



ACS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
EGHAM

UPPER SCHOOL

READY?

THE WORLD NEEDS NEW THINKING. GET READY.



MARK WILSON,
HEAD OF SCHOOL

WELCOME TO ACS EGHAM,
THE ONLY SCHOOL IN
ENGLAND OFFERING ALL
FOUR INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE (IB)
PROGRAMMES.

Set on 36 acres of beautiful countryside near London, our school combines a village-like atmosphere with innovative IB teaching.

With a richly diverse community representing over 50 nationalities, we nurture a global perspective that encourages critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and personal responsibility. Our commitment to wellbeing and community ensures every student feels valued and supported as they grow academically and personally.

Our students benefit from the IB's internationally minded, enquiry-based approach to learning, where experience and real-world application are at the core. At ACS Egham, we prepare the world's next global thinkers and doers, helping them develop the confidence and skills to imagine and shape a better future. We look forward to welcoming you to discover the distinctive spirit of our school.

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The holistic approach paired with truly inspiring and enthusiastic teachers has broadened my interests and completely changed my way of engaging with and thinking about the world.

STUDENT



LUCINDA WILLIS,
UPPER SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

IN THE UPPER SCHOOL AT ACS EGHAM, STUDENTS ARE OFFERED AN OUTSTANDING RANGE OF SUBJECTS WITHIN THE RIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMMES, REFLECTING OUR COMMITMENT TO A BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM.

We inspire our students to discover their passions and excel academically through a personalised, enquiry-led approach that encourages them to think globally and see the bigger picture. With a genuine culture of academic excellence, we believe that with the right support and encouragement, every student can achieve far more than they thought possible. Our learning environment nurtures curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, empowering students to become independent learners who are well-prepared for the demands of higher education and life beyond the classroom.

Equally important to academic achievement is our commitment to student wellbeing and holistic development. At ACS Egham, we provide a supportive and caring community where every learner feels safe, valued, and encouraged to grow in confidence and resilience. Through tailored guidance, leadership opportunities, and active participation in the wider school community, our students develop integrity, good manners, and a strong sense of social responsibility. As a result, they consistently progress to top-tier universities worldwide, equipped not only with knowledge but with the skills, attitudes, and global mindset to thrive as responsible and compassionate members of local, national, and international communities.





READY TO GROW, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

UPPER SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Students come to our school from a wide range of countries and curriculums. This table shows the equivalent class age and curriculum for the UK and international systems.

Student Age	ACS Egham Grades / US System Grades	UK Equivalent Year Group
11-12	Grade 6	Year 7
12-13	Grade 7	Year 8
13-14	Grade 8	Year 9
14-15	Grade 9	Year 10
15-16	Grade 10	Year 11
16-17	Grade 11	Year 12
17-18	Grade 12	Year 13

READY FOR A WORLD THAT KEEPS CHANGING.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

At ACS Egham Upper School, students follow the rigorous International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) in grades 6-10 before choosing between the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) or the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) in grades 11-12. This education framework is designed to develop durable skills, providing a seamless, globally recognised route to success – both in and out of the classroom.

To thrive in today's rapidly evolving world, shaped by advancing technologies, social changes, and global challenges, students need more than just academic knowledge. At ACS Egham, we focus on cultivating future-ready skills like creativity, communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and self-direction.

We foster a supportive environment where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential, excel in their chosen paths, and develop into adaptable, resilient individuals. Through a broad and balanced IB curriculum, authentic real-world learning experiences, and a digitally enriched approach, our

students gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to lead, innovate, and make a meaningful difference both in their careers and communities.

The IB advantage

We have worked hard to become the only school in England fully authorised to offer all IB programmes:

- IB Primary Years Programme (IBPYP) ages 4 to 11
- IB Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) ages 11 to 16
- IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) ages 16 to 18
- IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) ages 16 to 18

A unique element of the IB programmes is that students can join at any age and from different curricula. The strength of the IB continuum lies in its careful balance of challenge and support, enabling a smooth transition and consistent progression. This thoughtfully designed academic and emotional journey gives students a significant advantage over their peers in other systems, often leading them to gain places at some of the highest-ranked universities in the UK and around the world.



THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (IBMYP), AGES 11–16

At the heart of our approach is a commitment to preparing our students for whatever comes next, inspiring them to become effective, confident, and caring individuals ready to succeed on the global stage. We achieve this by balancing the opportunities we offer outside of the classroom with the renowned International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP).

