

ISZL

High School

Profile 2023–24

OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1961, ISZL is a private, non-profit day school providing education for students aged 3 to 18 in Central Switzerland. Through dynamic and hands-on learning opportunities offered in and outside the classroom, a rigorous academic programme, community and service-oriented experiences, and the international cultures represented by our community, ISZL connects students to the greater world around them. ISZL is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), a US accrediting commission.

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796221

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1837

UCAS Number
48147

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OUR MISSION

We are a community of learners determined to make the world – or our corner of it – a better, kinder place. We reflect our values in everything we do so that we make the most of opportunities and challenges in a spirit of enthusiastic inquiry.

OUR VISION

We help every student turn their learning into action, creating the opportunity to stretch themselves further and achieve more than they believe possible.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

ISZL provides a rigorous college preparatory high school curriculum that leads to our NEASC-accredited ISZL High School Diploma. All students partake in a well-rounded educational experience through the successful completion of the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Grades 9–10. In Grades 11–12, students have the opportunity to choose between the IB Diploma Programme or ISZL High School Programme. Around 60% of our students complete the IB Diploma Programme, while 40% complete the High School/ AP Programme.

ISZL AT A GLANCE

2023–24 FACTS AND FIGURES



School Enrolment
1,260



High School Campus Enrolment
475



Class of 2024
116



Number of Faculty
70



Nationalities Represented
68



Native languages spoken within school community
53



Faculty / Student Ratio
1:7

Netherlands 5%

Switzerland 5%

Germany 7%

United Kingdom 19%

United States 12%



Top 5 Nationalities



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from ISZL, students must demonstrate satisfactory completion of the IB Middle Years Programme and subsequent satisfactory completion of the IB Diploma Programme, or the ISZL High School Programme, including a minimum of:

- Ten courses over Grades 11 and 12
- Six courses in both Grades 9 and 10
- Four years: Service Project(s)
- Three years: English and Humanities and Science and Mathematics (at least one year in Grade 11 or 12)
- Two years: Language Acquisition
- Two years: Arts or Design or Physical and Health Education

CLASS OF 2024

The Class of 2024 has 116 students. The High School enrolment is 475 students, with approximately 120 students per grade level.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The PDP is a mandatory component of the ISZL pastoral curriculum. The PDP is made up of three school-wide elements – Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Service Projects and a Personal Development Week – that engages students in their development as well-rounded individuals.

PSHE

PSHE explores a wide range of topics including healthy relationships, healthy minds and healthy bodies, decision making, life skills, mindfulness, sex education, social media, college counselling support, leadership, academic honesty and child protection.

PRINCIPLED INNOVATIONS PROGRAMME (PIP)

PIP is designed to provide learning experiences that will help Grade 9 and 10 students to live ISZL's mission, vision and values. The PIP programme focuses on teaching students to deepen

a personal understanding of their identities, core values and motivations, consider how they as individuals interact with and contribute to the community, and develop an orientation towards principled and sustainable action.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK (PDW)

The Personal Development Week (PDW) programme challenges our students to engage in service and to expand their horizons. Held at locations around Europe and the wider world, the PDW allows students to continue their learning in a real-world context. In the words of our school vision, they are encouraged to turn their learning into action. ISZL partners with community organisations to ensure the work done on PDWs makes a long-lasting impact. Projects are centred around the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They link to the IB DP CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) programme, the ISZL High School service programme and Service as Action in the IB Middle Years Programme.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SERVICE

The SEES programme incorporates the IB Middle Years Programme Service as Action and the IB Diploma Programme's CAS (Creativity, Activity & Service). The programme challenges students to identify needs and problems, to bring subject-specific skills to real world contexts and to collaborate and innovate in order to become part of the solution.

The completion of a range of SEES-related activities is a core requirement of all of our High School programmes:

- Grade 9/10 MYP students need to meet the Service as Action learner outcomes.
- Grade 11/12 IBDP/High School students need to meet CAS/Service requirements.



