

# OSC IB Spring Revision Courses 2012

UK | Hong Kong



**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 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.

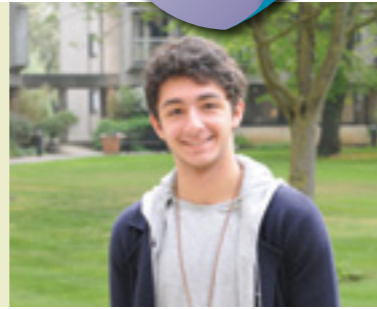
## Care and attention

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 being ill to concerns about their work.



"The Deans were all so helpful, positive and happy! It made the whole experience so much more pleasurable. They were all really welcoming and willing to help which was fantastic."

OSC Student



"I was extremely impressed by the whole OSC set up. I thought the whole process from the booking through to the teaching was first class."

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 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 materials inspire student confidence.

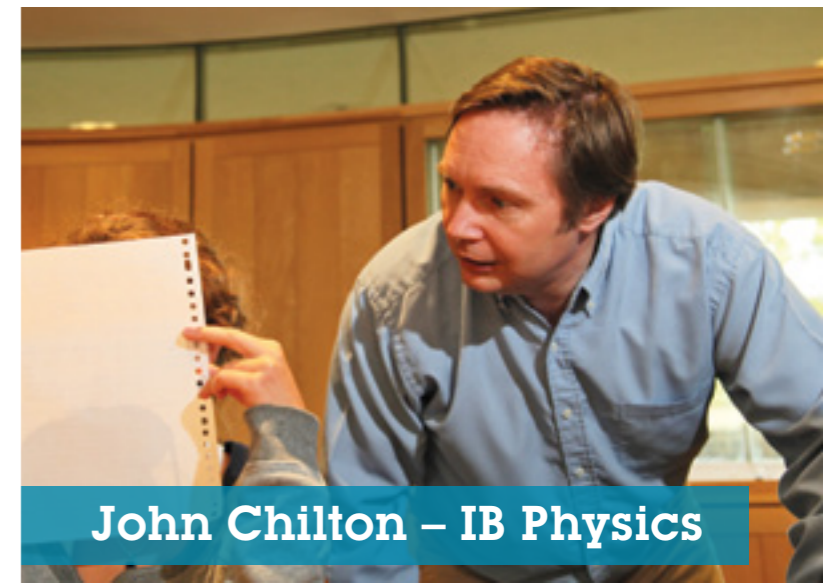


Joe Gauci – IB History

## 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.



John Chilton – IB Physics

## 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.

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- 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.

Joe Gauci has been teaching since 1984 and is currently the Deputy Head Academic at Malvern College, UK. He has been teaching the IB since 1992. Joe has written five of the OSC IB History Revision Guides.

### Joe, why do you enjoy teaching for OSC?

I have always found the OSC courses stimulating, interacting with tutors and students from all over the world in an academic setting second to none, and with OSC combining a genuine warmth and friendliness with a forward-thinkingness. OSC look to help

tutors as well as students develop their full potential.

### What do experienced IB teachers offer?

One thing that OSC tutors can offer is the ability to condense the essence of a syllabus, something we hone with experience. A fresh teacher voice and possibly different perspective, in a new setting, with different classmates all help ensure that the revision is kept fresh and stimulating.



"The fact that the teachers are examiners and some writers of exam papers is a very big plus as they can help the students with their exam technique as well."

OSC Parent

John currently teaches at Oakham School, UK and has over 10 years IB teaching experience. He is a principal examiner in IB Astronomy, examiner in Physics SL and Extended Essay, and workshop leader in Physics categories 1-3. John is also part of the IB curriculum team.

### John, why do you enjoy teaching for OSC?

The staff who work with you are helpful, supportive and professional meaning I can focus on what really matters - giving the best course I can, for the students.



### What do experienced IB teachers offer?

Our focus on good methodologies for IB revision has been tested and modified based on working with students from a huge variety of schools and with students of a huge ability range. We are assessed by the students themselves and only employed if we meet their needs.

"OSC really helped me to get more confidence in the subjects and it made me believe in myself. I enjoyed being taught by enthusiastic and encouraging teachers."

OSC Student

"I got so much from the teachers. As IB examiners they know lots about the exam, strategies and how to answer IB questions."

OSC Student

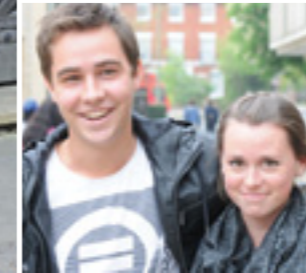


Revising for exams alone in the final spring break is tough - maintaining momentum and ignoring distractions. Students on OSC's IB Revision Courses get more work done in a shorter time than they could have imagined – and enjoy it!