The IBMYP is founded on three strong principles: holistic learning, communication, and intercultural awareness. It is underpinned by the IB Learner Profile, where students strive to be inquirers, open-minded, knowledgeable, caring, thinkers, risk-takers, communicators, balanced, principled, and reflective.

Students study subjects in eight subject areas:

Language and Literature (English), Language Acquisition (French or Spanish), Mathematics, Sciences (incorporating all scientific disciplines),

Individuals and Societies (incorporating History, Geography, and Economics), Arts (Drama, Music, and Visual Art), Design (Product Design and Digital Design), and Physical and Health Education.

In addition:

- Service as Action is an integral part of the programme and students complete an Advisory Service Project each year, as well as participating in service activities on an individual basis.
- Students in Grade 10 (aged 15) also complete a Personal Project in their final year of the IBMYP. This in-depth and independent research project enables them to actively showcase the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the programme.



The IBMYP is designed to be the best preparation to meet the academic rigour of the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP).

Equivalent to GCSEs and iGCSEs

Importantly, our age 16 students are registered for IBMYP eAssessments. All eAssessment subjects are accredited by Ofqual and are registered as UK Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications, making them equivalent to GCSEs and iGCSEs. Completion of eAssessment provides students with formal, internationally recognised certificates of externally validated results that are valuable for university applications.

The MYP’s innovative and award-winning eAssessments are the meaningful culmination of a

concept-based learning experience. They rigorously and creatively push students well beyond the rote memorisation of subject-specific content, with a focus on inquiry, communication and critical thinking skills.

IB Pathways for Students aged 16 to 18

Students in Grade 11 and 12 benefit from rigorous academic qualifications which are highly regarded by world-renowned universities. Whichever pathway our students choose, they will benefit from the guidance of our expert teaching staff, university and personal counsellors to prepare them for their next step.





THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP), AGES 16 TO 18

The IBDP is an academically challenging programme that ensures students aged 16 to 18 are ready for success at university and beyond.

The programme is:

- Broad and flexible, requiring six subjects which can be configured to differentiate and maximise each student's strengths.
- A programme that encourages university-level skills, and the development of skills outside of the classroom.
- Proven to be grade inflation free, making it a reliable benchmark of attainment.
- A very popular entry qualification with UK, US, and other overseas universities, with many lowering entry requirements for IB students in recognition of its rigour.
- More likely to get students into a Russell Group university, where they are more likely to earn a first-class degree.*

Course requirements

- **Subject Groups** – students take six subjects, three at Higher, and three at Standard Level. They must take maths, science, studies in language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, and an optional arts or another from Group 3 or 4.
- **The Core** – contains three elements: Theory of Knowledge explores the foundations of knowledge and introduces students to university level thinking; the Extended Essay is 4,000 words of self-directed research; and Creativity, Action and Service requires fixed hours engaged in artistic, sporting and/or voluntary work.

The IBDP champions group work, discussions, presentations and developing skills required at university and employment.

*Analysis by the Higher Education Statistics Agency.



THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME (IBCP), AGES 16 TO 18

The IBCP incorporates the vision and educational principles of the IB into a stand-out programme specifically developed for students who want greater career-related learning. Importantly, the IBCP prepares students for an ever-changing world of work, asking them to consider new perspectives, engage in learning that makes a positive difference, develop both academic and practical skills, think creatively and critically, communicate effectively, work independently and in collaboration, and become self-confident, resilient, and flexible.

The programme is:

- A high-quality programme of international education that helps your child develop skills outside of the classroom, combining academic rigour with practical study.
- Designed to provide more options for the future, including access to further education, apprenticeships, and employment in fields such as business, IT, healthcare, sports, and more.
- Focused on increasing understanding of the wider world and fostering confident, independent learners with an international mindset.

- Built to develop essential life skills such as time management, critical thinking, communication, and personal development to support success in the working world.
- Flexible, allowing students to combine academic subjects with their personal interests and skills.

Course requirements

The IBCP consists of three core components:

Career-related study: Students follow a vocational course or qualification that aligns with their career interests. At ACS Egham, the career-related study offered is the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business, Enterprise, and Entrepreneurship, which carries the UCAS equivalence of two IBDP Higher Level subjects.

IB Diploma Programme courses: Students take a minimum of two IB Diploma subjects.

Personal and Professional Skills (PPS): This core component helps develop skills needed for the workplace, such as communication, teamwork, collaboration, ethics, and problem-solving.



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Eligible ACS Egham students graduate with a High School Diploma, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Whether they pursue the IBDP or the IBCP, students also meet the requirements for the High School Diploma, ensuring they are well-prepared for higher education.

