

British International School Ukraine





Welcome to the British International School Ukraine

We understand that giving your child the best start in life is one of the greatest gifts you can offer as a parent. At the British International School, we firmly believe that academic excellence in the classroom should be held in equal measure to preparing your child for life after school. You will find our schools to be positive and purposeful places. Your child's talents will be given all the support and encouragement they need to succeed, whether it's in the classroom or on the playing field.

Choosing the right school for your child is not easy: it requires time and research to see what's best for your child. To fully appreciate what the British International Schools offer, please feel free to contact us and arrange a visit with our admissions department.

Warm regards,

David Cole NPQH

Principal





The school structure and curricula

The British International Schools are divided into three separate, yet integrated sections consisting of an Early Years, Primary school and Senior school. There is a seamless transition between each of the sections to ensure that children build upon their prior knowledge.

The Early Years accepts children from 3 to 5 years. All Early Year teachers are native English speakers and are trained specifically in this formative stage of development. Each is supported by a qualified Ukrainian Assistant Teacher. Learning takes the form of play and games and is designed to encourage communication, understanding and skill development.

The Primary schools accept children from 5 to 11 years of age (Year 1 to Year 6) from all nationalities. The Class Teacher is an internationally trained native English speaker supported by a qualified Ukrainian Assistant Teacher. The learning within Primary school follows the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP), which is designed to promote inquiry through multi-disciplinary based learning and cooperation, promoting the development of a strong, independent character and a global citizen approach.

The senior school accepts students aged 11 to 18 years from all nationalities and creeds. Two programmes of senior education, the IGCSE and the Ukrainian Atestat run in parallel and are designed to complement each other.

The International Programme or International Certificate of Secondary Education which is certified by the Cambridge International Examinations Centre, is taught in English by native English speaking teachers with the support of Ukrainian staff. This is followed by the IB Diploma that is certified by the International Baccalaureate Organisation. These internationally recognised qualifications enable students to enter both British, American and other International Universities around the world.





A complete education from Nursery to University

An outstanding education is essential to ensure that our children succeed in the modern world.

Great Britain is one of the acknowledged leaders in almost all forms of Primary and Secondary education and British universities rank among the

best in the world. The British system is successful not simply because it educates children, but also because children learn the skills and focused reasoning that are so essential to modern life.

The British International School was the first school in Ukraine to offer a British international education. The school was founded in 1997, and whilst the initial intake of students was from the International community, over the years it has evolved into a balanced mix of both Ukrainian and International students.

More than 500 students aged from 3 to 18 from over 20 different countries study in four modern and up to date campuses in Kiev and Dnipro. Such a diversity of nationalities and cultures enables children to develop open-minded world views that ensure they are equipped to become global citizens. This multi-cultural environment provides and builds upon a good foundation for life.





A unique school in Ukraine



The British International School is the only school in Ukraine that is a member of the Council of British Independent Schools (COBIS). It is the only school in Ukraine that is registered by the University of Cambridge and Edexcel as an IGCSE Examination Centre. It is also an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School that offers the internationally renowned Primary Years Programme (PYP), and the IB Diploma.

The school's management and international teaching body is drawn predominantly from the UK and this ensures that the British International School promotes the high standards that are required of an international education.

The school is licensed by the Ministry of Science and Education to offer the Ukrainian Atestat. Highly qualified Ukrainian teachers work alongside their International colleagues to ensure that students are fully prepared to meet the requirements of the Atestat Diploma.

The school's educational policy is to ensure that your child gets the best teaching and receives the best attention possible in an energetic and multicultural environment. All the classes are limited to under 21 children, with an average teaching ratio of 1 to 7 within the Early Years and Primary School.





Planning Your Child's Education

A good education does not simply happen. It is a course of study that should be planned from the very start. Education is a life process that will ensure you child has a real advantage in what is a very competitive world. High academic results are achieved through the hard work of the students and the professionalism of the teaching

staff. All teachers receive ongoing professional development to ensure they are kept up to date with key educational changes.

Parents can select a bilingual or a full international curriculum. The bilingual curriculum allows students entrance to either western or Ukrainian universities. The curricula are taught in parallel, thus ensuring students receive a full grounding in both.

The two languages of study are English and Ukrainian. Upon entering school, children who are identified as needing to improve and develop their English, receive extra help and support in the classroom through a specialist EAL (English as an Additional Language) programme. Whenever necessary this support will be extended to individual EAL teaching.

Children from the British International School can graduate with Diplomas from either the Ukrainian or the International education system. This allows students to enrol in universities in Ukraine and worldwide. Many of our graduates have been accepted to prestigious universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Italy, Germany, France and Switzerland.

In planning your child's education, it is essential to understand the end goal, as in many ways this will set the strategy for the years to come.







World-class resources

All classrooms at the British International School are equipped with modern computers, interactive Smart Boards, and media equipment. Children can create projects and presentations using the very latest technology. Students have access to a well-stocked library and media centre where they can research using online and book based resources. Books are ordered from leading publishers in the UK to provide children with a vast array of up-to-date resources.

The school has specialised Science laboratories that are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment. Children study in large creative workshops to express themselves and prepare them for international art examinations. The works of several of our graduating students have been recognised as amongst the best in the world.

The British International School believes that pupils cannot study effectively without the necessary, proper nutrition; therefore, the school has invested in modern, well-equipped on-site kitchens and trained staff who prepare healthy, balanced meals and snacks for every child.



Social Education and Parental Participation

The British International School's approach recognises that modern education is not just about classroom learning and that life skills are vitally important. The school is committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum.

Sport is as much a part of the curriculum as the academic subjects. Sport teaches teamwork, tolerance, understanding, competition and the thrill of winning. The school has a purpose built gymnasium for a range of physical exercise, basketball and martial arts and a sports ground for football and field sports. Inter-school sports competitions are greatly encouraged.

The school hosts many extra-curricular activities: plays, concerts, performances, art exhibitions and sports events. Children visit the theatre and go on field trips. Every year, international trips for select

year groups are organised, and students have visited places as diverse as Scotland, Poland, France and Ireland as well as participating in residential visits to the Carpathians. The school also encourages its students to take part in Ukrainian and international competitions, in which they have demonstrated first class results.

Parents are also actively encouraged to contribute to and participate in events, including 'International Day' celebrations, parent/teacher conferences and artistic and theatrical productions. The experience of parents is an invaluable asset of the whole education process and parents are encouraged to participate whenever possible in school events.



University placement

All of our graduates have been accepted to a University of their choice. 32% of our students choose to study in Ukraine, whilst 68% go on to a western university in the United Kingdom, Europe or North America.

Competition is fierce for acceptance on many courses at top international universities. It is therefore, essential that you create a plan for your child's education from an early age. We have experts on hand who can guide you and advise you on the steps you need to take to plan for your child's future.





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