



# Diocesan Boys' School

## School Profile 2024 - 2025

### SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1869, Diocesan Boys' School (DBS) is an all boys' school that nurtures a strong community of lifelong learners grounded in Christian principles, who are committed to serve, to lead, and to make a difference in an ever-changing world. The school places particular emphasis on language skills, information technology, physical education and music, which are the building blocks of an all-round student to ensure our boys' future success.



### SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Our school curriculum is designed and structured to provide students with a holistic and liberal education for the development of the whole person.

#### Accreditation:

- Registered member of the Hong Kong Education Bureau
- Authorised IB World School
- AFEC-Accredited Athlete-Friendly IB School

**Enrolment:** Grade 7 – 12: Total of 1,375 students

#### Average Class Size and Structure:

Grade 7 to 9: 27 students per class; 9 classes

Grade 10 to 12: (NSS) 28 students per class; 6 classes | (IB) 35 students per class; 2 classes

**Medium of instruction:** Lessons in all subjects are conducted in English, with the exception of Chinese and French subjects.

**Curriculum:** From Grade 7 to Grade 9, students follow the Local Curriculum. From Grade 10 to 12, students can choose either the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). IB enrolment is capped by the government at 60 students per grade to maintain the "Direct-Subsidy School" status.

**Grading System and Ranking Policy:** GPA is not calculated and students are not ranked.

**Rigorous Academic Culture:** Unlike grading systems commonly used in North American schools, a C at DBS is considered to be a good performance in a class of academically competitive and competent students. Teachers would often set the Grade 11 exams at the standard expected of them in the actual public examination. Therefore, it is common for our students to have lower Grade 11 grades than their Grade 12 predicted grades, which are a more accurate indicator of what teachers believe they would achieve in the actual HKDSE/IB exams. Grade 11 is also a challenging year for our students as they are thrown in the deep end, while juggling a lot of extra-curricular responsibilities, which our students have a lot of.

**IB School Code:** 3913

**CEEB Code:** 670470

**UCAS Code:** 47079

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#### Centre for Further Studies and Careers (CFC)

Our team of Counsellors supports, equips, and prepares students throughout their secondary education for their local and overseas further studies and careers.

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# ACADEMICS

DBS has a **reputation for academic excellence**, with students achieving outstanding results in both the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

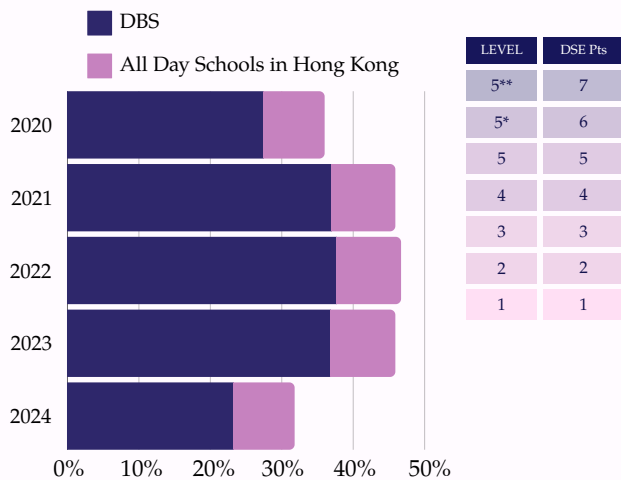
## HONG KONG DIPLOMA FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)

Under the local Senior Secondary Curriculum, our students take the four core subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics (Compulsory Part), Citizenship and Social Development) and select two or three elective subjects among the fifteen (including French) that we offer. Most students in our HKDSE section take 6 or more subjects.

More info can be found at [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/) and [www.sites.google.com/dbs.edu.hk/nss](http://www.sites.google.com/dbs.edu.hk/nss) respectively.

In 2023-24, our student was one of the 10 “super” top scorers in Hong Kong to obtain perfect scores (5\*\*) in all subjects, including the extended maths module, in the HKDSE examination. Another top scorer from our school achieved six 5\*\* and one 5\*, while one student obtained five 5\*\*. The following shows the achievements of our students in the last five years:

Percentage of Students Achieving 25 Points or Above in Best 5 Subjects



## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

Our IB Section has consistently ranked Top 3 in the Global Top IB Schools in the past 5 years. Since 2009, DBS has started offering the IBDP as an alternative pathway into tertiary education. Students start with our Grade 10 Bridging Program, which builds on the skills necessary to succeed in the IBDP in Grades 11 and 12. For more details about the DBS IBDP Curriculum, you may visit: [www.ib.dbs.edu.hk](http://www.ib.dbs.edu.hk).

