

Studying in Japan

High School Exchange Program

The Global Futures Program



A unique intercultural experience to study at an IB World School in Japan

**Osaka
International
School
of
Kwansei
Gakuin**



*Informed, Caring
Creative Individuals
Contributing to
a Global Community*

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An IB World School

Osaka International School (OIS) has a residential boarding program called Global Futures. It is an exclusive program for high school students from around the world to join our learning community for a year, or even more.

Japan's distinct culture is a mix of the modern and the ancient. It is a land of manga, anime, cutting edge urban architecture combined with ancient Zen temples and traditional martial arts.

The OIS Global Futures Program provides a unique opportunity to pursue high school English language academic studies, develop skills as a global citizen and to study Japanese immersed in the culture and atmosphere of Osaka—Japan's vibrant, cutting edge and historically rich 'second city'. If Japanese is your chosen foreign language, you want to explore your Japanese roots, or you want an unforgettable experience boosting your intercultural skills while continuing your college preparatory coursework, then consider an application to the OIS Global Futures Program.

OIS is an International Baccalaureate World School and English is the language of instruction. The students in grades 9 and 10 students study in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) curriculum and grades 11 and 12 study in the highly rigorous Diploma Programme. Graduates from OIS go on to study in universities in Japan and around the world. The international faculty is recruited to contribute to the school mission of furthering international education. Students in the Global Futures program can choose to participate fully or partially in our IB program and individually design their schedule, depending on their Japanese language ability and goals



OIS was the first school in Japan to offer all three IB programmes

Unique Campus

OIS shares a campus with the Senri International School (SIS), a Japanese international school set up for Japanese families returning to Japan from abroad. The founders of the school purposely arranged the two schools together to share the best of western and Japanese educational ideas. Students from both schools participate in shared classes in music, physical education, and the visual arts. The two schools combine also for our extracurricular program, which includes sports, theatre, student government, and other enriching activities. Global Futures students get the family atmosphere of a small school, OIS, combined with the programs of a medium-sized school. The Japanese school on our campus gives international students access to the local culture, which is different from many international schools, which commonly form an “expatriate bubble”.



Authentic Opportunities

Our student body routinely performs well above world averages on the IB exams and enter the finest universities throughout the world. The families that make up our community, have great respect for education and value the international-mindedness of the IB. The shared program gives OIS students many opportunities to make friends with Japanese students and to improve their Japanese language skills. Global futures students can take classes in English or in Japanese



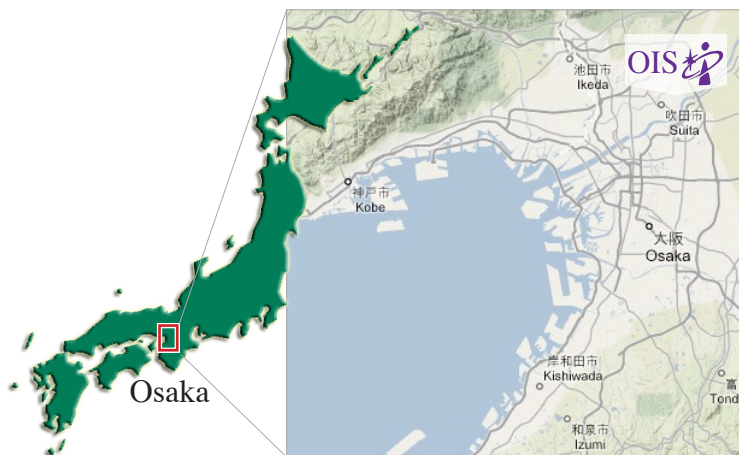
The Kwansei Gakuin Advantage

Kwansei Gakuin Foundation (KG) is one of the most prestigious private educational foundations in Japan. The foundation governs 10 schools, a vocational college, and a university with a total population of 27,000 students. Our partnership with KG affords us access to people, research and facilities that would not usually be associated with a K-12 international school.

Our relationship with Kwansei Gakuin University also means that students have the possibility to enter the university upon graduation either into a regular program if an applicant has the necessary command of Japanese, or into specific departments like the international relations department and receive an education completely in English, graduating with a degree at the end of a 4 year course. The options are wide and exciting.

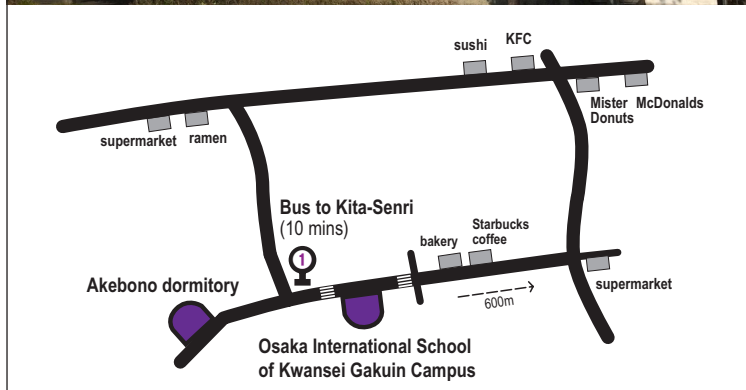
Why Osaka?

