest growing, most respected qualification in the world. It is your passport to the best universities and a qualification that challenges, encourages and inspires internationally-minded students to become caring, critical thinkers, ready for university study and a global career.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is ideal for students who wish to develop beyond the traditional boundaries offered at A level and enjoy a broad academic programme, independent research and real world comparison.

CATS Canterbury's reputation for quality, its highly diverse and vibrant international student community and student support network makes it the perfect destination for International Baccalaureate study.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is for students who care as much about the journey as they do the destination, who enjoy independence and want to enrich their studies inside and outside the classroom.

"I chose the IB so I could study in any country. The programme is very busy but means you have to plan your time well. At CATS the teachers understand us, they are friends and if we have a problem they are here to help solve it."
Viktoria Petukhova,
Kazakhstan

"I chose the International Baccalaureate because universities accept it all over the world. I love the CAS element and believe it makes me a better more-rounded person and student."
Blair Son, Korea



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What will I study?

Students at CATS Canterbury will study a broad range of six academic subjects, three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level from the following subject groups. Students must choose one subject from each of the groups ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, the experimental sciences and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an Arts subject chosen from group 6, or another subject from groups 2 to 5 which enables students to specialise should they wish to enter a specific field of study such as medicine.

Group 1	Students First Language (currently includes English, Russian, German, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, Georgian and Lithuanian)
Group 2	Second Language: English, Spanish or French
Group 3	Individuals & Societies: Economics, Geography or History
Group 4	Experimental Sciences: Biology, Physics, Environmental Systems & Societies or Chemistry
Group 5	Mathematics and Computer Science: Mathematics or Mathematical Studies
Group 6	The Arts: Theatre Arts or Visual Arts (or another subject from Groups 2-5)

*We guarantee students first language tuition

Core enrichment

The key to achievement of the International Baccalaureate Diploma is a programme of core enrichment modules that compliment academic study and broaden a student's educational experience. The core modules encourage students to question, explore theory and engage in real-world comparison and critical thinking.

Research projects are undertaken resulting in essays similar to university dissertations and a programme of creativity and sports creates reflective, open minded individuals.

Theory of Knowledge

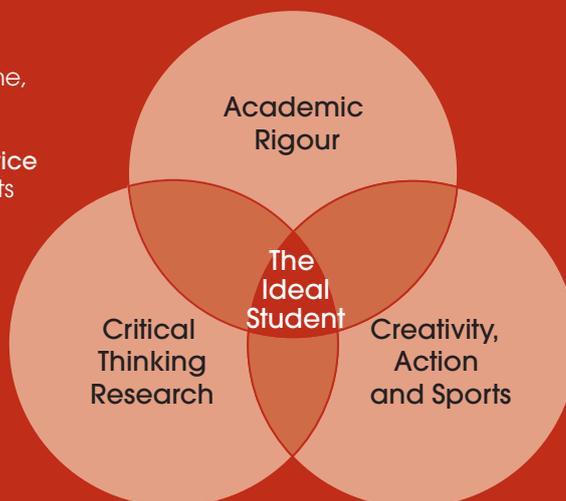
an introduction to critical evaluation of all knowledge

An Extended Essay

based on a personal theme, of up to 4,000 words

Creativity, Action and Service

a programme of arts, sports and community service



CATS Canterbury offers a wide range of activities that meet the needs of our diverse student base, who are eager to engage and grow outside of the classroom. Activities include; overseas volunteer trips, fundraising activity for international charities, local community projects such as beach and forest cleans, participation in the Model United Nations, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, team building days, paintballing, fashion shows, movie nights, talent contests, the College newsletter, salsa, guitar lessons and table tennis.

Grading scale

Students obtain 7 points for each subject plus an additional three points for the Theory of Knowledge, CAS and the Extended Essay. A minimum of 24 points are required to pass the Diploma with a maximum of 45 available for the

IB	UCAS	A level Grades
45		
28	360	AAA
24	280	BBC

most academically gifted students. This allows for a much higher grade achievement in comparison to the standard three A levels.

Unrivalled destinations

The International Baccalaureate is your passport to the best university destinations in the UK and overseas. These universities recognise the benefits of a broader study programme and the additional modules of the International Baccalaureate in creating better 'university-ready' students.

In 2009 36% of CATS Canterbury IB students achieved offers from the Times Top 10 universities by subject area and student destinations included University of Cambridge, Edinburgh and Imperial College London.

“Instead of being taught "truths", we were taught to question them” –
IB graduate

“We find that because the IB is intellectually and personally demanding, it provides a very good springboard for study at university level”
London School of Economics

Future prospects

The International Baccalaureate acts as a springboard for a wide range of careers and specialisms with politicians, world leaders and CEOs across the globe beginning their journey on the Diploma. The most notable International Baccalaureate graduates include: Jorma Ollila, former CEO of Nokia, the Crown Prince of Greece, Actor Gael Garcia Bernal, Author, Randa Abdel-Fattah and Astronaut Akihiko Hoshide

A typical week:

Students on the International Baccalaureate programme can expect a full timetable and an active CAS schedule. This creates mature students, capable of effective time management and multi-tasking – all key skills required for university study.

Example timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1					
08:00-09:40	German	Economics	Biology	Independent Study	German
Period 2					
09:40-10:30	German	Economics	Biology	Personal tutor	German
Period 3					
10:45-11:35	Spanish	Biology	Theory of Knowledge	Economics	Theory of Knowledge
Period 4					
11:35-12:25	Spanish	Biology	Maths Studies	Spanish	Maths Studies
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 5					
13:25-14:15	English	English	English	English	English
Period 6					
14:15-15:05	Economics	Maths studies	Biology	Sports and Activities	German
Period 7					
15:05-15:55	Economics	Maths studies	Independent Study	Sports and Activities	Spanish
Period 8					
16:00-17:00	CAS	CAS	Independent Study	Independent Study	Independent Study

To apply for the International Baccalaureate Diploma or for more information about CATS Canterbury or our Pre-IB programme please contact one of our Educational Advisors who would love to hear from you.

A range of scholarships and bursaries are available for this programme please enquire for further details.

“CATS Canterbury is the best College for studying the IB, with lots of students from different countries. It has helped me to become independent and ready for University.”

Mehdi Bennis, Morocco

