

UCAS School Context update for website

The British School of Paris (BSP) is a non-selective, co-educational school for students from age 3- 18, which follows the English National Curriculum. Students are drawn mainly from the Paris based, international ex-patriate community. British students constitute 30% of the total pupil body, with currently over 50 nationalities represented. Typically, BSP families move frequently around the world and our students will most certainly have experienced several different school environments in their educational career, leading to significant disruption in the continuity of learning in many cases. The BSP is a fee-paying school, but we are often the only option for families facing a move to France. An average academic year will see a 25% turnover in students, with the normal duration of stay between 3 – 5 years.

English is the language of instruction at the BSP, although only 52% of pupils speak English as a first language.

Given that most of our 100 Sixth Form students will be relatively new to the BSP, and will often speak English as an additional language, we are very proud of our high achieving academic tradition.

Students are encouraged to concentrate on 3 A Levels in the Sixth Form. There is some flexibility within this, with a small number of students embarking on a '3+' programme, typically adding either an own language course, Further Mathematics or EPQ to their schedule. Equally, a small number will take fewer than 3 A Levels, often supplementing these with further GCSE courses. A Level provision for the current Year 13 cohort is detailed below:

Year 13 Option Blocks 2022-23

(Year 12 Option Blocks 2021-22)

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E	Block F
Mathematics	Further Mathematics	Mathematics	Biology	*FSO	EPQ
Chemistry	Economics	French	Physics	ABRSM	
Business	Design & Technology	Geography	Politics		
History	Drama	English Literature	Photography		
	Art		German		
	Spanish				

EPQ - Extended Project Qualification

*FSO - French Special Objectives (on offer to Native or near-native speakers only)

A Level predicted grades are the product of discussion and assessment within subject areas, and evidence is collated to substantiate these predictions. Such evidence will include mock examination results, homework records and internal 'interim assessment' progress grades, together with a holistic view of a student's attainment throughout a course and their potential for the future.

Covid-19: due to our position in France, the BSP was subject to several strict lockdowns from March 2020. The current Year 13 cohort therefore were taught remotely on several occasions throughout their Year 11 and mask wearing in schools was mandatory under certain circumstances until July 2022.