



WE ARE ISB



International School of Bremen

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50+ Student
Nationalities

30+ Staff
Nationalities

35 Points
Average IB Score
2019–2024



1:8
Teacher/Student
Ratio

Average
Class Size
16

Average
IGCSE grade
2023 C+

We are ...

- a truly International School
 - a great school
 - a happy school
 - a small school with small class sizes
 - performing at or above international averages
 - academic and creative
 - a great community and family centered
- **a doorway to education around the world.**



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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Dear Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the **International School of Bremen (ISB)**, a community where learning is inspired by curiosity, respect, and a shared commitment to personal growth and global citizenship. ISB is more than just a school – it's a place where students are encouraged to explore their passions, discover new interests, and develop the confidence to pursue their dreams. I've seen this first-hand from our students, who often tell me how ISB has become a second home. One of our boarders said recently, "This school is the place where my dreams can come true, and it also brings incredible joy to me every day." Stories like this capture what makes ISB so special: a welcoming, inclusive environment where students from over 50+ nationalities come together, form lasting friendships, and grow in ways they never imagined.

At ISB, our mission is to provide a holistic education that nurtures both academic excellence and personal development. We are proud of our students' achievements, from consistently high IB Diploma scores – an average of 35 points, surpassing the global average of 31 – to a remarkable 96% pass rate in a non selective School, a testament to our inclusive and supportive learning environment.

But what makes me most proud is the way our students embody our values of Respect, Honesty, and Kindness in everything they do, whether they're excelling in the classroom, working on community projects, or cheering on their friends during sports events.

Our education extends beyond textbooks and exams. Programmes like the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** challenge our students to push themselves and give back to the community, while activities such as **Model United Nations** and the **Global Issues Network** foster a sense of responsibility and global awareness. These experiences help our students grow into compassionate, thoughtful leaders – qualities that are as important as academic success.

The relationships our students build with their teachers are at the heart of what makes ISB unique. Our dedicated staff are mentors,

not just teachers, who know each child personally and work closely with them to ensure they thrive. The warmth and support within our school community is something that students often tell me makes a lasting difference. This is echoed by visitors and families alike, who use words like 'homely' and 'family'.

I warmly invite you to visit ISB and experience for yourself the energy and spirit that fills our classrooms, our playgrounds, and our boarding facilities. Whether your child is just starting their educational journey or preparing for university, we are here to support, challenge, and inspire them every step of the way.

With best regards,



Jamie Perfect, Director,
International School of Bremen



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BREMEN (ISB)

At ISB, we believe in providing an exceptional educational experience that goes beyond academics. Our holistic approach ensures that each student is prepared for global success, while our vibrant community and personalised attention help students thrive in every aspect of life. Located on the prestigious University of Bremen campus, ISB offers a unique environment where students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn, grow, and make lasting memories. Reflected by our Mission and Values.

MISSION

The International School of Bremen, in partnership with local, national and international communities, provides a holistic education that nurtures the development of internationally minded, ethical citizens within an ever-changing global society.

VALUES

At ISB we have a core set of values based around Honesty, Respect and Kindness. We want to help our students become happy, confident and successful people in school, preparing them for their future.



Why Choose ISB?

- **Prime Location:** Nestled within the **University of Bremen**, ISB offers access to top-tier resources and a rich cultural environment, providing students with unique opportunities to engage with the local and academic community.
- **Diverse, Global Community:** With students from over 50+ nationalities, ISB fosters global awareness, helping students develop cross-cultural understanding and empathy, crucial for success in today's interconnected world.
- **World-Class Academics:**
 - **IB Diploma Programme (IBDP)** and **IGCSE** curriculums provide globally recognized qualifications, preparing students for leading universities and careers
 - **MINT-EC Gold Status** for STEM excellence – ISB is the only international school in Germany to hold this prestigious certification, offering students unique opportunities in science and technology
- **Personalised Learning:** Small class sizes average 15 per class, ensure that every student receives individualised attention, helping them excel academically while building their confidence and skills.
- **Modern Boarding Facilities:** Designed for students aged 14+, ISB's state-of-the-art boarding programme provides a supportive, structured environment where students develop independence while receiving top-notch academic and personal support.
- **Holistic Development:** ISB offers a range of extracurricular activities including sports, arts, and leadership programmes, encouraging students to explore their passions and develop leadership and teamwork skills.
- **Committed to Global Citizenship:** ISB instils in students a sense of responsibility to contribute positively to society, preparing them to thrive as ethical, internationally minded citizens.

