

Pre-IB Summer School

Oxford, UK | Boston, USA



Oxford Study Courses
Supporting IB students since 1990





OSC is a highly professional company based in Oxford, UK, with 20 years' experience specialising solely in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. We have a fantastic reputation amongst IB schools worldwide. We offer support to IB students throughout their IB studies by providing effective vacation time revision courses and summer schools, in fabulous locations around the world. All our courses are taught by experienced IB teachers from top international IB schools who work for OSC during their vacations.

The OSC team



OSC has a team of 20 permanent staff based in Oxford, UK and Australia. The team includes 5 ex-IB teachers who guide OSC on all academic matters related to the IB. Our team of professional Course Managers prepare the courses and help students with their applications. We have a team of around 20 Course Deans who work on our Courses.

Scholarships for students and teachers

OSC offers scholarships to deserving students to attend the OSC IB Spring Revision Courses and for teachers to attend IBSCA workshops.

OSC teachers

OSC offers students an amazing IB teaching team. Over 130 experienced IB teachers from top IB schools around the world work with us regularly. Many are IB examiners, IB teacher workshop leaders and IB authors.

OSC's academic team visits classes during the courses; teachers discuss techniques for helping students revise; students give feedback on every class and OSC teachers are continually improving their skills.

Revision and review is different to normal classroom teaching; working regularly with OSC makes our teachers experts. Their knowledge of the subject and the exams, and their ability to explain the material inspires student confidence.

New teachers are very carefully selected and, however many years they have taught in schools, each is mentored and supported by an OSC teacher from the same subject to ensure that they are prepared and every student gets the best possible support.

"It was my first time away from home, so my parents and I were nervous, but the OSC team welcomed me and looked after me. I would recommend the OSC Pre-IB to anyone!"

OSC Student



"I would like to thank OSC; it is getting to feel a bit like a family after all these years. The students are great but it is also the relationships with such a fantastic group of educators that makes it special."

OSC Teacher

Your IBDP journey

Before you start

The IBDP is a challenging undertaking. You want to make a strong start.

IB information

You and your family would like advice on the IBDP, or on revision strategy and planning for exams.

Planning your future

Which university and which course? What are the alternatives? And are you doing the right subjects to follow your dreams?

Head start on year 2

You want to make sure you've done your best in year 1 and fill in any gaps – and make a head start on year 2 and your mock exams.

Revision Materials

You need some good resources to help you prepare for your mock and final IBDP exams.

Final holiday revision

You've got the spring break to review material for the exams in a few weeks and you need to get those grades. Help is available...



Your IB Success

OSC supporting IBDP students

OSC Pre-IB

- A strong academic summer programme designed and taught by OSC IB teachers for new IBDP students
- Exciting NEW enrichment programme
- Residential in fantastic University locations

OSC Online Resources

- Revision tips
- Exam timetables
- Guidance for IB parents
- Expert articles

OSC Careers Courses

- US University Applications Course, Boston
- UK University Tour
- Applying to US Universities Course in UK
- Personal advice from experienced college counsellors on all OSC Summer Courses

OSC Mid-IB

- A wonderful summer mix of study and fun in fantastic University locations
- IB students from all over the world working in small study groups on their choice of topic

OSC IB Revision Guides

- Written by IB teachers
- Used in IB schools worldwide
- See back page and osc-ib.com

OSC IB Spring Revision

- Experienced IB teachers
- Students grouped by ability
- Main IB subjects and options classes
- Oxford, Australia and Hong Kong

Social Enterprise



A Social Enterprise is a profit making company whose profits go to charity. OSC's profits benefit the McCall MacBain Foundation. The McCall MacBain Foundation aims to improve the welfare of humanity through focused grants in health, education and the environment. See what we have achieved so far at:



“There was a great balance between having fun and learning. The classes have helped me a lot and I had so much fun meeting other IB students, learning their cultures and taking part in the activities.”

