

# The Overseas School of Colombo

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018



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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 405 children representing 37 nationalities. Approximately 99% of our graduates attend universities and tertiary institutions throughout the world. The class of 2017/18 is made up of 30 students with nationalities representing Germany, France, Honduras, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and the 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 (NESA).

### 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 2017, 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 sixty-three educators in the faculty. Over 50% have advanced degrees. Faculty members come from a number of countries including Australia, Canada, Colombia, 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 our students. All students are required to fulfill the IB CAS experiential education requirements and 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 2017	OSC 2017	World 2016
Pass Rate	95%	79%
Average Points Obtained By Passing Students	32	30
Highest Diploma Points Awarded	40	45
Average Grade of Students Who Passed	5.1	4.8
Extended Essay	A – 18% B – 41%	A – 12% B – 24%
Theory of Knowledge	A – 18% B – 37%	A – 6% B – 28%

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Subject	No. of Candidates	Grades							Avg. Grade	
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	School	World 2016
DHIVEHI A: Literature SL	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	6
ENGLISH A: Lang & Lit HL	12	0	2	4	6	0	0	0	4.67	4.96
ENGLISH A: Lang & Lit SL	6	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	5.17	5.18
ENGLISH A: Literature HL	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5.50	4.79
ENGLISH A: Literature SL	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	5.04
FRENCH AB. SL	6	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	5.33	4.92
FRENCH B HL	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.50	5.17
FRENCH B SL	6	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	5.00	4.97
SPANISH B HL	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	5.38
SPANISH B SL	6	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	5.17	5.07
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL ENGLISH	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4.50	4.7
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	4.8
ECONOMICS HL ENGLISH	8	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	5.63	5.15
ECONOMICS SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	4.73
ENV. AND SOC. SL ENGLISH	6	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	4.83	4.19
GEOGRAPHY HL ENGLISH	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4.67	5.21
GEOGRAPHY SL ENGLISH	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	4.8

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		7	6	5	4	3	2	1	School	World 2016
HISTORY SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	4.6
HIST.ASIA/OCE HL ENGLISH	6	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	4.83	5.19
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3.50	4.73
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5.20	4.32
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5.00	4.2
CHEMISTRY HL ENGLISH	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	4.25	4.49
CHEMISTRY SL ENGLISH	5	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	4.40	3.96
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	5.00	4.65
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5.75	4.08
SPORTS EX SCI SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3.00	3.91
MATH STUDIES SL ENGLISH	6	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	3.50	4.3
MATHEMATICS HL ENGLISH	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	4.60	4.73
MATHEMATICS SL ENGLISH	11	0	2	3	5	1	0	0	4.55	4.37
MUSIC HL ENGLISH	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.67	4.54
MUSIC CREATING SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	4.03
THEATRE HL ENGLISH	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.33	4.85
VISUAL ARTS HL ENGLISH	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	4.64
VISUAL ARTS SL ENGLISH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.00	4.16

### SAT Test Results (2017 Graduates) 26 Students

SAT I	HIGHEST SCORE	MEAN SCORE	NO OF STUDENTS
Critical Reading	690	650	16
Math	680	620	16
Writing	35	33	16

