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## **The IB Diploma at Växjö Katedralskola Sweden Sustainability Profile**

IB World School 001106 accredited 24 Feb 1999

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Växjö Katedralskola provides a full-time learning environment for upper secondary school students aged 16 to 19. Our talented young people learn to realise their potential, to develop the academic and extra-curricular opportunities provided by their creative gifts, and to become fully coping young adults in a changing world.

Växjö Cathedral School was established in 1643, on an earlier school founded in 1340. Växjö is an education hub in the south of Sweden, and the school has established academic partnerships with other secondary schools in Europe, and with Linnaeus University in Växjö. This upper secondary school features aesthetics, social and experimental sciences, economics, and humanities courses in the Swedish National Curriculum, as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Many faculty hold post-graduate qualifications and receive national teaching prizes, and the students are motivated and awarded prizes in the sciences, arts, and mathematics. Our IBDP graduates are accepted into universities in Scandinavia, China, South Korea, the U.S., Australia, Japan, Canada, the U.K., the Netherlands, and other European countries. The IB Diploma develops critical thinking and intellectual reasoning and is considered highly attractive by universities worldwide.

“Universities laud the independent thinking and creativity the IB encourages in students -- skills which last beyond university level and into the world of work -- that are invaluable, but very difficult to teach in a classroom.” *The Independent Newspaper*

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/schools/why-schools-love-the-international-baccalaureate-1784352.html>

### **Växjö Katedralskola IB Diploma Mission Statement**

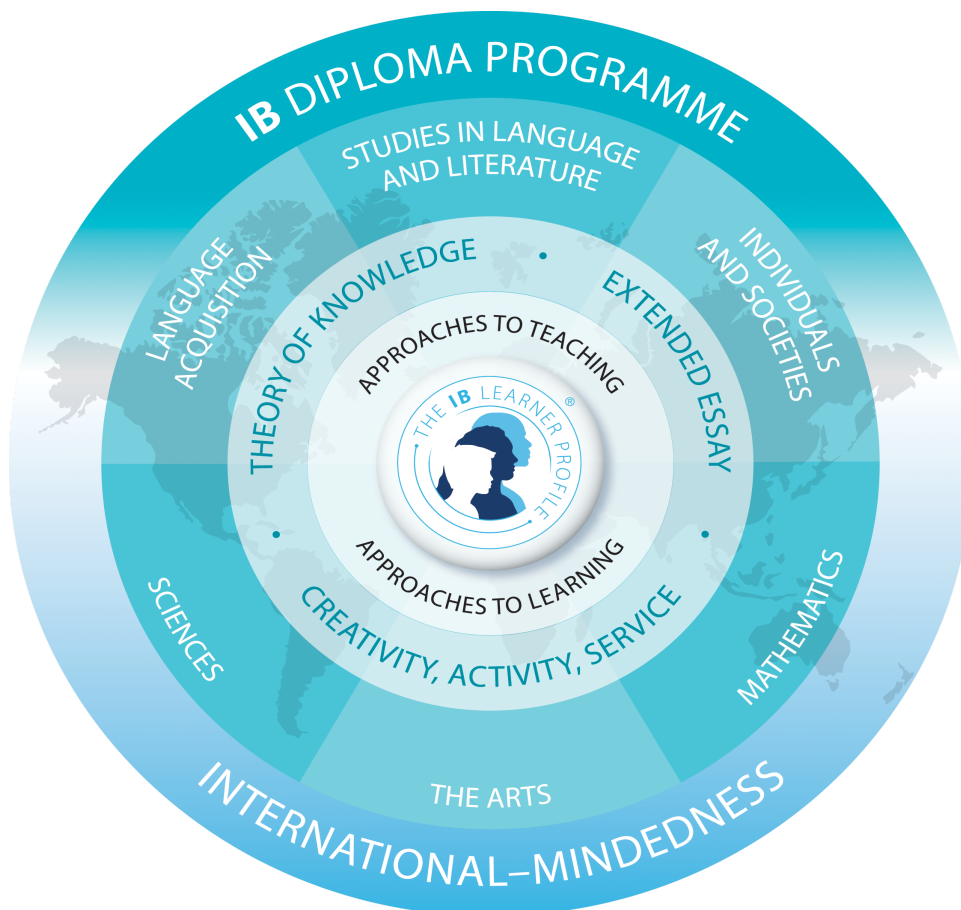
**We encourage an atmosphere of learning that ensures high academic standards, the development of lifelong skills, and a sense of shared humanity that gives our students the ability to think and act both locally and globally.**

Our students also experience this mission statement in real terms with CAS projects in Sweden and overseas, such as a CAS project with micro banking in India and one working with the conservation of pandas in China.

