

The Overseas School of Colombo

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021



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

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ACCREDITATIONS

International Baccalaureate (IB)
 Council of International Schools (CIS)
 Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges (MSA)

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1957
 Non-profit, co-educational, English-medium. Pre-K to 12
 400 students, 40 nationalities
 Class of 2021: 29 students from 18 nationalities

MEMBERSHIPS

South Asian Inter School Association (SAISA)
 Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESA)
 Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS)

FACULTY

64 educators, more than half with advanced degrees
 Faculty members come from Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, France, India, Ireland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, UK, USA & Venezuela
 OSC supports professional development through local, regional and worldwide workshops and seminars

COVID19 IMPLICATIONS

SAT test results are not reported due to cancelled exams in 2020
 OSC offered a Distance Learning Programme to all students from March-June 2020
 Currently OSC has flexibility to offer hybrid, online & face-to-face learning programmes
 Extra-Curricular Activities and Service Learning have experienced temporary interruptions

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Primary School (Pre-School to Grade 5)
 Secondary School (Grade 6 to Grade 12)

SCHEDULE

40 weeks with 180 days; Two semesters: August to December and January to June
 Secondary school day includes four 90 minute blocks following a 7 - day cycle

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 24 credits in English (4 years),
 Humanities (4 years), Science (3 years), Mathematics (3 years),
 Second Language (2 years), Physical Education (2 years), Arts (2 years),
 CAS (2 years), and Electives (2 years)
 All students must participate in the Theory of Knowledge course
 Students with an average of 5 or above are eligible for our Diploma with Distinction

OSC does not rank students

ACADEMICS

OSC administers all three International Baccalaureate Programmes:
 Primary Years Programme for Grades PK to 5 (PYP 1-7)
 Middle Years Programme for Grades 6 to 10 (MYP 1-5)
 Diploma Programme for Grades 11 to 12 (DP 1-2)

IB Self-Taught Mother Tongue Language and online Pamoja courses are offered
 All Diploma candidates undertake the Extended Essay

Learning Support Program offered to students with mild to moderate learning difficulties
 Students with IEPs may have modified graduation requirements

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All students in Grades 9 - 12 participate in Service Learning through 17 student-led groups
 SAISA: Art, Badminton, Basketball, Music, Soccer, Swimming,
 Track & Field, Volleyball, Arts: Boys and Girls Voice, Concert Band, Theatre (ISTA)
 MUN, Student Government Association, and Yearbook

MARKING SYSTEM

| Very Poor (no credit) | Poor (no credit) | Mediocre | Satisfactory | Good | Very Good | Excellent |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE RESULTS 2020

| | Pass Rate | Average Points (*) | Highest Points |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| OSC 2020 | 94% | 34 | 41 |
| WORLD 2019 | 79% | 29.9 | 45 |
| | Average Grade (*) | Extended Essay | Theory of Knowledge |
| OSC 2020 | 5.34 | A 12% B 29% | A 12% B 35% |
| WORLD 2019 | 4.8 | A 10% B 23% | A 7% B 27% |

(*) For passing students

OSC IB RESULTS 2015-2019

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Average Points (*) | 34 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| Average Grade (*) | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Extended Essay | A 26% B 32% | A 18% B 29% | A 18% B 41% | A 17% B 29% | A 21% B 32% |
| Theory of Knowledge | A 11% B 42% | A 11% B 43% | A 18% B 37% | A 8% B 35% | A 24% B 20% |
| Highest Points | 41 | 41 | 40 | 38 | 41 |

| Pass Rate | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 94.7% | 88.5% | 95.2% | 95.5% | 89.5% |
| WORLD | 77.8% | 78.2% | 78.4% | 79.3% | 80.8% |



