



British International School
of Ljubljana
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A-Level/Sixth Form Information Presentation

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Purpose

What are A Levels?

Subject choices

Where do A Levels lead to?

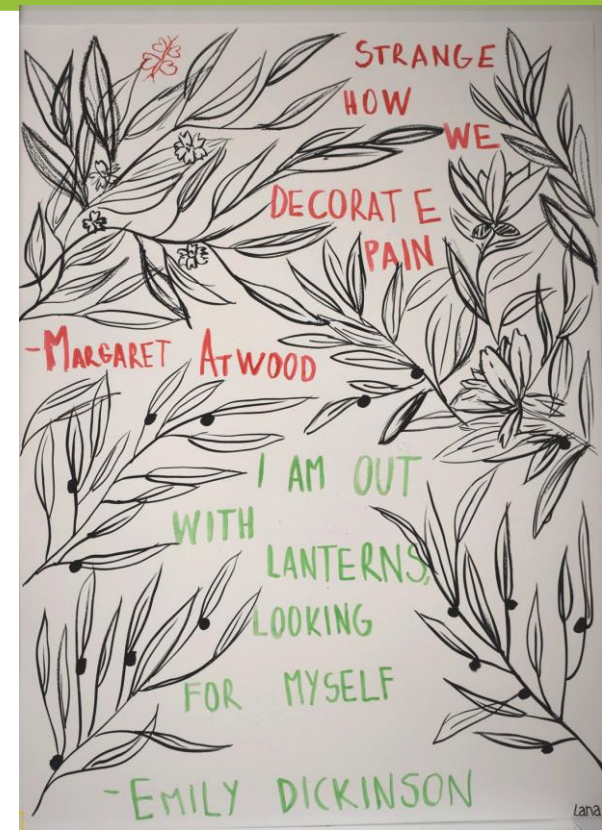
Assessments

Celebrate Results

A Level and IB

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Answer any questions





What are A levels?

- **Subject based qualifications**
- **World's most popular international qualification for 16 to 18 year olds.**
- **Recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide.**
- **International passport to progression and success.**
- **Based on application of knowledge, not memorising**



What are A levels?

Year at BISL	Year in Slovene high school	Examination level
12	3	AS Level 4 subjects
13	4	A2 Level 3 subjects



How to choose subjects

Questions for students:

- What do I enjoy studying?
- What do I enjoy thinking about?
- What would I like to do in the future?
- Is my choice balanced?
- Am I keeping my options open?
- IGCSE performance

‘Move up’ sessions



Requirements for Entry

IGCSE → AS levels → A2 levels

Requirement for AS level: 5 x A*-C IGCSE

Requirement for A2 level: 4 x A*-E AS level



Subjects in 20/21

AS

Subject to review

Mathematics/Mechanics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, English Literature, English Language, Economics, Business, Psychology, German, Art

A2

Mathematics/Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Art, Music, English Literature, Economics, Business, Psychology, History, English Language

Other possibilities:

Media Studies, French + more



Non-Examined Lessons

- PE - 2 lessons weekly
- Slovene (native or non-native) - choice
- University preparation
 - universities and courses research
 - application procedure
 - personal statements
 - visits/presentations from universities
 - visits/presentations from alumni



Where do our A-levels lead?

University of Edinburgh (Physics)

Imperial College London (Aeronautical Engineering)

University of Tübingen (Medicine)

Sidney University (Medical Engineering)

University of Amsterdam (Journalism)

Bocconi University (Business Management)

Esad University (Economics)

University of Aberdeen (Law, English)

Tilburg University (Psychology)

EU Business School Barcelona (Business)

City University London (Psychology/Criminology)

Hult University London (Business)

Middlesex University (Music)

Delft University (Architecture)

BIMM Berlin (Music)

Maastricht University (Biomedical)

King's College London (Economics)

Queen Margaret, Edinburgh (Public relations)

University of Maastricht (European Studies)

University of Ljubljana (Medicine)

KU Leuven, Belgium (Industrial Science)



Assessments

- External but conducted in school (BISL = Exam centre)
- Externally delivered and marked
- Exam boards:
 - **AQA** <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>
 - **CAIE** <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>



Cambridge Assessment
International Education



Assessments

- During the year: assessment for learning
- Typically each subject has more than one exam
- Externally set dates (May/June)

