



# 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. The school is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in the USA. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

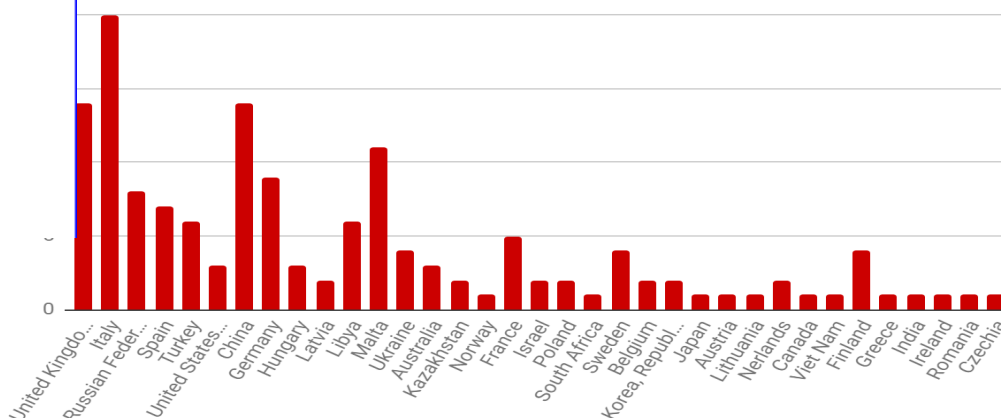
## Demographics

School Year	5 September 2022 - 22 June 2023
Total Enrollment	539
High School Enrolment	161
HS Student Nationalities	36
Academic Programmes	IPC*, MYP**, IGCSE, IBDP, IBCP
Diplomas/Certificates Offered	VIS High School Diploma, IBDP, IBCP Certificate
Class of 2022 Enrolment	39

\*IPC is the VIS Elementary curriculum

\*\*MYP is current VIS Middle School curriculum scheduled to move into High School curriculum in 2023/24

## 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 Programmes

VIS is authorised to offer the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and IB Careers Related Program (IBCP). The following courses are on offer during Grades 11 & 12.

#### IB Diploma Program Courses taken by the Class of 2022

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

\*\* Transdisciplinary subject

#### IB Careers Related Program Courses taken by the Class of 2023

IBCP students are offered the above IBDP classes, as well as the Core subjects below and a BTEC Diploma in Enterprise for the Career Related subject in their Certificate Program.

Core
Personal and Professional Skills Language Development Reflective Project Service Learning

### CAS & Service Learning

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/CP candidate or not) are required to complete the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) programme for IBDP and Service Learning in the IBCP. 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:



For further information on IBDP required graduation credits, [access here](#).  
For further information on IBCP required graduation credits, [access here](#).

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.

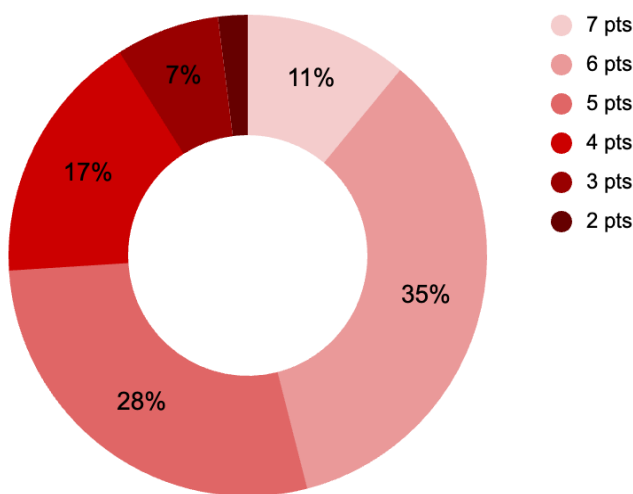
#### Grading System

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 2022	90%	93%	42	33	33
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

#### Distribution of IB DP grades 2021-22





**University acceptances in the last 5 years**

**CEEB code: 755500**

**Malta**

University of Malta*	St Martin's Higher Institute of Education	STC*
Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)*		

**England**

University of Bath	University of Exeter	University of Reading
University of Birmingham	Kingston University	University of Trent
University of Bristol	London South Bank University	University of Sterling
University College London, UCL*	Loughborough University	University of Westminster, London*
University of Durham	MET Drama School, London	Leeds Beckett University
University of Essex	Middlesex University*	London School of Economics and Political Science
University of Kent	Oxford Brookes University	Loughborough University
University of Oxford	Richmond University	SOAS, University of London
University of East London	Royal Holloway, University of London	Bournemouth University
University of Exeter	Central Lancaster University	Buckinghamshire New University
University of Lancaster	University of Greenwich	City, University of London
University of Manchester	Heriot-Watt University	Hult International Business School
University of Newcastle	University of Leeds	University Campus of Football Business (UCFB)
University of Nottingham	University of Leicester	University of Sussex*
University of Sheffield	King's College London	University of Portsmouth*
University of Southampton	Liverpool Hope University	
University of Surrey	University of St. Andrews*	
University of Warwick	Queen Mary University, London*	
University of York		
Imperial College London		

**Wales**

Cardiff University

**Scotland**

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

**The Netherlands**

Leiden University	Maastricht University*	HZ University of Applied Sciences
University of Groningen	Delft University of Technology	Tilburg University
Radbound University, Nijmegen	University of Amsterdam*	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
The Hague	University of Twente	

**United States of America**

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



### Switzerland

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology\*  
Institute of Finance & Management (IFM)\*

BHMS Switzerland  
EU Business School

### Canada

Carleton University  
University of Toronto\*

Queens University  
University of Waterloo

University of British Columbia  
York University

### Poland

University of Warsaw

Kozminski University, Poland

### Others

NYU, Abu Dhabi  
University of Hong Kong  
Anglo American University,  
Prague

Monash University, Malaysia  
Campus  
Neue Sterne, Hanover

Mozarteum University of  
Salzburg, Austria\*  
Lancaster University, Germany  
Munster Technological  
University, Ireland

\* Enrollment for Class of 2022