### OSC College and University Offers 2012-2017

UK	Austin College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Calgary
Aberswthy University	Bates College	Seattle University	University of British Columbia (31)
Bangor University	Bard College	Stevens University of Technology	University of Ottawa
Bournemouth University (2)	Beloit College	Stony Brooke University	University of Newfoundland
Brunel University (2)	Bennington College	Swarthmore College	University of Toronto (7)
Cardiff University	Binghamton University	Suffolk University	University of Victoria (2)
City University, London (3)	Boston University (11)	Syracuse University (4)	University of Waterloo
Durham University	Bowie State University	The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone	University of Western Ontario
Goldsmiths College, University of London (2)	Brown University	The New School, NY	Western University
HULT International Business School	California Polytechnic University, Pomona	The University of Iowa	Others
Hull York Medical School	California Polytechnic State University	The University of Wisconsin – Madison (2)	Abu Dhabi
King's College London	Claremont McKenna College	Tufts University	New York University (3)
Kingston University (2)	Clark University (6)	University of Arizona	Australia
Lancaster University	College of William & Mary (3)	Tulane University (3)	Australian National University
Leeds Beckett University	College of Wooster	UC Berkeley (3)	La Trobe University
Leeds College of Art & Design	Columbia College	UC Santa Barbara	Macquarie University
Liverpool John Moores University	Cornell College	University of California - Berkeley	University of Melbourne (3)
London School of Economics (2)	Cornell University	University of California – San Diego (2)	University of Sydney (2)
London Southbank University	Denison University	University of California - Davis (4)	Bahrain
University of Loughborough (2)	Dickinson College	University of California, Santa Cruz	Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland
Manchester University	Drexel University (6)	University of Cincinnati	China
Middlesex University (3)	Eckerd College	University of Colorado	New York University - Shanghai
Newcastle University (2)	Emerson College (2)	University of Connecticut	Denmark
Plymouth University	Endicott College	University of Denver (2)	Copenhagen Business School
Queen Margaret University	Eugene Lang College	University of Evansville	Finland
Queen Mary, University of London (5)	Florida Atlantic University	University of Illinois at Urban-Campaign	Helsinki School of Economics
Royal Holloway, University of London	Florida International University	University of Maryland - Baltimore County	France
School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London	Florida Institute of Technology (2)	University of Massachusetts Amherst (1)	American University of Paris (2)
Sheffield Hallam University	Florida State University	University of Massachusetts Boston (4)	Germany
Swansea University	Fordham University, New York (4)	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Jacob University
St George's, University of London	Georgetown University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell	University of Communication Studies
Thames Valley University - London College of Music	George Washington University (2)	University of Miami	Ingolstadt University of Applied Sciences
The Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford	Goucher College	University of New Hampshire	Hong Kong
The University of Sheffield (4)	Hamilton College	University of New Haven	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)
University of Aberdeen (2)	Hampshire College	University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill	Hungary
University College London	Hanover College	University of Oregon	Corvius University of Budapest
University of Bath	Harvey Mudd College	University of the Pacific	India
University of Birmingham	Hatwick College	University of Pennsylvania (2)	ISDI Parsons, Mumbai
University of Brighton (2)	Hawaii Pacific University (2)	University of Portland	NIS Allahabad (2)
University of Bristol (2)	Hofstra University (2)	University of Pittsburgh (2)	Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology
University of Central Lancashire	Ithaca College	University of San Diego (3)	Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
University of Chester	James Madison University	University of San Francisco (2)	Manpal University
University of Creative Arts	Juniata College	University of Santa Cruz	Indonesia
University of Dundee	Knox College (2)	University of South Florida (2)	Binus University - Anggrek
University of East Anglia (2)	Lewis & Clark College	University of the Pacific	Italy
University of East London (3)	Lesley University	University of Tampa - Florida (2)	American University of Rome (2)
University of Edinburgh (7)	Lynn University (2)	University of Washington (3)	Japan
University of Essex (3)	Marymount Manhattan College (2)	Ursinus College (2)	Keio University
University of Exeter	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Vassar College	Osaka University
University of Greenwich	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Science (2)	Wake Forest University	International Christian University
University of Kent (8)	New York University (8)	Warren Wilson College	Temple University
University of Leeds (6)	Northeastern University (3)	Washington and Lee University	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
University of Leicester	NC State University	Washington University in St Louis	Waseda University
University of Manchester (3)	Nothern Arizona University	Wellesley College	Malaysia
University of Northampton	Notheastern University	Wesleyan University	Newcastle University of Medicine
University of Nottingham (3)	Northwestern University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Netherlands
University of Portsmouth	Occidental College	Canada	Utrecht University (2)
University of Salford (2)	Ohio University	Arcadia University (2)	Leiden University (4)
University of Southampton (3)	Oregon Institute of Technology	Bishop's University	Rijksuniversiteit Gronigen
University of St Andrew's (2)	Pace University New York City	Carlton University (2)	Universiteit Maastricht
University of Stirling (3)	Parsons NYC	Concordia University (3)	Singapore
University of Surrey (2)	Pepperdine University	Dalhousie University	National University of Singapore
University of Sussex	Penn State University (3)	HEC Monreal	LaSalle College of the Arts
University of the Arts London	Pratt Institute, NY (2)	Ryerson University	Spain
University of Warwick (2)	Purdue University	McGill University (9)	EU Business School, Barcelona
University of West London (2)	Reed College (2)	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Sri Lanka
University of Westminster (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Mount Saint Vincent University	South Asian Institute of Technology & Medicine (3)
University of Wolverhampton	Rochester Institute of Technology	Saint Mary's University	Aquinas College
University of York (3)	Rollins College	Simon Fraser University (4)	American National College
USA	Salisbury University	St Francis Xavier University	
Adelphi University	Saint Louis University	St Mary's University	KEY Listed = Acceptances
American University Washington	Sarah Lawrence College	Universite Laval	Bold = Matriculated
Amherst College	Savannah College of Art & Design (2)	University of Alberta	( ) = Number of Students Accepted