As a result, most graduates leave with multiple qualifications that strengthen their university applications. The accredited High School Diploma offers a rigorous, well-rounded academic experience and most North American universities and institutes around the world (often with additional requirements), supporting student success at university and beyond.



READY FOR THE FUTURE.

BEYOND ACS EGHAM

University & College Counselling

We invest the time and the expertise to ensure every student finds the perfect fit for their future university studies. At ACS Egham, we define fit as specifically meeting the academic, emotional, social, geographical and financial needs of our students. Our attention to detail is the key ingredient that improves each student's likelihood of graduating from their chosen university and then experiencing success in their future careers.

We have an expert team of University Counsellors, an Academic Principal, and an IBCP and IBDP Coordinator, providing one-on-one student support in:

- Researching university options
- Essay/personal statement writing
- Career path selection
- Standardised test skills
- Financial aid/scholarship advice
- Meeting university representatives during college visits and fairs

Global Destinations

Our students regularly progress to a broad range of top universities and colleges in the UK, the US, Europe and around the world. This diversity of academic destinations reflects our commitment to excellence and our dedication to helping each student achieve their full potential.

Examples of university destinations in the past three years:

UK

University of Oxford, London School of Economics, University College London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Exeter, Imperial, Birmingham, University of York, Queen Mary, Leeds, Manchester, Royal Holloway, St Andrews, Warwick.

USA

Georgetown, Columbia, Boston, Elon, Dartmouth, New York, Purdue, Swarthmore, University of California Los Angeles, Pennsylvania.

Rest of the World

Alberta, British Columbia, ESMOD Paris, Erasmus, Gent, McGill, Utrecht, Vienna.

GET READY TO GROW BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAMME

In Upper School, there's something for everyone in our vibrant Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) programme, which spans the arts, sports, STEAM, international mindedness and debate, and personal challenge and leadership. Popular activities include music groups, debating society, public speaking, school productions, choir, chess club, science club, Model United Nations, environmental action group, creative writing, and student leadership council. These activities give

students the chance to explore their passions, develop new skills, and forge friendships beyond the classroom. Popular options include netball, volleyball, and cross-country. The programme is regularly updated to reflect student interests and emerging trends.

For more details or to see the full list, please contact our Admissions Team.

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A top-notch IB programme, 36 acres of glorious parkland on the outskirts of London and a welcoming, internationally minded 'glocal' community.

THE
GOOD
SCHOOLS
GUIDE





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An unswerving commitment to champion every pupil sets this school apart...

TALK EDUCATION



SPORTS PROGRAMME

At ACS Egham, our mission is to provide high-quality, values-driven sporting and recreational experiences that promote healthy, active lifestyles and a lifelong passion for sport. We focus on holistic, transformational growth – developing not only athletic performance but also character and values. Students can take part in both competitive and recreational teams, with core sports including volleyball, football, and basketball, alongside seasonal offerings such as cross-country, track and field, badminton, tennis, and golf.

To provide meaningful competition, ACS Egham is affiliated with several local, national, and international leagues, including the International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA), International Schools Athletic Association (ISAA), Independent Schools Association National Athletics (ISA), and the London Schools Swimming Association (LSSA). Throughout the year, a dedicated Strength and Conditioning/Sports Rehabilitation expert is available to create individualised support and performance programmes for all our athletes.

HOME LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT (HLE)

Our after-school Home Language Enrichment (HLE) programme helps students maintain and develop their home languages and cultures while living away from them. Small group classes are led by teachers or parents who are fluent native speakers.

These sessions are fun and engaging, encouraging a love of language and real-life experience with being multilingual. HLE supports language skills, strengthens cultural identity, builds community, and fosters international understanding for today's global families.

READY TO BE YOU – AND FEEL SUPPORTED AT EVERY STEP.

WELLBEING

At ACS Egham, wellbeing is at the heart of our Upper School experience, creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student is known and valued. Our dedicated Wellbeing Team, including mentors, counsellors, and student services staff, works closely with families to provide personalised care and guidance. Regular connections with homeroom advisors, a dedicated onboarding process, small group settings, and a strong sense of community help students feel supported in every aspect of school life. Through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) programme, we build students' confidence, resilience, and essential life skills, preparing them for success both in and beyond the classroom.

