FACT SHEET ISH
(Updated Aug 2015)

Official school name: International School of Hamburg

Official abbreviation: ISH

International School of Hamburg (ISH)
ISH was Germany's very first international school and still remains Hamburg's only educational institution accredited by the Council of International Schools. For more than half a century it is dedicated to a full-day, English-language education of its students aimed at turning them into responsible citizens of the world who unfold their full potential. More than 750 young people from over 50 nations currently visit ISH. They are divided into the Early Childhood Centre (age 3 to 5), Junior School (grade 1 to 5) and Secondary School (grade 6 to 12). About 100 highly qualified teachers from all over the world support them on their way to the International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma), which enables them to enter leading national and international universities. Since ISH uses the globally standardized educational systems IPC and IB, its students are able to seamlessly resume their education at thousands of schools worldwide, if necessary.

Legal status: State-recognized, independently-operated supplementary school

Further characteristics:

- Non-profit
- Full-day
- Co-educational
- Non-selective
- Very first international school in Germany
- Hamburgs very first IB World School
- Only educational institution in Hamburg accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS)
- Only strictly English-speaking school in Hamburg

Head of School: Mr. Andrew Cross

Operator: Internationale Schule Hamburg e. V. (registered non profit association)

Board of Directors: 11 members, elected biennially by the members of the Association.
Chair: Dr. Anke Frieling
Milestones of ISH history:

- *1957* Started out in the so-called Sloman-Villa on Harvestuder Weg with 50 students from 12 nations

- *1959* ISH moves to Waitzstrasse with 360 students
- *1973* ISH moves to Holmbrook in Othmarschen
- *1978* ISH is accredited as IB World School and introduces the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- *1999* New extension to accommodate the Early Childhood Centre (Kindergarten/Pre-School/Nursery)
- *2002* Six new classrooms built to accomodate the growth in the Junior School
- *2007* 50th Anniversary
- *2010* ISH moves to Hemmingstedter Weg in Klein Flottbek
- *2013* ISH becomes candidate school for the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)
- *Juli 2014* Start of West Wing construction
- *15. Jan 2015* West Wing topping-out ceremony
- *31. Juli 2015* Completion of West Wing
- *29. Aug 2015* West Wing Grand Opening
- *2017* *60th Anniversary*

Language of education: English (German mandatory until grade 10)

Administrative language: English

Admission: All-year

Student numbers:

- Junior School (ECC + Grade 1-5): 316 (79 in ECC)
- Secondary School (Grade 6-12) : 442

Total 758

Average class sizes:

- Early Childhood Centre 18
- Junior School 17
- Secondary School (only applicable to grade 6-8) 15

Student nationalities: 52

Qualified teachers:

- Full-time: 91
- Part-time: 17

Teacher/Student ratio: 1:8

School-leaving qualifications:

- **International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma)**
- International Baccalaureate Certificates (IB Certificates)

- High School Diploma

Study fees: min. €10,270 (Primary 1) – max. €20,000 (grade 11/12) p.a. plus additional fees for application, admission etc.

Academic structure:

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Grade	**Age**	**School Section**	**School**	**Curriculum**	**Admission**
P 1	3 yrs by Sep 1	Early Childhood Centre (ECC)	Junior School	International Primary Curriculum (IPC)	Anytime
P 2	4 yrs by Oct 1				
P 3	5 yrs by Oct 1				
1	6 yrs by Oct 1	Junior School			
2	7 yrs by Oct 1				
3	8 yrs by Oct 1				
4	9 yrs by Oct 1				
5	10 yrs by Oct 1				
6	11 yrs by Oct 1	Middle School	Secondary School	IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)	
7	12 yrs by Oct 1				
8	13 yrs by Oct 1				
9	14 yrs by Oct 1				
10	15 yrs by Oct 1	Pre-IB		Pre-IB Diploma Programme	
11	16 yrs by Oct 1	**IB Diploma** / IB Certificates / High School Diploma		IB Diploma Programme	
12	17 yrs by Oct 1				

Comparison to selected national school systems:

