



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ENGLAND





A PASSION FOR LEARNING

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COMMITMENT TO SERVICE



## A WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

Dear Prospective Parents,



Thank you for your interest in TASIS The American School in England, a learning community in which students are challenged by the academic program, welcomed by their new peers, and engaged in a host of sports and activities that promote their well-being. Ideally situated on a beautiful campus in Surrey, the School provides the dual benefits of a safe environment within easy reach of all that a vibrant and dynamic city like London has to offer.

Whether you are entrusting us with the education and care of your child as a boarding student or you are a family relocating to the UK, the importance we place on developing enduring relationships throughout our community results in a caring and supportive environment. I am amazed at how well the faculty and staff at TASIS England balance the challenge of a rigorous curriculum with the care provided by our pastoral support programs.

Boarding students arriving on our campus find a network of support provided by their House Parents, teachers, and advisors that will help them settle in quickly and feel "at home" within our campus community. They soon develop friendships as they live, learn, and socialize with other boarding and day students. If you are moving to the UK, your family will be personally supported with a wealth of information by our parent groups and assigned a buddy family to ease your transition and help you navigate the difficulties inherent in any relocation. The more quickly you and your children get settled, the sooner you can enjoy all that our School has to offer.

TASIS England inspires a passion for learning throughout our day and boarding programs. Your children will be encouraged to take ownership of their learning and to contribute to their community. At TASIS England they will gain independence, responsibility, respect, and a sense of creativity through the development of relationships that will transcend their time at our School. Quite simply, we are developing the leaders of the future by going above and beyond in every aspect of school life. Your children will benefit from and contribute to our School, not only by excelling in academics, but also by developing the attributes of compassion, empathy, respect, and gratitude.

We invite you to join the TASIS England family and gain from, and contribute to, our community of learners.

Sincerely,

Bryan Nixon

Head of School



“I DON'T THINK WE KNOW WHAT THE WORLD OR THE WORKPLACE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE IN 20 YEARS, BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT TASIS IS PREPARING CHLOE FOR A GREAT FUTURE, WHATEVER THAT LOOKS LIKE.”

LIBBY, LOWER SCHOOL PARENT



## AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL COEDUCATIONAL • DAY & BOARDING



AGES 3 TO 18  
57 STUDENT NATIONALITIES  
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 15  
STUDENT FACULTY RATIO 6:1



IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME  
AMERICAN DIPLOMA WITH  
AP COURSES  
19 MILES FROM LONDON  
20 MINUTES FROM  
LONDON HEATHROW





## A PASSION FOR LEARNING

### Our School

As an American international school, TASIS England fosters a passion for learning by providing a challenging academic experience for day and boarding students from around the world. In our student-centered, supportive environment we help each child discover their individual talents. Our faculty's passion for teaching inspires an enthusiasm for learning, and students benefit from individualized attention in small classes.

TASIS England's challenging and flexible academic program provides for students with a broad range of academic strengths to continue their learning within differentiated classrooms and through advanced courses beyond their grade level if appropriate. Above and beyond academic achievement, the School promotes the development of character, strong values, communication skills, and confidence.

English-as-an-Additional Language (EAL) support is available throughout the School to foster the rapid acquisition of reading, writing, and speaking skills. Taught by specialized instructors, the program ensures that non-native English speakers achieve the level of fluency required to thrive in academic subjects.

“I WOULD SAY THAT A TASIS EDUCATION CATERS TO THE INDIVIDUAL BOTH IN TERMS OF CHARACTER AND INTELLECT. IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT LEARNING THE MATERIAL OUTLINED IN THE SYLLABUS; THERE IS SO MUCH MORE LEARNING THAT GOES ON IN THE CLASSES.”

RAKAN, GRADE 12





“BOARDING PREPARES YOU FOR THE UNEXPECTED. YOU GET AN IDEA OF HOW TO HANDLE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS WITHOUT HELP FROM YOUR PARENTS OR FAMILY. YOU LEARN HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF.”

FEMI, GRADE 12



## ABOVE AND BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

### Upper School (ages 14–18)

Students have a choice of academic pathways, culminating in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or the American High School Diploma. Choices within the curricula include Advanced Placement (AP) and honors-level courses. One-to-one university counseling opens up a world of possibilities and assists our students through every step of the selection and application process. TASIS graduates gain acceptance to excellent universities in the UK, the US, and worldwide.

### Boarding Life

Almost half of our Upper School students are boarders, living on campus in boarding houses supervised by a dynamic TASIS boarding team who are committed to making the residential experience safe, friendly, warm, and caring. The boarding program encourages and supports students to gain independence, responsibility, respect, and resilience through the development of lifelong relationships and shared experiences. Our boarders are provided with extensive educational guidance and moral support so that each student's pursuit of academic excellence is achievable and fulfilling. We go beyond academic achievement and promote each boarding student's self-confidence and leadership potential, while nurturing a sense of individual and community responsibility. Our boarding students are well prepared for their learning journey beyond TASIS England and into their university of choice.

