



Discovery College (DC) is a co-educational independent school located in Discovery Bay, Hong Kong. DC was established in 2008 by the English Schools Foundation (ESF) to serve the needs of the local and international community in Hong Kong. It is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School.

## Vision Statement

**Grow.** Be passionate about being the best we can be.

**Discover.** Find wonder in the world around us.

**Dream.** Dare to make a difference for yourself, humanity and our planet.

## THE FIVE DC OUTCOMES



## International Community

Since opening in 2008, Discovery College has had a growing roll, reaching **1,409 students** enrolled in Years 1-13 (K-12) in the 2021-22 academic year. We have a diverse student body, with more than 47 nationalities represented on campus. Discovery College has an experienced and highly professional staff who fully embrace the IB curriculum. Our teachers and support staff represent more than 25 countries.

## Curriculum

Discovery College is an authorised IB World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP) and the Career-related Programme (CP). The medium of instruction is English, with the vast majority of students studying Chinese (Putonghua) as a second language.

In Years 10 and 11 (Grades 9 and 10), students participate in the MYP, which provides a seamless transition into the DP or CP. The fundamental concepts in the MYP include intercultural understanding, communication and holistic learning. Students take courses in the following 8 subject areas: Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Sciences, Mathematics, Physical and Health Education, Individuals and Societies, Design, and the Arts: Music, Drama and Visual Arts.

In Years 12 and 13 (Grades 11 and 12), students take the full DP, the CP, or pursue Diploma Courses. The DP is recognised as a comprehensive pre-university programme that offers courses in six subject areas. Students also undertake Theory of Knowledge (ToK), complete a 4,000-word Extended Essay (EE) and participate in Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS). The CP allows students to specialise and dedicate themselves to an area of learning that they know they want to pursue and encompasses the IB's educational philosophy and mission. Students undertake up to four DP courses, a course in Personal and Professional Skills, complete a Reflective Project, and participate in Language Development and Service Learning.

## Assessment

Formal student assessment is criterion-based and includes external and internal assessment and reporting. Discovery College follows the International Baccalaureate seven point grading scale with 7 being the highest, in our Middle Years Programme and our Diploma Programme. **Students are not ranked at Discovery College, and we do not calculate grade point averages.**

## School closure

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impacted Discovery College students in the following ways over the 2020-21 academic year:

Students started the academic year online with full timetable Zoom based lessons for the first six weeks and resumed face-to-face teaching in mid-September in compliance with all government social distancing restrictions. Starting at the end of November, DC was once again closed and back online with Zoom based lessons until the end of February. Some exceptions were given to Year 12 and Year 13 students to access campus for half-days in January and February to complete critical practical work. From late February until early April students were on campus for half-days in addition to half-days learning virtually. From April to June students were on campus for full-days again in compliance with all government social distancing restrictions. During school closure and online lessons, all extra-curricular activities and sports were cancelled. It should be noted that students could not access campus outside the school hours for the entire school year. Compliance with the strict government restrictions included but was not limited to social distancing, compulsory mask wearing, and designated eating areas. All these changes impacted the students' school experience and many adaptations were made to their learning. While practical classes saw the most negative impact (Sciences, Visual Arts, Film, Drama and Design Technology), the impact on overall student performance and well-being should not be underestimated. For further information please contact the school directly.

