

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026–2027

ABOUT SOUTHBANK

Founded in 1979 Southbank International School is a non-selective IB World School offering all four IB programmes, PYP, MYP, DP and CP, in a single continuum from age 3 to 18, across three campuses in central London: Hampstead, Kensington and Westminster.

Our senior community includes 42+ nationalities in Grades 9 to 12, and more than 75% of students join from outside the UK, bringing experience of multiple countries and curriculum systems. The language of instruction is English. All students follow a comprehensive languages curriculum through the IB programmes, and students are encouraged to develop their home languages, with specialist tutors providing home language lessons where possible.

Students with emerging English follow the MYP English Language Acquisition course, placed by assessment at enrolment, with progression to mainstream English classes as their skills develop. Learning support follows a graduated, needs-led approach, from inclusive classroom teaching through targeted and specialist support, including examination access arrangements in line with exam board regulations.

“We are committed to academic rigour, a liberal ethos, and the values of the International Baccalaureate.” — Mission statement

OUR CURRICULUM

Southbank offers the IB Middle Years Programme in Grades 6 to 10, and the IB Diploma Programme or IB Career-related Programme in Grades 11 and 12. All lead to qualifications recognised at Level 3 within the UK National Qualifications Framework and by universities globally.

Enrolment for 2026–27 is 267 students in the MYP (Grades 6 to 10), with 134 students in the Senior School (Grades 11 and 12).

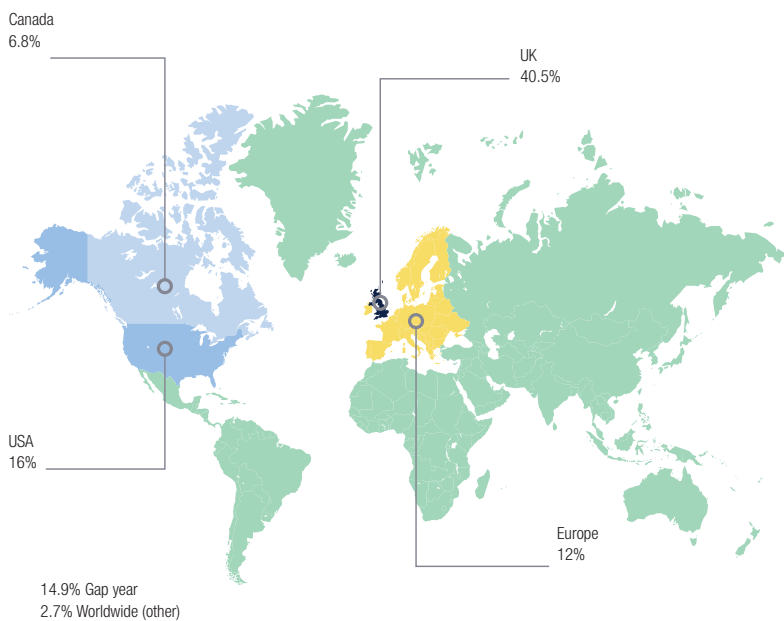
Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
IB Middle Years Programme 2026–27 enrolment: 267					67 students	67 students
					Students choose one pathway	
					Southbank High School Diploma Grades 9 to 12 · Awarded at graduation alongside the IB qualification	

Students who complete the MYP and either the DP or the CP automatically meet the requirements for the Southbank High School Diploma: a minimum of 24 credits across Grades 9 to 12, including English in each year.

Southbank is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This accreditation allows the school to award the Southbank High School Diploma, which students complete alongside the MYP, DP or CP.

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2026

Breakdown of destination data for the Class of 2026



United Kingdom	North America	Europe
King's College London: 14	American University: 1	Amsterdam University College : 1
UCL: 7	Drexel University: 1	Charles University: 1
University of Birmingham: 2	Georgetown University: 1	Heidelberg University: 1
University of Exeter: 2	Loyola University Chicago: 1	Northeastern University London: 1
Imperial College London: 2	New York University: 1	TBS Education: 1
University of Leeds: 2	Northeastern University: 1	Universidad de Navarra: 2
University of Nottingham: 2	Pennsylvania State University: 1	IE University: 4
University of York: 2	Santa Clara University: 1	University College Utrecht: 1
Durham University: 1	Scripps College: 1	University of Copenhagen: 1
London School of Economics: 1	Syracuse University: 1	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg: 1
Newcastle University: 2	Tulane University: 1	
Queen Mary University of London: 1	University of Arizona: 1	
University of Bristol: 1	Villanova University: 1	
University of Liverpool: 1	Western University: 1	
University of Oxford: 1		
University of Southampton: 1		
University of Warwick: 1		

ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS



IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The MYP is the curriculum framework for Grades 6 to 10. Students study eight subject groups each year and complete at least one interdisciplinary unit at every level. Service as action runs throughout the programme, connecting classroom learning to the wider community.

In Grade 10, students complete the Personal Project, an extended inquiry of their own choosing, externally moderated by the IB. They also sit MYP eAssessments in Mathematics, English and Interdisciplinary Learning. These are externally set and marked, and are regulated by Ofqual.

IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME, GRADES 11 AND 12

The IB CP is a two-year pathway combining academic IB study with career-focused, applied learning. At Southbank it is offered in partnership with SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design). Students take at least two DP courses alongside a SCAD career-related study track, in areas including Graphic Design, Film and Television, Photography, UX Design and Game Development.

The CP Core comprises four strands: Personal and Professional Skills, Service Learning, Language Development, and the Reflective Project. The IB CP is a full IB qualification. It reflects a deliberate choice by students whose strengths and interests align with applied, project-based learning alongside academic study.

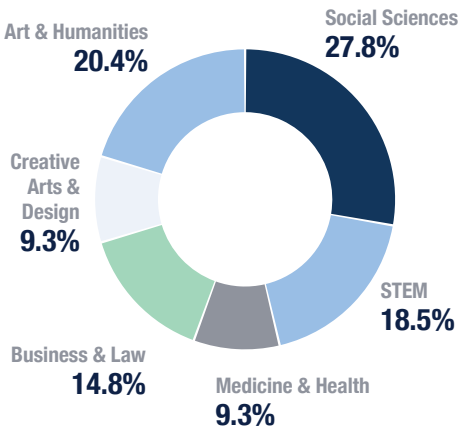
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT (G11 AND G12)*

Students study six subjects, three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level, alongside Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay, and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS). The IB DP is assessed on a 45-point scale and is recognised by universities worldwide.

2 years English	2 years Maths	2 years Science
2 years Language Acquisition	2 years Individuals & Societies	2 years Arts
Theory of Knowledge · Extended Essay · Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)		

Additional subject combinations available to meet diverse academic interests and goals.

COURSE CHOICE – CLASS OF 2026



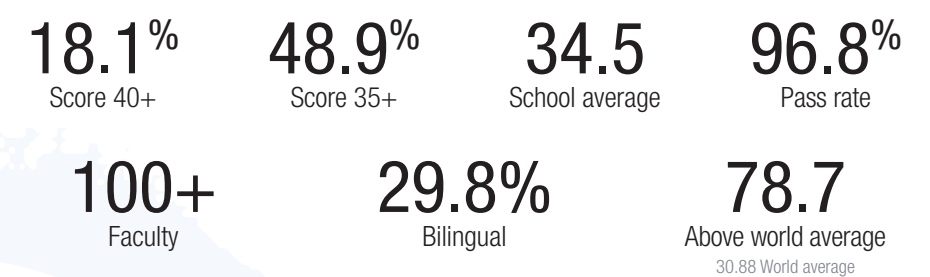
ADVISORY

Every student at Southbank is assigned an advisor: their teacher, mentor and primary point of contact. Advisory sessions run each morning with a weekly extended session (average group size 15), covering wellbeing, academic progress, community engagement and preparation for life beyond Southbank.

INTEGRITY STATEMENT

As members of IACAC, Southbank is committed to the authenticity of every application: students produce original work and are guided to a maximum of twelve well-considered university applications.

IN NUMBERS



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COLLEGE BOARD TESTING RESULTS

SAT participation is optional at Southbank. The following reflects students who chose to sit the SAT, typically those applying to US institutions.

	Class of 2026	Class of 2024
SAT mean score	1327	1350
% of US applicants who sat the SAT	18%	16%

SAT participation is optional at Southbank and is not required for entry or graduation. The figures below reflect students who chose to sit the test, typically those applying to US institutions.

HISTORICAL IB DP DATA

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Average	34.5	35	36	35
World average	31	30.5	30	30
Number of students	94	75	87	75
Pass rate	96.8%	96%	100%	97%
Bilingual DP	30%	19%	24%	25%
Score 40+	18%	27%	22%	21%
Score 35+	49%	59%	70%	55%
Above world average	78.7	77.3	86	79

% of grades at 6–7 school cohort size and completion rate for the most recent CP class

GRADING SCALE AND RANKING

Southbank issues transcripts including IB subject grades, credit allocations, and a cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. The GPA is unweighted. Credit is awarded for each passed semester (IB grades 3 to 7). DP HL courses carry 1.6 credits per year (240 teaching hours), DP SL courses 1.0 credit per year (150 teaching hours), and the Personal Project and Extended Essay 0.5 credits each. MYP courses in Grades 9 and 10 carry 1.0 credit per year.

IB Grade	Descriptor	GPA	US Grade
7	Excellent	4.0	A+
6	Very good	4.0	A
5	Good	3.3	B+
4	Satisfactory	2.7	B
3	Adequate	2.0	C
2	Weak	1.0	D
1	Very weak	0.0	F

GPA values reflect standard US equivalency conversions. Southbank does not produce class rankings

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Student Council and Student Senate · varsity teams and ISSA · Rock Music Group, Choir, String Orchestra and Drama Club · Model United Nations, Novice MUN and Debate Club · The Coffee Stain school magazine and Yearbook · Duke of Edinburgh Award · Biomedical Society, Biology Club and Astrophysics Club · Law Society, Politics and Economics Society, Art Club and Young Enterprise.