



HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

**“The International School of Choice, celebrating diversity,
empowering and inspiring future generations”**

Based on the island of Malta in the central Mediterranean, Verdala International School (VIS) is an independent, co-educational pre-K to 12 school. Founded in 1976 to serve the children of expatriate families living in Malta, VIS has gone through considerable change over the past 40+ years and since 1985 has been a non-profit foundation. Based in the historic site of Fort Pembroke, VIS is a non-selective, English medium school with a high school programme that provides academic rigour, balance, and personal challenge, and is the school of choice for many of the international residents in Malta.

VIS Guiding Statements

Our Mission

At VIS we strive to ensure that all of our students become knowledgeable, inquisitive and ethical contributors to our world.

Our Educational Philosophy

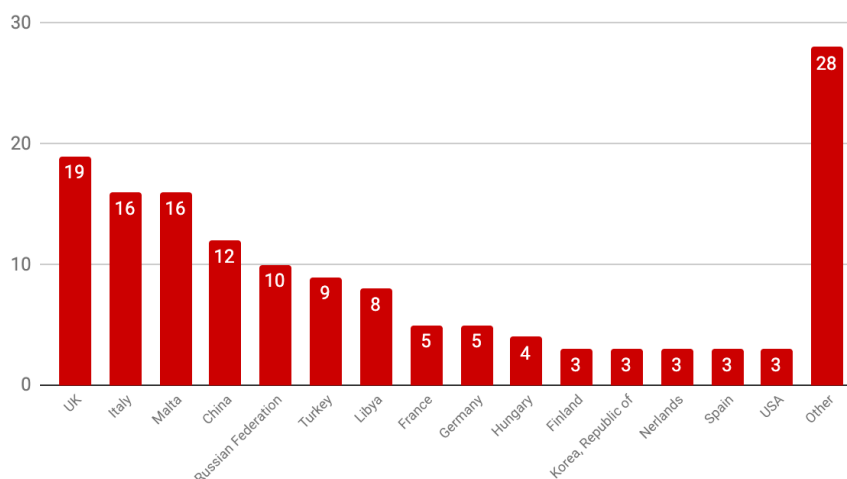
- To prepare our students to be ready for tomorrow’s world by encouraging learning through inspirational education using 21st century learning methods.
- To create a unique environment where each student can grow and discover their true potential.
- To promote an enquiring mind with a thirst for knowledge.
- To embrace diversity in our multicultural society.
- We trust that a caring inclusive community will help build a sense of self-worth and a profound respect for others.

Demographics

School Year	31 August 2021 - 15 June 2022
Total Enrollment	535
High School Enrolment	145
HS Student Nationalities	30
Academic Programmes	IPC, IMYC, MYP*, IGCSE, IBDP, IBCP
Diplomas Offered	VIS High School Diploma, IBDP, IBCP Diploma
Class of 2022 Enrolment	31

*offered from 2022-23 academic year

High School Population



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Curriculum

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

VIS offers International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) courses from both Cambridge International Education (CIE) and Edexcel. The two year IGCSE courses taught in Grades 9 & 10 at VIS are designed to prepare our learners for the rigours of the IB Diploma Programme.

The IB Diploma Programme

VIS is authorised to offer the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and all courses on offer during Grades 11 & 12 are IBDP courses.

IBDP Courses taken by the Class of 2021

Group 1	Group 2
English Language and Literature Student Self Study Literature	French Italian Spanish English
Group 3	Group 4
Business Management *Economics History Psychology	Biology Chemistry Computer Science Physics
**Environmental Systems & Societies	
Group 5	Group 6
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches Mathematics Applications & Interpretations	Theatre Visual Arts

** Transdisciplinary subject

Creativity/Service & CAS

The school has a philosophical commitment to the ideals of service to the local and global communities. The opportunities available to High School students serve to develop the academic and social skills needed for navigating the complex issues facing today's global citizens. The programme works towards ensuring that our students become the knowledgeable, inquisitive and ethical contributors mentioned in the VIS Mission.

In the Diploma years, all students (whether a full IBDP candidate or not) are required to complete the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) programme. Each student will have the opportunity to achieve the seven learning outcomes laid out by the IB through a tailor-made individual programme.

Some examples of CAS activities are: Spark15, Peace Lab, Gardening Project, Running Club, Malta and Kabqa Uniting for a Brighter Future, Malta Guide Dogs for the Blind, Coffee for Cambodia, Bye Bye Plastic Bags, Global Issues Network, Model United Nations.