International School of Hamburg		UK System		German System		French System	
Grade Level	**School**	**Gradel Level**	**School**	**Gradel Level**	**School**	**Gradel Level**	**School**
Primary 1	Early Childhood Center (Junior School)	Reception	Junior School	Vorschule	Vorschule	Petite	Maternelle
Primary 2						Moyenne	
Primary 3		Year 1				Grande	
Grade 1	Junior School	Year 2		1. Klasse	Grundschule	CP	Éleméntaire
Grade 2		Year 3		2. Klasse		CE1	
Grade 3		Year 4		3. Klasse		CE2	
Grade 4		Year 5		4. Klasse		CM1	
Grade 5		Year 6		5. Klasse	Gymnasium	CM2	
Grade 6	Middle School (Secondary School)	Year 7	Senior School	6. Klasse		6ème	Collège
Grade 7		Year 8		7. Klasse		5ème	
Grade 8		Year 9		8. Klasse		4ème	
Grade 9		Year 10	GSCE	9. Klasse		3ème	
Grade 10	Pre-IB Diploma Program (Secondary School)	Year 11		10. Klasse		2nde	Lycée
Grade 11	IB Diploma Program (Secondary School)	Year 12	A Levels	11. Klasse		1ère	
Grade 12		Year 13		12. Klasse		Terminale	

Further reading on curricula and school-leaving qualifications

- http://www.greatlearning.com/ipc/
- http://www.ibo.org/
- http://ishamburg.org/learning

Accreditations:

- International Baccalaureate Organization (IB)
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Memberships:

- Association of German International Schools (AGIS)
- North-West European Council of International School (NECIS)
- European Council of International Schools (ECIS)

Size of school grounds: 41.000 sqm

Building ground surface: 16,000 sqm (main building)+ 3,100 sqm (West Wing)

Facilities:

(1) Main building

- Large outdoor soccer pitch with artifical lawn
- Double gym hall with bleachers and freeclimbing wall
- Fenced outdoor multi-purpose sports field for soccer, basketball etc.
- 2 separate outdoor playgrounds surrounded by lush greenery
- Outdoor playground hill with extra-long slide
- Library featuring approx 50,000 materials, maintained by 4 librarians
- Third floor outdoor patio
- Student lounge
- 375-seat aula with professional projection-, lighting and sound equipment
- Generously equipped home economics kitchen
- Onsite first aid room & nurse
- Cafeteria
- Professional photo studio
- Pottery oven
- 5 laboratories
- 3 media rooms with high quality Apple equipment
- Interactive whiteboards as default equipment for all classrooms
- Several practice rooms for music and performing arts
- Large selection of musical instruments, DJ-equipment
- Apple Mobile Learning Labs
- iPad-Programme

(2) West Wing (as of summer 2015)

- Room for 200-250 new students, thus taking ISH's max capacity up to approx. 950-1.000 students

- 12 new regular and 2 natural sciences classrooms
- One 27x16m gym hall with wooden floor and wooden side-impact paneling, including a 26x15m basketball court with 5 shooting stations, a volleyball court, 3 badminton courts, electrically operated gymnastic rings, ropes, 2 electrically operated multi-functional climbing frames, a scoreboard and a full range of portable equipment
- A fitness studio featuring 3 running machines, 2 cross-trainers, 2 rowing-machines, 2 cycles, free weights, a weight machine with 4 stations and a designated area for stretching
- A 161.5 sqm multipurpose room for meetings, examinations, conferences and dance lessons (one wall equipped with mirrors and ballett bar)
- Various offices, meeting-, locker- and storage rooms

(3) New outdoor sports facilities (as of summer 2015)

- 100m tartan surface 4-lane running track. The track will be marked out for sprinting, hurdles and relays
- 2 long jump/triple jump areas with a tartan run-up
- High jump, discus, shot put and ball throwing facilities
- A permanent volleyball court
- A street-soccer court with artificial grass and surrounding fence
- An additional basketball/soccer/volleyball court as an addition to the current existing multi-purpose sports area