



# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

**“The International School of Choice, celebrating diversity, empowering and inspiring future generations”**

Based on the island of Malta in the central Mediterranean, Verdala International School (VIS) is an independent, co-educational pre-K to 12 school. Founded in 1976 to serve the children of expatriate families living in Malta, VIS has gone through considerable change over the past 40+ years and since 1985 has been a non-profit foundation. The school is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in the USA. Based in the historic site of Fort Pembroke, VIS is a non-selective, English medium school with a high school programme that provides academic rigour, balance, and personal challenge, and is the school of choice for many of the international residents in Malta.

## VIS Guiding Statements

### Our Mission

At VIS we strive to ensure that all of our students become knowledgeable, inquisitive and ethical contributors to our world.

### Our Educational Philosophy

- ❑ To prepare our students to be ready for tomorrow’s world by encouraging learning through inspirational education using 21<sup>st</sup> century learning methods.
- ❑ To create a unique environment where each student can grow and discover their true potential.
- ❑ To promote an enquiring mind with a thirst for knowledge.
- ❑ To embrace diversity in our multicultural society.
- ❑ We trust that a caring inclusive community will help build a sense of self-worth and a profound respect for others.

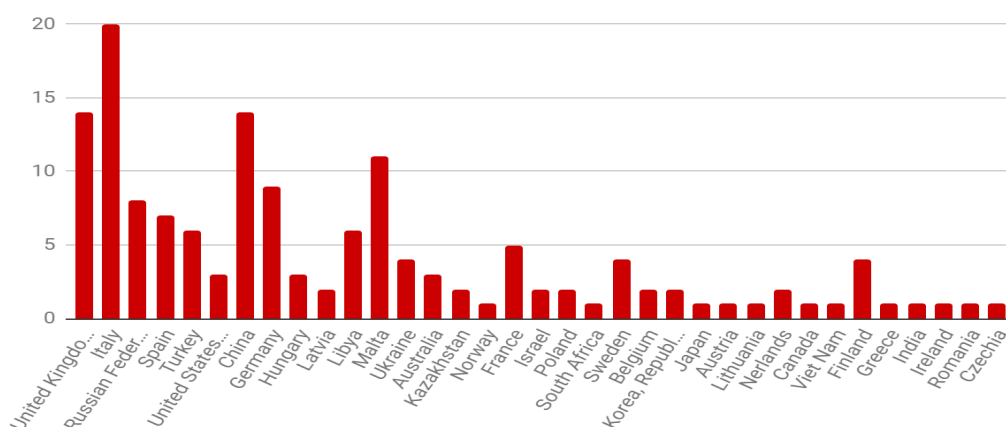
## Demographics

School Year	4 September 2023 - 20 June 2024
Total Enrollment	548
High School Enrolment	166
HS Student Nationalities	40
Academic Programmes	IPC*, MYP**, IGCSE, IBDP, IBCP
Diplomas/Certificates Offered	VIS High School Diploma, IBDP, IBCP Certificate
Class of 2024 Enrolment	34

\*IPC is the VIS Elementary curriculum

\*\*MYP is currently the Middle School curriculum and Grade 9 curriculum in High School

### High School Population



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## Curriculum

### International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

VIS offers International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) courses from both Cambridge International Education (CIE) and Edexcel. The two year IGCSE courses are in their final year of being offered at VIS with our Grade 10 cohort. The IGCSE courses are designed to prepare our learners for the rigours of the IB Diploma Programme.

### The IB Programmes

VIS is authorised to offer the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and IB Careers Related Program (IBCP). The following courses are on offer during Grades 11 & 12.

#### IB Diploma Program Courses taken by the Class of 2023

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
English Language and Literature Student Self Study Literature	French Italian Spanish English
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Group 4</b>
Business Management Economics History Psychology	Biology Chemistry Computer Science Physics
**Environmental Systems & Societies	
<b>Group 5</b>	<b>Group 6</b>
Mathematics Analysis & Approaches Mathematics Applications & Interpretations	Theatre Visual Arts Music

\*\* Transdisciplinary subject

#### IB Careers Related Program Courses taken by the Class of 2023

IBCP students are offered the above IBDP classes, as well as the Core subjects below and a BTEC Diploma in Enterprise for the Career Related subject in their Certificate Program.

Core
Personal and Professional Skills Language Development Reflective Project Service Learning

### CAS & Service Learning

The school has a philosophical commitment to the ideals of service to the local and global communities. The opportunities available to High School students serve to develop the academic and social skills needed for navigating the complex issues facing today's global citizens. The programme works towards ensuring that our students become the knowledgeable, inquisitive and ethical contributors mentioned in the VIS Mission.

In the Diploma years, all students (whether a full IBDP/CP candidate or not) are required to complete the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) programme for IBDP and Service Learning in the IBCP. Each student will have the opportunity to achieve the seven learning outcomes laid out by the IB through a tailor-made individual programme.

Some examples of CAS activities are: Spark15, Peace Lab, Gardening Project, Running Club, Malta and Kabqa Uniting for a Brighter Future, Malta Guide Dogs for the Blind, Coffee for Cambodia, Bye Bye Plastic Bags, Global Issues Network, Model United Nations.