The ISZL Class of 2023

AP® RESULTS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® (AP) 2021–2023



CATEGORY	2021	2022	2023
No. of AP Exams taken	244	267	296
ISZL % of passing scores	88%	90%	91%
ISZL Mean Score	3.9	4.0	4.0
ISZL Scores of 4+	63%	72%	73%

AP® scholars

18

AP® scholars with honours

12

AP® scholars with distinction

28

AP® International Diploma recipients

10



ISZL 2023 AP exams with scores of 3 or higher



ISZL 2023 AP exams with scores of 4 or higher

AP SCORE DISTRIBUTION (NUMBER OF EXAMS) 2023

SUBJECT GROUP	GRADE					TOTAL
	5	4	3	2	1	
Arts	2	6	3	1	0	12
English	5	12	8	4	0	29
Humanities	40	27	20	6	6	99
Languages	21	7	1	0	0	29
Mathematics	30	9	5	4	1	49
Sciences	23	33	18	3	1	78
Total Number 2023	121	94	55	18	8	296
Total Percentage (%) 2023	41	32	18	6	3	100

ISZL GRADING SYSTEM

ISZL 7-POINT GRADING SCALE VS. LETTER GRADE AND PERCENTAGE RANGE

ISZL employs a 7-point internal grading scale influenced by, but not equivalent to, the IB 1–7 grading system. ISZL does not produce or report a Grade Point Average (GPA) nor rank students.

ISZL 7-POINT GRADING SCALE	ISZL APPROXIMATE LETTER GRADE	ISZL APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE RANGE
7	A+	98–100
6	A- / A	90–97
5	B / B+	83–89
4	C+ / B-	78–82
3	C- / C	70–77
2	D	60–69
1	F	0–59

Please note that ISZL does not utilize a letter-based grading scale or percentages. The equivalencies provided above are additionally not universally recognised or accepted and, instead, are provided to help outside educational institutions gain an appreciation of our 1–7 grading scale.

IB RESULTS

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP) 2021–2023



CATEGORY	2021	2022	2023
No. of IB Diploma Candidates	59	59	61
ISZL % of Candidates passing Diploma	98%	100%	97%
ISZL Average IB Score	38	38	35
ISZL Scores of 36+	75%	74%	46%



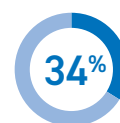
ISZL 2023 IB Diploma Programme pass rate

IB Diploma candidates
61

ISZL average IBDP score
35



ISZL 2023 IBDP students scoring 40 points or higher



ISZL 2023 IBDP students scoring 36–39 points



ISZL 2023 IBDP students scoring 30–35 points



ISZL 2023 IBDP students scoring 24–29 points

IB SCORE DISTRIBUTION (NUMBER OF EXAMS) 2023

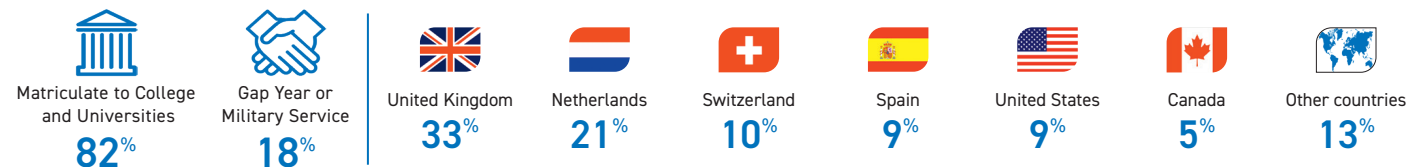
SUBJECT GROUP	GRADE							TOTAL
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Studies in Language and Literature (Group 1)	1	27	34	12	0	0	0	74
Language acquisition (Group 2)	27	18	7	1	0	0	0	53
Individuals & Societies (Group 3)	11	46	31	9	1	0	0	98
Sciences (Group 4)	6	24	30	15	5	2	0	82
Mathematics (Group 5)	2	20	24	18	3	0	0	67
The Arts (Group 6)	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	7
Total Number 2023	48	137	130	55	9	2	0	381
Total Percentage (%) 2023	13	36	34	14	2	1	0	100

BTEC RESULTS

PEARSON BTEC SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA 2023



BTEC CREATIVE MEDIA	DIPLOMA	SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA
Number of candidates	2	2
Distinction	2 (100%)	0
Merit	0	0
Pass	0	1 (50%)



2021-23 UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

Our students have a limit of ten applications worldwide.
Schools who receive applications from ISZL can be assured the student is a serious applicant.

