



impington village college

THE SUNDAY TIMES
**SCHOOLS
GUIDE
2020**

**EAST ANGLIA
STATE
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR**



Inclusive
Inspirational
International

Welcome to Impington Village College

At Impington Village College we provide our students with the knowledge, confidence and inspiration they need to achieve academic excellence and progress to the next stage of their life journey. Our College is ranked in the top 3 comprehensive schools and was crowned the top non-selective International Baccalaureate (IB) provider in the UK (Sunday Times Parent Power 2020). Student progress at Impington Village College is consistently in the top 5% nationally, and in the first few years of the reformed GCSEs, 15% of students have



achieved grade 9, with over 40% achieving at least a grade 7. We are confident that all of our students will leave the College with the academic results that they deserve and are as proud of our students with high levels of SEND, who work towards one or two GCSEs alongside their entry level courses, as those who achieve the very top grades.

Academic achievement isn't our only focus, we are also committed to guiding and supporting students into becoming well-rounded individuals, and we are proud of the fully inclusive college community we have built. We promote outstanding pastoral care and personal wellbeing in our students, and high levels of teaching and support are offered to all.

Our status as an IB World School allows us to be part of a global community, unified by the mission of creating 'a better world through education'. This September, we are launching the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) as our new KS3 curriculum. We have spent the last year completely redesigning our curricula and assessments to provide our new year 7 students with a completely unique academic experience. We are the only state school in the UK to offer the MYP, the Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP).

We are truly international by name and by nature, in that we offer five language choices at GCSE and 10 for sixth form students, and our student cohort speaks an amazing variety of over 30 languages!

Our diverse and balanced curriculum offers a broad range of opportunities and ensures that our students have access to the Arts, Sport, Languages and Humanities throughout their time with us. Our unique enrichment programme, Impington Creativity, Activity and Service (iCAS), supports students' personal development and wellbeing and offers them the chance to engage in a range of experiences, such as fencing, pottery, Russian and debating. The programme also provides an opportunity for students to learn for pleasure, rather than just for examinations, and each week 10% of our students go out volunteering in the community as part of their learning.

We are excited to show you around our fantastic site and facilities, so that you can see all that I have outlined above in action. I am confident that you will see that this is a College like no other.

Victoria Hearn,
Principal

"Impington Village College is a school with an individual and positive character. One aspect that shines through is the inclusive nature of the school, as seen in the behaviour and attitudes of staff and pupils."

Ofsted 2019



Our ethos

Our vision

Impington Village College is an outstanding and innovative learning community that is truly inclusive, inspirational and international. We support our students in becoming globally-minded, critical thinking and caring individuals, who are ready for the world post-education.

The wellbeing of our students is one of the core priorities at Impington Village College. We have created a positive environment where all can feel safe, secure and looked after. Each student is treated as an individual and is offered both respect and guidance if they approach a member of staff about an issue or problem they are facing. We are hugely proud to hold a number of accolades to highlight our commitment to and focus on wellbeing which includes the Gold Carnegie Medal for Mental Health.

Our House system also reflects the College's vision of an inclusive, inspirational and international environment. We have four Houses, each with students from all main College year groups. Houses are led by Heads and Deputy Heads of Houses, who provide support and guidance for students, and are readily available to speak with parents/carers about any concerns or questions.





Our mission

Inclusive: a welcoming place that celebrates difference and diversity

Inspirational: providing a unique experience and a world-class education for all

International: promoting positive values to secure a better future for our students as both local and global citizens

We are proud to have been an IB World School since 1991 and, because of this status, we focus on creating a balance between academic excellence and a well-rounded, values-driven education. As a College, we uphold the values of an IB education by:

- valuing inquiry and reflection, encouraging our students to be open minded in their learning;
- being principled and encouraging a caring attitude;
- promoting high quality communication and discussions within our community;
- encouraging international-mindedness and building respectful relationships.

Throughout their time with us, students develop the 10 attributes of the IB learner profile, which ensures that they go beyond academic success.

