



KGA Bay House School has been officially approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer IB Chinese Language B courses starting in September 2025.

Language B Course description and aims:

The Diploma Programme (DP) is a rigorous pre-university course designed for students aged 16 to 19. This broad-based, two-year program encourages students to be knowledgeable, inquiring, caring, and compassionate. It places strong emphasis on fostering intercultural understanding, open-mindedness, and the attitudes necessary for respecting and evaluating diverse perspectives.

This course is aimed at students seeking to further enhance their language skills. It provides them with the necessary linguistic abilities and intercultural understanding to communicate effectively in environments where the studied language is spoken.

Curriculum model overview and entry requirement:

Language B is a language acquisition course designed for students with some prior experience in the target language. Students further develop their communication skills through the study of language, themes, and texts. The five prescribed themes are: identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organisation, and sharing the planet. This course is continuous, and students are required to have passed the HSK, achieved a GCSE grade of 6 or above, or demonstrated equivalent proficiency in Mandarin. Each week includes three hours of lessons.

Additionally, this course offers several opportunities for trips, potentially supported by scholarships or funding.

Assessment model

Completion of the IB Chinese program can lead to the awarding of the IB Diploma, which not only allows for the conversion of grades to UCAS points but also helps students attain an internationally recognized and highly respected qualification by universities worldwide.

Assessment at a glance

Language B SL and HL assessment outline		Weighting
External 75%	Paper 1 (productive skills) One writing task from a choice of three Writing—30 marks	25%
	Paper 2 (receptive skills) Separate sections for listening and reading Listening—25 marks Reading—40 marks	25% 25%
Internal 25%	Individual oral assessment 30 marks	25%

A Level	AS Level	EPQ	IB HL	IB SL
A* = 56	-	A* = 28	7 = 56	7 = 28
A = 48	A = 20	A = 24	6 = 48	6 = 24
B = 40	B = 16	B = 20	5 = 32	5 = 16
C = 32	C = 12	C = 16	4 = 24	4 = 12
D = 24	D = 10	D = 12	3 = 12	3 = 6
E = 16	E = 6	E = 8	-	-

Please note: IB Chinese is an independent choice from A-level subjects, which means you will still be able to choose your four regular subjects for A-level. It gives you the opportunity to gain more UCAS points!