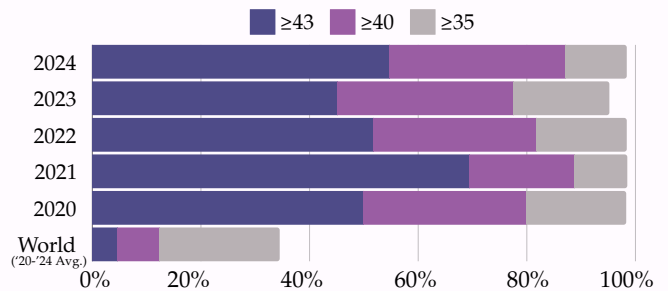
In 2023-24, a total of 5 students obtained a perfect score of 45 points, while 10 achieved 44 points. This cohort achieved an average score of 42.3 (compared with a global average DP score of 30.32 points), and 89% of our cohort scored 40 marks or above.

DBS offers the IB Diploma Student Athlete Programme, a partnership between the International Baccalaureate Organization and the World Academy of Sports, which allows elite athletes to complete the IBDP in 3 years, while providing flexibility to maintain the demands of training for their respective sport.

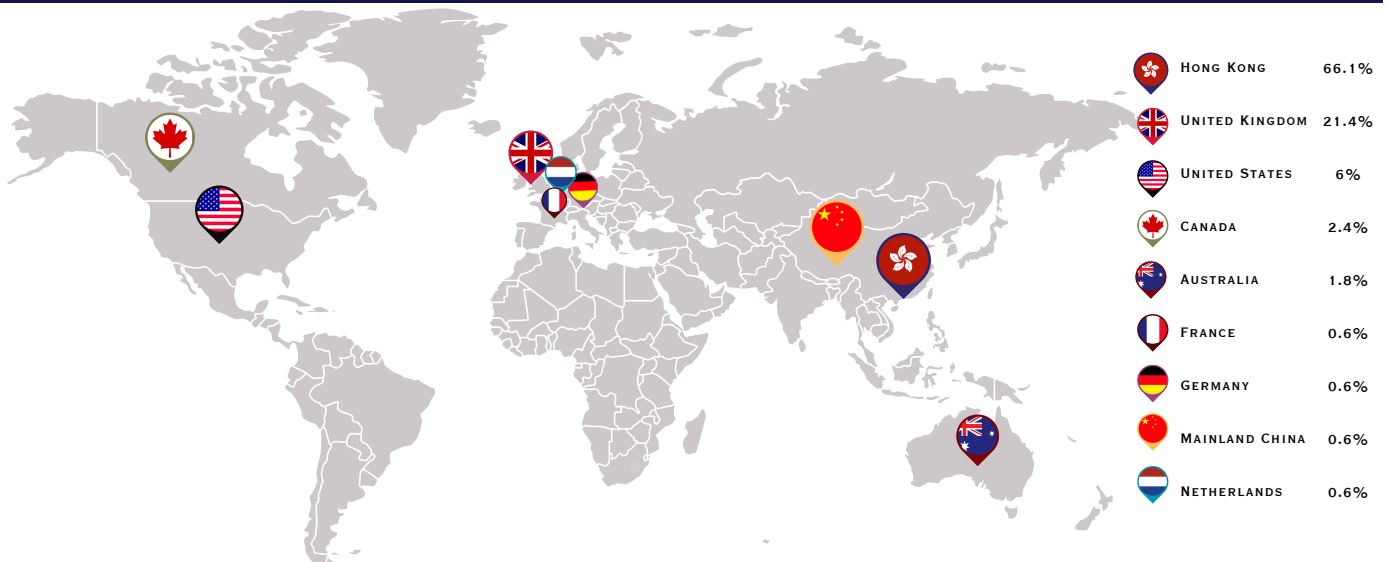
Mean Total Points Attained by DBS IB Diploma Graduates out of 45

COHORT	DBS	WORLD
2024	42.3	30.3
2023	41	30.2
2022	42	32
2021	43	33
2020	42	31.3

Proportion of Cohort Attainment at Key Tiers in Total Score Achieved



## MATRICULATION BY COUNTRY (CLASS OF 2024)



## Australia

Monash University  
RMIT University  
University of Adelaide  
University of Melbourne  
University of New South Wales  
University of Queensland  
University of South Australia  
University of Sydney

