



WEST ISLAND SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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STRENGTH
FROM
DIVERSITY

ABOUT WEST ISLAND SCHOOL

West Island School is an international co-educational secondary school that is part of the English Schools Foundation (ESF), the largest English-medium organisation of international schools in Hong Kong. Guided by the ESF vision "for every student to be the best they can be," West Island School empowers students to "find their purpose, realise their potential". West Island School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, an approved BTEC centre and a Pearson Edexcel partnership centre.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



From Years 7-9



From Years 10-11



From Years 12-13

SCHOOL INFORMATION



40+

Nationalities



1200+

Students



EN

English medium institution



N/A

Not ranked or GPA

POST-16 INFORMATION



153

Students
in Class of 2025



38

IBDP average
point score



38%

Attained 40+ points



8%

Awarded a IB
Bilingual Diploma

Post-16 Curriculum

West Island School is an inclusive school and offers four pathways to students for their final two years of study. The percentage of students following each pathway is shown below. In addition, all students complete a sports programme and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) component to ensure a holistic approach to their learning.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

Over two years, students study 6 subjects, 3 at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level. They also study Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and submit a 4000-word Extended Essay whilst participating in Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS).

IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME (IBCP)

Students study 1 BTEC Level 3 National Diploma and 2 or 3 IB subjects (at least one at Higher Level). Students also complete a 3000-word Reflective Project, Service Learning, Language Acquisition programme, and the personal and professional skills course.

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA (ID)

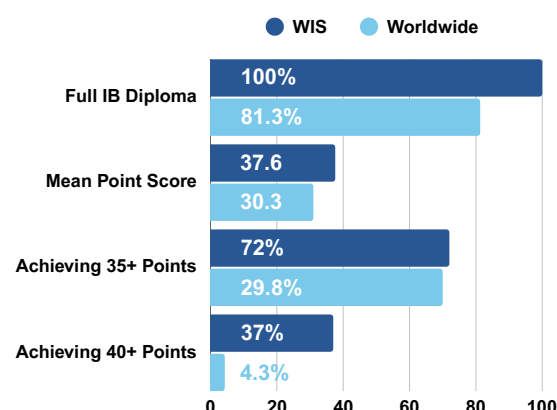
Students study 1 BTEC Level 3 National Diploma and 1 Subsidiary Diploma. In addition, IB subjects and an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) can also be undertaken.



COURSE GROUPS FOR CLASS OF 2026

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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese A Language & Literature English A Literature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English A Language & Literature Self-taught First Language SL |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese B French B/Ab Initio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish B/Ab Initio |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Management Economics Environmental Systems & Societies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Global Politics History |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Computer Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Technology Environmental Systems & Societies Food Science and Technology SL |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics Sports, Exercise & Health Science |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Film Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theatre Visual Arts |
| CORE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Extended Essay (EE) Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS) | |

*SL stands for Standard Level.

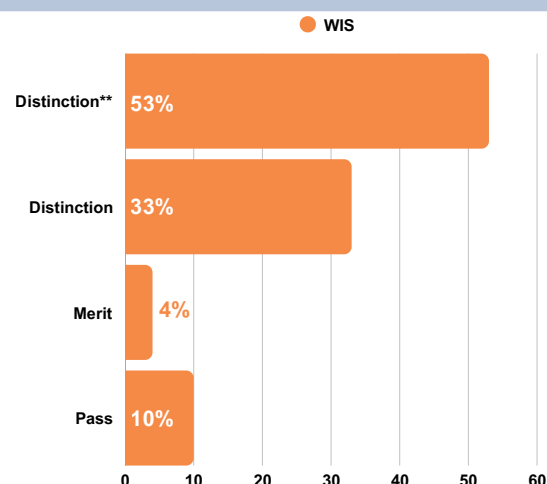


Subject Briefings: <https://shorturl.at/bMS38>

BTEC PROGRAMMES

BTEC qualifications are rigorous and flexible courses which require high standards and the additional ability to apply knowledge in real world contexts. The Level 3 Diploma is equivalent to 2 A-levels. A subsidiary diploma is equivalent to 1 A-level.