Example: Sciences

AS Paper 1: Multiple Choice, 60 min

AS Paper 2: Structured questions, 1h 15 min

AS Paper 3: Practical, 2h

A2 Paper 4: Structured questions, 2h

A2 Paper 5: Analyses and planning, 1h 15m

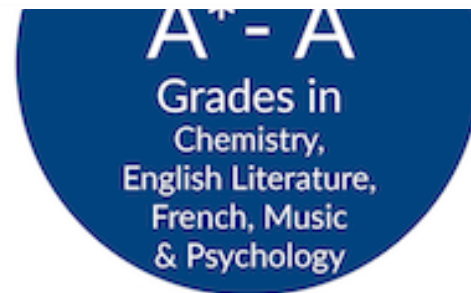
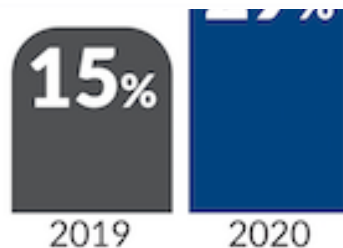
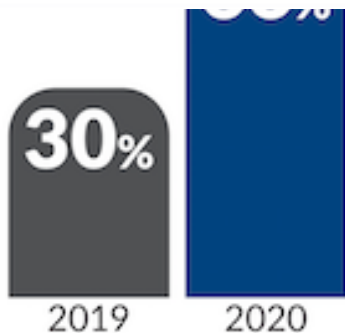


How do we compare?

A Level Results



100% A* - C Grades in all **Sciences** at both IGCSE and A Level





Certificate

General Certificate of Education

This certifies that in the June 2019 examination series

STUDENT NAME

of BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LJUBLJANA

was awarded the following grade(s) in the syllabus(es) shown:

Syllabus	Grade
Chemistry	Advanced Level A*(a*)
Mathematics	Advanced Level A*(a*)
Biology	Advanced Level A(a)

SYLLABUSES REPORTED: THREE

Vice-Chancellor
University of Cambridge





The difference between A Levels and IB

A Levels:

- The combination of AS and A2 Level qualifications - usually three subject
- You have the choice. You decide what you want to study.
- The ability to specialise early - study in depth what you wish to study.
- A test of academic ability.
- If you do not want to study a particularly subject, you do not need to.
- Accepted worldwide by Universities.
- Application of knowledge.

- **A Levels - specialise earlier, study at a deeper level, freedom of choice as to what you can study**

IB qualification:

- The study of 6 subjects which are chosen from 1st Language, 2nd Language, Humanities, Science, Mathematics and Art (or another one from the previous 5 categories)
- three compulsory subjects - theory of knowledge, extended essay and the evaluation of Creativity, Action and service.
- Accepted worldwide by Universities
- Encourages independent inquiry



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Looking ahead...

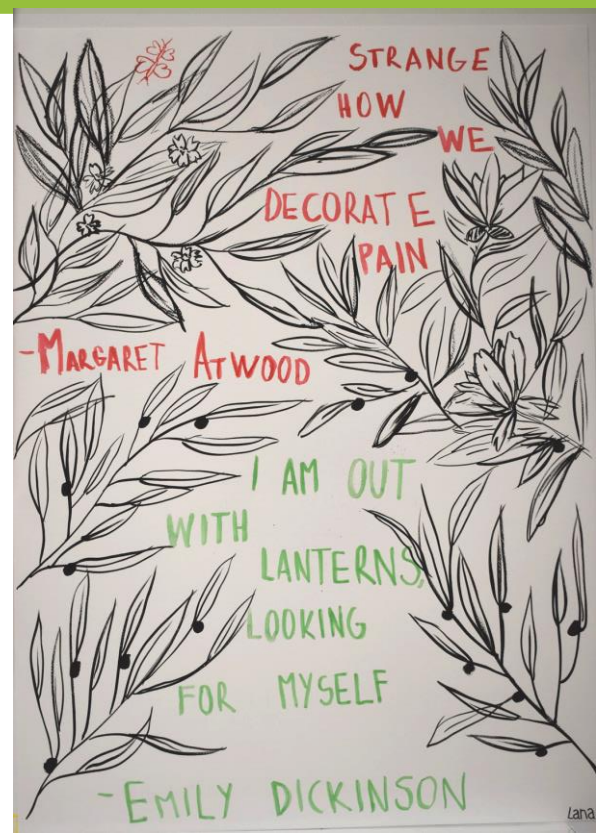
- An afternoon to discuss subjects with Subject Teachers
- Students will choose subjects- preferences





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Thank you.