

The IB Diploma Programme at Pangbourne College

Pangbourne College has been awarded **IB World School status** and the College will offer the IB diploma programme as well as A levels from September 2009.

The College was commended by the International Baccalaureate Organisation for our

'commitment to placing the student at the centre of education in the school, giving them responsibility, and instilling both a learning culture and a pleasant ethos'.

Core values – academic rigour, integrity, open-mindedness and responsibility are strong and common to both the College and the IBO and are central to ensuring students become

'active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right'.

What is the IB?

The IB is an exciting challenge, a prestigious international programme to encourage critical thinking and intercultural understanding. Students acquire the values and skills to enable them to develop sound judgement, make wise choices and to respect other in a global community.

Students study six subjects over two years and in addition undertake an extended essay on a topic of their choice, a course in the Theory of Knowledge and engage in the CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) programme.

The IB Learner

The profile of an 'IB learner' is likewise an exciting one. Students who wish to be **inquiring, knowledgeable, excellent communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, balanced, reflective and risk-takers** should certainly consider the IB diploma an extremely valuable and effective platform from which to achieve their future ambitions.

There is no doubt that IB diploma students work hard and need to be well organised – something for which they are rewarded by the esteem in which universities and employers hold the qualification.

Pangbourne College, with our established and well recognised system of support and encouragement, already produce students who are resolute, self-assured and articulate, with an awareness of what is right and a definite sense of identity and worth. The introduction of the IB diploma will further equip these young people with the skills and attitudes demanded by a world of increasing international communication and mobility.

For further, more detailed information about the IB Diploma programme and options for study at Pangbourne College, contact

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