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## Accreditations





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# WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

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The world is undergoing rapid change, and education needs to keep up with these changes in order to prepare future generations for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Governments and educators will need to ensure that children worldwide (see UN Convention on the rights of children related to Education) have access to schools that impart the skills needed to thrive in this historical moment and education that incorporates various forms of disciplinary knowledge and methods to engage and address the changing world. ISB is a school working to respond to these challenges. In addition to our rigorous academic programs, and the quality of the faculty that delivers them, ISB's diverse community enhances the richness of an international school experience. Perhaps uniquely, however, the school is further defined by the local culture. Bologna has a tremendous academic history. The University of Bologna, for example, was founded in 1088, and it is widely recognized as the oldest university in the Western world. Through exposure to this combination of local and global cultures, we are preparing students not just to cope with the changing world, but to lead the change. To participate in the educational offering at ISB is to aim high. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information about our school or wish to arrange a visit.

Sincerely,

**Janecke Aarnaes**



# Our Vision

ISB will develop compassionate and open-minded global citizens equipped with skills for lifelong learning that enable them to take action to create a just and sustainable world.

Our Vision is a statement that all students, teachers, staff, and parents recognize as a common direction of growth, something that inspires us to improve and to do better.



# Our Mission

We foster academic excellence in a challenging, inclusive, and supportive environment where students feel able to reach their potential while preparing for higher education and beyond.

Our conceptual, inquiry based curriculum derives from valid and current research, co-created and designed within the framework of the IB programmes, engaging students to develop and demonstrate a deep understanding of relevant concepts, knowledge, and skills. The teachers, as lifelong learners, will inspire a passion for knowledge, independence, emotional and cognitive development, and critical and creative thinking. The faculty will utilize and incorporate interdisciplinary teaching and create an environment that encourages self-awareness, resilience, collaboration, and the transfer of understanding from the classroom to real-world situations.

As a community of global citizens, we value opportunities to:

- discuss and share diverse opinions and beliefs
- promote tolerance at all levels
- value multilingualism
- strive for respect and understanding of one another regardless of differences in beliefs or values

Learning at ISB is supported by the notion of Bologna as a classroom, hence we integrate and engage with the local community and culture through service, action, and sustainability projects.

The Mission Statement contains the "how to" statements. It outlines the values of the staff, the action that the school will take and the areas it will address (e.g., curriculum, assessments, data) to achieve its Vision.

# Quality Education at ISB

The International School of Bologna is an open and friendly community, small enough to feel like a family, yet large enough to feel like an exciting place to learn. Using English as the language of instruction, students from 3 to 18 years of age enjoy an inspiring and innovative curriculum designed in conjunction with the International Baccalaureate (IB) frameworks. 275 students representing 39 nationalities learn together, giving them a unique perspective on global issues and opportunities while underpinning ISB's commitment to providing an education that develops international-mindedness through cultural understanding, our common humanity, diversity, and shared values. ISB is an IB World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) for children aged 3 - 12, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students aged 11 - 16, and the Diploma Programme (DP) for students aged 16-19. Drawing on the latest worldwide educational research, ISB strives to deliver innovative and effective teaching methods to benefit our students on their learning journey. From Early Years to university preparation, each child is nurtured and encouraged to reach their potential through a varied course of study incorporating learning inside and outside the classroom, on field trips, and through community service and co-curricular activities.



## Faculty

ISB is staffed by qualified and experienced teachers recruited from around the world. This international mix of faculty provides outstanding opportunities to draw on the best practices of many national educational systems.



## ISB recognises that learning is unique

ISB recognizes that learning is unique to the individual student, and ensures personalized learning is applied where required, giving equal importance to academic achievement and student wellbeing. The whole team strives to make learning fulfilling, exciting and inspiring. Inquiry-based learning stimulates curiosity and independence, developing critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of concepts. Our aim is to instill students with a love of learning to last a lifetime, prepare them for the next stage of their education, and to equip them with the skills and qualities they need to thrive in the future.

