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**LOCAL SCHOOL ACHIEVES EQUIVALENT OF 4 As AT A-LEVEL IN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMS**

**ACS Egham International School students score an average of 33 on 2006 IB exams**

Locally based school, ACS Egham announced this week that its students achieved an average score of 33 points in this year's International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, and a 100 per cent pass rate for the third year in a row.

The successful final year IB students' scores are equal to over 4 As at A-level or 489 UCAS points, according to UCAS's recently announced points tariff which provides guidance as to the conversion of IB scores into A-level results.

The school's 100 per cent pass rate is 20 percentage points higher than the average pass rate across all students who sat the IB worldwide (80 per cent). One in five, 20 per cent, of ACS Egham IB students achieved a score of 40 points and over, equivalent to between 5 and 5 ½ As at A-level according to the newly published UCAS conversion tariff. According to the International Baccalaureate Organisation, just five per cent of students worldwide achieve a score of 40 or above on their IB exam.

ACS Egham graduates have secured places at some of the UK's most prestigious institutions, including Oxford University, Exeter University, Imperial College and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. ACS Egham students also gained acceptance at internationally renowned institutions, including New York University and Boston University.

The course content of the IB is deliberately designed to allow in-depth specialisation within a broad based programme. English, maths, science and a second language are compulsory. Students study three subjects at higher level and three subsidiary subjects, as well as undertake an extended essay (4000 words). The essay is equivalent to work students would be asked to produce during their first year of university, developing research, analytical and writing skills that are key to helping prepare them for their future studies.

Head of School Moyra Hadley believes the IB Diploma is a key differentiator helping universities identify the strongest students and in a highly competitive admissions pool, the IB gives students an opportunity to distinguish themselves amongst other candidates.

Moyra commented:

"If there was any doubt that the IB is a strong qualification for gaining a place at university and achievement in higher education, ACS's new research gives unequivocal support that IB students leave school poised for university success. The survey found that 89 per cent of university admissions officers believe the IB prepares students well for university-style learning, and that 84 per cent believe the IB helps students develop the self-management skills needed to succeed in their university courses."

“ACS Egham’s strong IB scores and the school’s research findings both make me confident that whatever courses our students study at university, they will be prepared for their area of specialist study and take with them the key skills of numeracy and literacy that both universities and employers are crying out for.”

Talking about this year’s success, Moyra concluded:

“An average IB exam score of 33 points is an outstanding result for our school, and we are particularly proud to have achieved such competitive marks as a non-selective school that accepts pupils with a range of academic abilities and encourages all students to sit the examinations. These tremendous results reflect the hard work and commitment of students and teachers alike. I am very proud of them.”

Felicity Chamberlain, a local student who has just graduated from ACS Egham with an IB score of 37 points, added:

“I’m really happy with my results, and I’m looking forward to going onto the University of Bath in September. I actually decided to switch to the IB curriculum at ACS from another school in the area because it offers an international perspective, which is especially important to me as I plan to work internationally after university.”

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#### **Note to journalists**

#### **About ACS Egham**

ACS Egham International School is part of ACS International Schools and serves international and local communities. ACS Egham is non-sectarian and co-educational, enrolling approximately 500 students aged 2½ to 18 years. The school is located to the South West of London in close proximity to Windsor and Heathrow Airport.

As one of only three IB world schools in the UK, ACS Egham offers a fully international curriculum including the International Baccalaureate Diploma, Middle and Primary Years programmes. The school has state-of-the-art facilities and an on-going programme of building investment with impressive grounds. The strong core academic programme and extensive arts, sports and cultural activities support a student-centred philosophy.

#### **The International Baccalaureate Diploma**

Universities in the UK and around the world increasingly see the IB Diploma as the most reliable student benchmark of academic excellence. Respected for its breadth, depth and international perspective, the IB Diploma continues to gain popularity for its integrity and extensive extracurricular programme requirements. In addition to six subjects studied, students must undertake a Theory of Knowledge course which questions the foundations of knowledge, write a 4000-word university level research paper, and complete 150 hours of Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) activities.

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