



Impington International College Admissions Guidelines 2025-2026

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Impington International College: Admissions Policy

Introduction

Impington International College (IIC) is a state funded sixth form which is part of Impington Village College. Both institutions are part of the Eastern Learning Alliance which is the Admissions Authority for Impington Village College.

IIC provides for sixth form aged students. It offers two programmes of study; the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme, with specialism in Sport, Performing Arts and Health and Social Care. The sixth form also offers a football scholarship, a rugby scholarship and a netball scholarship which can sit alongside either programme of study.

As part of an IB World School, IIC embodies the values of the IB and approaches education in a holistic manner, seeking to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect"¹

Application Process

Applications to year 12 (Sixth Form) for a place at Impington International College on the IBDP or the IBCP are made in two ways. If you are in school within the Cambridge Area Partnership (CAP) your application must be made through MyChoice 16. If you are a student from outside of the CAP, you must apply directly to the college using the Applicaa link available on the website.

If applying through MyChoice you should list your preferences in order of priority. You can do a joint first preference at two institutions, if the courses are different.

Entry requirements for Impington International College:

Applicants are usually 16 or 17 years old, are UK passport holders and have lived in the UK for the last three (3) years or have the appropriate visas or right to remain for study in the UK. If there are any questions regarding this, contact should be made to IIIC directly for clarification of applicant status.

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¹ International Baccalaureate Organisation: IB Mission Statement

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

We require at least seven GCSEs with an average of Grade 6, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will ideally need at least a grade 7.

International Baccalaureate Career Programme

We require at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 (or equivalent) or higher, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.

The Performance School

We require at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 (or equivalent) or higher, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.

Sports Scholarship Programmes

Alongside the academic requirements above, we require successful completion of trials and engagement with the sport of choice.

Pre-IB

A pre-IB year can be offered, on a case-by-case basis, to students for whom a three-year post 16 programme is deemed appropriate. Examples of this can include:

- Students not in the English educational system who have recently moved to the country
- Students who have recently moved to the country and will be under the age of sixteen when joining the college
- Students who are joining year twelve as a late admission

Students who complete a successful year 12 on pre-IB may be given the opportunity to graduate directly into year 13 if this is appropriate.

Inclusivity

In accordance with our Inclusive Education Policy, Impington International College, is dedicated to fostering an inclusive learning environment that upholds the principles of equality, diversity, and respect for all individuals.

We welcome applications from students with SEND including those with EHCPs with all applications considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants not in the English educational system

International students are welcome to apply for study provided they meet the requisite visa and conditions of study in the UK.

Please contact IIC directly for discussion of qualifications and equivalences.

Offers

All offers made are conditional, and programmes of study and individual subjects will be finalised or adjusted at enrolment, post publication and upload of GCSE results.

Late Admissions

Late admissions to the college will be processed on a case by case basis and in conjunction with the oversubscription criteria outlined below. Placement on programme will take into consideration:

- Year of admission
- If the date of admission is before the end of the first half term.

Guidance Meetings

Entry will not be determined by a formal interview, but an informal guidance meeting will be held to advise students on appropriate course selections.

The Year 12 cohort is expected to be in a range appropriate to the size of the College. Students with EHCPs will be accommodated as appropriate.

Oversubscription

Please note that the availability of places in certain curriculum subjects may determine if the oversubscription criteria detailed below are applied. Where required the oversubscription criteria below will be applied. Priority will be given in the following order:

- Students looked after by a local authority under the provision of the Children's Act 1989.
- Students with a sibling at the College at the time of application.
- Appropriate grades and references from previous school.
- If applying for sports scholarships, successful engagement with the sports scholarship application process.

Waiting List

Where the college is oversubscribed, all applicants meeting the entrance criteria will be placed on a waiting list with their position in the waiting list determined by application of the oversubscription criteria above.

When a vacancy arises, it will be offered to the next applicant.

Unsuccessful Applicants

We take pride in our ethos as a College which is inclusive in our educational approach. There are times when we believe our establishment does not fit the applicant and vice versa. These decisions are not made lightly, and are made with the best interests of the candidate. If an unsuccessful applicant wishes to appeal a decision, they should write to the appropriate Head of Sixth form.

The appropriate Head of Sixth Form will reconsider all aspects of a student's application in the light of the appeal, and a written response will be sent to the applicant within ten working days. If there is any delay, we will write to the applicant to inform them.

Should the appeal be unsuccessful, applicants can then appeal to the College Principal within seven working days from receiving the College's response to their first appeal.

Applicants should note that the Principal's decision is final.