Our commitment to wellbeing extends across the school, with initiatives that promote emotional and physical health, student voice, and peer-to-peer support. Students take an active role in shaping their school experience through feedback, leadership opportunities, and a wide range of co-curricular activities. The Wellbeing Team collaborates with students to promote a culture of respect, belonging, and personal growth. With access to a full-time nurse, trained staff in mental health first aid, and dedicated wellbeing spaces, students receive the care they need to thrive. Together, we foster a school environment where students feel empowered to flourish, connect meaningfully with others, and develop lifelong tools for wellbeing.

COMMUNITY

Our students and staff come to us from all over the world. The result is a wonderfully open-minded, outward-looking culture that celebrates international diversity and harnesses different perspectives.

ACS Egham's global IB outlook attracts expat and local families who want to ensure their children are

ready to make a difference and contribute to society. Internationalism and our common humanity are at the heart of this philosophy. We are intensely proud of our multicultural identity and commitment to diversity and choice. We celebrate the things that make us different, not because they are fashionable but because they make the world a better, more dynamic place.





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Diversity, inclusion and kindness. Each person is treated as an individual, and my child feels welcomed and accepted.

PARENT

STUDENT SERVICES

Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

ACS Egham welcomes students with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), providing support both in inclusive classrooms and specialist teaching environments to ensure equitable access to the curriculum. Personalised learning accommodations and tailored assessment arrangements help students progress academically while building their skills as lifelong learners. We serve students with mild to moderate learning needs across all grade levels, based on admission requirements and available spaces. However, we are unable to support students with severe behavioural, emotional, or learning difficulties.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

We believe that achieving proficiency in academic English is not just about overcoming a challenge;

it's about recognising and celebrating the advantages of being multilingual.

Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme supports students in developing the fluency and confidence they need to thrive in a global community and succeed in rigorous international academic programmes, including the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Focused learning opportunities help strengthen English skills, vocabulary, and grammatical accuracy while keeping students connected to the wider curriculum. These activities are integrated with classroom learning so that language development takes place in context and supports overall academic progress, and led by Student Services specialist teachers.



READY TO DREAM, INNOVATE AND CREATE.



OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

Providing a great all-round education takes an amazing range of facilities. That is why we continue to invest in campus developments to ensure we deliver an outstanding learning experience for our students.

Sport:

- Sports fields
- Cross-country trails
- All-weather tennis courts
- Outstanding Sports Centre complex, featuring:
 - Dance studio
 - Fitness suite
 - Two FIBA basketball courts
 - Three volleyball courses

- Eight badminton courts
- Indoor climbing wall
- Outdoor traversing wall

Educational:

- Modern IT labs, libraries, classrooms (both in and outdoors)
- An outstanding Visual Arts and Design Technology Centre
- Cutting-edge science labs
- The Hive, including E-Sports suite
- IB Centre
- The Arbour – collaborative and library space
- Performing Arts Centre with outdoor amphitheatre

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Admissions

ACS Egham operates a rolling admissions process, allowing students to join at any grade and any time during the academic year, subject to availability and acceptance. We take a holistic approach to applications, reviewing previous school records, current teacher references, student questionnaires, parent questionnaires and standardised test scores. Additional documents, such as educational psychologist reports or English as an Additional Language (EAL) assessment, are required when relevant.

Once accepted, a refundable enrolment deposit is required to reserve a place. For more details on the admissions process, please contact the Admissions team.

Bursaries

As part of the ACS Schools charity, the school offers means-tested bursaries ranging from 10% to 100% of full fees to support families financially. Awards are based on each student's circumstances and look for qualities such as curiosity, an international outlook, and a desire to contribute positively to the community.

Bursaries are available for students entering the school at Grade 6, Grade 8 or Grade 11. Applicants must be UK residents with the legal right to remain at the time of application and live

within the school's bus catchment area. Decisions are made in March before the academic year of entry.

For further information, please visit the school website or contact the Admissions team.

Catering

Our award-winning catering department is operated in-house, enabling us to employ and train all our own chefs. We take great pride in producing delicious, fresh and nutritious food that appeals to our international community. Our menus, independently reviewed by registered dieticians, are always seasonal and follow the School Food Trust's nutritional guidelines. We source all our fresh ingredients from approved suppliers. Most of our daily deliveries of vegetables, fruit, dairy and meat come from local producers, so we can trace each meal from farm to fork.

As well as the food on offer at school, students can bring their own lunch from home, adding further flexibility and choice.

Uniform

ACS Egham students do not wear a school uniform. A school sports kit is available and required for physical education and school sporting activities. Students are expected to dress respectfully and responsibly to maintain an appropriate learning environment.



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My child feels like they are being challenged with the course curriculum, and they are being well prepared in becoming a global citizen.