OSC Student

- 52.5 hours of teaching time in three or two weeks – your choice
- Or a short sharp end of holidays maths course
- Around 200 Pre-IB students from all over the world coming together to enjoy the summer holidays
- Courses designed by IB experts
- Reviewed homework, study groups and reports for you and your parents
- Small groups of 8-10
- Very experienced IB teachers
- Wonderful enrichment activities, social activities and sports
- A highly trained team living on site to care for students
- Stunning University locations and wonderful facilities



How a Pre-IB Summer School works

The IB Diploma Programme is a demanding yet rewarding course that really prepares you for your university studies. OSC can ensure you make a strong start whatever your educational background.

We offer a three week Pre-IB programme in Oxford UK, and Boston USA which has a strong academic component plus a wonderful enrichment programme.

If you want the same academic programme but in a shorter time you can take the two week version in Oxford, UK. For those who just want to work on their maths skills we are offering a short sharp maths course in mid August in Oxford – a great way to start your IB with confidence.

We have been running these IB Summer Courses for 20 years and they are well designed to give the students exactly what they need, want and enjoy. All our teachers are very experienced IB teachers and the courses help students reach the required levels for starting the IBDP. The three

and two week courses focus on English and Maths plus your choice of humanities and science as well as preparing you for the other IB components – Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and CAS (Creativity, Action and Service).

Students come from over 100 countries to OSC courses and most come back the following year. Take a look at our website and Facebook page to see what they say. We take very good care of our students and ensure they are safe, well looked after and enjoy and benefit from their summer holidays.



Locations

Oxford, UK

Our UK course is based in the beautiful city of Oxford. Both students and teachers live and work in one of the stunning university colleges – offering a wonderful insight into university life, in a safe and tranquil area just a short walk from the heart of the city. Guided and cared for by our experienced and highly trained Course Teams, the university and city offer a vast range of experiences for students to enjoy – from punting and theatre to sports and dancing.

Boston, USA

Boston is a fun, fashionable, modern city with a wonderful historic centre. It has everything to do from the beach to baseball, fabulous food and great shopping! OSC students and teachers live and work on the campuses of Harvard and MIT- 2 wonderful academic venues.

Social programme

Students participate in a packed programme of social, cultural and sporting activities – from punting in Oxford to a Boston Duck Tour, Theme parks, London shopping, whale watching, paintballing, ice-skating, Shakespeare in the park, football.... you can book some in advance, others are organised to suit your interests when you arrive.

Our tailored courses and fantastic activities, combined with meeting international students and exploring a new city, make our IB programmes unbeatable.

“This Pre-IB course has prepared me to enter the IB with knowledge and experience.”

OSC Student



“The classes gave me a good idea of what to expect in the IB and really prepared me.”

OSC Student

Your IB subjects

Mornings are spent in the classroom on your IB subjects. English and Maths are grouped by IB level, and you can choose your science and humanities subject. You will also take a Theory of Knowledge class, one of the core IB subjects.

You will have supervised homework every day which is marked by your teachers.

You will have a written report from each teacher that parents can login to view via our website.

Afternoon classes

You can add extra English, Maths, humanities or science options to suit your particular needs, or book a guidance session with one of our experienced college advisors to discuss your university options.

Afternoon enrichment programme - AEP

Included in the core programme and designed to broaden your experience and the skills required for the IB, the AEP allows you to explore your own interests and creativity through a wide range of cultural and IB focused academic activities and workshops – from visits to fascinating museums to brain training for the IB!

University Tour

Students considering University in the UK can add on a one week tour of UK Universities to their Pre-IB course.

Led by OSC’s experienced college counsellors, we visit 12 universities and colleges in the south of England. These are selected to help IB students understand the options open to them – depending on their interests and grade expectations.

We have a tour and an IB focused talk from the admissions tutor for each college. Each student also gets an individual advice session on their possible choices.

‘My daughter attended the OSC Pre-IB Summer School and it was exceptional. Not only did it help her to concentrate on key areas in relation for preparation for IB, the programme attributed to supporting my daughter in being mature, independent and disciplined.’

