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WELCOME

Welcome from the Headmaster of Bromsgrove School, Peter Clague

For more than five centuries, Bromsgrove School has stood as a bastion of British education. Our proud history stretches back to 1553, telling an unbroken tale of educational excellence that has supplied the great universities of the land with generations of fine scholars. Numbered amongst our alumni are leaders of influence, renowned business executives, expert professionals, and creative and sporting stars. Testimony that our unique blend of academic rigour, self-discipline and creative flair has been tried and tested.

Pivotal to success in our classrooms is the environment that embraces them. Our campus is set over 100 sprawling acres, safe and secure in picturesque Worcestershire. Over 500 young people live on-site, nurtured in modern boarding houses by caring Houseparents. Taught by a Common Room of outstanding educators, drawn from the best in their profession. Challenged to balance their academic lives by taking advantage of our extensive physical, cultural and service opportunities. We may be ancient, but the School is

progressive in its thinking. In recent years, we have broadened our academic offering, developed world-class sports and performing arts facilities, welcomed scholars from over 50 nations and opened schools in Thailand and China. We are proud of our most recent venture, to collaborate with the prestigious University of London to offer their acclaimed International Foundation Programme. Like Bromsgrove, the eighteen Colleges that make up the University are historic in their foundation, yet forward-looking in their vision.

If that blend of tradition underpinning a dynamic outlook sounds appealing, we would welcome your enquiry.



Welcome to the International Foundation Programme (IFP) and to the University of London. You will find studying for the IFP is both interesting and rewarding. The programme has been designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to progress to degree-level study. It will help you achieve high academic standards and acquire the intellectual curiosity you will need for your future. At Bromsgrove School the teaching team will guide you through your studies and provide a rich learning environment which is supported by the University of London and the online resources.

The IFP provides an ideal introduction to these degrees since the subjects taught and the skills learnt are carefully focussed on helping you pursue further studies. Our students have successfully won places at some of the top universities in the UK, whilst others have taken up studies in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

On behalf of the IFP team, I wish you well in your studies.

Lynne Roberts

Head of International Foundation Programme (IFP)
University of London

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) continues the University of London's long tradition of offering educational programmes across the world. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from the opportunity to study a programme designed with a global outlook and an emphasis on real-world issues. We pride ourselves on combining high academic standards with a learning experience which encourages analysis and debate and the application of your academic studies to important global issues.

You will find that your teachers at Bromsgrove School will provide the ideal teaching environment for you to benefit from the challenge of studying courses written by subject experts, especially commissioned by the University. This approach means that IFP graduates are well-placed and have the skills necessary to embark on degree-level study and have a rich appreciation of the subjects you have mastered.

Chris New

Deputy Head of International Foundation Programme (IFP)
University of London

“The pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent.” ISI 2016

Artists impression



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

Bromsgrove is one of the UK’s foremost independent boarding schools – a charity governed by a board of Governors which was founded in 1553 in the North Worcestershire market town of Bromsgrove.

Bromsgrove was one of the original HMC public schools and has a rich and successful history of producing well educated students who go on to top universities and beyond. Not only does Bromsgrove deliver excellent results, it offers students a breadth of opportunity in academic, sport, cultural and community areas. Set in the heart of England, close to the motorway network and with quick and easy access to both London Heathrow and Birmingham International airports, the School is an oasis of green parkland just minutes from the centre of the local town.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The University of London is one of the world's leading universities. Its reputation is based on the outstanding teaching and research of its eighteen independent Colleges (all of which enjoy enviable reputations) and nine specialist institutes.

All students from the Member Institutions are also University of London students, making them part of a community of over 170,000 students and giving them access to many services in London.

Since 1858, the University of London degrees and diplomas have been accessible to students all over the world through the University of London International Programmes. There are currently 50,000 students studying in 180 different countries.

In the 2013-2014 academic year, the University of London launched its International Foundation Programme, a challenging and inspiring programme designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge to prepare them for rigorous undergraduate study. This is a taught programme, which is equivalent in standard to qualifications studied in Year 13 in a UK school (e.g. A levels), that must be studied at an approved institution.



“Pupils have highly positive attitudes to learning and participation. They are diligent, spirited, eager to participate and proud of the high, sometimes exceptional standards which they achieve.” ISI 2016



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP)

An academic award from the University of London is a mark of excellence, respected by employers and universities worldwide. This is because the University of London is one of the world's leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards.

Academics at the University develop the syllabuses, prepare the study materials, and are responsible for the assessment of students. This means that students benefit from the academic rigour and leading-edge research undertaken by the University.

