

# The Overseas School of Colombo

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017



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### Mission Statement

The Overseas School of Colombo, an *IB World School*, is committed to guiding our global community toward international and intercultural understanding. OSC develops the whole person as a responsible learner, striving for personal excellence within a culturally diverse environment.

### The OSC Community

Founded in 1957, OSC is a non-profit, co-educational, Pre-K to 12, English medium, international school serving the needs of some 415 children representing 42 nationalities. Approximately 99% of our graduates attend universities and tertiary institutions throughout the world. The class of 2016/17 is made up of 24 students with nationalities representing Canada, Germany, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Norway, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, UK and USA.

### Accreditations

OSC is the only school in Sri Lanka fully authorized to offer all three IB Programmes. OSC is also accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges (MSA). It is a full member of the South Asian Inter School Association (SAISA) and Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESAS).

### Curriculum

OSC administers all three International Baccalaureate Programmes of education: IB Primary Years Programme for grades PK-5 (PYP 1-7), IB Middle Years Programme for grades 6-10 (MYP 1-5), and IB Diploma Programme for grades 11-12 (DP 1-2). OSC offers a Learning Support Program for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities.

MYP subjects include Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Design, Mathematics, Arts, Sciences and Physical and Health Education. Tenth grade students are required to complete a personal research project with supervision from a staff member.

All 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in IB Diploma Programme classes. In 2016, 96% pursued the full IB Diploma. The IBDP subjects offered include English A: Literature, English A: Language & Literature, Other Language A: Literature Self Taught, Language B French and Spanish, Economics, History, Geography, Biology, Environmental Systems & Societies, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Math Studies, Visual Arts, Theatre and Music. Language A Self-taught leads to the Bilingual Diploma and involves a rigorous study of literature in another language. It is coordinated by OSC with external tutors and examined by the IB. All students study Theory of Knowledge and are involved in reflective experiential education through at least 3 hours of Creative, Active and Service Learning activities each week. All IB Diploma candidates undertake teacher supervised Extended Essay Research in a subject of their choice.

### School Organization and Schedule

OSC is organized into a Primary School (Pre-School to Grade 5) and a Secondary School (Grade 6 to Grade 12). The school year involves 40 weeks covered over two semesters (August to December, and January to June) for a total of 180 days. The Secondary school day includes 4 (90 minute) blocks and two breaks (20 and 40 minutes) following a 7 day cycle.

### Faculty

There are fifty-seven educators in the faculty. Over 50% have advanced degrees. Faculty members come from a number of countries including Australia, Canada, Columbia, France, Germany, India, Sri Lanka, Sweden, UK, and USA. OSC supports staff members' professional development through local, regional, and worldwide workshops and seminars.

### Graduation Requirements and Grades

Upon completion of graduation requirements, The Overseas School of Colombo awards the OSC High School Diploma. A student must complete and pass English (4 years), Humanities (4 years), Science (4 years), Second Language (4 years), Physical Education (2 years), Mathematics (4 years) and Electives (4 years). OSC utilizes the IB grading system of 1 (low) to 7 (high). We do not rank out students. All students are required to fulfill the IB CAS experiential education requirements and the Theory of Knowledge class.

### Co-curricular

The educational experience at the Overseas School of Colombo is enhanced by its after school program. OSC has numerous co-curricular activities. In a typical year OSC offers four blocks of after school activities offering approximately 15 activities in each session, with both MUN and Yearbook running the entire academic year. Offerings include fun sports, art, drama, music and academics. A minimum of 8 sporting teams take part in weekly practices within the program of 'Gecko Athletics'. In addition to the academic program, an active and exemplary community service program is also supported throughout all levels of the school.