OSC Parent



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By IB teachers for IB students

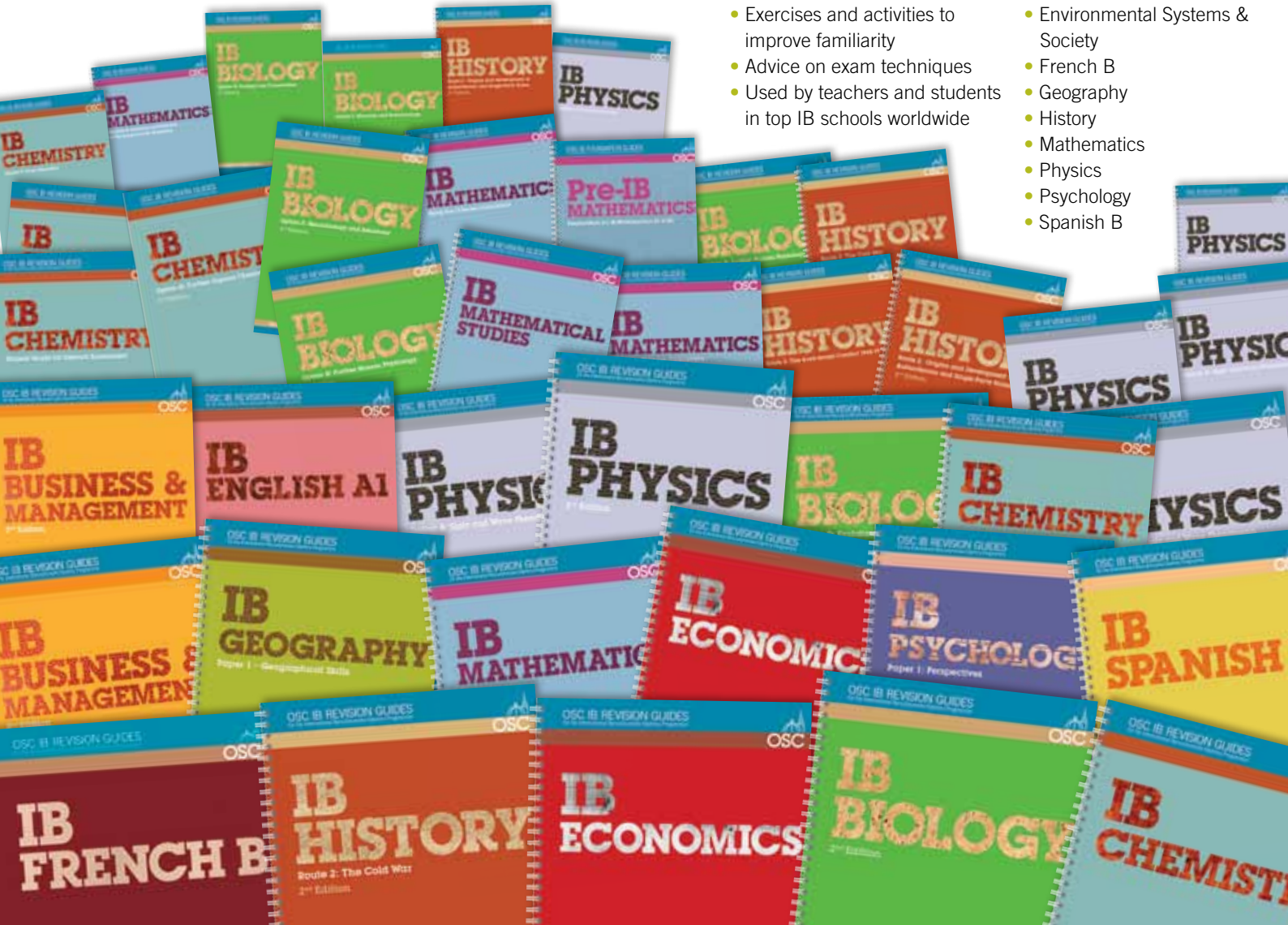
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Effective revision

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- Separate HL, SL, options guides
- Following the syllabus structure
- Concise, easy and fun to use
- All key points clearly explained
- Exercises and activities to improve familiarity
- Advice on exam techniques
- Used by teachers and students in top IB schools worldwide

Subjects covered

- Biology
- Business & Management
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English A1
- Environmental Systems & Society
- French B
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish B



"Well produced, clear guides that offer help and practice where the student needs it."

IB Teacher



"The OSC Pre-IB Foundation Mathematics Guide was really helpful in building my confidence, I know what is expected of me."

IB Student

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