## Canada

McGill University  
McMaster University  
Ontario Tech University  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Guelph  
University of Manitoba  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
York University

## France

The Paris Institute of Political Studies  
Made-In Sainte Marie Lyon

## Germany

Jacobs University Bremen  
Hochschule für Musik und Tanz Köln

## Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
Hong Kong Baptist University  
Hong Kong Metropolitan University  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Lingnan University  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
The Education University of Hong Kong  
The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
The University of Hong Kong

## Italy

Bocconi University

## Japan

International Christian University  
Wasada University

## Macau

Macau University of Science and Technology

## Mainland China

Central South University  
Fudan University  
Guangzhou University  
Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine  
Huaqiao University  
Nanjing University  
Peking University  
Tsinghua University

## Netherlands

The Hague University of Applied Science  
Conservatorium van Amsterdam

## Singapore

Nanyang Technological University  
National University of Singapore

## Taiwan

Chung Shan Medical University  
National Taiwan Normal University

## United Kingdom/Ireland

Abertay University  
Brunel University London  
Bournemouth University  
Cardiff University  
Coventry University  
Durham University  
Guildhall School of Music and Drama  
Imperial College London  
Keele University  
Lancaster University  
London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts  
Loughborough University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Newcastle University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Queen's University Belfast  
Regent's University London  
Robert Gordon University  
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire  
Royal Academy of Music  
Royal College of Music  
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland  
Royal Northern College of Music  
Swansea University  
Teesside University, Middlesbrough  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Arts London  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Buckingham  
University of Cambridge  
University of Dundee  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Hertfordshire  
University of Kent  
University of Lancaster  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
University of London, KCL  
University of London, LSE  
University of London, Queen Mary  
University of London, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama  
University of London, Royal Holloway  
University of London, Royal Veterinary College  
University of London, SOAS  
University of London, St George's  
University of London, UCL  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Reading  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of Stirling  
University of Sussex  
University of St. Andrews  
University of Strathclyde  
University of Surrey  
University of the West of England  
University of West London  
University of Warwick  
University of York

## United States

Berklee School of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Duke University  
Eastman School of Music  
Emory University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Grinnell College  
Harvard University  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Indiana University Jacobs School of Music  
Johns Hopkins University  
Manhattan School of Music  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Michigan State University  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York Film School  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin Conservatory of Music  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pomona College  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rice University  
Rutgers University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
St. Olaf College  
SUNY Binghamton  
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
The Juilliard School  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wesleyan University  
Wheaton College  
Yale University

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are at the heart of DBS students' life. We have over 140 clubs, teams, and societies, majority of which are student run. Our boys are free to choose and join any of those that interest them. With minimal teacher intervention, our boys, who prepare to be leaders, benefit greatly from organising a myriad of activities and events for their fellow schoolmates.

DBS also offers ample opportunities for those with a passion for language, a curiosity for the sciences, and a flair for the dramatic. There are various groups dedicated to fostering creativity, both in the arts and sciences, as well as teams that aim to hone the art of storytelling and expression in our students.



## STEAM & ROBOTICS

### STEAM

DBS is well-known for its academic excellence, achieving outstanding results in local and international STEAM competitions. Recently, our students won a gold medal in the International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) 2024, silver medals in the International Mathematics and Informatics Olympiad competitions (IMO, IOI) 2024, first runner-up in the Safe Cracking International Physics Tournament 2024, bronze medals in the International Physics and Psychology Olympiads (IPhO, IPsyO) 2021, and the International Biology Olympiad 2023. One of our students has even been invited to be one of the problem authors in the European Girls Olympiad in Informatics (EGOI) 2023. Recently, our school team won the Overall Championship in the Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics 2023-2024, and the Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad 2024.

### Robotics

DBS competes in internationally renowned robotics competitions such as FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and even establishing Hong Kong's first local school-based FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team. In the 2023-2024 season, our robotics team was honoured with the Overall Champion (Inspire Award) 3 times in FTC competitions held in Hong Kong, Australia, and China. Our FRC team also competed at the exclusively invited World Robot Contest Championships 2024 in Beijing, China. Despite being new to this competition, our students showcased their technical expertise and collaborative skills, competing against 40+ well-established teams nationally. We ultimately captured the Championship and earning the esteemed Rookie All-Star Award.

In addition to our competition success, another pillar of the team lies in community contributions, in which we have contributed 1300+ service hours in a year, through educating ethnic minorities and low-income students across Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. We demonstrated unwavering commitment to deliver equitable STEAM education, and harnessing technology to address real-world challenges. As part of a collaborative project to design a robot to assist children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, our students even broke the Guinness World Record for the Smallest Humanoid Robot!