With a different teacher and new approaches, they rapidly increase both their understanding of and familiarity with their subjects, and their ability to write exams. Students work hard, make friends and leave OSC invigorated and confident.

The Oxford course is huge which gives some particular advantages to students. With over 1200 students and 320 classes over 2 weeks we can group students by grade enabling them to go at a speed that suits them. This means every minute is useful and students are not left behind or waiting for others to catch up.

We run the same courses on a smaller scale in Australia in July, again with very experienced IB teachers, and will be running them in Hong Kong with some of our expert teachers from the Oxford and Australian Courses.



## How these courses work

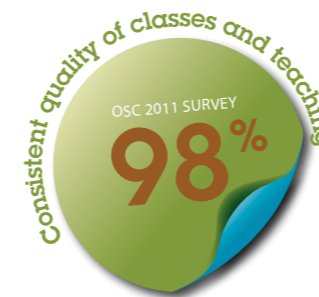
- Students grouped by their predicted grade – so you can go at a speed that suits you
- Online questionnaire for you to tell your OSC teacher what you need to focus on
- Experienced, well-prepared, IB teachers with expertise in revision and review techniques
- Separate HL and SL classes plus additional options classes
- 17.5 hours in 2.5 days per subject plus 2 hours reviewed homework
- Small groups of 8-10
- 24 hour pastoral care

"The personal help and support my son received before and during his course (from very knowledgeable and understanding staff) was simply outstanding."

OSC Parent



## Locations



### Oxford, UK

Oxford is a world-renowned academic city and OSC's IBDP Spring Revision courses are held in 4 of the beautiful colleges of Oxford University.

The colleges are fantastic places to live and work. It is a real privilege to spend time in them, and with other IB students prepare and experience university life.

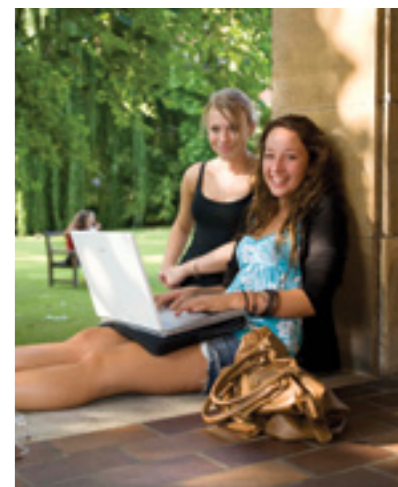
### Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a safe, modern and dynamic world city. Our courses are centrally located in contemporary facilities.

Students and teachers are in constant contact during the courses, helping to create the ideal intensive learning environment.

### Australia

For students taking November IB Diploma exams, OSC runs the same courses in Sydney and Melbourne during July.



"The teacher was really easy to follow, the other students in my class were great to work with and the technology made my final revision enjoyable."

OSC Online Student



## IB Subjects you can revise with OSC

You can revise just 1 or up to 6 subjects



### Main subjects – 2.5 days each

Biology HL  
Biology SL  
Business & Mgt HL  
Business & Mgt SL  
Chemistry HL  
Chemistry SL  
Design & Technology HL & SL  
Economics HL  
Economics SL  
English A1  
English A2  
English B  
Environmental Systems and Societies  
French *ab initio*  
French B  
Geography HL  
Geography SL  
German A1

German B  
History HL & SL (a modular programme by topic)  
Italian *ab initio*  
ITGS HL & SL  
Japanese A1  
Mandarin A1  
Maths HL (core only)  
Maths HL options (separate classes for each option)  
Maths SL  
Maths Studies  
Physics HL  
Physics SL  
Psychology HL  
Psychology SL  
Spanish *ab initio*  
Spanish B

### Half day Options Classes

- Science options
- Separate classes for each option and for HL and SL
- Geography options
- Separate classes for each option
- Language A1 extra help
- Commentaries (paper 1)
  - Novel (paper 2)
  - Drama (paper 2)

### History

OSC's IB History Revision Courses are an innovative approach to the problem of having an entire options based subject. The 2.5 days is divided into sessions, and students pick from a menu of topics that are being run in parallel by our team of fantastic history teachers to create their own individual course.

"The way OSC divided the History classes into sessions; I was able to select exactly what was right for me. I benefited so much from this."

OSC Student

## Online IB Revision Courses



A new and exciting development from OSC allows students to revise IBDP subjects in a new way. Students will work online with an experienced IB teacher and fellow IB students live and in real-time.