International Baccalaureate Results 2016	OSC 2016	World 2015
Pass Rate	91%	81%
Average Points Obtained By Passing Students	33	30.2
Highest Diploma Points Awarded	38	45
Average Grade of Students Who Passed	5.2	4.7
Extended Essay	A – 17% B – 29%	A – 12% B – 23%
Theory of Knowledge	A – 8% B – 35%	A – 8% B – 33%

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Subject	No. of Candidates	Grades							Avg. Grade	
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	School	World 2015
ENGLISH A Lang & Lit HL	9	0	2	6	1	0	0	0	5.11	5.05
ENGLISH A Lang & Lit SL	6	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	5.17	5.17
ENGLISH A: Literature HL	6	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	5.33	4.8
ENGLISH A: Literature SL	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	4.60	4.98
GERMAN A: Literature SL	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4.00	5.26
KOREAN A: Literature HL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.00	5.75
FRENCH AB SL	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	5.80	4.91
FRENCH B HL	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5.00	5.27
FRENCH B SL	8	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	5.00	4.92
HINDI B SL	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	5.79
SPANISH B SL	7	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	4.43	5.07
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	4.69
ECONOMICS HL ENGLISH	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	5.60	5.12
ECONOMICS SL ENGLISH	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4.64
ENV. AND SOC. SL ENGLISH	5	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	5.2	4.15
GEOGRAPHY HL ENGLISH	6	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	5	5.21
GEOGRAPHY SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	4.71

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		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	School	World 2015
HISTORY SL ENGLISH	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4.5	4.68
HISTASIA/OCE HL ENGLISH	8	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	4.88	5.13
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	4.32
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	7	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	4.86	4.32
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5.00	4.24
CHEMISTRY HL ENGLISH	7	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	4.14	4.47
CHEMISTRY SL ENGLISH	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3.50	3.93
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	7	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	4.71	4.6
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	5.00	4.04
MATH STUDIES SL ENGLISH	6	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	5.00	4.41
MATHEMATICS HL ENGLISH	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	4.25	4.46
MATHEMATICS SL ENGLISH	16	2	4	7	2	1	0	0	5.25	4.38
MUSIC HL ENGLISH	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	4.47
MUSIC CREATING SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	3.85
THEATRE HL ENGLISH	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	4.89
VISUAL ARTS HL ENGLISH	6	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	5.50	4.78
VISUAL ARTS SL ENGLISH	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4.33	4.35

### SAT Test Results (2016 Graduates) 26 Students

SAT I	HIGHEST SCORE	MEAN SCORE	NO OF STUDENTS
Critical Reading	700	587	13
Math	750	607	13
Writing	650	542	13

SAT II	HIGHEST SCORE	MEAN SCORE	NO OF STUDENTS
Chemistry	800	752	4
Math Level 2	780	770	2
Physics	800	740	2