To harness efforts of our STEAM teams, we initiated the first-ever DBS STEAM Fair, attracting 1000+ visitors. Team sustainability is highly emphasised since the event serves as a platform for promotion to upcoming Grade 7 students.

## BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Economics Olympiad Team was founded in 2022 to ignite and develop high school students' interests in economics, business, and finance through rigorous workshops that enlighten their problem-solving skills. Members took part in esteemed global competitions, such as the International Economics Olympiad (IEO) and the World Economics Cup (WEC), and have captured 20 national, 11 continental, and 19 global awards. In 2022, one of our students ranked first in IEO OpenTrack and won the economics test. Our students have also engaged in entrepreneurship projects, such as the Hong Kong Junior Achievement project, where teams run a startup with assistance from mentors. Furthermore, our students have been connecting with local universities to co-host business case workshops, promoting financial literacy within our community.

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## MUSIC

Often acclaimed as a 'Cradle for Youth Musicians', DBS provides an excellent environment for students to unleash their music potential. With four orchestras specializing in Western and Chinese music, six choirs, and numerous choral and instrumental ensembles, our musicians have continued to scale great heights in performance excellence.

DBS' music ensembles have resumed their rigorous training since 2023 and has secured exceptional results locally in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival and other competitions such as, the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows and the Singapore Raffles International Music Festival. In addition, events such as the Concerto Competition have been held to offer students more performance opportunities. Globally, the DBS Senior Choir has achieved back-to-back World Champions in the World Choir Games in Gangneung, South Korea in 2023 and Auckland, New Zealand in 2024. The end of the year is marked with the successful hosting of the annual Homecoming Concerts.

## SPORTS

With 25 inter-school sports teams and 8 inter-house sports teams, DBS sports life is a pillar to the school's aim of all-round excellence. In the 2023-24 academic year, our sports teams have continued to work hard and have clinched 16 Overall Champions in archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, cross-country, fencing, football, handball, hockey, indoor rowing, squash, swimming, tennis, tenpin bowling and volleyball.

We have also nurtured a number of athletes who have achieved success at the international level, such as Student Youth Games swimming title in November 2023, Gold and Silver medalist (HK record) at the Asian Junior Athletics Championship, and 7th place in the World Junior Athletics Championships. Our upcoming graduate, Timothy Chow, is the youngest member of the Men's HK Football Team in the semi-final of 2023 Asian Games, and the Team recently won Champion in the Tri-Nations Tournament 2024 with Fiji and Solomon Islands.

## DEBATE, MOCK TRIAL & PUBLIC SPEAKING

As a prominent public speaking school in Hong Kong, our students have reached the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship (WIDPSC) on 17 occasions since 2018. At the International Public Speaking Contest (IPSC) hosted by the ESU, two students advanced to the Grand Finals in April 2022 and 2024, ranking top 6 among 1 million contestants.

Our debating team has brought home the champion in over 10 regional and international competitions, including the Bar Association Debating Competition from 2022 to 2024, the city's most prestigious legal debating competition. Most recently in 2023-24, our school team emerged victorious in the Sing Tao Inter-School Debating Competition, earning the team's first ever victory in 39 years of participation. In addition, the team also won the Hong Kong Champion in the Oxford Schools Debating Competition 2022, the largest British Parliamentary debating competition attracting over 1000 teams worldwide.

## ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

The Green School Action Group (GSAG) is a student-led initiative founded in 2014, aiming to promote environmental and conservational awareness. Split into 2 divisions - **Biodiversity** and **Sustainable Consumption**, we have held weekly recycling and waste reduction programmes, campus biodiversity research, and self-made terrariums workshops, earning more than 10K HKD. The first ever photo exhibition on the school's biodiversity was also held during the 4th quarter of 2024, where photos of over 30 species of birds and over a dozen species of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and insects, that were taken on campus were showcased to students and teachers. Externally, our members have participated and won numerous competitions - Gold Award in the UN Sustainable Development Goals Ambassador Programme held by CUHK for 2 consecutive years, Outstanding Conservation Award from the University of Hong Kong, as well as being awarded 25K HKD by coming in 2nd and 3rd in the City University of Hong Kong Green Innovation Challenge Competition in 2023. Our students also took part in the largest animal faeces papermaking event in January 2024, which broke the Guinness World Record.





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