

## Admissions Policy for IB Students

The Diploma Programme (DP) is an opportunity for diligent and highly motivated students to achieve their higher-education entrance qualification within two years at the end of class 12.

Initially, the DP will be taught in English with the exception of German Literature as Language A subject. Thus, the initial phase of the DP is open to

- German speaking students who have gained good results at the end of their compulsory education (i.e. in grade 10), who have developed good study habits and display the necessary interest, maturity and vision to cope with a rigorous international pre-academic programme in English.
- Non-German speaking students who possess very good self-learning skills and therefore can commence in a self-taught Language A – Literature subject of their mother-tongue supported by our school.

At a later stage, the DP will be taught in English completely to prepare students for university entrance without a compulsory German-language requirement, while allowing native speakers to study German as their first language. Thus, the DP will then additionally be open to

- German students who have gained good results at the end of their compulsory education (i.e. in grade 10), who have developed good study habits and display the necessary interest, maturity and vision to cope with a rigorous international pre-academic programme in English.
- Non-German or German students who have lived and attended school abroad, and want to head for university. They have shown academic ability but are not able to approach the German Abitur due to the lack of German language skills.

## **Selection criteria**

IB Diploma Programme students are chosen on the basis of the grades they receive at the end of compulsory education. Minimum grades in respective subjects have to fulfil national requirements (e.g. same as for Abitur-qualification). In addition, the following is also taken into account:

- a. minimum of good proficiency (B2 level) of the English language, verified by school grade or a language test comparable to Cambridge-First Certificate or Toefl
- b. minimum of ten years of scholar education and good school grades, verified by a school report from class level 9 and a mid-term certificate of class level 10.
- c. their study behaviour, work ethics and degree of self-reliance in previous school years and commitment to school and non-school activities
- d. personal interest in the IB philosophy and motivation presented in a written letter of motivation in the English language
- e. their grades in other subjects not specified in the national requirements
- f. the availability of places in the DP class

An applicant who does not fulfil the above requirements will be accepted only if there is an available slot and the application is accompanied by particular information which indicates that he/she is able to maintain the necessary educational success.

Applicants for the IB Programme are interviewed by the IB coordinator as a prerequisite before final acceptance is made by the school leadership team.

## **Transition from DP year 1 to DP year 2**

Students will pass from DP year 1 to DP year 2 when fulfilling the following requirements.

- a. Standard level subjects have to be grades with 3 points or higher
- b. Higher level subjects have to be graded with 4 points or higher

Students who miss the requirements will repeat DP year 1. Repetition of DP year 1 can only be conducted once.