To learn more or to schedule a visit, contact our admissions team today and discover why ISB is the right choice for your child's educational journey.

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BOARDING AT ISB

At the **International School of Bremen**, boarding is more than just accommodation; it's an immersive experience that nurtures independence, responsibility, and personal growth. Our boarding programme is designed for students aged 14 and above, providing a safe and supportive environment where students can excel both academically and socially while developing crucial life skills, in order to prepare them for University life and independent living.

Key Features of ISB's Boarding Programme:

- **State-of-the-Art Facilities:** ISB's modern boarding facility offers spacious, individual rooms, ensuring privacy and comfort. Each student has access to a personal living space with essential amenities, including high-speed internet, en-suite bathroom and a kitchenette, enabling a balanced environment for study and relaxation.
- **All Meals** are prepared and provided by chefs, from our excellent catering team.
- **Supportive Community:** The boarding house at ISB fosters a close-knit, multicultural community where students from various backgrounds live and learn together. This environment allows for shared experiences, cultural exchange, and the development of lifelong friendships. The programme also offers 24/7 pastoral care, ensuring students feel safe and supported at all times.
- **Life Skills and Independence:** Boarding students are encouraged to take responsibility for their daily routines, such as meal planning and time management, preparing them for life beyond school. This focus on independence helps students develop confidence and essential life skills.
- **Boarders' Testimonials:** Students express great satisfaction with their boarding experience at ISB. As one boarder shared, "This school is the place after which my dreams can come true and also brings incredible pleasure for me." Another commented, "It's a good experience and an enjoyable time with friends," reflecting the strong sense of community and the enriching personal growth they experience at ISB.

Boarding at ISB provides students with a safe, structured, and enriching environment where they can focus on their academic goals while building lasting relationships and preparing for their future. The experience not only supports their education but also contributes to their holistic development, ensuring they are ready for university life and beyond.



EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

At the International School of Bremen, the **Early Learning Centre (ELC)** offers a vibrant, nurturing environment for children aged 3 to 6, where they begin their educational journey. The programme focuses on holistic development, integrating structured themes from the **International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)** with the natural joy of play, exploration, and discovery. This approach ensures a strong foundation in literacy, numeracy, and social skills, preparing children for lifelong learning.

Key Features of the Early Learning Centre:

- **Play-Based Learning:** Children engage in interactive, hands-on activities, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. The curriculum emphasises exploration, ensuring that learning is both enjoyable and meaningful.
- **Focus on Literacy:** The Read Write Inc. programme is at the heart of literacy instruction, helping young learners develop a love for reading and writing. This system encourages children to master the basics of language in a playful, supportive environment.



- **Holistic Development:** ISB places great emphasis on emotional, social, and physical growth. Through both structured and free play, children learn to communicate effectively, build relationships, and gain confidence in their abilities.
- **Outdoor Exploration:** The ELC provides opportunities for children to connect with nature, whether through gardening activities or visits to Bremen's landmarks such as the Botanical Garden and Burgerpark. These activities foster curiosity about the environment and promote hands-on learning
- **Qualified Educators:** The ELC's dedicated team of educators is passionate about creating a nurturing and stimulating atmosphere, ensuring each child's individual needs are met while promoting a love for learning.