### OSC College and University offers 2009-2016

UK			Others
Aston University	Beloit College	Savannah College of Art & DesignX2	
Bangor University	Bennington College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Abu Dhabi
Bournemouth University X3	Bentley University	Seattle University	New York UniversityX3
Brunel UniversityX2	Binghamton University	Stony Brooke University	Australia
Buckinghamshire New University	Boston University X10	Swarthmore College	La Trobe University
Camberwell College of Arts	Bowdoin College	Suffolk University	Macquarie University
Cardiff University	Bowle State University	Syracuse UniversityX4	University of Melbourne X3
City University, LondonX2	Brown University	Texas Tech University	University of Sydney
Corwall College	Bryant UniversityX2	The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone	Bahrain
Durham University X3	California Polytechnic University, Pomona	The New School, NY	Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland
Goldsmiths College, University of LondonX2	Camino College	The University of Iowa	Cayman Islands
HULT International Business School	Claremont McKenna College	The University of Wisconsin – Madison X2	University of Cayman Islands
Hull York Medical School	Clark UniversityX6	Tufts University	China
Imperial College London	College of William & Mary X3	University of Arizona	New York University - Shanghai
Kingston University	College of Wooster	Tulane University X3	Denmark
Lancaster University	Colorado State University	UC Berkeley X3	Copenhagen Business School
Leeds College of Art & Design	Columbia College	UC Santa Barbara	Finland
Liverpool John Moores UniversityX2	Cornell College	UCLA	Helsinki Institute of Economics
London College of Communication	Cornell University	University of California – San Diego	France
London School of Economics X3	Cypress College	University of California - DavisX3	American University of Paris
London South bank University	Denison University	University of Cincinnati	Germany
Loughborough College	Dickinson College	University of Colorado	Bremen University X2
University of Loughborough X2	Drexel University X5	University of DenverX3	Jacob University
Manchester University	Eckerd College	University of Evansville	University of Communication Studies
Middlesex UniversityX3	Emerson CollegeX2	University of Maryland - Baltimore County	Ingolstadt University of Applied Sciences
Newcastle UniversityX2	Endicott College	University of Massachusetts AmherstX1	Hong Kong
Plymouth University	Eugene Lang College	University of Massachusetts BostonX3	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST) X3
Queen Margaret University	Florida Atlantic University	University of MiamiX2	Hungary
Queen Mary, University of London X6	Florida International University	University of Michigan	Corvinus University of Budapest
Royal Holloway, University of London	Fashion Institute of Technology, NY	University of New HampshireX2	India
School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London X3	Florida Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill	ISDI Parsons, Mumbai
Sheffield Hallam University	Florida State University	University of Oregon	NIS Allahabad X2
Swansea University	Fordham University, New YorkX2	University of PennsylvaniaX2	Vellore Institute of Technology
Thames Valley University - London College of Music	Georgia Perimeter College	University of Portland	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition
The Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford	Georgetown University	University of PittsburghX2	National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli
The University of Sheffield X4	George Washington UniversityX2	University of San DiegoX3	Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
University of Aberdeen	Goucher College	University of Santa Cruz	Manipal University X2
University College London X+A37-A624	Hamilton College	University of South Florida	Indonesia
University of Bath	Hanover College	University of Southern California X2	Binus University – Anggrek
University of Birmingham X2	Harvey Mudd College	University of the Pacific	Italy
University of Brighton	Hatwick College	University of Tampa - FloridaX2	American University of Rome X2
University of Bristol X2	Hawaii Pacific UniversityX2	University of Texas at Austin	Japan
University of Central Lancashire	Hofstra UniversityX2	University of Virginia	Keio University
University of Chester	Illinois Wesleyan University	University of WashingtonX3	Osaka University
University of Dundee	Ithaca College	Ursinus CollegeX2	International Christian University
University of East AngliaX3	James Madison University	Vassar College	Temple University
University of East LondonX2	Juniata College	Wake Forest University	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
University of Edinburgh X10	Knox CollegeX3	Warren Wilson College	University of Tsukuba
University of EssexX2	Lewis & Clark College X3	Washington and Lee University	Waseda University
University of GlasgowX2	Louisiana State University	Washington University in St Louis	Malaysia
University of Greenwich	Lesley University	Wellesley College	Newcastle University of Medicine
University of Kent X8	Lynn University X2	Wesleyan University	Netherlands
University of Leeds X6	Marymount Manhattan CollegeX2	Western Washington University	Utrecht UniversityX2
University of Leicester	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Canada	Leiden UniversityX2
University of ManchesterX2	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health ScienceX2	Arcadia University X2	New Zealand
University of Northampton	Mount Holyoke College	Bishop's University	University of Auckland
University of Nottingham X3	New York University X10	Carlton UniversityX2	University of Otago
University of Portsmouth	Northeastern University X3	Concordia UniversityX2	Philippines
University of Salford X2	NC State University	Dalhousie University	Ateneo de Manila University
University of SouthamptonX3	Northern Arizona University	McGill University X8	Singapore
University of St Andrew's X3	Northwestern University	Mount Saint Vincent University	National University of Singapore, X2
University of StirlingX3	Occidental College	Saint Mary's University	LaSalle College of the Arts
University of Surrey	Ohio University	Simon Fraser University X4	Spain
University of Sussex X2	Oregon Institute of Technology	St Francis Xavier University	EU Business School, Barcelona
University of Warwick X3	Parsons NYCX2	Universite Laval	Sri Lanka
University of West LondonX2	Pepperdine University	University of Alberta	South Asian Institute of Technology & Medicine X3
University of West of England, Bristol	Penn State University X5	University of Calgary	Aquinas College
University of WestminsterX2	Pratt Institute, NYX2	University de Montreal	Royal Institute (University of London, External Degree Programme) X2
University of Wolverhampton	Reed CollegeX2	University of British Columbia X33	American National College,
University of York X6	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Ottawa	Switzerland
	Rochester Institute of Technology X3	University of TorontoX5	Las Roches School of Hotel Management (Gruyere)
USA	Rollins College	University of VictoriaX2	Glon Institute of Hotel Management
American University Washington	Salisbury University	University of Waterloo	
Amherst College	San Diego State University	University of Western Ontario	
Austin College	Saint Louis University	Western University	
Bates College	Santa Fe College	York University	
Bard College	Sarah Lawrence CollegeX2		Bold = Matriculated