

# OSC Mid-IB Summer Review 2012

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# OSC

**Oxford Study Courses**

Supporting IB students since 1990





OSC is a highly professional company based in Oxford, UK, with over 20 years' experience specialising solely in the International Baccalaureate 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.

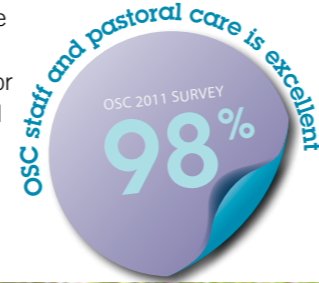
## The OSC team



OSC has a team of 20 permanent staff based in Oxford, UK and Australia. The team includes 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.

## Care and attention

The Oxford team does everything possible to create the best experience for each student. On-course, students are cared for 24 hours a day by our highly experienced Deans who will help with every aspect of the student's experience – from their health and comfort to concerns about their work.



"From the classes to the teachers, from the Deans to the Course Directors, from the rooms to the food, everything was fantastic! It was a fabulous experience."

OSC Student



'OSC staff were professional, efficient and courteous at all times. All round an excellent experience for our daughter which she really enjoyed and learned a lot. Very well done to OSC.'

OSC Parent

## When teaching, experience is everything

OSC offers students an amazing IB teaching team. Over 130 experienced IB teachers from top IB schools around the world work with us regularly. Between them, they have hundreds of years of experience as IB examiners, IB teacher workshop leaders and IB authors.

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



## OSC's selection and preparation

New teachers are very carefully selected. Each is mentored and supported by an OSC teacher of the same subject to ensure they are well prepared. Teachers discuss techniques, helping them to constantly improve their skills.

OSC's academic team visit classes throughout courses to monitor quality. Students also give feedback on every class which is analysed and evaluated to ensure only the best teaching is provided.



## Ashby Merson-Davies – IB Biology

Ashby has taught Biology HL and SL for 37 years at Sevenoaks School, UK, and for OSC, 17 years. He has previously been a workshop leader and is currently the author of all OSC's IB Biology Revision Guides.

"OSC courses enable teachers to focus precisely on the needs of the students and on the syllabus, helping students to develop their learning and examination techniques - two things a teacher's experience and years of hands-on teaching allow."

### Ashby's views on OSC

"OSC offers a different teaching environment. It is so enjoyable to see the fog lifting when students finally understand something!"

## Tanja Stege – IB German

Tanja has been teaching German B and German A1 HL and SL since 2000 and currently teaches at Hockerill Anglo-European College, UK. Tanja is a workshop leader, a Diploma Examiner for Paper 1 SL and an educational consultant.

"The success is further determined by the excellent organisation and highly motivated students."

### Tanja's views on OSC

"OSC courses have always been a highlight. The old, beautiful colleges provide a great atmosphere, in which teaching and learning becomes a unique experience."

"Students fully enjoy the experience, perceiving it as a change to their normal learning environment. Small class sizes allow every student to be addressed and new materials allow students to visualise and understand theory differently, boosting their confidence, which in itself is of invaluable importance. A special learning opportunity."



"The teacher's enthusiasm has been extremely encouraging."

OSC Student



"I never teach for OSC without learning something. The diversity of the student body is such that class contributions are fascinating. Students learn from each other."

OSC Teacher

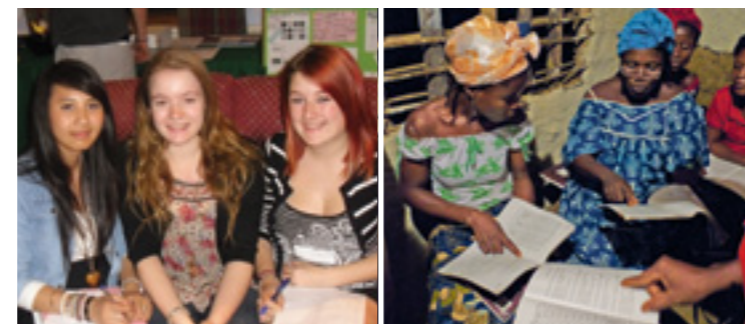
## Social Enterprise

A Social Enterprise is a profit making company whose profits go to charity. OSC's profits benefit the McCall MacBain Foundation whose aim is to improve the welfare of humanity through focused grants in health, education and the environment.

In addition, OSC continues to divert time, money and effort into other projects, helping IB schools and education worldwide.