PARENT

Busing

We offer a comprehensive busing service with door-to-door and shuttle options, ensuring safe and efficient transportation for students. Our Transport Coordinator works to arrange busing from your child's first day (subject to availability). To help us organise this, please provide your home address as soon as possible.

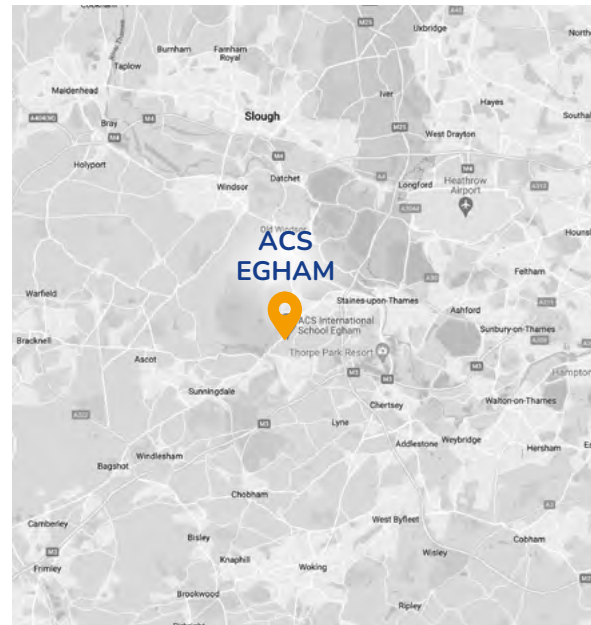
Our shuttle service stops are assigned each year according to the home locations of our student

populations. Example stops, (subject to change), include Chiswick, Hammersmith, Richmond, Twickenham, Virginia Water, Egham, West Byfleet, Weybridge, Windsor and Woking.

Contact eghamadmissions@acs-schools.com for more information.

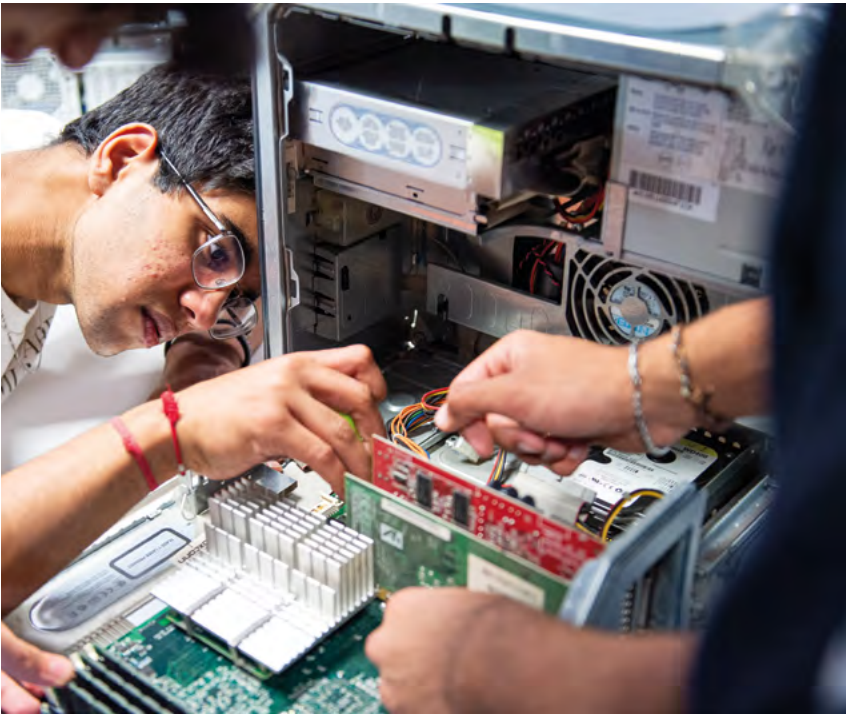
Location

The closest station to ACS Egham is Virginia Water. The station is on the line from London Waterloo and takes around 47 minutes. Egham Station is close to the school, which is also on the line from London Waterloo, taking around 44 minutes.



ACCREDITATION

ACS Egham is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and is authorised by the International Baccalaureate to offer the full continuum of programmes as an IB World School. The school holds memberships in the European Council of International Schools, the Council of International Schools and the Independent Schools Association.



READY TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

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To apply online, please visit
acs-schools.com/egham

We host regular Open Mornings throughout
the year, or you can arrange a personal tour or
Zoom call with our team.

We look forward to welcoming you to our
beautiful campus soon.



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