



Nexus International School Malaysia (NISM) Secondary School Profile 2017-18

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Accreditation

Nexus International School Malaysia (NISM) was accredited by the Council of International Schools since 2016. Membership is also held in the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) which was reaccredited in 2017. The school has been awarded the Apple Distinguished School Award.

The School and Community

NISM is an independent fee paying international school that is part of the Taylor's Education Group (TEG). The school was established in 2008, and had its first graduating IB diploma class in 2014. The school is located in a spacious environment in Putrajaya, which is south of Kuala Lumpur city. The curriculum is taught in English with learners joining in early years (age 4) up to year 13 (age 17). The school has an enrollment of over 690 pupils, with 316 in year 7-11, and 99 in year 12-13. The international flavour of the school is represented in the 32 different nationalities of our learners. The school has 97 teachers, that represent 12 different nationalities. The student:teacher ratio is approximately 1:7.

School Curriculum & Activities

NISM follows the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for Early Years to Year 6, and the school is recognised as being at Mastering level for its delivery of the IPC. The school has developed its own Middle Years Program for Years 7-9, that is designed to transition learning from the IPC to GCSE and IB. During Years 10-11 Nexus learners complete the UK IGCSE examinations with either the Cambridge International Examinations or Edexcel exam boards. All students in Year 12 & 13 follow IB Diploma courses and more than 95% of students take the full diploma program. Students also have the option of taking IB certificates.

NISM offers a wide range of co-curricular activities, including Drama Production, Yearbook, Model United Nations, Student Council, Maths and Physics Competitions, International Award, Waterskiing, and the Nexus Community Myanmar refugee support. Team Sports include: Football, Athletics and Swimming.

IB Diploma and Assessment

The IB Diploma is a two-year pre-university program which consists of six subjects (three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level), an Extended Essay of 4000 words, the Theory of Knowledge course, and a

CAS (creativity, action, service) component. The IB program is structured to provide students with a rigorous and balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding and awareness. Courses are examined externally in May of Year 13, but all have at least a 20% internally assessed component. Each subject is graded on a 1 (minimum) through 7 (maximum) scale.