<p> AUSTRALIA University of Technology, Sydney Australian College of Applied Psychology</p> <p> BELGIUM Ghent University KU Leuven</p> <p> CANADA Concordia University Emily Carr University of Art and Design McGill University* McMaster University Trent University University of Alberta University of British Columbia* University of Guelph University of Toronto* University of Waterloo Queen's University York University</p> <p> CHINA Fudan University</p> <p> FRANCE American University in Paris EDHEC Business School ESCP-Europe - Paris* Paris College of Art Collège Universitaire de Sciences Po</p> <p> GERMANY Bard College Berlin Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Mittweida University of Applied Sciences MSH Medical School Hamburg</p> <p> GREECE University of Crete</p> <p> HONG KONG Hong Kong University of Science and Technology University of Hong Kong</p> <p> HUNGARY Semmelweis University of Medical Sciences</p> <p> IRELAND Trinity College Dublin</p> <p> ITALY Accademia Italiana Istituto Marangoni Università Bocconi*</p>	<p> NETHERLANDS Amsterdam University College Breda University of Applied Sciences Eindhoven University of Technology Erasmus University College* Erasmus University Rotterdam* Fontys University of Applied Sciences HAN University of Applied Sciences Hanze University of Applied Sciences Leiden University* Leiden University College The Hague Maastricht University* Rotterdam Business School Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences Technical University of Delft* The Hague University of Applied Sciences Tilburg University* University College Roosevelt* University College Venlo University College Tilburg University of Amsterdam* University of Groningen* University of Twente* Utrecht University* Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Windesheim University of Applied Sciences</p> <p> SPAIN Abat Oliba CEU University EAE Business School ESADE Business School* European University of Madrid* IE University* University of Navarra* Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio</p> <p> SWEDEN Luleå University of Technology Lund University Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) University of Gävle</p> <p> SWITZERLAND École Hôtelière de Lausanne* ETH Zurich* EU Business School - Geneva Franklin University Switzerland* Glion Institute Lucerne University of Applied Sciences University of Lausanne University of St. Gallen* University of Zurich* Webster University Geneva</p> <p> UNITED KINGDOM Abertay University* Arts University Bournemouth Aston University Birkbeck, University of London Birmingham City University Bristol University Brunel University London Buckinghamshire New University Cardiff Metropolitan University Cardiff University* City University of London</p> <p>Coventry University Durham University* Edinburgh Napier University Fairfield University Goldsmiths, University of London Hartpury University Heriot-Watt University Imperial College London* Istituto Marangoni London Keele University King's College London* Kingston University Lancaster University Leeds Arts University Leeds Beckett University Leeds Trinity University Liverpool Hope University London School of Economics and Political Science Loughborough University* Manchester Metropolitan University Middlesex University Newcastle University Norwich University of the Arts Nottingham Trent University Queen Mary University of London Ravensbourne University London Regent's University* Robert Gordon University Royal Holloway, University of London Royal Veterinary College, University of London Sheffield Hallam University Solent University Staffordshire University St. George's, University of London Swansea University University of Aberdeen University of Bedfordshire University of Central Lancashire University College London* University For the Creative Arts* University of the Arts London* University of Bath* University of Birmingham* University of Brighton University of Bristol* University of Cambridge* University of Dundee University of East Anglia* University of East London University of Edinburgh* University of Essex University of Exeter* University of Glasgow* University of Leeds* University of Leicester University of Lincoln University of Liverpool University of Manchester* University of Nottingham* University of Plymouth University of Salford University of Sheffield* University of Southampton* University of St. Andrews* University of Stirling University of Strathclyde University of Surrey University of Sussex University of Warwick* University of Westminster, London University of West London University of York*</p>	<p> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES New York University - Abu Dhabi</p> <p> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Arizona State University Babson College Barnard College Bentley University Boston College Boston University California College of the Arts Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University College of William and Mary Cornell University Detroit Institute of Music Education Drexel University Emerson College Emory University Florida Institute of Technology Fordham University Georgia Institute of Technology George Washington University Harvard University Indiana University at Bloomington Ithaca College Los Angeles College of Music New Jersey Institute of Technology New York University* Northeastern University* Parsons School of Design Pennsylvania State University Purdue University Rhode Island School of Design Ringling College of Art and Design Rochester Institute of Technology Rollins College* Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design Stanford University Syracuse University University of California, Davis University of California, San Diego University of Colorado Boulder University of Denver University of Massachusetts Amherst University of Miami University of Michigan Ann Arbor* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh University of Puget Sound University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Vermont University of Virginia University of Washington University of Wisconsin-Madison Virginia Tech Wake Forest University Worcester Polytechnic Institute</p>
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Schools **bolded** indicate matriculation.

* indicates more than one student attending.