- All OSC's experience of IB revision delivered online
- Real-time live teaching

- Led by experienced OSC IB teachers
- Small groups 3-5 IB students per class
- Several online sessions plus homework for each subject

### Subjects available:

- Science and geography options
- New subjects and developments coming soon – [check osc-ib.com](http://check-osc-ib.com)



Dates, prices and more information on our website

# OSC IB Study Guides

## By IB teachers for IB students

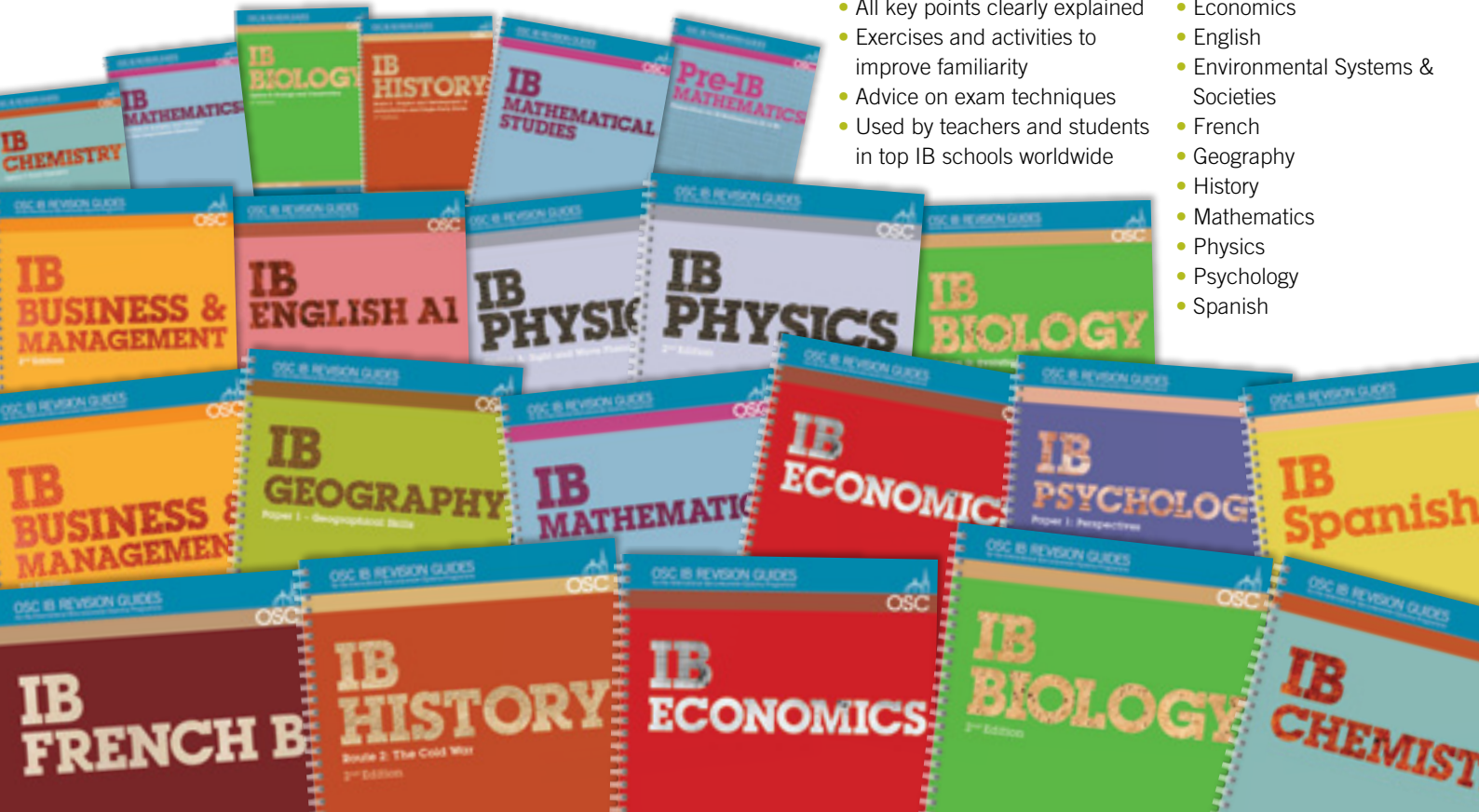
We help 1000s more students with their revision with our highly acclaimed series of IB Study Guides. The authors are IB teachers, some examiners, who teach with us on our IB Revision Courses in their vacations, and are experts in the techniques of revision and review.

## 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



"A very dedicated, inspiring 2.5 days."

**OSC Student**



"I had a very good and productive time especially as I probably wouldn't have done good quality revision in my subjects otherwise."

**OSC Student**



"This was a very useful course and now I feel more confident in the subjects I reviewed, thank you for this experience."

**OSC Student**



"If you are thinking about taking the OSC revision courses, stop thinking! Just take it!"

**OSC Student**