[osc-ib.com/socialenterprise](http://osc-ib.com/socialenterprise)

- Midwifery Training Centre – Liberia
- Right to Play – Liberia
- Africa Books Project – Ghana
- Adult Literacy – Liberia
- Student Scholarships – UK, Europe and Africa
- IB School Support – UK and Rwanda
- Professional Development - UK



## 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.

"My classes have greatly helped my revision. The teachers were attentive and always willing to help. I feel very prepared for the second year of my IB."

OSC Student



## How the Mid-IB Summer Review works

- A choice of IB subjects in morning classes, plus an educational enrichment programme, or, our [new intensive programme](#), allowing you to take 2 IB subjects per week.
- Highly experienced IB teachers, many examiners

- Secure supervised college accommodation and 24 hour pastoral care
- Individual support (Online questionnaire to tell your OSC teacher what you need)
- English language immersion
- Small groups (10 maximum)
- Written reports for parents
- Daily supervised homework
- Cultural excursions, sports and social activities every day
- Focus on developing student confidence and personal growth
- Wonderful university environments

Why not use your long summer holiday to push ahead with your IBDP studies? Consolidate your year 1 learning and fill in any gaps. Get a head start on year 2 and your up-coming mock exams. Boost your university prospects.

Join the 100s of IB students from all around the world living, working and socialising together in fantastic university locations.

OSC's experienced IB teachers tailor classes to meet your needs. Their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm give students the support they need and a massive

"My daughter was as little worried before attending but she had a great time on the course. She thought the tutors were excellent and inspiring, the OSC staff friendly and helpful and she really enjoyed meeting the other IB students."

OSC Parent

boost in both confidence and drive for their second IBDP year.

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



### University entrance

#### University Applications Course

- Workshops and university visits in Boston; 1 week
- UK afternoon option

#### UK University Tour

- Visiting 11 universities
- 1 week; starts in Oxford

#### Personal Careers Consultations

- 1-to-1 sessions with OSC experienced college counsellor

#### All courses

#### College fairs

- Admissions Officers from top universities and colleges
- UK and USA



NEW for 2012

## Locations

### Oxford and Cambridge, UK

Our UK courses are based in the exquisite and prestigious surroundings of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and St Antony's College, Oxford. By living in the university colleges, students get a real taste of university life. Students can take advantage of a wide range of opportunities in these beautiful cities – from boating and outdoor theatre to sports and dancing.

### Vancouver, Canada

Held in the University of British Columbia's (UBC) fabulous facilities (a popular destination for IBDP students). Just 30 minutes from the heart of Vancouver, UBC is a spectacular site. Vancouver itself is a contemporary, stylish city often described as 'Manhattan with mountains' – with plenty to see and explore, it makes it the perfect summer school city.

### Boston, USA

In Boston, students have a fantastic opportunity to live and work on the campuses of Harvard University and MIT – both wonderful academic venues within Boston: a fun, fashionable, modern city. Students will be guided on exploring Boston's many attractions – whale watching, Red Sox game and plenty of malls!



### Social programme

Students participate in a packed programme of social, cultural and sporting activities – from punting in Cambridge to the Boston Duck Tour, Shakespeare in the garden to beaches and mountains in Vancouver.

There is always sport, music events, dancing, shopping or sightseeing. While some activities are pre-arranged, others are devised to meet the students' interests.

### IB World Student Conference 2012

Students attending the OSC Vancouver Programme have a fantastic opportunity to go straight on to the IB World Student Conference, also held at UBC. [See osc-ib.com](http://osc-ib.com)



"The course was well organised and prepared. I had a lot of great opportunities to learn and have fun; there was enough time for everything. I really enjoyed my time in an amazing atmosphere with great people."

OSC Student

## → Create your own Mid-IB course

Choose which and how many subjects to review

### IB Subject Choices

- Biology HL
- Biology SL
- Business & Mgt HL/SL
- Chemistry HL
- Chemistry SL
- Design Technology HL/SL
- Economics HL/SL
- English A: Literature
- English A: Language & Literature
- Environmental Systems & Societies SL
- French B

- Geography HL/SL
- German: Literature
- History HL/SL
- ITGS HL/SL
- Maths HL
- Maths SL
- Maths Studies SL
- Philosophy HL/SL
- Physics HL
- Physics SL
- Psychology HL/SL
- Spanish B

### Additional options

- Internal Assessment
- TI-Calculator
- Calculus
- Mathematics for Physicists
- Chemistry for Biologists
- World Literature
- Theory of Knowledge
- Individual Extended Essay advice
- Library and research skills
- Oral and presentation skills
- Study skills and time management