The principles underlying our educational aims are:

- ↳ the provision of full equality of learning opportunity regardless of race, gender, physical or other disability, faith or political affiliation, sexual inclination or social background;
- ↳ the provision of an excellent quality of teaching and learning experience;
- ↳ the provision of full pastoral care and inclusive arrangements to support all students;
- ↳ the provision of a stimulating student community with a packed calendar of concerts, theatre, dance, sports, Student Council, and other events; and
- ↳ the provision of a well-maintained environment conducive to learning.

The IB Diploma Programme is a three-year programme in our municipal school. The Preparatory Diploma Programme (PreDP) year aligns with the three-year secondary school parameters outlined by the Swedish School Law. Students take all subjects in English, excepting languages that can include Italian and Japanese, before taking the IB Diploma in their second and third years. Literature A languages other than English and Swedish that we have supported include: Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, French, Finnish, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Kurdish (request), Lithuanian, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Somali (request), Swahili, Telugu (request), Turkish, and Urdu.



**Year 1/Pre-Diploma:** Students study (in English) [English 5](#), [Geography 1](#), [History 1b](#), [Modern Language \(French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish\)](#), [Mathematics 1c](#), [Science 1b](#), [Sports & Health 1](#), and [Swedish 1/SvAO1](#) (if students have grades from Year 9). Students intending to take more experimental sciences and more advanced Mathematics in the DP are encouraged to attend

lessons in Preparatory Chemistry, Preparatory Physics, and more advanced Mathematics. Students continuing with the modern language of French, German or Spanish that they previously studied accrue university credit points. These grades in Year 10 are required for all university applications in Sweden and overseas and comprise final grades from Year 10.

**Years 2+3:** The IB Diploma offers academic depth and breadth in a minimum of six subjects, three taken at higher level and three taken at standard level, from the six groups:

1 Studies in Language and Literature A: English A, SSST Literature A, Swedish A

2 Language Acquisition B: English B, German B, Spanish B, Swedish B, Swedish B ab initio

3 Individuals and Societies: Geography, Global Politics, Psychology

4 Experimental Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

5 Mathematics: Maths A&I SL, Maths A&A SL, Maths A&A HL

6 Arts or Electives: Theatre or another subject from groups 2-4

The core of the two-year Diploma is the CAS course of Creativity, Activity, and Service, an Extended Essay, and the Theory of Knowledge course.

More information for parents:

<https://ibo.org/information-for-parents/>



IB students the world over, in all programmes from the very youngest to almost adult learners, are encouraged to be inquirers, thinkers, and communicators that are open-minded, knowledgeable, caring, courageous, balanced, principled, and reflective. This is intended to help develop a sense of global citizenship for the 21st century.

Please visit our website for more information in English:

[IB Diploma Programme - The International Baccalaureate - Vaxjo.se](https://www.vaxjo.se/ib/)

Please arrange to visit the school and sit in on some IB Diploma classes:

[Visit the IB Diploma Programme - Vaxjo.se](https://www.vaxjo.se/ib/)

“We look forward to hearing from you all -- students and guardians -- and beginning the IB Diploma adventure of intellectual discovery.” -- IB Diploma Coordinator [gilles.kennedy@vaxjo.se](mailto:gilles.kennedy@vaxjo.se)



## Växjö Katedralskola Sweden : IB World School 001106

IBDP Coordinator Gilles Kennedy  
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University Liaison: Kennedy, Isaksson

IBDP Pastoral Care Team  
School Nurse Mari Ulmestad  
Counsellor Ewa Svensson  
Support Teacher Ola Håkansson  
Special Pedagogue Annica Thörnqvist

Meetings: IBDP Parents Thurs by appointment / IBDP Pastoral Care Team Wed / DPC-DP Head Planning Mon / IBDP Visits to Schools, Stakeholders, Fri or by appointment

### Academic Coaches

PDP E von Schanz, H Karam, G Kennedy DP1 J Winnberg, R Winton; DP2 W Cook, P Bengtsson

### Group 1

English A Language and Literature HL/SL/EE: J Winnberg Language A Literature SL  
School-supported Self-taught: G Kennedy Swedish A Literature HL/SL/EE: E von Schantz

### Group 2

English B HL/EE: W Cook German B HL/SL: B Marten Spanish B HL/SL: Y Jonsson  
Swedish B HL/SL: B Marten Swedish B ab initio: C Johansson

### Group 3

Geography HL/SL/EE: P Bengtsson Global Politics SL/EE: O Larsson, R Winton  
Psychology HL/SL/EE: E Franklin Nordin World Studies EE G Kennedy

### Group 4

Biology HL/SL/EE: H Karam, R Winton Chemistry HL/SL/EE: H Karam, R Winton  
Physics HL/SL/EE: H Franzén