On successful completion of your studies you will be awarded the University of London International Foundation Certificate. The Certificate you receive will state that you were registered with the University of London and that examinations were conducted by the University of London.

The International Foundation Programme provides guaranteed entry to a range of undergraduate degrees offered by the University of London International Programmes. Furthermore, many of the UK's most prestigious universities will accept successful completion of the International Foundation Programme as meeting their entry requirements and will consider applications from students who have this qualification.

For further information about the University of London International Foundation Programme please see: <http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk>

THE IFP AT BROMSGROVE

Bromsgrove School is delighted to have been approved as a Candidate Teaching Institution for the prestigious University of London International Foundation programme (IFP).

The IFP at Bromsgrove is a two-term programme commencing at the end of August with terminal examinations, set and marked by the University of London in April.

The two-term programme equips you with the knowledge and skills you will need for undergraduate study: it offers a structured learning experience with an academic focus.

In addition, it provides an ideal transition between home and University with all IFP students accommodated and cared for within an on-campus boarding house offering a safe, secure and structured environment.



Over 30% of students leave Bromsgrove to start undergraduate courses at QS World Top 50 Universities, with the most popular destinations being University College London and King's College London. The London School of Economics and Imperial College are also popular destinations in the capital city. Outside of London, students tend to apply to research intensive Russell Group universities such as Edinburgh, Manchester, Durham and Bristol. Around 75 students a year apply for Economics, Politics or Business related courses. Outside of the UK, the most popular destinations are Hong Kong University, the University of British Columbia, Chicago, UCLA and NYU.



COURSES

For those international pupils seeking to gain entry to University through an alternative form of study, we will be offering the University of London's one year International Foundation Programme.

Students follow four courses:

Compulsory

Mathematics and Statistics
Economics
International Relations

And one of either:

Politics
or
Pure Mathematics

The programme is offered to students who have studied up to the equivalent of GCSE or IGCSE seeking to enter undergraduate courses in Maths, Economics, Finance, Business, Law, Politics, Management or other Social Science subjects.

In addition to the core curriculum from the University of London, Bromsgrove will provide students with additional compulsory classes in English Language skills. The English course is included in the course fee and will help students to improve their fluency and accuracy in spoken and written language. These classes will prepare students for the IELTS Academic examination.



MODE OF DELIVERY

Classroom learning (6 x 50 minute taught lessons per subject a week) includes lectures, online self-study, tutorials and workshops. In addition to the 5 taught hours per week per subject there will be 3.5 hours of guided study time per week per subject as well as 100 minutes per week of intensive English tuition in order to prepare for IELTS examinations.

Assessment is by final unseen examinations with preparation provided through course work, assignments, essays and tutorial exercises.

Out of standard hours, we will expect all IFP students to attend a weekly off-syllabus extension academic seminar, whilst an enrichment programme will be set up to span the School's two half term breaks.

Programme Duration: 1 academic year.

There will not be any refund or recourse should the student fail to complete the programme within the candidature period.

In the event that the class cannot commence due to low take-up rate, applicants will be informed at least one month before programme commencement.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

With over four hundred students in the Sixth Form (16+), the School has traditionally offered the A Level programme, the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the BTEC Diploma. The 180 or so A Level students each year are expected to gain 60% A*/A and 85% A*/B, whilst the 60+ IB Diploma students average 39 points. An overwhelming majority of BTEC students gain Distinction* grades.

The aim at Bromsgrove, whatever your course of study, is to aid pupils to access top universities to follow the degree of their choice. Typically our students continue to many of the UK's top Russell Group universities (70+%) with favourite destinations including the University of London, London School of Economics and Oxbridge as well as other top world universities in North America, Europe and the Far East. In 2016, 30% of leavers gained places at a QS world top 50 university.



Excellent teaching, together with pupils' positive attitude to their studies, leads to good and often rapid progress at all levels and substantial academic achievement: most sixth-form leavers proceed to degree courses at universities with exacting entry standards. ISI 2016



STUDENT LIFE

With a traditional boarding school ethos and an existing boarding community of over 500 pupils, the campus is always busy and pupils can see their friends, work in the library or take part in sport and activities every day. Bromsgrove prides itself on the breadth and depth of opportunities that exist for all pupils beyond the academic curriculum.

The School has extensive sports facilities, including a sports hall, an indoor arena, a gym, two squash courts, a pool and a couple of astro. In September 2017, a state of the art Music Concert Hall and Performing Arts Centre will be opened to enhance the musical and theatrical side of the School.