Students form lifelong friendships as they live and work together and participate in the wide range of weekend activities available. Rooms are typically shared between two or three students, each with a different mother tongue to encourage the use of English and to share and celebrate our diversity within a global community. All meals are provided, and the on-campus Health Centre ensures that nursing care is available if required.





### Middle School (ages 10–14)

During these transitional years, students need guidance and understanding as they change and grow from childhood to adolescence. Students follow a full schedule of core courses (English, Mathematics, Science, French or Spanish, and History and Geography) along with additional subjects that include Technology, Art, Music, Drama, and Physical Education, as well as several other optional courses. The Middle School house system provides many opportunities for students to develop leadership and collaborative skills as they work, play, and socialize with their peers in friendly competitions, charity fund-raising, and community activities. The sports program is designed to encourage participation and skill development.



“THE GREAT THING ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL IS THAT IT’S A TRANSITION BETWEEN LOWER AND UPPER SCHOOL, SO YOU’RE SORT OF GROWING UP AND LEARNING ABOUT YOURSELF AND OTHERS. OUR TEACHERS REALLY EMPHASIZE THAT YOU CAN TAKE RISKS, MAKE MISTAKES, AND THAT IT’S OKAY BECAUSE WE ARE STILL LEARNING AND I THINK THAT’S GREAT.”

CHUNG SZE, GRADE 8





“EVERY DAY MY SON IS THINKING, CREATING, AND PLANNING THINGS, ‘I’M GOING TO DO THIS, I’M GOING TO DO THAT ...’ EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE, THERE ARE NO LIMITS. THAT IS TESIS ENGLAND, THAT’S WHAT I SEE.”  
EISEL, LOWER SCHOOL PARENT



#### Lower School (ages 3–10)

The Lower School curriculum is designed to foster the creativity and natural curiosity of young students. The core subjects – Literacy, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography – are supplemented by specialist classes such as Spanish, Technology, Art, Music, Drama, and Physical Education. Educational excursions and field trips complement and enhance the joy of learning through the academic program. As the children work together in the classroom and socialize with their peers in after-school activities, they are guided by the School’s emphasis on Core Virtues such as respect, responsibility, honesty, generosity, and perseverance. Within the Lower School area of campus, the children have their own dining room and playground, a well-resourced library, a dedicated science center, and a MakerSpace classroom designed for exploration of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) subjects.





### Extracurricular Opportunities

TASIS England's 46-acre campus provides excellent facilities for its comprehensive program of competitive and recreational sports and diverse artistic pursuits, drama productions, and musical performances. Students participate in engaging after-school activities such as music, art, drama, robotics, recreational sports, and student-led clubs and organizations. Conveniently located near London, the School uses the UK and Europe as extensions of the classroom and gives students of all ages many opportunities for cultural excursions and travel. Our students also participate in leadership and community service programs, developing an understanding of the importance of service to others.

“BY BEING PART OF SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
I LEARNED ACCEPTANCE. IN A WORLD SO CONTROLLED BY  
FEAR AND ONLY BEING COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE THINK  
OF AS “NORMAL,” IT FEELS LIKE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR TO BE  
ABLE TO SEE SO MANY CULTURES AND DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES  
COME TOGETHER IN UNITY.”

DANIEL, GRADE 12

## COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

### Our Students, Our Future

As our students form enduring friendships, they also develop a lifelong understanding of the value of diversity, collaboration, and service to others. Ongoing opportunities, large and small – raising funds for charity, collecting campus recycling, serving afternoon tea to elderly village residents, or participating in service trips to Romania or Peru – encourage students of all ages to develop a commitment to service that will endure beyond their time at TASIS England. We are shaping the global citizens and leaders of the future.

### The TASIS Community

TASIS England views education as a partnership between the School and the family. Parents are active and involved in the life of the School, from volunteering to help in the Lower School Library to baking cakes for boarding students' birthday celebrations. New families are warmly welcomed and quickly make friends as they integrate into the school community. Parent committees also support our expat families with extensive settling-in programs, including an initial orientation to life in the UK, buddy families, informative seminars and coffee mornings, and other social events.

### Safeguarding

TASIS England is committed to providing a safe learning environment that promotes the welfare of children and young people. Our faculty and staff uphold these values and serve as strong role models. The School's caring and respectful community is based upon excellent relationships between staff and students, as well as between the students themselves.

“I HAVE LEARNED THAT IF YOU FEEL PASSIONATE ABOUT  
SOMETHING, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE –  
NO MATTER YOUR AGE!”

SABRINA, GRADE 12

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