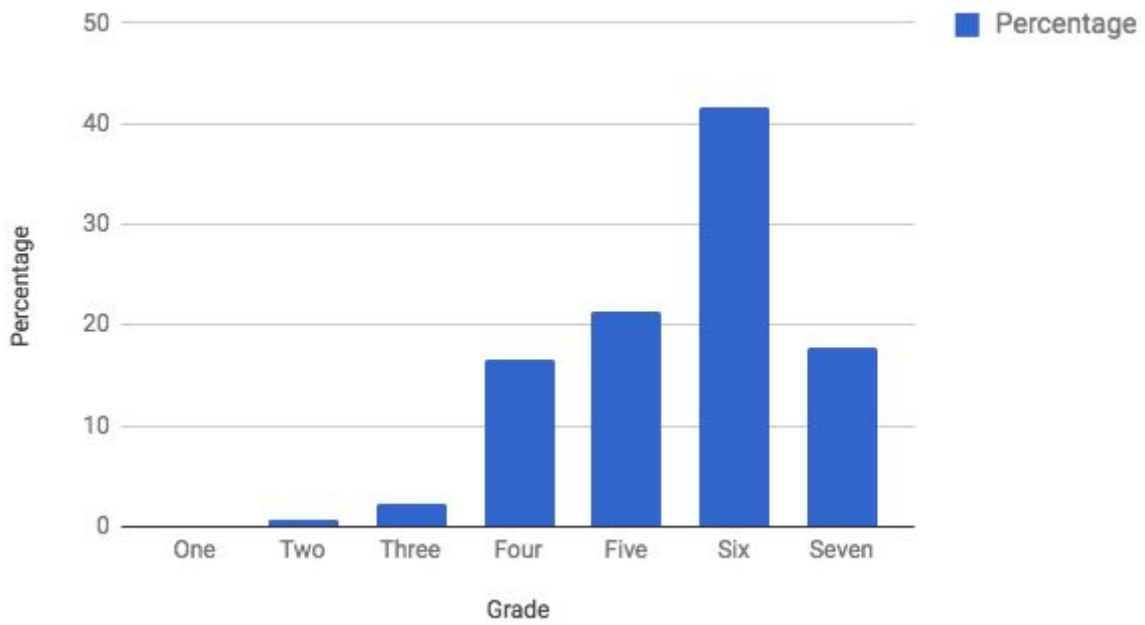
IB Diploma Courses

Group	Higher Level	Standard Level
1	Language A: English, Malay	Language A: English, Malay or Self-taught
2	Language B: Mandarin; English*; French; Spanish	Language B: Malay**; Mandarin; French; Spanish; English* or Ab Initio; French and Spanish
3	Geography; History; Economics; Business and Management; ITGS; Psychology	Geography; History; Economics; Business and Management; ITGS; Psychology
4	Biology; Chemistry; Physics, Sports; Exercise and Health Science (SEHS)	Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Sports; Exercise and Health Science (SEHS)
5	Mathematics	Mathematics; Mathematical Studies
6	Visual Arts; Music; Film; Theatre Arts; or an additional Science or Humanities subject	Visual Arts; Music; Film; Theatre Arts; or an additional Science or Humanities subject

IB Diploma Results, Grades and Class Rank

When comparing our results with those of other schools it should be borne in mind that nearly all of our senior students are in the Diploma Program, while in many schools the IB program is selective. The pass rate average over the last four years since the Diploma started was approximately 94.16% with a points average of 32.68 out of 45 and an average grade per subject in 2017 of 5.54. These results compare favourably with a worldwide average approximated which for that year sits at nearly 30 points. We have achieved a 45 point Diploma and, we regularly have a number of learners achieving Diplomas between 40-45 points. In 2017 7 of our 46 learners (15%) achieved grades of 40+ points, including 2 with 44 points and one with 45. Nexus teachers predicted grades within a 1 point range for 95% level of accuracy, these are based on summative assessments that are taken every 6 weeks. Year 12 will also take an end of year examination in June, and Year 13 take mock examinations in January of their final year.

2017 Grade Distribution



Grade Distribution for 2017 Class

Grading for each subject is reported on the transcript and follows the IB assessment criteria based on the 7-point scale. Assessment criteria are rigorously upheld. Grades are issued at the end of each term. NISM does not calculate GPA. Due to the mobility and international backgrounds of the student body as well as our small class sizes, NISM does not provide a class ranking. The translation of our assessments as compared with a typical American high school grading system is approximately: 7 = A+, 6 = A, 5 = B+/B, 4 = B-/C+, 3 = C, 2 = D, 1 = F

University Acceptances

Some of the university acceptances for 2014 – 2017 graduates include:

UK

University of Nottingham
Manchester Metropolitan University
University of Warwick
Lancaster University
SOAS, London
University of Bristol
Anglia Ruskin University
Brighton University
University of Aberdeen
Warwick University
University of Westminster
University of Sussex
University of Liverpool
University of Leicester
City University London
Bath Spa University
Bath University
University College London
King's College London
University of East Anglia
University of Oxford
Durham University
University of Reading
Nottingham Trent University

USA

University of Illinois
University of California, San Diego
Northeastern University
John Hopkins University

Canada

University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
McGill University
Carleton

France

The American University of Paris

Netherlands

University of Utrecht

Australia

University of Melbourne
University of Queensland

New Zealand

Victoria University of Wellington

Hong Kong

University of Hong Kong

Singapore

Nanyang

Malaysia

University of Nottingham
Penang Medical College
Herriot Watt
Taylor's University
Monash University
Sunway University
International Medical University
Limkokwing University
Newcastle Medical School
International University of Malaya-Wales
KDU
UCSI University
Help University
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