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IB EXAM RESULTS 2020

| | No. of Candidates | Average Grade | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| | | School | World |
| LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE | | | |
| English A: Language and Literature HL | 8 | 5.38 | 5.13 |
| English A: Language and Literature SL | 4 | 5.50 | 5.45 |
| English A: Literature HL | 3 | 6.00 | 4.83 |
| English A: Literature SL | 2 | 5.50 | 5.24 |
| Other Languages: Literature Self Taught SL | 3 | 6.00 | 5.66 |
| LANGUAGE ACQUISITION | | | |
| French ab initio SL | 5 | 5.20 | 4.97 |
| French B HL | 1 | 6.00 | 5.27 |
| French B SL | 5 | 5.40 | 5.07 |
| Spanish B SL | 1 | 6.00 | 5.12 |
| Spanish ab initio SL | 2 | 3.00 | 5.08 |
| Mandarin ab initio SL | 1 | 3.00 | 5.55 |
| THE ARTS | | | |
| Music HL English | 1 | 6.00 | 4.93 |
| Music Creating SL English | 1 | 6.00 | 4.35 |
| Visual Arts HL in English | 3 | 5.00 | 4.21 |
| Theatre HL English | 4 | 6.50 | 4.89 |

| | No. of Candidates | Average Grade | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| | | School | World |
| INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES | | | |
| Economics HL English | 3 | 5.33 | 5.34 |
| Economics SL English | 2 | 4.50 | 4.97 |
| Env. Systems and Societies SL English | 2 | 5.00 | 4.34 |
| Geography HL English | 7 | 5.29 | 5.41 |
| Geography SL English | 1 | 5.00 | 4.96 |
| History of Asia and Oceania HL English | 3 | 4.67 | 5.26 |
| History SL in English | 1 | 5.00 | 4.69 |
| Psychology SL in English | 1 | 5.00 | 4.76 |
| EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES | | | |
| Biology HL English | 6 | 5.83 | 4.71 |
| Biology SL English | 4 | 5.50 | 4.44 |
| Chemistry HL English | 5 | 5.20 | 4.92 |
| Computer Science HL English | 3 | 4.00 | 4.75 |
| Physics HL English | 3 | 5.67 | 5.29 |
| Physics SL English | 3 | 4.33 | 4.69 |
| MATHEMATICS | | | |
| Mathematics Studies SL English | 3 | 4.33 | 4.45 |
| Mathematics HL English | 1 | 6.00 | 5.04 |
| Mathematics SL English | 14 | 5.21 | 4.79 |

OSC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OFFERS 2015-2020

UK

Aberystwyth University
 Anglia Ruskin University
Bangor University
Bournemouth University (2)
 Brunel University (3)
Cardiff University
City University, London (3)
 Coventry University
Durham University (2)
 Goldsmiths College, University of London (2)
 Hull York Medical School
King's College London (4)
Kingston University (3)
 Lancaster University
 Leeds Beckett University
 Leeds College of Art & Design
London School of Economics
London Southbank University
 Manchester University
 Middlesex University (3)
 Newcastle University (2)
 Nottingham Trent University (2)
 Plymouth University (2)
Queen Mary, University of London (5)
 Swansea University
 St George's, University of London
Thames Valley University-London College of Music
The Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford
 University of Aberdeen (3)
 University of Bath (2)
 University of Birmingham
 University of Bradford
 University of Brighton (3)
 University of Bristol (2)
 University of Chester
University College London
 University of Creative Arts
University of Dundee
 University of East Anglia (2)
 University of East London (4)
University of Edinburgh (7)
 University of Edinburgh Napier
University of Essex (4)
 University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
 University of Greenwich (2)
 University of Hull
University of Kent (8)
 University of Keele
 University of Leeds (5)
 University of Leicester
University of Limerick
 University of Lincoln (2)
University of London (2)
University of Loughborough (5)
 University of Manchester (5)
 University of Nottingham (7)
 University of Portsmouth
 University of Reading
University of Roehampton
University of Sheffield (3)
 University of Southampton (5)
 University of St Andrew's (2)
 University of Stirling (3)
 University of Surrey (2)
 University of the Arts London (2)
University of Warwick (3)
 University of West London
University of Westminster (3)
 University of York (2)

