



The British International School Riyadh
Saudi Arabia
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Our School and Students

The British International School, Riyadh (BISR) is a non-selective, co-educational day school, catering to English-speaking children aged three to eighteen. Founded in 1979, the school serves the British and International expatriate communities of Riyadh and over fifty different nationalities are represented in the student body. BISR has offered GCSEs since 2004 and the Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13), offering GCE A Levels, opened in September 2008.

Our students are, for the most part, first language English speakers from a wide range of countries including the UK, USA, Ireland, France, The Netherlands, Canada, South Africa, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Korea, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, Iraq and many more. These students' parents are employed in Riyadh in a range of high level professions that include finance and banking, IT, defense, engineering as well as medicine and dentistry. We have a small number of students of Saudi Arabian nationality. Our students are generally well travelled and worldly, they are also used to living in a highly diverse cultural community and value this diversity.

Our students enjoy a good, if unique, social life which is primarily based in large residential compounds with many amenities. They are able move freely and easily around Riyadh city and its many shopping malls. However, social activity outside of the compound and school environments, particularly for groups of mixed teenagers, is severely limited due to the local laws and customs of Saudi Arabia. There are approximately 500 students overall in the Secondary section (Years 7-13) and the Sixth Form (Years 12-13) currently comprises of around 100 students. Of the graduating Year 13 students around 60% attend UK universities, 20% attend USA universities with the remaining 20% going to a range of universities around the world.

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Faculty: In the senior section there are over sixty full-time teachers, the majority of whom are UK trained.

Accreditations: Council of International Schools / British Schools of the Middle East / Council of International British Schools. **CEEB Code:** 692155

Curriculum

The school follows the British educational system and the school year runs from September to the end of June. The Secondary school starts in Year 7 when the students are 11 years old. At the age of 16, at the end of Year 11 (US Grade 10), students take GCSE examinations; usually between seven and nine subjects.

In Year 12 (US Grade 11) three or four GCE Advance Subsidiary (AS) Level subjects are completed & may be examined at the end of Year 12. In Year 13 (US Grade 12), students continue from AS into GCE Advanced Level (A2) in normally three (occasionally four) subjects, which are again examined at the end of Year 13. In some cases both AS and Advanced level are examined together at the end of Year 13. Every fortnight, students in Years 12 & 13 have ten 65 minute sessions of teaching per subject. GSCE and AS/A2 examinations are externally assessed by examination boards based in the UK.

The GCE AS and A Level results will be published on 17th August 2017.

- AS grades range from A to E with A being the highest grade
- A2 grades range from A* to E
- U grade (unclassified) is a fail.

The following subjects are currently offered at AS and A2:

Art & Design	Chemistry	Drama	Geography	Physics
Biology	Computing	Economics	History	Psychology
Business Studies	Design Technology	English	Mathematics	Spanish

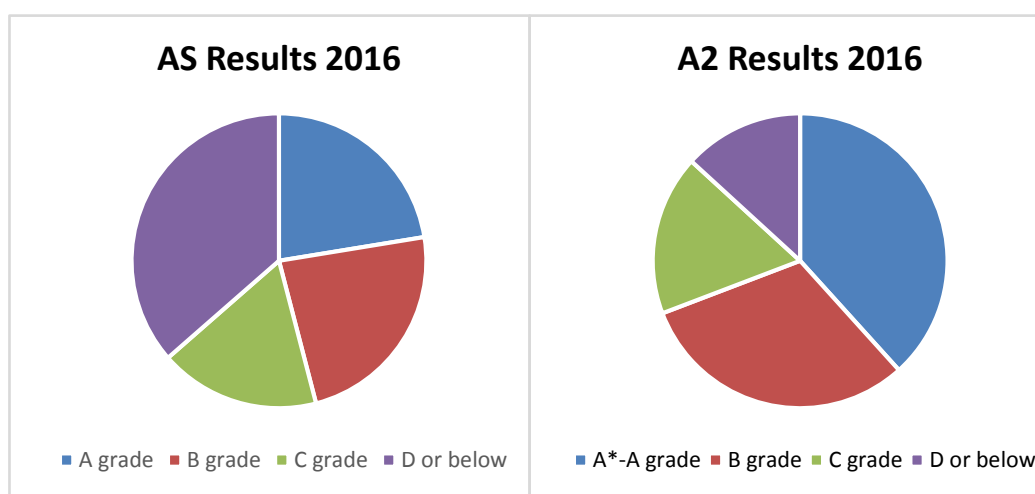
The School does **not** report Grade Point Averages due to the nature of our curriculum. This is similar for rankings (although in some cases a ranking decile can be given).

Extra-curricular Activities

The school offers a variety of extra-curricular activities to the students, including various sports clubs, the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Model United Nations, the Students' Council and the School Newsletter. Sixth Form students can also hold positions of responsibility such as Head Boy / Head Girl, members of the Student Leadership Group and House Captains. We also offer students the opportunity to participate in expeditions, including Nepal where they volunteer to work in orphanages. Many students become heavily involved in a range of fundraising opportunities, including raising money for the Nepalese orphans and Cancer research. There are also extensive opportunities for Sixth Form students to become involved in the Community Service Initiative, helping out in a range of areas across the school from Foundation Years teaching, helping out in Mathematics classes, mentoring younger students and overseeing the school's 'eco' initiative

Class of 2016

Last year's Year 13 students formed the sixth cohort to sit A2 exams and to go on to university from the school, 69% of the grades achieved were B or above with 38% of the grades being A* or A.



Some of the Universities which BISR students have attended since 2010 include:

UK	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Cambridge University of Oxford Imperial College, London University College London Kings College London Durham University Cardiff University University of Bath Bristol University University of Sheffield Brunel University School of Oriental and African Studies University of Birmingham Queen Mary, University of London Nottingham Trent University University of Manchester London City University Central St Martins College of Art Chelsea Art College University of Surrey St George's Medical School, London 	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stanford Princeton University Yale University Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) UCLA Northwestern University New York University Boston University <p>Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of British Columbia University of Toronto McMaster University <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland University of Cape Town, South Africa Monash University, Melbourne, Australia American University of Sharjah, UAE NYU Abu Dhabi Maastricht University, Netherlands Erasmus University, Netherlands