

LATEST IB RESULTS SHOW CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

ACS (International) students collectively gained higher than predicted results in the International Baccalaureate Diploma 2018 results released Friday 4 January 2019. The 168 students in the Class of 2018 produced a 99.4% pass rate with 90% gaining scores above the world average – both indicators being the highest in recent years. One student achieved the perfect score of 45 points.

The below table summarises the results of recent years.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pass Rate %	92	92	96	98	96	99.4
Score over 40	14%	12%	10%	18%	22%	21%
Top Score (45)	44	44	45	45	44	45
ACS Average Score	34	34	34.8	35.4	36	35.6
World Average	30	30	31	29.2	29.8	--
% Above World Av	72	77	83	83	85	90
Bilingual Dip.	--	--	26%	29%	33%	27%

The percentage of students gaining 40 points or more was our second highest at 21%. The top mark of 45 points was by Xander Pang. Michael Chen scored 44 points and nine students gained 43 points, including Russell Indrajaja who also gained acceptance to Oxford University.

The overall cohort average of 35.6 (out of 45) slightly exceeded last year's best ever average score of 35.5 published on results day which later increased to 36 points once re-mark scores were added in. We are hopeful that these latest averages will also exceed 36 points after re-marks. The world average is approximately 30 points. The school average was especially pleasing considering the average PSLE score of the Singaporeans in this cohort was 211 with a range from 158 – 257. All 20 students with PSLE scores less than 200 passed their Diploma. One student with a PSLE score of 171 scored an impressive 38 points, and another with an O Level L1R5 score of 27 scored 32 points. They now have many university options available to them. These are just two of many fine value-added achievements.

It is important to compare apples with apples when comparing results between schools. Our 98.8% pass rate plus the higher than world average pass rate was especially pleasing when considering that for 45% of our students English is a second language. Students must firstly learn English, then think in English then write in academic English. This is a considerable challenge and we are proud of these students' achievements.

These results are not unique to this year. Each year our students improve significantly on their secondary school entry performance as indicated by PSLE and other entry results.

As an inclusive Methodist school we strongly believe that every student who is accepted at our school should be given the opportunity to sit the IB examination. We have high expectations and our students respond exceptionally well. On occasion and by exception, we accept Year 1 students with PSLE scores below 200 and O Level scores above 20. The students and teachers are to be congratulated on the fine individual results and the added value scores that the students subsequently gain in the IB Diploma.

We are very proud of our students and their strong performance. Congratulations!

Rob Burrough
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