



The Beaconsfield School awarded IB World School status

The Beaconsfield School has been awarded International Baccalaureate (IB) World School status, becoming the first provider in Buckinghamshire to offer the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP). This means that for the first time, from September 2019, 16 to 19-year-olds in the region will have access to this world-class framework of education, combining vocational skills with academic excellence.

The IBCP is an internationally-recognised framework of career-related education for post-16 students that seeks to develop confident, critical thinkers who are prepared for modern life and equipped with the cross-cultural skills needed to succeed in their future careers, within the UK and across the world.

A global community of schools

The International Baccalaureate Organisation is a global not-for-profit organisation founded in 1968 that is active in 147 countries and has had 1.3 million graduates to date, from an international network of over 4,700 schools and education providers.

Success in a rapidly-changing world

Our new IBCP incorporates our acclaimed BTEC Foundation Diploma that also includes two International Baccalaureate Diploma subjects and core IBCP skills and competencies that help develop students with integrity and the communication and personal skills necessary for success in a rapidly-changing world.

In addition to the high number of UCAS points available on completion of the programme, the IBCP gives students a competitive advantage when entering Higher Education or moving directly into their chosen professional industry – research has shown that IBCP students “enrol and persist in university at higher rates than the national average” and more than half go on to attend very competitive or better higher education institutions, demonstrating that the IBCP prepares students to attain some of the most selective university places in the world.

What does the IBCP look like for students?

Each IBCP student will still continue to work towards a BTEC Foundation Diploma of their chosen specialism of Sport, Science or Performing Arts. Alongside the BTEC, IBCP students will complete two IB Diploma subjects, choosing from subjects such as Information Technology in a Global Community, Film, Social and Cultural Anthropology, and Psychology. They will also learn core IBCP skills of Language Development, Service Learning, Personal and Professional Skills, and a final Reflective Project. These core modules are designed to create incredibly well rounded learners with an international perspective on the world.

Headteacher John Fletcher says:

“We wanted to offer our students a more holistic education which will instil in them the skills, knowledge, and outlook to succeed in the 21st century, both in their local community and in the wider world. At the same time, we wanted give our teachers the opportunity to be a part of an international network of experts leading the field in education. We are delighted to become an IB World School and we look forward to reaping the many benefits of the programme.”

For more information please refer to the IBCP website: www.ibo.org

For further information about the Beaconsfield School’s Sixth Form International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme, please visit www.beaconsfield.school

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