

We are a learning community, passionate about providing an International Education, which inspires and encourages learning and intercultural understanding. We facilitate self-discovery and the development of unique interests, gifts and talents, whilst promoting service learning as a force for good in the world.

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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THE SCHOOL

Sotogrande International School (SIS) provides a high quality academic and extracurricular programme for the local and international community of southern Spain. We believe in education as a lifelong process, in developing a love of learning and in the attainment of excellence. We are an International Baccalaureate (IB) world school and the Middle Years and Diploma Programmes are both offered. In addition, we offer the High School Diploma and a programme of A levels to high school students who are planning to pursue Division I or Division II sports at college. The language of instruction is English. There are currently 332 students enrolled in the last four years of secondary school, of whom 154 are in the last two years. SIS was founded in 1978. The school is a member of the Inspired school group. Inspired are a group of over 40 premium schools, with connections all around the world. There are 44 different nationalities represented in the student body and there is a diverse international teaching faculty. The school now has three campuses: the main teaching campus, a nursery school (0-3 yrs) and a Boarding House for 85 boarding students.

ACCREDITATION

SIS is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), by New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC), by the Spanish Ministerio de Educación y Cultura and is authorised as an IB World School by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO). SIS is affiliated to the Mediterranean Association of International Schools (MAIS), the Spanish Council of Private Schools (ACADE) and is a full member of the European Council of International School (ECIS).

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

In MYP Years 4 and 5 (equivalent to Grades 9 and 10 in the US) SIS offers the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) and students take courses in six to eight subjects. MYP students participate in a work experience programme and the vast majority complete a personal project and an interdisciplinary unit. Students fulfilling the requirements receive an MYP Certificate and MYP Course Results in June of MYP Year 5. In DP Years 1 and 2 (equivalent to Grades 11 and 12 in the US), SIS offers three academic routes: IB Diploma Route, High School Diploma Route, A-level Route.

IB DIPLOMA ROUTE

In DP Years 1 and 2 (equivalent to Grades 11 and 12 in the US) SIS offers the IB Diploma Programme (DP). Students can opt to take the full IB Diploma or Diploma Programme Courses. The curriculum is designed so that students can develop their own special talents and emphasizes critical and creative thinking, intercultural understanding and community service. All Diploma Programme students participate in the school's Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) Programme and full IB Diploma students complete an extended research essay and follow a course in Theory of Knowledge (TOK). The majority of our DP students take the full IB Diploma. Assessment is through a combination of coursework and examination. Students complete their studies in May of the graduating year, when they sit their final examinations. Final grades are evaluated by the International Baccalaureate Organization and published on July 6th.



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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ROUTE

We offer the American High School Diploma. Students take a combination of core and elective courses over the last four years of secondary school leading to the High School Diploma. These courses are assessed internally and the HSD is awarded to students satisfying the graduation requirements. Students following DP Courses will also be eligible for the award of the SIS High School Diploma, subject to fulfilling the graduation requirements.

A LEVEL ROUTE

The A-level route is offered through our Academic Centre for Excellence in Sport (ACES) programme. This programme is designed to offer elite sports students the opportunity to pursue additional programmes in sports including tennis and golf, through our collaboration with sports academies. Currently, ACES is a partnership between Sotogrande International School (SIS) and two elite sports academies: Jason Floyd Golf Academy (JFGA) and SotoTennis.

NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

SIS prides itself on a holistic educational approach, adopting the IB Learner Profile in shaping our students' learning experiences. We aim to help every child follow their passion and offer an extensive range of activities which develop character, resilience, compassion and international understanding as well as honing individual skills in areas such as performance arts, sports and service activities. The accent is on stretching students to the highest levels they can achieve and SIS has established Academies for Golf, Tennis, Soccer and Watersports, with students regularly achieving awards in national and international competitions in these fields. We operate an NGO, run by and for children, called The Kindred Project and its mission is to help others whilst changing the hearts and minds of our own students. SIS runs projects in Morocco, Ecuador and Uganda. These are incorporated into CAS activities for Diploma students, but the philosophy of internationalism and obligation to society is taught throughout the school in an action-based Global Citizenship Curriculum.

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

Year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Pass rate (%)	98	88	91	95	88	87	96	85	96
Mean Points*	34	33	33	33	34	35	33	33	30
Highest Score	45	41	39	39	44	43	42	44	41
Average Grade*	5.41	5.24	5.30	5.28	5.33	5.57	5.30	5.37	4.75

SPANISH VALIDATION

Students who intend to study in Spain at university level often follow the Secondary programme of studies, with the addition of Cultura Española and Spanish (mother-tongue). This enables students to enter university in Spain with the IB Diploma and not taking of "the Mandatory Test" of the EvAU (old Selectividad)



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MARKING SCHEME

Numeric grades are used for both our IB and High School Diploma students. A 7-point system of grading is used for all IB and HSD internal assessment and for transcripts. This ranges from level 7 (highest) to level 1 (lowest).

EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN IB GRADES AND LETTER GRADES

SIS level	7	6	5	4	3	2/1
Letter grade	A+	A	B	C	D	E

Letter grades are adopted for our A level programme and grades A* (highest) to E (lowest) represent an A level pass.

SIS does not rank students or calculate GPA.



UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

92% of our graduating students in 2018 went on to colleges and universities worldwide, whilst the remaining 8% went into employment or started GAP years. 100% of students choosing to go to University were successful, with 88% placed at their first choice destination, at some of the most prestigious Universities around the world. The majority go to university in the UK, the USA, the Netherlands and Spain.

PRESTIGE DESTINATIONS

UK

Bath
Exeter
Leeds
Bristol
Nottingham
Edinburgh
Kings

Source: complete uni guide

North America

University of Virginia
Boston College
George Washington
North Carolina State University
Uni of San Diego

Source: US news and world report

Europe

TU Delft
University of Amsterdam
University of Tilburg
Technical University of Munich
ICADE (Comillas)
Politecnica Madrid
EHL Switzerland

Source: QS World Rankings