Dates, prices and more information on our website

# OSC IB Study Guides

## By IB teachers for IB students

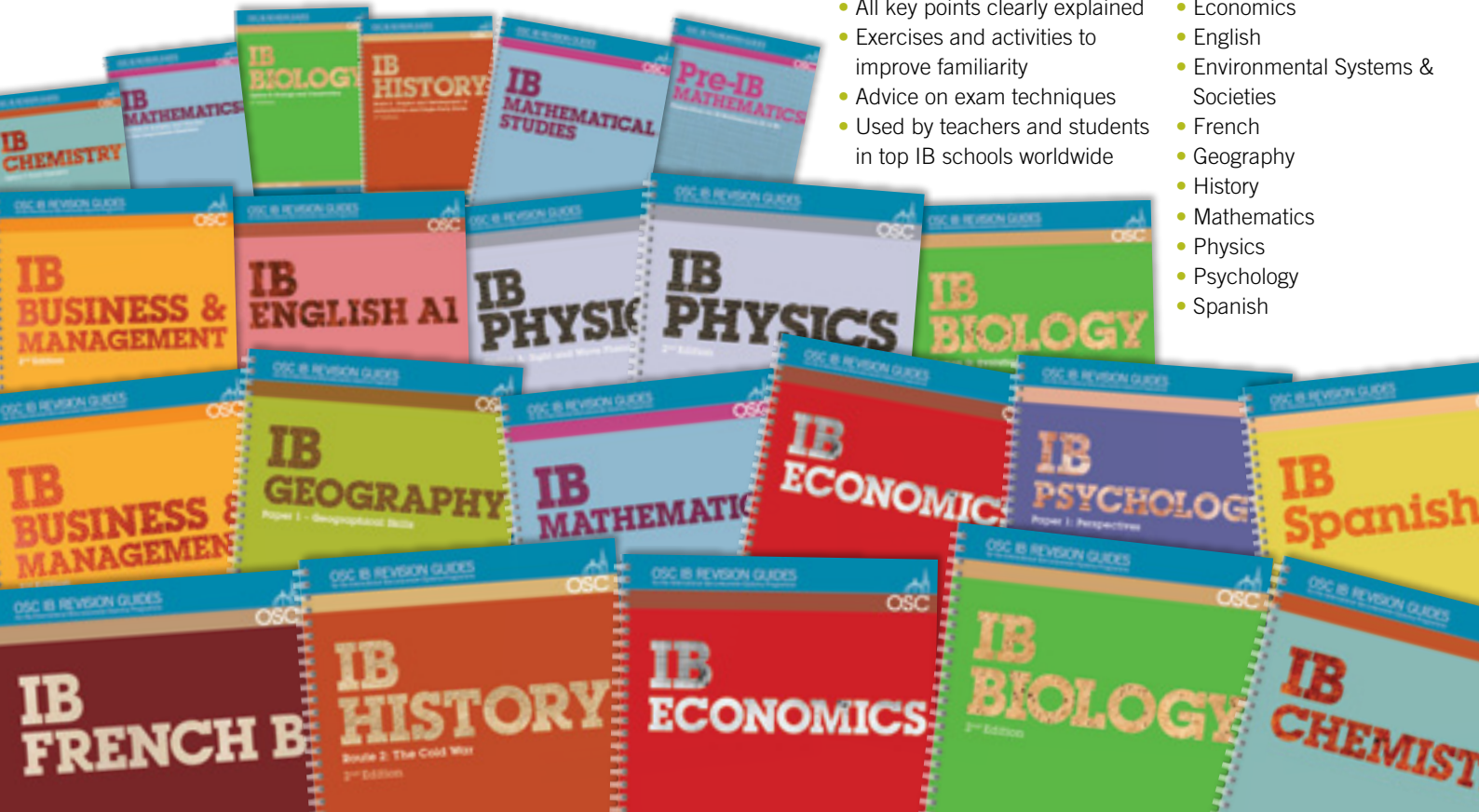
We help 1000s more students with their revision with our highly acclaimed series of IB Study Guides. The authors are IB teachers, some examiners, who teach with us on our IB Revision Courses in their vacations, and are experts in the techniques of revision and review.

## Effective revision

- Over 60 titles
- 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
- Design Technology
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Systems & Societies
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish



"The teachers were amazing and inspirational."

**OSC Student**



"The classes were a great help. The course was above my expectations."

**OSC Student**



"The Deans were very helpful and there was a great atmosphere in the classroom. The homework was relevant and the questionnaire I completed was so beneficial."

**OSC Student**



"I have learnt SO much this week that is going to help me during my final year."

**OSC Student**