The learner profile implies a commitment to help all members of the College community learn to respect themselves, others and the world around them. Through our broad and unique curriculum, extra-curricular activities and excellent pastoral care, we help students to develop the following attributes:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

Inspirational

Inclusive



International

Our academic approach

The high-quality educational provision at Impington Village College supports inclusion, independence and meaningful progression for all students. Every student has access to a full range of appropriate assessment and accreditation opportunities, taking into account their individual needs.

Across all key stages, a student's progress is closely monitored, which means that parents receive regular reports and teachers can intervene when students fall short of their aspirational targets. Student progress is tracked carefully.

We also involve students in tracking their own progress against the IB learner profile in their iCAS portfolios.

This gives students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and reflect on how they are developing.

Students who may have additional needs receive outstanding support at the College, with specialist provision in place. Students learn and interact in a caring, happy, safe and secure environment, to allow them to flourish.

We are proud of the achievements of all of our students, from those who achieve grade 9s or a perfect score of 45 points in the DP, to students who have followed entry level courses alongside one or two GCSEs. Regardless of a student's starting point, we will ensure that they are guided to achieve the best possible grades.

In the last six years, our students' GCSE results have consistently placed the College in the top 5% of non-selective schools nationally. Our 2019 Progress8 score was +0.67, meaning that for the last four years our students have achieved, on average, over half a grade above national expectations in every one of their subjects, which has led to us being ranked in the top three comprehensive schools in the UK in the Sunday Times School Guide 2020 and 2021.



Our curriculum

Our curriculum sits at the very heart of Impington Village College. All lessons at the College embody the Impington Experience framework, which is our commitment to students to provide them with the highest quality teaching.

Our curriculum combines academic excellence with enrichment and personal development. Our staff pledge to deliver inspiring and engaging lessons, leading to outstanding outcomes for all. We offer a wide range of academic and technical qualifications at GCSE, with over 30 different choices, to ensure that all students are able to pursue appropriate qualifications.

As an IB World School, the IB's philosophy is at the centre of our academic curriculum, which helps develop learners who are inquiring, knowledgeable, caring and motivated to succeed. This also means that our curriculum promotes international-mindedness, cultural awareness and understanding; it is a celebration of our community's diversity, ensuring that our students are well equipped for the world beyond the classroom.

As part of our commitment to being a truly international College, we are also one of few colleges to offer five different languages at GCSE, including: Modern European languages, Japanese and Latin. Many of our students study two languages at GCSE.

We have a whole-college assessment policy that ensures that students receive consistent, regular, high-quality feedback to improve their progress and attainment; students complete work in bespoke Assessment Books and are given the opportunity to respond to teachers' feedback and demonstrate their understanding of what is required to make progress in the future.

To support their personal development, all students undertake iCAS. The programme provides an opportunity for learning for pleasure rather than for examinations, which is extremely important in promoting a balance between academic excellence, wider achievements and developing a student's love for learning and motivation to succeed. Through iCAS students are given the opportunity to undertake creative writing, swimming, volunteering and much more.



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

We are extremely proud of our Middle Years Programme (MYP) curriculum, which has been carefully planned to stretch students and provide them with the best possible start at IVC. The wide choice of subjects offered within MYP allows for a tailored curriculum, which ensures all our students succeed and are prepared for the next stage of their studies. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 at the College will follow the MYP before moving on to their GCSEs.

What is the MYP?

The MYP comprises eight subject groups, offering a broad and balanced education for students and develops learners who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers. The knowledge, skills and attributes developed while studying the MYP will prepare our students to meet the academic challenges of the IB Diploma and Career-related Programme, which they can go on to study at our sixth form, Impington International College. Students will study the following subject groups:

- Language and Literature
- Language Acquisition
- Individuals and Societies (incorporating History and Geography)
- Arts (Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts)
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Design (Digital and Product Design)
- Physical and Health Education

Critical

Creative

Reflective



Extra-curricular opportunities

The success of our curriculum is demonstrated through more than just student outcomes; it has been designed to ensure our students are prepared for life beyond the College. Students are encouraged to participate in our Student Leadership Team and many other extra-curricular activities to further take control of their learning; this includes a very wide range of overseas trips, to destinations within Europe and as far afield as Japan and Ethiopia.

