



SOMERSFIELD ACADEMY

Inspiring Socially Conscious Independent Thinkers

## Admissions Guidelines and Application IB Diploma Programme

**Somersfield Academy** welcomes all families to make application for admission to the school on behalf of their children. Applications are accepted regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. The IB Diploma Programme application / placement process for internal and external applicants typically commences in **October of the MYP 5 (Grade 10) academic year**. The criterion for acceptance is based on evidence of the family's support of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), a student's readiness for the programme, as determined by his/her overall level of academic skill, and the ability to communicate and cooperate with others.

**Application** - Parents who have familiarised themselves with the enclosed literature and are supportive of the Academy's programme, should submit the enclosed application form along with the **non-refundable \$100.00 application fee**. To ensure eligibility for this programme, a copy of your child's birth certificate must accompany the application.

**DP Open House/Tour** - The Head of DP runs the *DP Open House* in October and provides general information on the advantages of a DP education. For external applicants, there is the option of attending a shadow day in order to familiarize students with the nature of DP classes and our teaching and learning environment.

Parents interested in having their children join our IB Diploma Programme will be sent an invitation to attend our "Open House" at which time there will be a presentation about the programme, followed by a guided tour with one of our Parent Ambassadors/DP students. Personal tours may be arranged by appointment through our Admissions Office.

**Reports and Interview** – In addition to the completed application form, copies of your child's reports and recent achievement test results must be submitted. After a review of these submissions, the student and their parents will be invited to a course placement interview with the Head of DP. Please note that we make every effort to determine whether or not we can support children with specific needs in a responsible and effective way.

**Placement** - Following the review of the student's submissions and interview, we are able to determine whether we can offer your child a place. It is important for you to note that if our programme is full at the time you have applied, we may not be able to make an offer. However, by completing the admission process, we will be able to accommodate your child promptly should a space become available.

**Enrolment** - Once you have been invited to accept a space for your child, we request that you sign and return our Enrolment Agreement, the Schedule of Fee document (Payment Plan) together with a \$1000.00 non-refundable enrolment fee by the date noted on the letter of offer.

Our 'Schedule of Fees' is issued annually in the spring. Through the admissions process, you will gather an understanding of how Somersfield will help your child reach his or her full potential. We are committed to providing a learning environment which fosters independence, curiosity, competence and caring. We look forward to working with you.

## IB Diploma Programme Application for Admission

Please complete this form and return it with the non-refundable \$100 application fee  
to: Somersfield Academy, 107 Middle Road, Devonshire DV06, Bermuda  
Tel: (441) 239-3345 Email: [admissions@somersfield.bm](mailto:admissions@somersfield.bm) Website: [www.somersfield.bm](http://www.somersfield.bm)

### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Student's Name (First/Last):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bermudian:** Yes No

Male Female **Date of Birth (m/d/y):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Race** (For statistical purposes only): \_\_\_\_\_

**Current/Previous School Experience:**

\_\_\_\_\_ years

\_\_\_\_\_ years

**Parent 1 or Guardian:**

**Parent 2 or Guardian:**

Permanent Residency Status: Yes No

Permanent Residency Status: Yes No

Nationality:

Nationality:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (wk) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (wk) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings Name:**

**Sex**

**Age**

**Current School (if applicable)**

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**How did you learn about Somersfield Academy?**

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**Does your child have any siblings who have ever attended Somersfield?**  Yes  No

If yes, when was the child(ren) at Somersfield and what were the reason(s) for leaving?

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**Does/has your child participate/d in:**

Speech and Language Therapy: Yes No Occupational Therapy:  Yes No

Learning Support and/or Academic Tutoring: Yes  No If yes, in what subject(s)?

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**Has your child's cognitive and/or behavioral development ever been assessed?**  Yes \*  No

\*If yes, what was the outcome(s)?

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**Has your child had a psycho-educational evaluation and/or specialized testing?**  Yes \* No

\*If yes, please attach copy of report(s).

**Is there any additional information concerning your child about which we should be aware?**

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**What special interests does your child have? (Art, Music, Drama, Sports, Debating etc.)**

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**Achievement awards:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**May we have permission to contact your child's previous school?**  Yes  No

**Parent(s) Volunteer History:** (Board Experience, Activities, Projects)

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All information provided in response to this form will be held in the strictest of confidence.

**Application Fee:** Please be sure to enclose a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 for the application cost and a copy of your child's' birth certificate and all school transcripts (if applicable). Thank you.

**Banking Details:** Payments can be made online to the following BNTB accounts: Somersfield Academy BDA\$ 20006060887473100 or Somersfield Academy US\$ 20006840887473100. Be sure to include your name in the comment box of your transaction.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED SUBJECTS OF STUDY ON THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**

*Please choose 3 Higher level (HL) subjects and 3 Standard Level (SL) subjects (1 from each group).  
 A minimum grade of MYP 5 (GCSE grade B/6 or 80% for external applicants) is advised for HL courses  
 A minimum grade of MYP 3 (GCSE Grade C/4 or 60% for external applicants) is advised for SL subjects.*

Group		Subject Choices	
1	Studies in Language and Literature	English Language and Literature HL/SL	
2	Language acquisition	French SL	Spanish SL
		French Ab Initio SL	Spanish Ab Initio SL
3	Individuals & Society	Business HL/SL	Global Politics HL/SL
		History HL/SL	Psychology HL/SL
4	Sciences	Biology HL/SL	Chemistry HL/SL
		Physics HL/ SL	Design Tech. HL/SL
5	Mathematics	Mathematics Analysis & Approaches HL/SL	
		Mathematics Applications & Interpretation HL/SL	
6	Arts & Electives	Music HL/SL	Visual Arts HL/SL
		OR	
		<u>Select an additional subject from Group 3 or Group 4</u>	

*These choices are provisional and will be discussed in more detail at the course placement interview*

Higher Level Subject Choice	Standard Level Choice
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_