



Why choose a British School?

British education, at both the school and university level, has achieved a worldwide reputation for quality.

The reputation of the British educational tradition is due in part to the fame and academic excellence of institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge, and at the school level, renowned independent schools such as Eton, Harrow, and Winchester. British education is focussed on processes and outcomes - what should a child know and be able to do at any given age - as opposed to emphasising the acquisition of specific knowledge. The National Curriculum for England and Wales takes a progressive approach; from 0 to 18-plus, each stage builds upon what has come before. Certain key principles, starting from the early years, run through the whole of the education system: the notion that each child is unique and that this is important; an emphasis on developing positive relationships (with teachers, parents, peers); a focus on enabling environments (learning does not happen exclusively in the classroom); and finally, learning and development - looking at outcomes and results, but only as one facet of a child's education.

A British education emphasises the development of the whole student, and particularly at the primary level there is a great deal of scope for creativity and individuality in the classroom. When all of this is considered alongside the continuity and transferability offered by a British education around the world, and the fact that British institutions offer qualifications that are recognised internationally, it is little wonder that the industry of British schools abroad continues to flourish and expand.

The popularity of British education can be seen in the huge number of British schools outside of the UK. There are more than 2000 schools outside of Britain teaching elements of the UK National Curriculum, and more are opening every year. Students from these schools account for a significant percentage of the overseas students doing undergraduate degrees at UK universities. Choosing a British International school not only gives students the benefit of a British education, it is also eminently transferrable. The structure and consistency of the National Curriculum allows students to move easily, between British schools in various countries including the UK, and facilitates progression to university in the UK or elsewhere in the world.

At the British School of Guangzhou we provide an enhanced British Style education that takes the best of the UK curriculum and reinforces it with an enhanced extra curricular and instrumental programme. We also add in strong Chinese language programmes to reflect the growing importance of mandarin as a world language. Our students sit the same public tests and examinations that are administered in England and will typically perform well above the UK average. At BSG we recognise that academic achievement is central to school life, but rather than focus on preparing for tests we believe that a broad and vibrant curriculum creates the enthusiasm for learning that will lead to success. Good examination results simply follow.

BSG really is, 'A place where you can achieve your academic potential and have a great time as well.'