1. Business
2. Creative Media
3. Engineering
4. Sports & Exercise Science
5. Performing Arts



Additional Information

PRE-16 CURRICULUM

At Pre-16 most students take 8-10 examination subjects in (I)GCSE. In addition, some students opt for Level 2 BTEC courses. Compulsory Subjects: English Language, World Literature, Mathematics (Foundation or Higher), Science - Double or Triple Award (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), or Combined Science an Integrated Science course for students not interested in further study of the sciences, and Languages (Foreign Language Chinese, French or Spanish and First Language Chinese). Optional Subjects: Business Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Psychology, Philosophy & Religion, Art & Design: Fine Arts, Art & Design: Textiles, Computer Science, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, Music, BTEC Digital Design, Food Technology, BTEC Engineering, BTEC Multimedia Production, Physical Education.

NO RANKING

West Island School does not rank its students nor use Grade Point Average. School transcripts reflect students' grades from Years 10 to 13, or from when they begin their time at West Island School.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CAS)

Over 100 activities are offered each term to foster passion for experiential learning beyond the classroom. These extracurricular activities are to ensure that students have access to exceptional learning opportunities that emphasise achievement, personal fulfillment, service to others and are aware of their responsibilities as global citizens. A diverse selection of activities have been carefully curated with consideration for environmental sustainability and the communities we interact with. Overseas trips offer distinctive opportunities that go beyond what is possible in Hong Kong, while all service trips reflect a meaningful, long-term commitment to community projects.



APPLICATION POLICY

Students can submit 8 applications.

*UCAS counts as 1 application

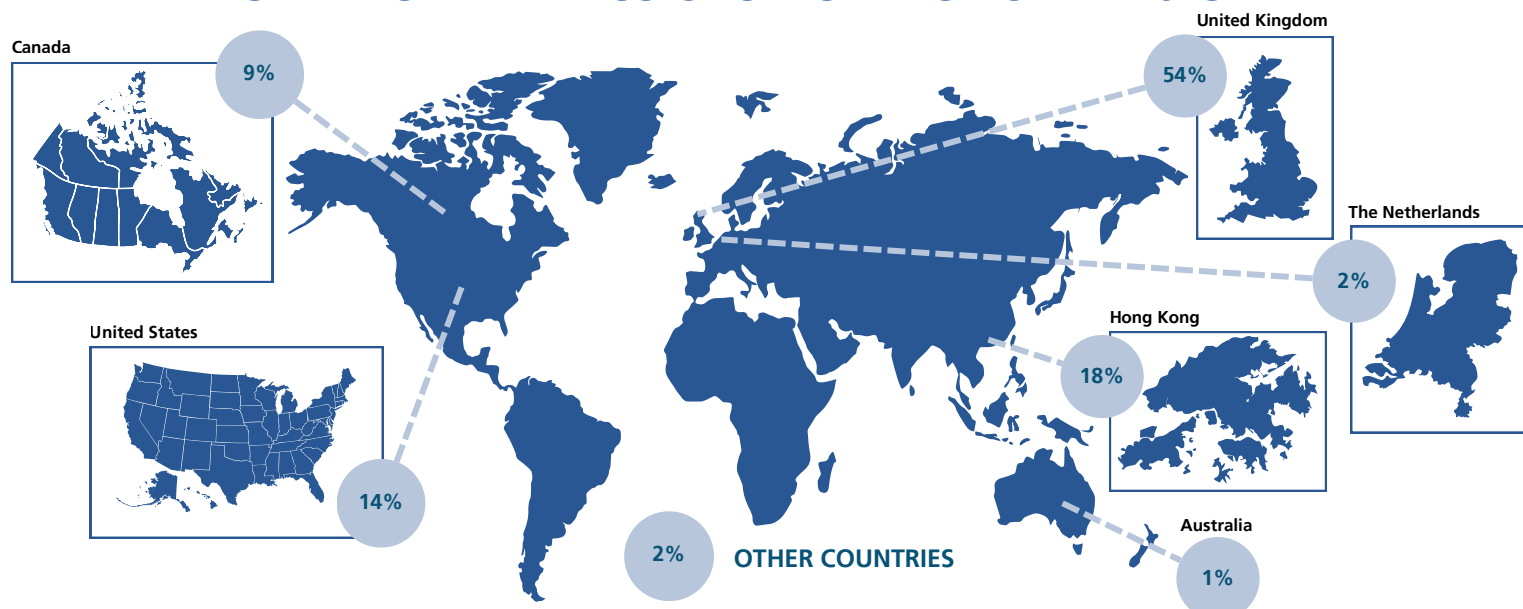
**University of California counts as 1 application

