

# ACADEMIC PROFILE

SCHOOL CODES IBO: 000791 CEEB: 694369

## 2016-17



## Our School

Beijing World Youth Academy is a private, independent **international school** located in China's capital city. Founded in 2001 with a small cohort of students studying the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, the school now has two urban campuses and classes from grades 1 to 12, and has developed a reputation for academic excellence coupled with a strong sense of community. A large percentage of our graduates have been accepted to leading world universities. Our school prides itself on providing a personalised environment for learning, due, in a large part, to a favourable faculty to student ratio of 1:7. Our pedagogy emphasises creativity, teamwork and a curriculum which incorporates standards from North America, Europe and Asia. We endeavour to create a friendly and studious environment, which also stresses maturity, service and personal accountability.

## Programmes

BWYA educates students for grades 1-12 with **English as the language of instruction**. There are three programmes: International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for grades 1 to 5, IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) for grades 6-10 and the IB Diploma Programme (DP) in grades 11-12. The MYP stresses interdisciplinary connections and prepares students for the full Diploma Programme. The DP is known as one of the most rigorous university preparatory programmes in the world with its emphasis on holistic education across six disciplines, evaluation of ideas, creativity, activity and service.

## Graduation Requirements

At the beginning of their second year of the Diploma Programme, Students at BWYA are divided into two tracks, IB Diploma/Course Candidates, and BWYA High School Diploma Candidates. The graduation requirements for each track are as follows:

### IB Diploma/Course Candidates

The following are the requirements that must be met by each of our IB Diploma/Course Candidates in order to pass the academic year:

- An average score of at least 4 must be attained
- All subjects must receive an IB score greater than 1
- No more than two subjects may receive an IB score lower than 3

Additionally, in order to receive the final high school diploma, students are required to have completed Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) requirements over the course of their final two years.

### BWYA High School Diploma Candidates

Students who opt to work towards the BWYA High School Diploma will take courses alongside IB Diploma/Course Candidates. Their internal assessment (BWYA grades) will be measured by the same standards as their IB counterparts. However, they will ultimately not sit for IB exams, but instead be administered internal, BWYA senior year final exams.

In order for BWYA High School Diploma Candidates to successfully graduate, they must achieve:

- No score lower than a 3 on any of their internal senior year final exams.
- Complete at least one project for each of the three strands of CAS in the final year.

## School Calendar

The academic school year consists of 180 school days divided into two semesters for DP students and three trimesters for MYP students. There are 25 class periods in each week, 5 periods per day. Twelfth grade students take the final IBDP written examinations in May and graduate in late May.

## Assessment

Our grading system is based on the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) standards.

Grades of 1-2 indicate poor performance. A grade of 3 indicates a basic understanding of the concepts and skills required in a particular field of study. A grade of 4 or higher indicates an understanding of concepts, mastery of skills and ability to apply this knowledge ranging from satisfactory to excellent.

IB Mark	IB Description	Letter Grade
7	Excellent	A/A+
6	Very Good	A
5	Good	B
4	Satisfactory	C
3	Mediocre	C/D
2	Poor	F
1	Very Poor	F

IBDP courses are equivalent in difficulty and content to A' Level and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. BWYA neither calculates Grade Point Averages (GPA) nor ranks students.

## The IB Diploma Programme

Students have the option to enrol as IB Course candidates or as full IB Diploma candidates for their final two years of high school. To earn the IB Diploma, candidates must successfully complete and pass the Theory of Knowledge course, and meet Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) requirements. Diploma Candidates must also earn 24 points across all six subjects on their final Diploma examinations and satisfy other requirements specified by the IBO.

IB Diploma Programme courses consist of a minimum of 240 hours at Higher Level and 150 hours for Standard Level courses over the two year duration of the programme.

## Co-Curricular Choices

Over forty co-curricular clubs are offered, including Forensics (Speech & Debate), Model United Nations, Roots & Shoots, Young Entrepreneurs and Orchestra.

BWYA Wolves Athletics teams participate in International School Athletic Conference (ISAC) competition. Team sports include Boys and Girls Basketball, Football (Soccer), Volleyball and Badminton at both U14 and U19 age levels.

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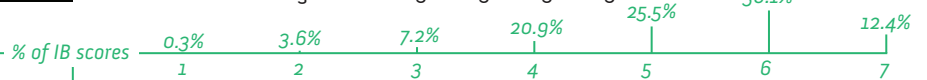
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COURSE		NO. OF CANDIDATES		
		BWYA AVERAGE	WORLD AVERAGE	
Group 1	CHINESE A: Literature HL	8	5.38	5.47
	CHINESE A: Literature SL	24	5.29	5.41
	ENGLISH A: Literature HL	3	4.33	4.8
	ENGLISH A: Literature SL	5	5.2	4.98
	JAPANESE A: Literature Self Taught SL	1	6	6
	KOREAN A: Literature HL	4	5.75	5.75
Group 2	KOREAN A: Literature SL	5	5.6	6.1
	RUSSIAN A: Literature Self Taught SL	1	2	4.42
	CHINESE B: MANDARIN HL	9	6.56	6.28
	CHINESE B: MANDARIN SL	1	7	6
	ENGLISH B: HL	44	5.91	5.7
	JAPANESE Ab Initio SL	8	5.5	5
Group 3	Chinese Ab Initio SL	3	6	5.45
	BUS. & MAN. HL in ENGLISH	17	5.12	4.69
	BUS. & MAN. SL in ENGLISH	6	4.67	4.8
	ECONOMICS HL in ENGLISH	14	5.5	5.12
	ECONOMICS SL in ENGLISH	3	5	4.64
	GEOGRAPHY HL in ENGLISH	9	4.56	5.21
Group 4	GEOGRAPHY SL in ENGLISH	8	4.13	4.71
	HIST. EUROPE/ME HL in ENGLISH	9	4.78	4.84
	HISTORY SL in ENGLISH	2	6	4.67