## IB Diploma Results: May 2021

Discovery College's seventh cohort of IB Diploma students graduated in May 2021. The summary information below reflects their results.

|  | DC (May 2021) | DC (May 2020) | DC (May 2019) | DC (May 2018) | Worldwide* (May 2020) |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Number of students entered for the full IB Diploma | 90            | 88            | 77            | 90            | N/A                   |
| Number of students achieving the IB Diploma        | 87            | 86            | 75            | 87            | N/A                   |
| % of students achieving the IB Diploma             | 96.7%         | 97.7%         | 97.4%         | 96.7%         | 89%                   |
| % of students achieving the Bilingual Diploma      | 21.1%         | 19.3%         | 16.9%         | 15.6%         | 25.9%                 |
| Mean points score for all IB Diploma students      | 36.0          | 35.7          | 35.5          | 35.2          | 33                    |
| % of students achieving 30+ IB Diploma points      | 92.2%         | 88.6%         | 85.7%         | 83.3%         | 62%                   |
| % of students achieving 35+ IB Diploma points      | 65.6%         | 58%           | 58.4%         | 56.7%         | 33.9%                 |
| % of students achieving 40+ IB Diploma points      | 25.6%         | 25%           | 22.1%         | 21.1%         | 11%                   |
| Mean grade for all subjects                        | 5.65          | 5.59          | 5.54          | 5.47          | 5.19                  |
| Mean Core Points (for Extended Essay and ToK)      | 2.16          | 1.87          | 2.08          | 2.21          | 1.28                  |

\*\* IBO Worldwide data for May 2021 is not yet available. These figures are from May 2020. The worldwide data has stayed fairly consistent over the last few years.

## Graduate Destinations

Discovery College is very proud of the achievements of all **91 students in the class of 2021**. All of our students earned their qualification, enabling them to attend universities around the world. Students have chosen to pursue academic studies in a range of subjects, while several have selected work, military or service opportunities before pursuing university studies.

Listed below are the university placements for the class of 2021. The number in parentheses indicates multiple graduates attending the university.

### AUSTRALIA

Applications currently being processed for academic year 2021

### CANADA

University of British Columbia (4)  
Concordia University  
University of Toronto

### GERMANY

WHU Otto Beisheim

### HONG KONG

Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2)  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (3)  
The University of Hong Kong (6)

### IRELAND

Institute of Carlow  
Trinity College Dublin

### ITALY

Humanitas University

### JAPAN

Hosei University

### NETHERLANDS

Erasmus University Rotterdam (2)  
Maastricht University  
University of Amsterdam

### SOUTH AFRICA

Stellenbosch University (2)

### SPAIN

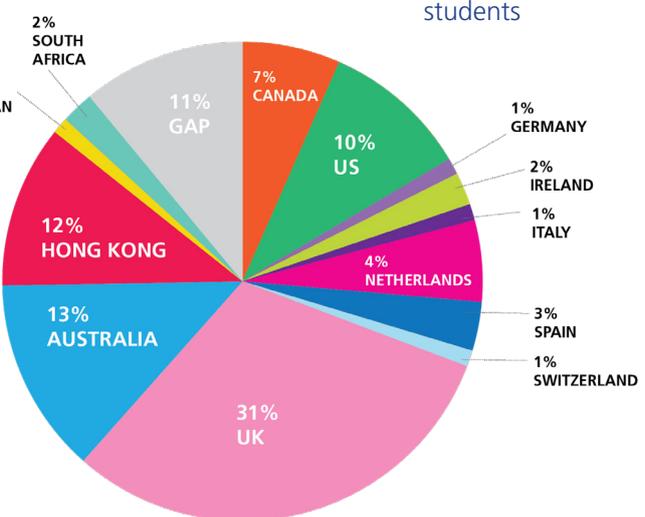
Basque Culinary Institute  
European University of Madrid  
IE Business School

### SWITZERLAND

EHL (Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne)

### UK

Durham University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
King's College London  
Loughborough University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Newcastle University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Royal Veterinary College  
University of Bath (3)  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Dundee



## Class 2021 Destinations by percentage %



University of Glasgow  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds  
University of Nottingham (2)  
University of Oxford  
University of St Andrews  
University of Surrey  
University of the Arts London (4)

### USA

Bridgewater State University  
Duke University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
San Francisco Conservatory of Music  
Santa Clara University  
The New School (Parsons)  
University of Southern California (2)  
University of Wisconsin-Madison