OPEN EVENING

Thursday
November 16th 2017
6–8 p.m.

Welcome!
Welcome to Borgarskolan

At Malmö Borgarskola you’ll be part of a creative community with an international flavour that permeates the whole of your time with us.

Borgarskolan offers a wide range of programmes of study, many of which have an international dimension. Perhaps the most obviously international of these are the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and Career Programmes. The fact that we have teachers with a long record of working within the IB and that a good number of them are also native English language speakers has contributed to our students’ consistently world class results. In addition, students regularly participate at a high level in academic activities and competitions worldwide.

Why not take the opportunity to give yourself an outstanding international education that is recognised and respected throughout the world?

Borgarskolan welcomes applicants to the IB Diploma Programme from both inside and outside Sweden.

“Our aim is to help you develop into a reflective and empathic individual, capable of accepting responsibility, who is both able to recognise opportunities and has the necessary tools to take advantage of them.”

NICOLA SARAC, HEAD TEACHER
IB: the Gateway to Higher Education and the World

**AN ACADEMIC PROGRAMME** leading to an IB Diploma, the IB is offered at more than 2,450 schools worldwide.

**A RECOGNISED INDICATOR** of academic excellence. The IB Diploma is awarded after examinations in the third year and is highly regarded by university admissions officers worldwide.

**ONE OF THE BIGGEST IB SCHOOLS IN SCANDINAVIA.** Malmö Borgarskola has offered the IB programme since 1994 with outstanding results.

**OUR WORLD CLASS RESULTS** are due to our many years of experience – in combination with highly-qualified teachers and strongly motivated students. Our staff participate in regular professional development seminars organised by the International Baccalaureate.

**THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR GRADUATES** continue on to higher education, studying at top universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, Imperial College, Durham, Warwick, St Andrews, Harvard, Yale, Handels Stockholm, as well as in medical schools in Sweden and abroad.

**OUR THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME** is divided into a pre-IB year, which is the equivalent of year 10 in international schools, or year one in the Swedish upper secondary system, followed by two IB Diploma years where a class typically comprises around 20 students.
Pre-DP

The pre-IB is a one-year course prior to the actual IB Diploma Programme. As a pre-DP student, you follow a course of study which is similar to the Social Science Programme in the Swedish system, making it simpler for you to change to another programme should you decide not to continue with the IB.

The aim of pre-DP is to equip you for the challenges of the Diploma Programme by developing academic and language skills, preparing you to study a broad range of subjects in English.

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IB Diploma Programme

The International Baccalaureate is a comprehensive and rigorous two-year curriculum, leading to an IB Diploma. The general objectives of the IB are to provide you with a balanced education to promote geographic and cultural mobility and to improve international understanding through shared academic excellence.

MALMÖ BORGARSKOLA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING IB SUBJECTS:

**GROUP 1**
Studies in Language and Literature: English, Swedish, Self-Taught (SL)

**GROUP 2**
Language acquisition: English, French, German, Spanish

**GROUP 3**
Individuals and Societies: Economics, History, Psychology, Business and Management, Global Politics

**GROUP 4**
Experimental Sciences: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Environmental Systems and Societies

**GROUP 5**
Mathematics: Mathematics HL, Mathematics SL, Mathematical Studies SL

**GROUP 6**
Electives: Theatre, or an additional subject from group 2, 3 or 4

Full course descriptions can be found at [www.ib.malmoborgarskola.se](http://www.ib.malmoborgarskola.se).
One subject must be chosen from each of the groups shown above. If you want to go on to study Medicine or Dentistry, you can opt for three sciences and leave out a group 3 subject.
What is the Diploma Programme?

As a DP student, you choose six subjects from the groups in the adjacent table. Three subjects are studied at Higher Level and three at Standard Level. At both Higher and Standard Levels each subject is graded on a scale of 1 to 7, where 7 is the maximum. The award of the diploma requires a minimum total of 24 points. Good Extended Essays and Theory of Knowledge Essays (see below) may give the student 3 bonus points and therefore the maximum score is 45 points. Students holding the IB Diploma are accepted by universities worldwide.