# Preparation for Higher Education

The IB curriculum offered by ISB is uniquely influenced by its context - the ancient university city of Bologna which deserves its reputation as one of the most important seats of learning on the global stage, home to the oldest university in the Western world.

**Why choose the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme?**

- Successful completion of the IB Diploma is proven to be outstanding preparation for university.
- Research has shown that graduates of the IB Diploma have the best completion rate in university courses and that they finish their studies in the shortest allotted timescale.
- Diploma students report being excellently prepared for the level of study required and tend to find a greater choice in their University admissions.
- The IB Diploma is accepted as an entrance qualification to universities in many countries around the world including Italy.



An aerial view of a school courtyard with a brick building in the background. The courtyard is paved with green artificial grass and has several people, including children and adults, walking around. There are some plants and a stroller in the scene. A large dark blue circle is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing the text 'The ISB Community'.

# The ISB Community

## Location

ISB is situated in the historical centre of Bologna, occupying a unique and impressive setting within walking distance of much of the city centre. The convenient location allows many students to walk to school, and the school takes pride in its use of the city as a very accessible educational resource for history, art and Italian language in particular.

## Faculty

The faculty and staff represent 19 nationalities and speak more than 20 languages, bringing a truly international perspective to the ISB community. All teachers are qualified to teach with degrees and teaching licenses from their home countries.







## The Wider Community

Bologna is a vibrant city renowned for its delicious cuisine, fine medieval architecture, and strong academic heritage. Bologna is home to a flourishing industrial sector with an emphasis on agriculture, packaging, food, and automotive. The university is nearly one thousand years old and counts Dante, Thomas Becket, and Guglielmo Marconi amongst its alumni. Today, the student body helps to give the city its lively and energetic character. Bologna's convenient location makes it an important transport hub and means that surrounding regions are easily accessible for business or leisure.

## School Community

The current student population numbers around 275 students, of which about 55% belong to expatriate families who are living in the Bologna area for work or study. Around 45% of our families have a connection to Italy with at least one Italian parent.

# ISB is an **IB World School**

The IB Diploma Programme was introduced in 1968. Its original purpose was to facilitate the international mobility of students, by providing schools with a curriculum and qualifications recognized by universities around the world. The programmes from IB are taught in more than 5,000 IB World Schools in 158 countries.

**For children ages 3-12**



The IB Primary Years Programme nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.

**For students aged 11-16**



The IB Middle Years Programme provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connection between traditional subjects and the real world, and to become reflective thinkers.

**For students aged 16-19**



The IB Diploma Programme is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students for success at university and beyond.

## **What our students say about ISB....**

*"ISB providing us skills which other programmes don't address, so that we are better prepared for a different future"*

**Martina Mattioli**

**Grade 12**

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*"We always have an opportunity to offer our own world view"*

**Paco Succi Cimentini**

**Grade 9**

## **What Universities, Employees and Educators say about IB students....**

*"The IB Diploma is a qualification for life. It gives you both highly rated exam qualifications and at the same time it is teaching the skills you need for your life and employment, whatever you will do in the future"*

**MICHAEL CARSLAW**

**St. Leonard's School in St. Andrews, UK**

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*"Students who apply to Michigan State University with IB credentials are assumed to be mature, curious, and creative"*

**PAMELA HORNE,**

**Michigan state university**

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*"Success in an IB program correlates well with success at Harvard"*

**MARILYN MCGRATH**

**Harvard University**



Schools around the world join CIS for guidance, support, and access to like-minded peers as they develop challenging international programmes for their students. As a global organization, CIS helps schools access new international educational practices, gain recognition for accomplishments, attract qualified staff, facilitate student connections with leading universities around the world, and provide a quality international education experience to students and parents.

### **Feedback from around the world:**

"The students we see coming from CIS accredited schools – by and large – are bright, curious, worldly, and have a passion for learning. The best predictor of academic success at Trinity is taking, and succeeding in, a rigorous school curriculum, which is what we know CIS accredited schools offer."

