

IB Diploma Curriculum Conversation

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BEDFORD
GIRLS
SCHOOL





The Arts

History

Human Sciences

Language

Mathematics

Natural Sciences



What counts as knowledge?

Are some types of knowledge more useful than others?

What counts as good evidence for a claim?

Is bias inevitable in the production of knowledge?



The IB Learner Profile

IB@BGS

AN APPROACH TO TEACHING

that creates

HOLISTIC LEARNING

that creates

INTERNATIONAL THINKERS

who can change the world



“Schools have narrowed their focus to the passing of exams that are not attuned to the world of employment that young people will be facing..... The IB offers its students a much greater educational emphasis upon individual initiative, personal responsibility, imagination and problem-solving, all skills future employment will require.”

Sir Anthony Seldon, Leading Educationalist



‘The World Economic Forum put critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, resilience and initiative in its list of top ten skills of 2025’

*The Times Education Commission
(May 2022)*



Top IB Skills

Top 10 skills of 2025



Analytical thinking and innovation



Active learning and learning strategies



Complex problem-solving



Critical thinking and analysis



Creativity, originality and initiative



Leadership and social influence



Technology use, monitoring and control



Technology design and programming







Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility



Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation

Type of skill

-  Problem-solving
-  Self-management
-  Working with people
-  Technology use and development

Diploma Curriculum Model



Subject Groups

Group 1: English

Group 2: Language Acquisition: French, German, Spanish, Latin, Italian Ab Initio

Group 3: Individuals and Societies: Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy

Group 4: Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics

Group 5: Mathematics

Group 6: The Arts: Music, Theatre, Visual Arts

Assessment

Total of 45 points

7 points for each subject

3 points awarded for core (ToK/EE and pass CAS)

Combination of continual assessments, coursework and exams

BGS average 40 points in 2022; worldwide average 29 points



Impact....

More than twice as likely to enrol at one of the UK's top 20 universities

30% more likely to gain a first class honours degree

Nearly twice as likely to succeed in application to Medicine or Dentistry

Twice as likely to continue with further study after their first degree

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency

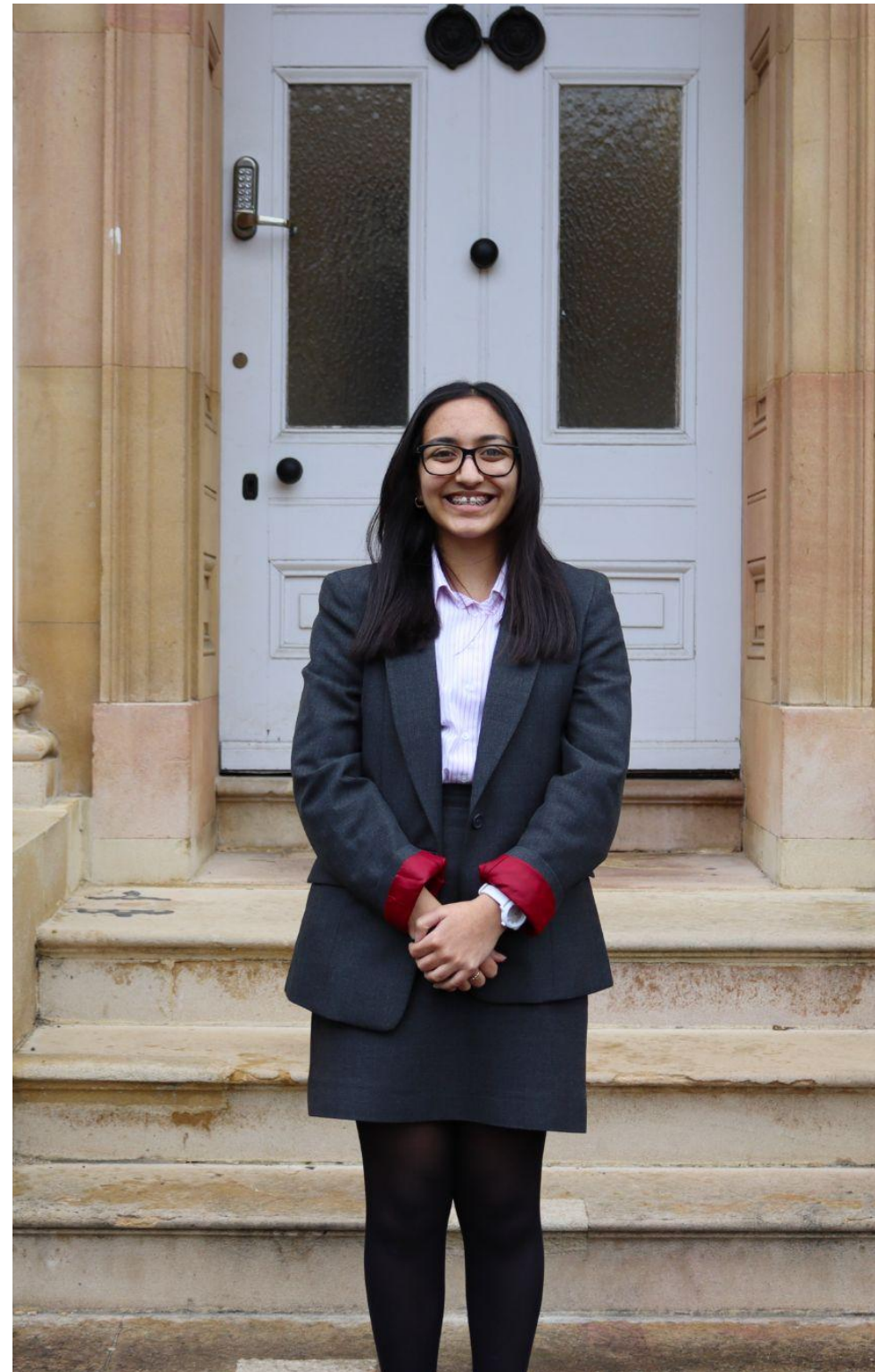
Students and Parent Perspectives...

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Questions