KEY Listed = Acceptances
Bold = Matriculated
 () = Number of Students Accepted

USA

Adelphi University
 Amherst College
 Bard College
 Beloit College
 Bennington College
Boston University (9)
Bowie State University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
 California Polytechnic State University
Carleton College
 Claremont McKenna College
Clark University (5)
College of William & Mary (3)
College of Wooster
 Columbia College
Cornell College
 Denison University
 Dickinson College
 Drexel University (3)
 Eckerd College
Emerson College (2)
 Emory & Henry College
 Endicott College
 Eugene Lang College
 Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University (2)
Florida Institute of Technology (2)
 Florida State University
Fordham University (5)
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Tech
 George Washington University (3)
Goucher College
 Hampshire College
 Hanover College
 Hawaii Pacific University (2)
 Hofstra University (2)
 Ithaca College (2)
Iowa State University
 James Madison University (2)
 Juniata College
Knox College (2)
 Lewis & Clark College
Lesley University
Lynn University (2)
Marymount Manhattan College (2)
Mass.College of Pharmacy & Health Science (2)
 Merrimack College
Montgomery College
New York University (9)
 North Carolina State University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northeastern University (2)
Northwestern University (2)
 Occidental College
Oregon Institute of Technology
 Pace University
Parsons NYC
 Pepperdine University
 Penn State University (3)
 Pratt Institute, NY (2)
Purdue University (2)
 Randolph-Macon College
 Reed College
 Saint Louis University
Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah College of Art & Design (2)
 School of the Museum of Fine Arts
 Seattle University
 Suffolk University (2)
 Syracuse University (4)
 Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
 The New School, NY

The University of Iowa
 The University of Wisconsin – Madison (2)
 Tufts University
 University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley (4)
 University of California, Davis (6)
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego (2)
 University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado
 University of Connecticut
 University of Chicago
 University of Denver (2)
 University of Idaho
 University of Illinois at Urban-Campaign
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts, Boston (4)
 University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts, Lowell (2)
 University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
 University of New Haven
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Oregon
 University of the Pacific
University of Pennsylvania (2)
 University of Pittsburgh (2)
 University of San Diego (3)
University of San Francisco (2)
 University of South Florida
 University of Southern California
 University of the Pacific
 University of Tampa, Florida (2)
University of Washington (2)
 University of West Lafayette
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)
 Ursinus College
Utah State University
 Vassar College
Virginia Tech (2)
 Wake Forest University
Washington University in St Louis
 Wesleyan University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

CANADA
 Brock University
 Carleton University (2)
Concordia University (4)
Dalhousie University (3)
HEC Montreal
 Lakehead University
 Laurentian University
 Ryerson University
McGill University (8)
 McMaster University
Memorial University of Newfoundland(3)
 Ontario Tech University
Saint Mary's University
Simon Fraser University
 Trent University
 University of Alberta
 University of Calgary
University of British Columbia (8)
 University of Ottawa
 University of Newfoundland (3)
 University of Toronto (10)
 University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
 University of Western Ontario
 Western University
 York University

OTHERS

AUSTRALIA
 Australian National University
La Trobe University
Macquarie University
RMIT University
University of Melbourne (4)
University of New South Wales
University of Sydney (4)
 Western Sydney University

CZECH REPUBLIC
Charles University

CHINA
 New York University, Shanghai

FINLAND
Helsinki School of Economics

FRANCE
American University of Paris (3)
Universite Toulouse
UTC, France

GERMANY
 Jacobs University
University of Communication Studies

HONG KONG
 Poly University of Hong Kong
University of Hong Kong

HUNGARY
 Corvinus University of Budapest

INDIA
Christ Univeristy, Bangalore
 ISDI Parsons, Mumbai
Nirma University
NIS Allahabad (2)
Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology
Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
Manipal University

INDONESIA
 Binus University – Anggrek

JAPAN
 International Christian University
Tokyo International University
 Temple University
 Waseda University

KOREA
 Yonsei University

NETHERLANDS
Amsterdam University College
University of Amsterdam (2)
 Fontys Hogescholen
Leiden University (4)
 University of Groningen
Utrecht University (2)
University College Maastricht
 Technische Universiteit Eindhoven

NEW ZEALAND
 University of Auckland

PHILIPPINES
Ateneo de Manila

SINGAPORE
National University of Singapore
LaSalle College of the Arts
 Yale-NUS College

SPAIN
EU Business School, Barcelona

SRI LANKA
South Asian Institute of Technology & Medicine (3)
Aquinas College
American National College

SWITZERLAND
Les Roches School of Hospitality

UAE
New York University, Abu Dhabi
 University of Birmingham, Dubai