**THE EXTENDED ESSAY** is an essay of 4,000 words in an IB subject of your choice, providing an excellent opportunity to undertake original research and learn more about a topic of special interest to you. The essay is assessed by an external examiner.

**THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)** is a subject which aims to train your critical thinking. Issues from the fields of Logic, Ethics and Philosophy are discussed. TOK is graded in the form of an essay that is submitted and externally assessed and an internally assessed oral presentation.

**CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY AND SERVICE (CAS)** aims to let you experience the importance of life outside school. Creativity and Activity should play an equal part with Service in the CAS programme. CAS should challenge you and help you develop a spirit of discovery and self-reliance as well as encouraging new skills and interests and a sense of responsibility towards members of the community.
World Class Examination Results

Our graduating students consistently achieve outstanding IB Diploma scores. In May 2017 three Borgar students each received 44 points (compared with only 0.9% of students worldwide). Only 0.12% of IB students worldwide get 45 points. 98% of Borgar’s IB students received a diploma.

**2017:**
- Our average: 35.1 points from a cohort of 86 diploma students / World average 29 points
- 16% were awarded 40 points or more / 5% worldwide
- 52% were awarded a Distinguished Pass of 36 points or more

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Tell us about your time at Malmö Borgarskola

VIKTOR BIRKFELDT,
STUDENT AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

“While many focus on the academic merits of the IB, of which there are many, the IB program at Malmö Borgarskola was much more than this for me. For me the IB was a place to meet like-minded people who pushed to be among the brightest students, and together make each other’s time at Borgar the best it could be – I’ve made friends I’ll keep for life.”

ALEXANDER ÅKESSON,
STUDENT AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

“My time at Borgarskolan enabled me to succeed after graduation. Because of the experience I had on the IB program, I came to Stanford with academic credit and the knowledge that I needed in order to thrive in a rigorous engineering program. The IB Physics class I took while still at Borgarskolan enabled me to represent Sweden twice at the International Young Physicists’Tournament (IYPT). I leveraged that experience to receive admission to a selective seminar on applied physics at Stanford. Overall, the classes I took and activities I participated in at Borgar have led to innumerable opportunities today.”
WHAT IS THE PROGRAM OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT (BAHM)?

BAHM is a program that follows both the Career-related Programme of the IB and the Swedish Business and Administration Programme (handels- och administrationsprogrammet). The Career-related Programme is a framework of international education that incorporates the values of the IB into a unique programme addressing the needs of students engaged in career-related education. The programme leads to further/higher education, apprenticeships or employment.

THE BAHM CURRICULUM

BAHM students undertake a minimum of two IB Diploma Programme (DP) courses, a core consisting of four components and a career-related study.

As a BAHM student, DP courses provide you with the theoretical underpinning and academic rigour of the programme; the career-related study further supports the programme’s academic strength and offers you practical, real-world approaches to learning. The Career-related core helps you develop the skills and attributes required for lifelong learning.

ASSESSMENT AND EXAMS

Students take written examinations at the end of their IB Diploma Programme courses, which are marked by external IB examiners. The school assesses the components of the Career-related core.
Tell us about your time at HIM

NAME: FRIDA SJÖBLOM
GRADUATED: HIM 2014
CURRENTLY: THE AUGUSTINE, PRAGUE

“I knew from before that the schools in Switzerland were prestigious and that has been proved to me through my job applications where all the well-known hotels know about HIM’s quality.

After graduating from HIM I decided to go to London to work for the famous ‘The Connaught’ and now, less than 2 years later, I work as an Assistant Front Office Manager for the Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel in Prague.