## VIS Graduation Requirements

All high school students enrolled at VIS are expected to earn the VIS high school diploma. Students must obtain a minimum of 24 credits. For further information on required graduation credits, [access here](#). Students must achieve at least a 90% attendance rate to be awarded the relevant credits.

## Grading and Ranking

Grades are reported at the end of each term. Because of the inclusive nature of our school and the academic diversity of our students, at VIS we do not rank our students.

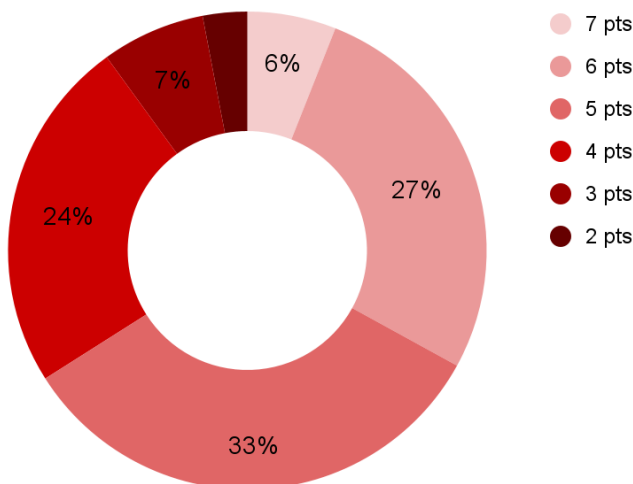
### Grading System

IBDP	IGCSE	Points	Other scores	Points
7		4.25	E-exempt	
6	A	4.00	I-incomplete	
5	B	3.00	NG-No grade	
4	C	2.00	P-pass	
3	D	1.00	W-withdrawn	
2	Other	0.00	S-Satisfactory	
Other			B-beginning	1.00
			D-developing	2.00
			M-mastering	4.00

### Historical IB Diploma Results

Cohort	Percentage of class taking IB Diploma	Pass rate	Highest Score	Mean Score	Median Score
Class of 2023	88%	89%	45	33	32
Class of 2022	90%	93%	42	33	33
Class of 2021	91%	97%	44	33	33
Class of 2020	90%	84%	42	31	35
Class of 2019	87%	88%	42	29.8	30

### Distribution of IB DP grades 2022-23





## University acceptances in the last 5 years

**CEEB code: 755500**

### Malta

University of Malta*	St Martin's Higher Institute of Education	STC
Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)	American University Malta*	

### England

University of Bath	Bristol, University of the West*	University of Reading
University of Birmingham	Kingston University	University of Trent
University of Bristol	London South Bank University	University of Sterling
University College London, UCL	Loughborough University*	University of Westminster, London
University of Durham	MET Drama School, London	Leeds Beckett University
University of Essex	Middlesex University*	London School of Economics and Political Science
University of Kent	Oxford Brookes University	SOAS, University of London
University of Oxford	Regent's University London*	Bournemouth University
University of East London	Richmond University	Buckinghamshire New University
University of Exeter*	Royal Holloway, University of London	City, University of London*
University of Lancaster	Central Lancaster University	Hult International Business School
University of Manchester	University of Greenwich	University Campus of Football Business (UCFB)
University of Newcastle	Heriot-Watt University	University of Sussex
University of Nottingham	University of Leeds*	University of Portsmouth
University of Sheffield	University of Leicester	
University of Southampton	King's College London*	
University of Surrey	Liverpool Hope University	
University of Warwick*	University of St. Andrews	
University of York	Queen Mary University	
Imperial College London		

### Wales

Cardiff University

### Scotland

University of Aberdeen	University of Glasgow	University of West Scotland
University of Edinburgh	University of Strathclyde	

### The Netherlands

Leiden University	Maastricht University*	HZ University Applied Sciences
University of Groningen	Delft University of Technology	Tilburg University
Radboud University, Nijmegen	University of Amsterdam*	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
The Hague	University of Twente	Erasmus University College Rotterdam*

### United States of America

Adelphi University*	University of Central Florida	Purdue University
Florida Institute of Technology	University of Pennsylvania	Ithaca College
Samford University	University of California, Berkeley	University of San Francisco
Belmont University	Michigan State University	University of Maine
Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia	Northeastern University	University of Miami
San Diego State University	North Carolina State University	Young Harris College, Georgia
Georgia Institute of Technology	The Ohio State University	Eastern New Mexico University



### Switzerland

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology  
Institute of Finance &  
Management (IFM)      BHMS Switzerland  
EU Business School

### Canada

Carleton University      Queens University      University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto      University of Waterloo      York University

### Poland

University of Warsaw      Kozminski University, Poland      Polish Japanese Institute  
of Information Technology\*

### Others

NYU, Abu Dhabi      University Colleges      Mozarteum University of  
University of Hong Kong      Leuven-Limburg, Belgium\*      Salzburg, Austria  
Anglo American University,      Neue Sterne, Hannover      Lancaster University, Germany  
Prague      Ramon Llull University,      Munster Technological  
Université Libre de Bruxelles\*      Barcelona\*      University, Ireland  
University of Turin, Italy\*      IE University Spain\*      Universidad Católica San  
Monash University, Malaysia      Aalto University, Finland\*      Antonio de Murcia, Spain\*

\* Confirmed Enrollment for Class of 2023