VIS Graduation Requirements

All high school students enrolled at VIS are expected to earn the VIS high school diploma. Students must obtain a minimum of 24 credits, including the required credits listed below:

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| 4 English | 3 Mathematics |
| 2 Additional Language | 2 Physical Education / Arts |
| 3 Humanities | 1 CAS |
| 3 Science | |

Credits are awarded for each semester of study, as follows:

Grade 9-10 courses: A minimum of a D

Grade 11-12 courses: A minimum of a 3 (D in the case of TOK or EE)

Students must achieve at least a 90% attendance rate to be awarded the relevant credits. Students transferring into VIS after the start of Grade 9 are awarded up to 4 credits per semester, or 8 per academic year, which count towards the VIS HS Diploma.



Grading and Ranking

Grades are reported at the end of each semester. Because of the inclusive nature of our school and the academic diversity of our students, at VIS we do not rank our students.

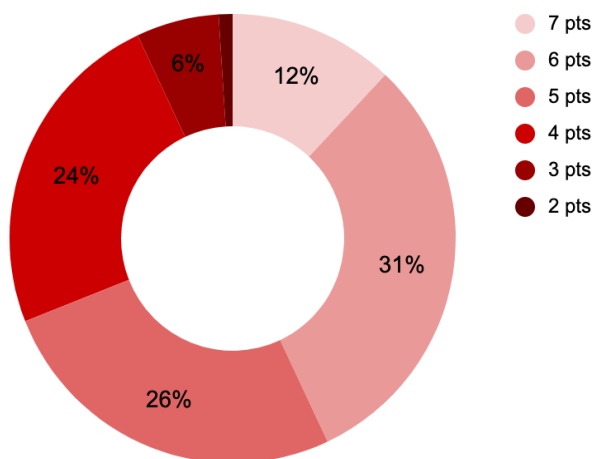
Grading System

DP	IGCSE	Descriptor
7	A	Outstanding
6	B	Excellent
5	C	Very good
4	D	Good
3	E	Satisfactory
2	F	Mediocre
1	U	Failing

Historical IB Diploma Results

Cohort	Percentage of class taking IB Diploma	Pass rate	Highest Score	Mean Score	Median Score
Class of 2021	91%	97%	44	33	33
Class of 2020	90%	84%	42	31	35
Class of 2019	87%	88%	42	29.8	30
Class of 2018	96.9%	81%	43	32	33.5
Class of 2017	91%	84%	43	31.8	33.0

Distribution of IB DP grades 2020-21





University acceptances in the last 5 years

CEEB code: 755500

Malta

University of Malta* St Martin's Higher Institute of Education*

England

University of Bath* University of Surrey Heriot-Watt University*
University of Birmingham* University of Warwick* University of Leeds*
University of Bristol* University of York University of Leicester*
University College London, UCL* Imperial College London King's College London*
University of Durham* University of Exeter* Liverpool Hope University*
University of Essex Kingston University Queen University, London*
University of Kent* London South Bank University University of Reading*
University of Oxford* Loughborough University* University of Trent*
University of East London MET Drama School, London University of Sterling*
University of Exeter* Middlesex University University of Westminster*
University of Lancaster Oxford Brookes University Leeds Beckett University
University of Manchester* Richmond University London School of Economics
University of Newcastle* Royal Holloway, University of and Political Science
University of Nottingham* London Loughborough University
University of Sheffield* Central Lancaster University* SOAS, University of London
University of Southampton* University of Greenwich*

Wales

Cardiff University

Scotland

University of Aberdeen University of Glasgow* University of West Scotland
University of Edinburgh* University of Strathclyde

The Netherlands

Leiden University* Delft University of Technology* HZ University of Applied
Groningen University* University of Amsterdam* Sciences
Radboud University, Nijmegen University of Twente* Tilburg University*
The Hague

United States of America

Florida Institute of Technology University of Central Florida Purdue University*
Samford University University of Pennsylvania Ithaca College *
Belmont University* University of California, Berkeley* University of San Francisco*
Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia* Michigan State University* University of Maine
San Diego State University Northeastern University* University of Miami*
Georgia Institute of Technology* North Carolina State University* Young Harris College, Georgia
Technology* University*

Switzerland

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology* BHMS Switzerland

Canada

Carleton University Queens University University of British Columbia
University of Toronto University of Waterloo York University



Poland

University of Warsaw

Kozminski University, Poland

Others

NYU Abu Dhabi
University of Hong Kong

Anglo American University,
Prague

* Enrollment for Class of 2021