Students have the opportunity to take part in all three levels the Duke of Edinburgh scheme (Bronze, Silver and

Gold), which has been facilitated at the College for over 20 years. Through the scheme, participants complete volunteering, skills, physical and expedition sections. Students that undertake the Duke of Edinburgh find that they develop confidence in areas that they may have never experienced before.

They also have the opportunity to develop their creative side through our Artsmark Gold Award accreditation. Through the accreditation, we support our students and build their confidence, character and resilience with arts and cultural education. We use the framework to embed creativity across our whole curriculum.

We are excited to also begin our adventure with World Challenge, which gives students the opportunity to undertake transformative travel experiences around the world. We are aiming for our first expedition to go out in summer 2022.

Students who are passionate about reading also have access to our wonderful library, which is a busy, lively environment filled with great books and people who are enthusiastic about reading them and recommending them to others.



Impington International College

Impington International College is our outstanding international sixth form, which has been crowned the UK's top non-selective provider of the IB for the last two years (The Sunday Times Parent Power 2021).

For more than 30 years, our sixth form has been proud to offer a world class IB education and an inspiring educational home for students from over 30 countries.

Why choose Impington International College?

- We deliver outstanding outcomes
- We provide high contact time with teachers, with small class sizes of 8 – 10 students
- We have built a nurturing environment with a focus on excellent pastoral care
- We are truly international and broaden students' aspirations and horizons

Students have the option to study:

- the IB Diploma Programme
- the IB Career-related Programme
- at The Performance School
- as part of our Sports Scholarship Programme.

We are proud to also offer a Specialist Post-16 Provision for young people who have an Education Health and Care Plan, which is targeted towards young people who are working towards Entry Level 2/3 qualifications, independence and the development of key life skills.

In 2021, our IB cohort achieved a 100% pass rate for the DP and the CP, with an average DP score of 36 points (out of a possible 45), beating the international average of 33. Each year around 95% of our students are offered their first choice university place, with 45% offered Oxbridge or Russell Group places.

Many of our students from the Performance School go on to join professional companies, with a number starring in the West End.



Key information

We welcome applications from all students in our community and strive to provide the highest standard of education appropriate to each student's age, interests and abilities. Surrounded by large, grassy fields, ideal for whole-College events, our site sits in the beautiful village of Impington, located in close proximity to the cosmopolitan city of Cambridge.

At Impington Village College, we expect all of our students to aspire to be the best they can be, to

be global citizens, to be caring and well-rounded individuals. We are confident that their time spent at the College will prepare them for the next steps in their life journey.

More key information can be found in the parent handbook on our website.

Facilities

We are exceptionally lucky at Impington Village College to have such a beautiful site, with many buildings that provide excellent facilities for learning, including a well-stocked library.

Students have access to a number of technology studios, art spaces including a photography studio and media suite, laboratories, dance and drama studios, recital rooms and a music studio. We also have a fully-equipped Sports Centre with a gym and swimming pool for use by the students and the wider community.

Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students at all times. Uniform is purchased through Orchard Clothing online and can be delivered to the College for collection. Our Parents, Staff and Friends Association also runs a second-hand College uniform stall, which is open at all parental events. All money raised through second-hand purchases goes to support the College.

Polo shirts	Sky blue Impington Village College polo shirt with logo in the House colour of the student
Sweatshirt	Blue: Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Blue or maroon: Year 11 The College sweatshirt must bear the College logo in the House colour of the student
Trousers and skirts	Black trousers can be worn and this includes jeans. Skirts should be free moving and not tight against the legs
Shoes	Black shoes should be worn, which may include trainers or plimsolls. These should have no prominent logos or additional colours

Transport

Many students travel to the College on foot or by bicycle; there are secure bike racks across the site for student use. There is a regular bus timetable into Cambridge city centre and other surrounding villages such as Girton, Oakington, Dry Drayton and Milton.

School lunches

Students are lucky to be able to enjoy excellent dining facilities in College, and menus that our own students have been involved in designing. We offer a breakfast service from 8am each morning, perfect for enrichment activities during Period 0, and have a range of options available for both break and lunch.



Get in touch

Tours of the College are encouraged, visit our website or get in touch to arrange your visit.

Impington Village College

New Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9LX

www.impington.cambs.sch.uk

01223 200 400

Office@ivc.tmet.org.uk