***Eric Maloof, Director of International Admissions, Trinity University, USA***

### **The award of CIS International Accreditation demonstrates:**

- The school is devoted to its mission. It cares enough about what it does to seek validation by a recognized accreditation authority.
- The school knows itself. It has thought deeply about the service it offers to students, families, and the community.
- The school is student-orientated. Its philosophy of education is suitable for the students in the roll and encompasses the development of the individual.
- The school keeps its promises. It promises only what it can deliver.
- The school accepts objective assessment. It is prepared to open its doors periodically to regular evaluation by the school community and by outside experienced evaluators.
- The school is constantly seeking to improve its performance in curricular and other areas.
- The school plans for the future. As part of the ongoing nature of the evaluation process accredited schools are continually planning future developments.

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**Council of International Schools accreditation ensures that the school meets rigorous criteria and standards in the following areas:**

- 1. Philosophy and Objectives**
- 2. Curriculum**
- 3. Governance & Management**
- 4. Faculty & Staff**
- 5. Student Support Services**
- 6. Resources**
- 7. Student & Community Life**

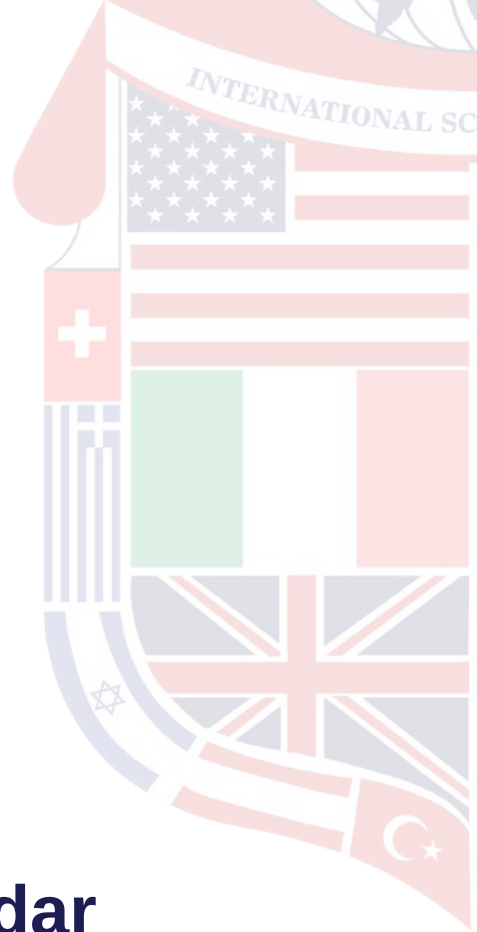
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## **ISB is a NEASC Accredited School**

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization which connects and serves over 1,500 public, independent and international learning communities worldwide. NEASC is a globally recognised standard of excellence in the context of research-driven standards.





# School Calendar 2024-2025

**3 September:** New Student Orientation Morning and first day for Grades 6, 11 and 12.

**4 September:** First day of school

**4 October:** Local holiday

**28 October - 1 November:** Half-Term break

**8 December:** National holiday

**23 December - 6 January:** Winter holidays

**31 January:** Professional Development - no school

**24 - 28 February:** Half-Term break

**21 April - 2 May:** Easter holiday & Spring break

**2 June:** National holiday (Republic Day)

**27 June:** Last full day before Summer break



## Contact Information

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## 2024 -2025 SCHEDULE AND EXPLANATION OF THE FEES

The annual Tuition fees of the International School of Bologna are determined by its Board of Directors

### ADMISSION FEE

To be paid for new students only and to be paid upon initial enrolment. **The Admission fee is non-refundable.**

Reception	€ 1.100
Kindergarten	€ 1.100
Transition	€ 1.100
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	€ 1.100
Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	€ 1.500
Diploma (Grades 11, 12)	€ 1.500

### REGISTRATION FEE

For returning and new students, to be paid annually. **The Registration fee is non-refundable.**

Reception	€ 750
Kindergarten	€ 750
Transition	€ 750
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	€ 750
Diploma (Grades 11, 12)	€ 1.000