Osaka is situated in the center of the long Japanese archipelago. It is in an area known as Kansai. The Kansai area is one of the most important historical regions of Japan with the ancient capitals of Kyoto and Nara nearby. Osaka is a large cosmopolitan city and is known as the 'food capital' of Japan. The school is situated 15 km (about 9 miles) from the city center on the northern edge of the city, and is served with excellent local transportation links to the city center, Itami Airport, Kyoto and Kobe. The school is in a new residential area with many green areas and parks and safe bike trails galore. The school is also close to the Mino National Park with kilometers of hiking and biking trails. Like all areas of Japan, Osaka is a very safe and comfortable city to live in.



Living Accommodation

Akebono dormitory is situated in a residential area only two minutes on foot from the school. 'Akebono' means 'dawn' or 'daybreak'. This is an apt name for a residence that prides itself on providing a warm, safe and welcoming environment for high school students whose parents are living abroad or beyond commuting distance from the school. Students are supported by a housemaster and housemother who ensure the smooth administration and running of the dormitory. One of the goals of living in the dorm is for students to develop independence and cooperation and as such students living there are encouraged to play an active role in creating a successful living environment. All admissions and issues arising from dormitory life are governed by the dormitory committee consisting of the head of school, principal, house parents and a faculty member appointed by the head. The dorm is a light reinforced concrete structure built to the highest safety regulations. The total floor space is 980 sq m. This area includes 21 double occupancy rooms, each 18 square meters. The capacity is 42 students (18 boys, 24 girls). There is a male and female zone. Each zone contains a mini kitchen, lounge, traditional Japanese bath with showers, and laundry room. Besides students from the Global Futures Program, SIS Japanese students also live in the dormitory. This also helps with immersing oneself into the Japanese language and culture, as current Grade 11 student Akira Polenghi explains: *"The dorm mother takes great care of us and I get to practice my Japanese."*



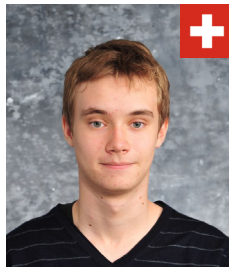
Costs

Who Should Apply?

Testimonial

The costs of an education at OIS would depend on the requirements of the applicant. Separate fees apply for tuition, dormitory and catering. Please look at the school website for detailed information.

High school students who have a specific interest in Japan such as its language; students who like to study language in an authentic setting; students with a Japanese heritage who want to spend some time studying and living in the country; students who want to experience a unique culture first hand; students who want to study in the IB program; students who enjoy contributing to a community; students who enjoy challenges; students who want a special experience to take with them for the rest of their lives.



Francesco Lässig
Switzerland
Global Futures student 2013-2014

"I was very happy with the way OIS handled my year abroad. First of all, they were very supportive right from the start, and I was very grateful for the flexibility of the school throughout the whole year, such as adjusting my schedule to suit my needs. They were always making sure I had the best possible experience.

At school I was able to continue my studies in English and, at the same time, learn Japanese in my Japanese lessons. I was even presented with the possibility of taking chemistry lessons in Japanese at SIS. It was a great way of immersing myself more in the Japanese language and getting to know people from the sister school. However, what really helped me to improve my Japanese significantly were the interactions with Japanese people outside of school, especially at the dormitory. It was a great place to interact with people the same age in Japanese, and I made a lot of friends there.

And that was probably the best part of my year in Japan: I met so many new people and managed to make friends from all over the world. I really hope I will be able to meet them again."

How Do I Apply?

Application Process Flowchart

To make the first steps in applying to join the program, please contact us using this form telling us briefly about yourself. Initially your giving us your name, date of birth and a some information about your current schooling situation will allow us to get back to you with more information about the program suited to your situation. Following that, if you decide to follow up with a formal application we will ask you to complete some application forms, provide the past 3 years of school transcripts, and recommendations from a teacher and the school principal.



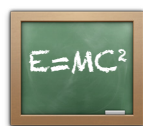
- ① Initial contact through email and/or phone.



- ② Parents or guardians and students meet with admissions staff (in person, or via Skype)



- ③ Submission of documents
 - school records
 - letters of recommendation
 - standardized testing
 - health records
 - parental consent form



- ④ Evaluation
 - English, mathematics, and non-verbal testing
 - formal interview



- ⑤ Acceptance, deferred acceptance, placed on waiting list, or rejection



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