



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 expatriate community in Hong Kong. It is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as well as the Council of International Schools (CIS).



### 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.

### Powerful Learning Statement

At Discovery College we believe that powerful learning and teaching occurs under a shared spirit of respect, which dignifies and prizes our diversity of experiences and perspectives, reaches into our traditions as well as into the future, excites a passion for ongoing inquiry and strives to help all learners reach for enduring excellence.

### International Community

Since opening in 2008, Discovery College has had a growing roll, reaching more than 1345 students enrolled in Years 1-13 in the 2015-16 academic year. We have a diverse student body, with more than 45 nationalities represented on campus. There are 662 students enrolled in the Secondary School (Years 7-13), with all 176 students in Years 12-13 currently pursuing the IB Diploma and IB Diploma Courses.

Discovery College has an experienced and highly professional staff who fully embrace the IB curriculum. Our teachers and support staff represent more than 22 countries.

### Curriculum

Discovery College is an authorised IB World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP). 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. The fundamental concepts in the MYP include intercultural understanding, communication and holistic learning. Students take courses in 8 subject areas including 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 IB Diploma Programme or pursue IB Diploma Courses. The DP is recognised as a comprehensive pre-university programme that offers courses in six subject areas. IB students also undertake Theory of Knowledge (ToK), complete a 4,000-word Extended Essay (EE) and participate in a Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) programme.

### 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 in our Middle Years Programme and our Diploma Programme. Students are not ranked at Discovery College, and we do not calculate grade point averages.

7 = Excellent	6 = Very Good	5 = Good	4 = Satisfactory
3 = Mediocre	2 = Poor	1 = Very Poor	





## IB Diploma Results: May 2015

Discovery College's second cohort of IB Diploma students graduated in May 2015. The summary information below reflects their results.

	DC (May 2015)	DC (May 2014)	Worldwide (May 2014)*
Number of students entered for the full IB Diploma	46	49	61,644
Number of students entered for IB Diploma Courses	1	3	67,553
Number of students achieving the IB Diploma	44	45	53,552
% of students achieving the IB Diploma	95.7%	91.8%	79.3%
Number of students achieving a Bilingual Diploma	7	11	15,321
% of students achieving a Bilingual Diploma	15.2%	22.4%	24.9%
Mean points score for all IB Diploma students	33.9	31.9	30.1
% of students achieving 30+ IB Diploma points	80.4%	69.4%	53.2%
% of students achieving 35+ IB Diploma points	47.8%	26.5%	24.9%
% of students achieving 40+ IB Diploma points	13.0%	8.2%	6.8%
Mean grade for all subjects	5.34	4.96	4.70
Mean Core Points (for Extended Essay and ToK)	1.80	1.57	1.20

\* IBO Worldwide data for May 2015 is not yet available so May 2014 data has been provided. The worldwide data has stayed fairly consistent over the last few years.

## Graduate Destinations

Discovery College is very proud of the achievements of all 47 students in the class of 2015. 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. Applications to universities in Korea, Australia and New Zealand are still in progress. Listed below are the university placements for the class of 2015. The number in parentheses indicates multiple graduates attending the university.

## University Placements

### United Kingdom

University of Birmingham  
Cambridge University  
Durham University (4)  
University of Exeter  
Falmouth University (2)  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
University of Kent  
Loughborough University (2)  
The University of Manchester (2)  
Queen Mary, University of London  
University College London (UCL)  
University of Warwick  
University of York

### Canada

Simon Fraser University  
University of British Columbia (2)  
University of Toronto (2)  
Vancouver Film School

### Hong Kong

University of Hong Kong (HKU)  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

### Japan

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

### United States

Columbia College Chicago  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Northeastern University  
Parsons School of Design  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Barbara  
Syracuse University  
University of Washington

Destinations of 2015 graduates by percentage