### Group 5

Maths AI SL: S Nystedt Maths AA SL: R Drifalk, V Jakobsson Maths AA HL: R Drifalk  
Maths EE R Drifalk

### Group 6

Theatre HL/SL: G Kennedy, T Klasson

Core **CAS**: E Svensson, T Klasson **EE**: O Österström **TOK**: J Winnberg, G Kennedy, E von Schantz  
**ATTLs**: P Bengtsson **IBDP Sports**: M Hammaräng, E Svensson

## IBDP Calendar 2023-2024

Month	Week	DP1	DP2
August	34	Academic Year Starts	Academic Year Starts
	35	IB Breakfast Dining Hall	31/8 IB Breakfast Dining Hall LangA, EngB Oral Practices
September	36		LangA, EngB Oral Practices Geography/Biology field trip Öland IA
	37	CAS Theatre excursion 11 Sept Bäckaskog DP1 Parents Evening 12 Sept Korrö Orienteering 13 Sept	LangA, EngB Oral Practices
	38		LangA Oral Final, EngB Oral Practices Referees for 1st UCAS/US Registration LangA, EngB Oral Final Physics Field Trip 22 Sept
	39		LangA, EngB Oral Final EE Supervisor Meeting 2 / Hand in EE Draft Sunday Theatre Research Presentation Tech 25/9
October	40	Exam Paper Week (in class time) Teachers explain papers	Exam Paper Week (in class time) Teachers explain papers EngA, SweA Oral Practices LangA, EngB Oral Final Theatre Research Presentation Final 2/10
	41		1st UCAS / US Predicted Grades EngA, SweA Oral Practices LangA, EngB Oral Final
	42		EngA, LangA, SweA, EngB Oral Final
	43		EngA, LangA, SweA, EngB Oral Final Chemistry IA Labs
	44	Autumn Half-term	Autumn Half-term Maths AA AI Draft
November	45		LangA, EngB Oral Final Geography IA Draft Theatre Collaborative Project Draft
	46	Theatre RP Draft	EE Supervisor Meeting 3 Final handed in Swedish A HL Essay Draft
	47	CAS DP1 hosts EE Ceremony 16:30	DP2 Extended Essay Ceremony 22 Nov 17:00
	48		Referees + Predicted Grades for 2nd UCAS/US Registration Chemistry IA Draft
December	49		EngA Essay Draft EE Viva Voce with supervisor Theatre Collaborative Project Filmed 8 Dec 17:00
	50		Biology IA Draft Psychology IA Draft
	51	Learner Profile Awards Theatre RP Mocks 18 Dec	Learner Profile Awards EE uploaded, all reflections on ManageBac Geography IA Final Maths AA Final
	52	New Year Holidays	New Year Holidays

January	2	Theatre Research Presentation Filmed 10 Jan	Global Politics IA Draft Maths AI Final
	3		2nd UCAS Registration Physics IA Draft Theatre CP Report Final
	4		GerB, SpanB, SweB Oral Mocks TOK Essay Draft
February	5	Theatre CP Report Final	GerB, SpanB Oral Final Psychology IA Final
	6		EngA HL Essay Final SweB Oral Final Chemistry IA Final
	7		Physics IA Final Swedish HL Essay Final Theatre Production Proposal Draft
	8	Sports Break	Sports Break
March	9	MOCK EXAM WEEK (TOK workshop)	MOCK EXAM WEEK TOK Essay Final uploading
	10	Theatre Production Proposal Draft	Global Politics IA Final Biology IA Final
	11		CAS Final
	12	CAS Fair 14.00-15.00 (Guest) Dining Hall 19/3	CAS Fair 14.00-15.00 (Host) Dining Hall 19/3 Theatre Production Proposal Final
	13	Spring Half-term	Spring Half-term
April	14	EE Supervisor Meeting 1 Theatre Production Proposal Final	Lessons
	15	LangB Oral Practice TOK Exhibition Draft	Lessons
	16	LangB Oral Practice CAS Theatre Production	Lessons
	17	LangB Oral Practice TOK Exhibition Dining Hall	May Exam Session starts 24/4
May	18	EngA, LangA, SweA Oral Practice	May Exam Session
	19	EngA, LangA, SweA Oral Practice	May Exam Session
	20		May Exam Session ends 14/5
	21	Collaborative Sciences Project (CSP)	No lessons
June	22	CSP Project presentations	No lessons
	23		No lessons
	24	Academic Year Ends	Academic Year Ends
July	27		May Exam Session Results 6 July University Admissions

Thank you faculty, and IB21A and IB22A students for your suggestions and collaboration! (Kindly be reminded that any delayed deadlines upon student request risk an unbalanced workload with other subjects.)