The Early Learning Centre at ISB sets the stage for a joyful, well-rounded educational experience, where every child's potential is nurtured from the very start.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At the International School of Bremen (ISB), the Elementary School (Grades 1–5) offers a dynamic, inquiry-based education powered by the **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)**. Designed to inspire curiosity and critical thinking, the IPC integrates subjects such as science, humanities, and the arts into thematic units, making learning both engaging and meaningful. This holistic, project-based approach nurtures students' academic and personal growth, setting a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Key Features of ISB's Elementary Programme:

- **Inquiry-Based Learning:** Through inquiry-driven lessons, students are encouraged to ask questions, explore new ideas, and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. This approach fosters independent learning and critical thinking.
- **Thematic Learning:** The IPC emphasises cross-curricular connections, allowing students to explore topics from multiple perspectives. This method promotes creativity and helps students see the relevance of what they learn to real-world issues.



- **Personal Development Goals:** ISB's Elementary programme focuses on essential skills like collaboration, empathy, and resilience. These skills prepare students for both academic success and effective social interaction.
- **Holistic Education:** ISB integrates Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education and Philosophy for Children (P4C) into the curriculum, helping students develop emotional intelligence and reflective thinking.
- **Global Citizenship:** The IPC curriculum incorporates the United Nations Rights of the Child and Sustainable Development Goals, teaching students about their rights and responsibilities as global citizens.
- **Ongoing Development:** Recent initiatives include the introduction of writing rubrics to track progress, stronger links with secondary departments, and ongoing staff development through weekly meetings and peer observations. These efforts aim to continuously improve teaching and learning strategies .
- **Assemblies and Well-being Focus:** The school holds assemblies focused on UN Rights of the Child, anti-bullying, growth mindset, and success in academics and sport, fostering a sense of community and personal development .

ISB's Elementary School is a place where children begin a journey of discovery, equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.



CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY

At the International School of Bremen (ISB), the **Cambridge Lower Secondary Curriculum** (Grades 6–8) provides a comprehensive educational framework that prepares students for academic excellence while fostering critical thinking, independence, and practical skills. This curriculum emphasises core subjects such as English, Mathematics, and Science, alongside the Global Perspectives programme, which encourages students to explore key global issues and develop informed viewpoints.



Key Features of the Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme:

- **Inquiry-Based Learning:** The student-centred approach encourages students to ask questions, investigate, and reflect, fostering deeper understanding and critical thinking skills.
- **Cambridge Checkpoint Assessments:** Students undergo regular assessments, receiving feedback that helps them recognize their strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Global Perspectives:** This programme challenges students to engage with global issues and develop essential skills like research, analysis, and teamwork, ensuring they are prepared to be thoughtful global citizens.



IGCSE

For Grades 9 and 10, ISB offers the **Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)**, a prestigious qualification recognized globally. This programme builds on the skills developed in Lower Secondary, preparing students for higher education and future career success.



Key Features of IGCSE:

- **Comprehensive Subject Offerings:** Students choose from a wide range of subjects, including languages, sciences, mathematics, and humanities, tailoring their education to align with their interests and aspirations.
- **Global Recognition:** The IGCSE is acknowledged by universities and employers worldwide, providing students with a solid foundation for further studies, such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).
- **Practical Skill Development:** Emphasising both academic knowledge and practical skills, the IGCSE prepares students to become independent learners and critical thinkers.

Both the Cambridge Lower Secondary and IGCSE programmes at ISB provide students with a well-rounded, globally recognized education that equips them for academic and personal success in an interconnected world.



IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

At the International School of Bremen (ISB), our **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)** for Grades 11 and 12 prepares students to thrive in an interconnected world. As a non-selective school, we take immense pride in consistently delivering exceptional academic outcomes. Our students not only exceed global benchmarks but also demonstrate remarkable growth as global citizens ready for higher education and beyond.

Outstanding 2023 Results:

- **Average Points Score:** ISB's IB students achieved an average score of 34 points, significantly surpassing the global average of 31. This outstanding result reflects our commitment to academic excellence, personalised learning, and student growth.
- **Pass Rate:** With an impressive 96% pass rate, ISB takes pride in its ability to maintain high academic standards, even as a non-selective institution.
- **University Success:** These exceptional outcomes allow our graduates to gain admission to prestigious universities world-wide, fully equipped with the skills and knowledge required for their academic and professional journeys.



