



Primary Prospectus

THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CRACOW



Global

Our students come from over 36 different countries on 6 continents, making us truly international.



Primed for success

At the British International School of Cracow (BISC Kraków), we strive to provide a safe, friendly, supportive and caring environment to maximise our students' learning potential. Through our truly international community, we offer a unique learning experience in the very heart of Kraków.

We believe in every student as an individual and aim to meet their needs, developing the whole person both socially and academically. With a maximum of 16 children per group, our class teachers, subject specialists and learning support assistants can all dedicate more time and focus on each student to ensure everyone reaches their goals.

The Primary section of the British International School of Cracow consists of six year groups for children between the ages of 5 and 11, divided into two key stages, following the structure of the English National Curriculum.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

5 - 6

We understand that Key Stage 1 is a crucial stage in a child's school life. We aim to provide an environment where children learn through first-hand experience and begin to take responsibility for their own learning, establishing good habits and a love of education.

Year 2

6 - 7

Key Stage 2

Year 3

7 - 8

Key Stage 2 at BISC Kraków is designed to create responsible members of the community and prepare them for the challenges of Secondary education. The content introduced through topics becomes increasingly challenging, prompting students to begin questioning and forming links across subject areas. Children also begin studying a modern foreign language and take part in our Green Camp and Ski Camp programmes held each year in a variety of locations across Poland and neighbouring countries.

Year 4

8 - 9

Year 5

9 - 10

Year 6

10 - 11

Our Curriculum

We use the English National Curriculum as our framework for teaching, keeping up to date with developments in the UK and ensuring our teaching takes full advantage of our international composition and learning context in Poland.

English & Literacy

Children are given a range of opportunities, both in class and outside of the classroom to develop as confident speakers and communicators. A range of reading schemes and a well resourced library are available for children to develop their love of language and to take inspiration when developing their writing.

We place emphasis on the English language and endeavour to make sure all our students become proficient through extra support as well as using synthetic phonics programmes for the teaching of reading and writing. English is taught for at least an hour every day and lessons are a fun environment for our students to develop their language skills.

Languages

In Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to learn Polish as a foreign language before progressing to other language studies. For students who require further support with English, EAL support classes are run as an alternative to modern foreign languages.

Maths & Numeracy

Like English, Mathematics is also taught daily. We aim to instil confidence and inspire a love of Maths, using a wide range of resources and techniques.

Our priority for our younger students is to develop all the tools they will need to progress and have a full understanding of how numbers work. It is therefore important they gain practical experience, using objects, money, hundred squares and number lines to allow them to play around and experience the number system away from the page. We also use interactive games and teaching aids to help further their knowledge and experience.

In Key Stage 2, children learn and develop a number of strategies to help further their understanding of the number system and especially develop their mental calculations and approaches to problems.

Science

Following the English national curriculum for Science, we want our pupils to ask questions and find out why things are the way they are. Students conduct weekly experiments, giving them the opportunity to plan, question, observe and thus draw their own conclusions from experience. Science is a practical, hands-on lesson wherever possible.

In Key Stage 1, children observe and experience the world around them, whilst our older students are challenged to broaden their own scientific view of the world and develop their own questions for investigation.

Topic

Topic is the broad term used to cover other subjects within the curriculum, such as, History, Geography and Design Technology. These will vary depending on the term, allowing the children to receive a well-rounded education and to cover all aspects of the curriculum. Often these areas are taught through cross-curricular links with English and other areas and are delivered in a varied and hands on approach.



Adventurous

Our annual camps, regular cultural events and busy sporting schedule make for an exciting time at BISC.



Beyond the classroom

The British International School of Cracow is an exciting place to learn with an array of cultural events and educational trips throughout the year. Our annual Green Camp and Ski Week are always popular highlights and provide children with key opportunities to develop their skills and interests.

In Primary we try to create a number of opportunities for our children to learn beyond the classroom. We hold a multitude of events and special days from cultural celebrations throughout the year, World Book Day, International Day, Book Fairs, special visitors and trips, themed days and many other events and competitions.

At BISC, we have a dedicated School Council, comprised of student representatives from each class who discuss ideas on improving the school and help arrange some of the aforementioned events along with our teachers who help lead the Council. We also operate a 'House System' in which each individual student is assigned to a 'House' or team, where they work individually and together to earn points and become House Champions.

BISC organises two camps a year, available for students in Key Stage 2. Our winter camp is held in a ski resort, with past destinations including the Czech Republic, Austria and Italy. Children hone their skills in either skiing or snowboarding whilst exploring the local area on organised trips and following a busy schedule of activities. Our summer "Green Camp" focuses on sports practices and is typically organised in either Poland or the Czech Republic.





Inspiring

Memorable lessons and regular opportunities outside the classroom make BISC truly exciting.

Natural progression

The end of Primary education and the start of students' Secondary years is a huge milestone in their lives. We have made sure that progressing into the Secondary phase of the school is as seamless a process as possible. BISC Kraków welcomes students from the Foundation stage all the way to the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. As such, one of the most endearing features of the British International School of Cracow is the family atmosphere of the school, with older students acting as role models and mentors to those in the younger years.

Although subject offerings and the structure of the school day will change to reflect the students' maturity, the familiar faces of specialist teachers and the facilities shared across the Primary and Secondary help maintain a familiar atmosphere. The whole school is housed within a single building meaning peer groups and families stay together throughout a child's school years.

The Secondary School is an exciting environment to learn, with a diverse range of activities and experiential learning opportunities. Students work towards completing IGCSE examinations in Year 11, followed by the International Baccalaureate Diploma in Year 13. The school has an excellent record of results for both of these examination systems and consequently, an impressive list of universities our students have successfully entered after leaving BISC Kraków.





Unique

BISC Kraków offers a unique integration of two curricula for students with Polish nationality.

Polish Programme

The British International School of Cracow also welcomes Polish families who are looking for a global education for their child in Kraków. Our programme allows students to meet the requirements of both the British and Polish curricula and is certified by the Ministry of Education for the Republic of Poland.

An integrated Polish programme allows students with Polish nationality to access both education systems, meeting the requirements established by the Ministry of Education and yet able to obtain British qualifications and progress to the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Students following the Polish programme have a carefully balanced schedule ensuring sufficient time to follow the required programmes of study in both systems. BISC Kraków has obtained bilingual certification and consequently, is among the first schools in Poland to gain recognition for our unique integration of the two curricula.

Our school inspections by Polish education authorities have been consistently excellent. Moreover, our students perform to the highest level in external assessments set by the Ministry of Education, as well as the international assessments, IGCSE courses and International Baccalaureate courses offered as an integral part of their international education.

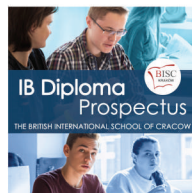
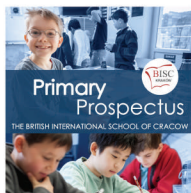
Our students feel at ease in a multicultural environment where they communicate in English on par with the Polish language. From an early age our pupils learn about different cultures and religions in a natural way, which allows them to develop tolerance and acceptance as an everyday part of their educational experience. BISC Kraków is therefore an excellent choice for internationally minded families in the city.



The British International School of Cracow provides a top-quality education for children between the ages of 3 and 19. Following the English National Curriculum, our school provides a wealth of opportunities for your child to develop both academically and beyond the classroom.

Our team of dedicated teachers deliver an excellent education, with results far above the average for international schools and surpassing expectations for schools in the UK.

We invite you to book a tour of our school and look forward to welcoming your child to the British International School of Cracow.



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