For the last four years the School has been ranked in the top 5 of all schools nationally for the strength of its Senior School Sport over 26 sports as measured by School Sport Magazine. Twice in the last decade the School have been national debating champions of the EU Youth Parliament competition and have gone on to represent England. There is an enthusiastic Young Enterprise Group and Targets 2.0 club whilst others participate in the schools' based

Model United Nations initiative. In addition to the activities programme, approximately 300 students are currently involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The School's Community Service programme caters for large numbers of pupils and provides a wide range of activities; some of the more popular options involve working in local schools, visiting residential homes and running a Fair Trade café.

We will expect students on the International Foundation Programme to participate as fully as possible in the extra-curricular life of the School and in particular in areas that will enhance their studies and sharpen their leadership and social skills.

Each weekend there is a full programme of exciting activities and excursions.



“Pupils’ extra-curricular achievement is excellent. They are energetic, and often highly successful, sportsmen and women.” ISI 2016



STUDENT SUPPORT - A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND LEARN

As a boarding school we offer a safe environment for teenagers who want to take an alternative route to university whilst still benefitting from strong pastoral care with residential staff, tutors and university/careers advisers all on hand to help and advise.

International Foundation Programme students will study and live in a brand new centre with modern classrooms and living spaces, single and double en-suite accommodation, and an International department all in one zone. The boarding accommodation for IFP students will have both a resident Houseparent and a resident tutor. These adults, along with other tutors, will have holistic responsibility for students' academic and pastoral concerns. The focus of allocated tutor times during the week is likely to quickly evolve from settling students in, to supporting university applications, to then more generalised support.

All meals will be taken centrally with other pupils and staff in our modern canteen-style dining room; the boarding house will also have simple cooking facilities for students to use.

Laundry will be done by our staff on site but the boarding house will also have washing machines for pupils to use. There is also a modern fully-equipped Health Centre.

As a Bromsgrove School student you will be able to use the gym and sports facilities as well as our learning and resources centre, the Library and our University and Careers department.



“The School is highly successful in maintaining a friendly atmosphere, which enables pupils and staff to enjoy their busy working lives.” ISI 2016



UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND

You will have access to our expert staff who can guide you through UCAS and application to world universities. Our staff will be on hand for you in the application/offer process but will also be available to you after results should you wish to change your university choice. We have many years of excellence in placing international pupils at Universities in UK and abroad.

The School has two full time university and careers guidance councillors and, in addition, a further teacher has a recognised responsibility to help support students' international university applications.

Beyond being available for one-on-one

careers interviews, the careers Department organise an extensive programme of outside speakers. In the last year these have included fifteen individual visits from universities and apprentice providers. We host two large university fairs a year with 50 universities represented, with a 60/40 split between UK and International institutions. There are also CV writing and interview practice workshops and weekly sessions to support MedVets, UKCAT, BMAT and LNAT. We have around 20 companies visit each year, with many large accountancy and management consultant firms involved.

BROMSGROVIAN COMMUNITY

With over 300 International students representing 40 different nationalities, Bromsgrove has many years of experience of successfully educating international pupils. Pupils live and study in what the most recent (2016) ISI inspection describes as "... a model of harmonious co-existence. Pupils enjoy the range of backgrounds, cultures and faiths, and they appreciate and respect others' beliefs and traditions. The diverse trips abroad encourage an understanding and acceptance of different cultures."

Bromsgrove pupils also benefit from a close relationship with Bromsgrove International School Thailand and Bromsgrove School Mission Hills, Shenzhen, China.

Bromsgrove boasts a very large Sixth Form. Strong friendships are forged among numerous young people from many nations and we encourage all our former pupils to stay in touch after graduation through our alumni database and keep us up to date with their achievements at university and beyond. Many alumni also offer work experience, advice and support to current pupils.



"The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent, reflecting the School's highly effective emphasis on their welfare, safeguarding and well-being, as well as the excellent quality of pastoral care. Teaching and pastoral staff of high calibre put the best interests of the pupils at the heart of their work." ISI 2016

ADMISSIONS

To be eligible for our programme applicants will need:

- To be aged between 17 and 19 before 31 December in the year of registration
- To have obtained an IELTS (or approved equivalent) of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each sub-test
- If applicable, to have gained five GCSEs/IGCSEs with grades six or above
- To successfully pass Bromsgrove School Mathematics and English entrance examinations
- To supply a copy of the most recent School transcript
- To provide a personal statement of 500 words
- Proof of ID, application
- To complete a Bromsgrove School application form
- To participate in an online or face to face interview

Fees

Bromsgrove School fees will include all tuition, accommodation, food, University of London fee and exam centre fee. Please contact Admissions for the latest fees list.

“Pupils behaviour in lessons is excellent.”

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