COURSE		NO. OF CANDIDATES		
		BWYA AVERAGE	WORLD AVERAGE	
Group 4	BIOLOGY HL in ENGLISH	5	4.8	4.32
	BIOLOGY SL in ENGLISH	8	4.5	4.24
	CHEMISTRY HL in ENGLISH	7	2.57	4.47
	CHEMISTRY SL in ENGLISH	12	4.73	3.93
	DESIGN TECH. HL in ENGLISH	1	3	4.52
	DESIGN TECH. SL in ENGLISH	12	4.5	4.02
Group 5	PHYSICS HL in ENGLISH	4	5.75	4.6
	PHYSICS SL in ENGLISH	8	3.88	4.04
	MATH STUDIES SL in ENGLISH	21	4.62	4.41
	MATHEMATICS HL in ENGLISH	10	3.9	4.46
	MATHEMATICS SL in ENGLISH	20	5.8	4.38
	MUSIC HL in ENGLISH	2	5.5	4.47
Group 6	MUSIC SO. PERF. SL in ENGLISH	2	4.5	4.54
	VISUAL ARTS HL in ENGLISH	11	4.09	4.78
	VISUAL ARTS SL in ENGLISH	1	5	4.35

	2013	2014	2015	2016
BWYA Candidates	52	40	41	45
Diploma Pass Rate	92%	95%	100%	89%
BWYA Average Points	33	33	35	33
World Average Points	30	30	30	30

- HIGHLIGHTS**
- Highest Score: 43
  - Average Grade: 5.32
  - 34 Bilingual Diplomas
  - 68% of scores 5 or higher



**Class of 2016** University Attendance

Australia/NZ: 11%	UK: 11%
Canada: 15%	US: 33%
Hong Kong: 4%	Gap Year: 6%
Korea: 19%	Other: 13%

**Class of 2017**

49 students from 11 countries and regions including China, Korea, The US, Russia, Nigeria, Thailand and Malaysia.

## IBDP Courses Offered

for Examination in May 2016

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| <p><b>Group 1</b></p> <p>English A<br/>Chinese A<br/>Korean A</p>                    | <p><b>Group 2</b></p> <p>English B (HL)<br/>Chinese B<br/>Chinese Ab Initio<br/>Japanese Ab Initio</p> | <p><b>Group 3</b></p> <p>Business and Management<br/>Economics<br/>Geography<br/>History</p> |
| <p><b>Group 4</b></p> <p>Biology<br/>Chemistry<br/>Physics<br/>Design Technology</p> | <p><b>Group 5</b></p> <p>Maths Studies<br/>Mathematics (SL)<br/>Mathematics (HL)</p>                   | <p><b>Group 6</b></p> <p>Visual Arts<br/>Music</p>   |

## University Matriculation *Institutions attended by the Classes of 2013 - 2016*

**Australia/New Zealand**  
University of Auckland  
Australia Institute of Music  
University of Melbourne (2)

**Canada**  
University of British Columbia (6)  
McGill University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Toronto (10)  
University of Waterloo

**China**  
Beijing Film Academy  
Peking University  
Zhejiang University (2)

**Hong Kong, S.A.R.**  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (7)  
Chinese University of Hong Kong (2)

**Japan**  
Waseda University (2)

**Korea**  
Busan University of Foreign Studies  
Chung-ang University (2)  
Chungnam University  
Dong Kuk University (2)

Dongseo University  
Ewha Womans University  
Gyeongsang National University  
Hongik University  
Inha University (3)  
Konkuk University  
Korea Aerospace University  
Korea University (2)  
Kwangwoon University  
Ritsumeikan University  
Sejong University  
Seoul National University (3)  
Sung Kyun Kwan University  
Yonsei University (4)

**UK**  
University of Arts, London (3)  
Brunel University  
University of Glasgow  
Hartpury College  
Lancaster University  
Leicester College  
University College London (2)  
London Metropolitan University  
London School Of Economics  
Loughborough University  
University of Reading  
Southampton Solent University  
University of Southampton  
University of Sussex (2)  
University of Warwick (3)

**USA**  
University of Arizona (2)  
Art Center College of Design  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
California College of Arts  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles (2)  
University of California, San Diego (3)  
University of Connecticut  
Case Western University  
University of Delaware  
Dickinson College (2)  
Fashion Institute of Design and Management  
Fordham University (3)  
University of Illinois, Chicago  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Indiana University, Bloomington (2)  
University of Iowa (2)  
Iowa State University  
Johns Hopkins University (2)  
Loyola University Chicago  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Muhlenberg College  
University of Nebraska  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College  
Pace University  
Parsons New School of Design

Pennsylvania State University (3)  
Pennsylvania State University, York (2)  
Purdue University (3)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
University of Rochester  
Rochester Institute of Technology (3)  
University of San Diego  
San Diego State University  
San Jose State University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
School of Visual Arts  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
Southern Methodist University  
St. Edwards University  
Syracuse University (2)  
The Cooper Union  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)  
University of Washington  
University of Washington, Tacoma  
Wheaton College

**Other**  
European Business School Paris, France  
Ecole Hotelier de Lausanne, Switzerland  
University of Tubingen, Germany  
University of Groningen, The Netherlands  
SAE Dubai, UAE