I can highly recommend everyone interested in the hotel industry to study at HIM in Switzerland”
Malmö Borgarskola collaborates with Hotel Institute Montreux (HIM), to give you a top quality education. Hotel Institute Montreux, which is part of the Swiss Education Group (SEG), conducts part of the teaching for the BAHM programme. During your preparatory year, you’ll take part in a study trip to Switzerland to visit the Hotel Institute. A number of scholarships are awarded to enable students to conduct part of their training at the Hotel Institute Montreaux in Switzerland.
SKILLED THINKERS
The IB Diploma Programme is exceptionally strong in the areas of key cognitive strategies, problem solving, critical thinking, analysis, research and writing skills. Through the IB curriculum IB students develop the ability to interpret, analyse, think critically and present arguments. They learn to question and reflect on what they know. They also learn to research, write and present what they have learned.

The IB assessment tasks evaluate students’ ability to think and process what they know rather than to simply memorise facts. Recent studies confirm that IB students perform well and have significantly higher grade point averages and higher graduation rates than students who did not complete the IB Diploma Programme. Scores on IB assessments are a significant predictor of performance at university.

UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE WORLD SAY IB STUDENTS ARE ‘WELL PREPARED’
In a survey of 150 university faculty and admissions staff from the UK, the IB Diploma Programme was rated higher than other qualifications based on the breadth of the curriculum, development of critical thinking, time-management and communication skills, and motivation of the students.

- 97% were satisfied the Diploma Programme prepares students for university.
- 96% favoured a broad curriculum of the type IB offers.

WHY DO UNIVERSITIES VALUE IB STUDENTS?
- IB students are prepared for academic success.
- IB students are more likely than others to enrol in and graduate from selective higher education institutions.
- Based on their experiences, IB students possess a broader range of skills that enhance their ability to adapt and contribute to university life.
- IB students demonstrate a level of emotional and intellectual maturity for managing the demands of challenging coursework and make meaningful contributions.
- They have extensive experience in doing independent research and presenting what they have learned through presentations, papers and other projects.
- They think critically and draw on diverse perspectives that reflect an international outlook.
- Participation in the IB Diploma Programme shows that students have excelled in multiple and diverse academic challenges and is a strong predictor for success in university.
“IB is well known to us as excellent preparation. Success in an IB programme correlates well with success at Harvard. We are pleased to see the credential of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript.”

MARLYN MCGRATH, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, USA
Education UK

UK universities have an excellent reputation for providing a quality education recognised by employers around the world. This, in addition to the unique experience of student life in the UK, makes it a firm favourite for Scandinavian students wishing to study abroad.

We have a long tradition of preparing students for university studies in the UK with around 40 applicants each year. Past students report being very well equipped for their first year at university. Our Education UK Centre is manned by UK nationals with many years’ experience of university guidance.

At Malmö Borgarskola you’ll receive unique help with your applications and personal statements, including interview practice. Borgarskolan is the official test centre in southern Sweden for the entrance tests to top institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, LSE and various medical schools.

Education USA

Our Education USA Centre is part of a global network of more than 450 advisory centres supported by the US State Department. We offer accurate, comprehensive, objective and timely information about higher educational opportunities in the United States and provide specialist guidance to qualified individuals on how best to apply. The centre is staffed by our two professional advisors, Andreas Henninger and Carol Lundgren, who have extensive experience in placing our students.
Admissions

Malmö Borgarskola is a state-funded school so there are no fees for residents of Sweden or Denmark. Students in Sweden use the general application form, to be sent to the address below before February 1st, or submit their application online.

www.skanegy.se

Gymnasie- och vuxenutbildningsförvaltningen
Gymnasieantagningen
Box 17195, S-200 10 Malmö

Malmö Borgarskola welcomes international applications. You are invited to apply directly to the school by downloading the application form from our website and mailing it to us. Please be sure to include documentation from your current school and send the application to the address below. The application should ideally have reached us by February 1st for admission in August the same year. After receipt of the application you will be invited to sit entrance tests in Mathematics, English and perhaps in one or two additional subjects.

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Requirements for Pre-DP Programme Applicants:

First Year:

- Nine years of school (corresponding to 9th Grade of Swedish Comprehensive School)
- Good written and spoken English
- Passing test results in Mathematics and English

Second Year:

- Completed education from the 10th grade in international schools
- Good written and spoken English
- Passing test results in Mathematics, English and additional subjects.
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