### SECONDARY EAL PROGRAM

2 periods/weekly = half EAL fee	€ 1.200
3-4 periods/weekly = full EAL fee	€ 2.400

### LUNCH FEES

No refunds will be made for absences, illnesses, or days the school is closed. The full service is mandatory up to Grade 5, only Grades 6 to 12 can choose the following options

Two (2) days (Mon, Fri)	€ 615
Three (3) days (Tue, Wed, Thu)	€ 930
Five (5) days	€ 1.485

Payments can be made in person at the Administration Office (Via Saragozza 1) or via bank transfer.

Our bank details are: Banca di Bologna  
IBAN: IT 96 W 08883 02401 016000033 634  
BIC (SWIFT): CCRTIT2TBDB

### ANNUAL TUITION FEES

GRADE	ANNUAL TUITION FEE
Reception (Half day)	€ 9.465
Reception (Full day)	€ 10.770
Kindergarten	€ 11.670
Transition	€ 14.580
Grade 1	€ 17.160
Grades 2, 3, 4	€ 17.505
Grade 5	€ 18.720
Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	€ 20.085
Diploma (Grades 11, 12)	€ 20.910

### SIBLING DISCOUNT

**Second child:** 10% on Tuition fee

**Third child:** 20% on Tuition fee

**Fourth or more children:** 30% on Tuition fee

### PAYMENTS

**Admission and/or Registration to be paid upon enrolment.**

School fees, Lunch fees, and other Additional fees are to be paid in 3 installments (by 1st September, 1st November, 1st February)

### TUITION FEES INCLUDE

- INSURANCE
- STATIONERY
- LEARNING MATERIAL / BOOKS
- CHROMEBOOKS FOR IN-SCHOOL USE
- RESIDENTIAL TRIP (Gr 5 - Gr 11)
- ASSESSMENT - IB EXAM FEES

\*\* These fees do not include optional extras such as school uniform, field trips, optional trips abroad, and after school activities

# Frequently Asked **QUESTIONS:**

## **When is the application deadline?**

As spaces are limited early inquiry in January/February is recommended for September entry. However, as we are an international school, applications are accepted year round, and applications made throughout the academic year will be reviewed on an individual basis.

## **What is the birthday cutoff date for entry?**

Birth date entry is by December 31st for each class level. For example:  
To enter Reception a child must be three years old by December 31st.  
To enter Kindergarten a child must be four years old by December 31st.  
To enter Transition a child must be five years old by December 31st.

## **What is the school year?**

The school year runs from early September to late June.

## **What are the school hours?**

The school runs Monday through Friday and the hours are:  
8.30 a.m. to 3.20 p.m. for Early Years classes  
8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for Grades 1-5  
8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for Grades 6-12

## **Do you offer afterschool activities?**

We offer on campus afterschool activities every day from Monday to Friday from 3:35 pm to 4:35 pm. Contact us at [info@isbologna.com](mailto:info@isbologna.com) for more information.

## **Is Italian taught?**

Italian is taught from Grade 1 upwards, either as a language acquisition or at a mother tongue level depending on the student's background. All other classes are taught in English.

Starting in Secondary School, students also choose a foreign language to study, selecting between French and Spanish.

## **Where is the school situated?**

ISB is situated near Porta San Mamolo in the historic center of Bologna.



# Admission Process

Family contacts the School and submits the online Inquiry Form.



The family contacts the school to arrange an interview and a campus tour. This can also take place via a video conference call.

## The family submits the following documents:

- ✓ Completed Inquiry Form
- ✓ Previous school final reports
- ✓ Confidential School Reference Form
- ✓ Any additional English exam results
- ✓ Health and Vaccination record
- ✓ ID documents (student and parents/guardians)
- ✓ Learning Support documentation (where relevant)?



The family attends the campus tour and an interview with the Head of School/Principals. Placement testing in English (when relevant)



Family is informed of the enrollment decision



Admission/Registration/Tuition fee installments paid





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