UPDATED: READING THE WEST ISLAND SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

West Island School's Transcript Grades are a combination of teacher evaluations that are aligned with exam board marking criteria and the finals grades awarded by the external examination boards. The School's Transcript includes four reported grades at the point of application:

- Year 10/Grade 9: Working at Grades - WIS teachers assign a grade that describes the student's current level of performance against the expectations of their IGCSE/BTEC courses.
- Year 11/Grade 10: Official awarded grades on BTEC and IGCSE courses as awarded by Pearson/Edexcel/Cambridge
- Year 12/Grade 11: WIS teachers assign the grade that they believe the student is most likely to achieve at the end of the course, based on their progress to date. At WIS, it is not uncommon to see these Year 12 Grades be awarded at somewhat lower levels than what is achieved for their final board-awarded marks that we receive from the IBO or Pearsons.
- Year 13/Grade 12: At the point of application, WIS grades are predicted grades that teachers feel are the most likely grades for the May Exam session. The midterm grades are updated predicted grades.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS DISTRIBUTION IN 2025



Recent University Admissions and Offers for the Class of 2025

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Deakin University [IBDP](#)
 Monash University [IBDP](#)
 University of Melbourne [IBDP](#)
 University of Queensland [IBDP](#)
 University of Sydney [IBDP](#)

Canada

British Columbia Institute of Technology [IBDP](#)
 Capilano University [IBCP](#)
 Emily Carr University of Art and Design [IBCP](#) [IBDP](#)
 Langara College [IBCP](#)
 McGill University [IBDP](#)
 McMaster University [IBDP](#)
 Mount Royal University [IBDP](#)
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 University of Alberta [IBDP](#)
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 University of Ottawa [IBDP](#)
 University of Toronto - Mississauga [IBDP](#)
 University of Toronto - Scarborough [IBDP](#)
 University of Toronto - St George [IBDP](#)
 University of Victoria [IBDP](#)
 University of Waterloo [IBDP](#)
 Wilfrid Laurier University [IBDP](#)
 Western University [IBDP](#)

France

EDHEC Business School [IBDP](#)
 ESSEC Business School [IBDP](#)
 ESCP Business School [IBDP](#)
 Sciences Po [IBDP](#)

Finland

Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki [IBDP](#)

Hong Kong SAR

Chinese University of Hong Kong [IBDP](#)
 City University of Hong Kong [IBDP](#)
 Hong Kong Polytechnic University [IBDP](#)
 HKU SPACE [IBCP](#)
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology [IBDP](#)
 Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts [IBCP](#)
 Hong Kong Baptist University [IBCP](#) [IBDP](#)
 University of Hong Kong [IBDP](#)

Ireland

Queen's University Belfast [IBDP](#)
 Royal College of Surgeons [IBDP](#)
 Trinity College Dublin [IBDP](#)
 University College Dublin [IBDP](#)

Japan

Osaka University [IBDP](#)
 Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) [IBDP](#)
 Sophia University [IBDP](#)
 Waseda University [IBDP](#)

Malta

Queen Mary University of London, Malta [IBDP](#)

Malaysia

Asia Pacific University [ID](#)

The Netherlands

Amsterdam Fashion Academy [IBCP](#)
 Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences [IBCP](#)
 Delft University of Technology [IBDP](#)
 Eindhoven University of Technology [IBDP](#)
 Erasmus University [IBDP](#)
 Fontys University of Applied Sciences [ID](#)
 Hague University of Applied Sciences [IBCP](#)
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 HZ University of Applied Sciences [IBCP](#)
 Leiden University [IBDP](#)
 Leiden University College The Hague [IBDP](#)
 Maastricht University [IBDP](#)
 Radboud University [IBDP](#)
 Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences [IBCP](#)
 Saxion University of Applied Science [IBCP](#)
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 University College Maastricht [IBDP](#)
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 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam [IBDP](#)
 ZUYD University of Applied Sciences [IBCP](#)

New Zealand

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 University of Otago [IBCP](#) [IBDP](#)
 University of Waikato [IBCP](#) [IBDP](#)

United Arab Emirates

Middlesex University Dubai [IBDP](#)

Singapore

LASALLE College of the Arts [IBDP](#)
 National University of Singapore (NUS) [IBDP](#)
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Switzerland

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UK

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