Holistic Learning Approach:

The IBDP at ISB provides students with a well-rounded education that goes beyond academics. Through the **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**, **Extended Essay (EE)**, and **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)** components, students develop critical thinking, research skills, and a strong sense of social responsibility. This holistic education fosters intellectual curiosity while nurturing empathy and resilience.

Innovative Learning Environment:

Located on the **University of Bremen** campus, ISB offers access to state-of-the-art resources, including cutting-edge research facilities, sports amenities, and academic collaborations. Our small class sizes, combined with expert teaching, ensure personalised support for each student as they navigate the rigours of the IBDP.

Other Outcomes

In addition to outstanding IB results, ISB students excel in national and international standardised tests, showcasing the school's academic strength in key subjects like Mathematics and Science.

- **IQB Results:** ISB students performed well above the Bremen average in the IQB (Institute for Quality in Education) assessments, particularly in German and English. This result is a testament to the school's strong emphasis on Supporting German development for all students Native and Non-native.
- **ISA Performance:** ISB consistently exceeds international averages in the International Schools' Assessment (ISA), with students achieving higher scores in mathematics and science compared to both German and international peers. This success highlights ISB's ability to nurture analytical and problem-solving skills, preparing students for both university and future careers in STEM fields.

Together, these outcomes reflect ISB's dedication to providing a world-class education, ensuring our students are academically competitive and ready to meet the challenges of a rapidly evolving world.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

At the International School of Bremen (ISB), we believe that education goes beyond the classroom. Our **Enrichment Programme** offers a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their passions, develop new skills, and grow as individuals through diverse extra-curricular activities. From sports and arts to leadership initiatives and community service, ISB's enrichment activities ensure that every student enjoys a well-rounded, fulfilling school experience.

Key Highlights of ISB's Enrichment Programme:

- **Adventure and Outdoor Education:** ISB emphasises experiential learning through outdoor activities that promote teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience. Students participate in adventure programmes that take them beyond the classroom, helping them develop essential life skills while enjoying the natural world.
- **Sports Programmes:** Students can join a variety of sports in school, including football, volleyball, and basketball, which are designed to encourage physical health, teamwork, and a competitive spirit. Regular sports competitions and training sessions help foster a culture of fitness and determination. We also have multiple sporting connections with the local community producing International and professional sportspersons, with Werder Bremen and many local equestrian centres, to name a few.



- **The Arts:** Creativity is nurtured through ISB's visual arts and music programmes, where students have the chance to develop their artistic talents. The school offers opportunities for students to participate in musical performances, exhibitions, and creative workshops, encouraging self-expression and confidence.
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award:** ISB proudly offers the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**, a programme that promotes self-development through challenges in areas such as service, physical activity, and skills. This prestigious award helps students build leadership and time-management skills, all while pushing their personal boundaries.
- **Model United Nations (MUN) and Global Issues Network (GIN):** ISB's participation in MUN and GIN fosters global awareness and critical thinking. These programmes provide students with platforms to engage with international issues, debate global policies, and develop diplomatic and leadership skills, preparing them for active roles in global citizenship.

ISB's enrichment programmes are designed to complement academic learning, allowing students to explore their interests, develop new talents, and become well-rounded individuals ready to make an impact in the world. These programmes form an integral part of the ISB experience, encouraging students to grow in confidence, creativity, and community engagement.



IMPRESSIONS



Quotes from the recent NEASC Foundation Visit Report

- **Welcoming and Inclusive Atmosphere:**
“The school’s overall climate feels calm, inclusive, and welcoming, and parents commented on the ‘homey’ feel they experience within this community.”
- **Commitment to Academic Excellence and Innovation:**
“ISB is Germany’s only Gold STEM/MINT-designated international school, preparing students with the skills, knowledge, and critical thinking to excel in top universities and careers globally.”
- **Focus on Holistic Development and Global Citizenship:**
“The school environment promotes high levels of student achievement and personal development, ensuring that students are not only academically proficient but also well-rounded individuals prepared for global citizenship.”





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