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# Sandford International School

## School Profile 2019-2020



Cambridge International School

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**Mission:** *Sandford International School educates students to become effective world citizens who will excel in critical inquiry, creative thinking, clear communication, and commitment to others.*

### Ethiopia's Position in Africa



### Sandford International School

Sandford is a private coeducational day school, offering an English language educational program for students from age 4 to 18 to the national and international communities of Addis Ababa.

### History

Sandford International School was founded in 1947 and in 1949 moved to its current location. In 2001, SIS changed its name from Sandford English Community School to Sandford International School to reflect more effectively its international character with a student body representing over 50 nations.

### School Governance

Sandford is registered as a non-profit charitable institution. Elected representatives from the parent community serve on the Board of Governors. The Board is comprised of three members of the Ethiopian community and two members of the expatriate community. There are also two representatives from the Ethiopian Ministry of Education and Charities & Societies Agency.

### Calendar/Academic Reports

The school year commences in August and ends in June of the following year. School is in session for 36 weeks, and a total of not less than 180 days. The school year at Sandford is divided into three terms and a written report and/or grade card is issued each term.

### Faculty

The faculty at Sandford International School are recruited from all over the world. Currently faculty come from Australia, Canada, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Netherlands, Spain, United States, and United Kingdom.

### Student body

The student body at Sandford is made of students from 50 nations including Ethiopia, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Kenya, Uganda, Italy, Pakistan, India and several other nations. There are currently 900 students on the roll – approximately 500 in the Primary School and 400 in the Secondary School. In this year's graduating class there are 44 seniors.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Sandford runs an after-school activities program as well as varsity and junior varsity boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, athletics, cross-country, tennis and basketball; Sandford is a member of the International Schools Sports Association of Addis Ababa. Sandford is also an approved centre to offer the Duke of Edinburgh/International Award.

### Curriculum

The Primary Curriculum at the School follows both the Numeracy/Literacy Strategies of the English National Curriculum and the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) until Year 6.

Sandford International School offers Ethiopian National Examinations in Years 8 and 10 for our Ethiopian National students.

### Rank in class

Sandford International School does not assign rank to students. It is the goal of the teachers to help each student actualize her/his potential.

### Cambridge International Examinations

Sandford offers the University of Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) in Years 10 and 11. Sandford International School is the oldest CIE Test Centre in Ethiopia.

### International Baccalaureate Organization

Sandford International School is an IB World School. It was authorized to run the International Baccalaureate Organization's Diploma Program in 1994.

## Cambridge IGCSE Curriculum-Years 10 & 11

### Subjects offered in the IGCSE Programme

Amharic, Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Drama, Dutch (when requested) English, French, Global Perspectives, ICT, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics and Spanish

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Curriculum-Years 12 & 13

3 subjects at Higher Level; 3 subjects at Standard Level; Core Subjects: Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay 4,000 words, Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) practice over 2 years. For their CAS, students produce a portfolio as evidence of their involvement in these activities including one project lasting at least a month. Students must meet the 7 learning outcomes and reflection is very important. Three formal documented interviews with the CAS coordinator are required.

Language and Literature	Language Acquisition	Individuals and Societies
Amharic A Literature, English A Literature, English A Language and Literature,	French B, Spanish & French Ab Initio	Business Management, Economics, Geography, History, Information Technology in a Global Society
Science	Mathematics	Arts
Biology, Computer Science, Chemistry, Environmental Systems and Societies, Physics,	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches, Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation	Visual Arts

### International Baccalaureate Diploma Results

Year	Number of Candidates	Diplomas Awarded	Pass Rate
2019	48	41	85%
2018	42	39	93%
2017	45	39	87%
2016	46	39	84%
2015	42	37	88%
2014	34	31	92%
2013	31	25	81%

### Grading system

IGCSE		IB Diploma	
Grade	Descriptor	Grade	Descriptor
A*	Exceptional	7	Excellent
A	Excellent	6	Very Good
B	Above Average	5	Good
C	Satisfactory	4	Satisfactory/Pass
D	Unsatisfactory	3	Mediocre
E	Failing	2	Poor
F & G	Fail	1	Very Poor
U	Ungraded	/	/

### Sandford Graduation Requirements

Sandford International School offers only the International Baccalaureate Diploma for its graduates. For students who do not earn the full IB Diploma, Sandford issues a Sandford School Graduate Certificate provided students have completed and achieved the adequate number of credits and passes to graduate.

### University Admissions

Over 90% of Sandford graduates attend university within one year of graduation. Most students attend university in the US and UK. Universities that have accepted graduates include:

#### USA

Allegheny College  
Bentley University  
Boston University  
California Lutheran University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Clark University  
College of William and Mary  
College of Wooster  
Denison University  
Emory University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
Grinnell College

Howard University  
Ithaca College  
Iona College  
Iowa Wesleyan University  
Juniata College  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Middlebury College  
MIT  
Northeastern University  
Nyack College  
Oxford College  
Pace University - New York  
Purdue University

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Santa Clara University  
Smith College  
Spelman College  
St. John's College  
Syracuse University  
University of Bridgeport  
University of California- Riverside  
University of Houston  
University of Massachusetts - Lowell  
University of Miami  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas

#### UK

Goldsmiths, University of London  
Newcastle University  
Northumberland University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Regents College London  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
SOAS, University of London  
University of Brighton  
University of Greenwich  
University of Herfordshire  
University of Nottingham  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick  
University of Westminster

#### Other

Addis Ababa University  
Bahir Dar University  
Jimma University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
York University  
Monash University  
University of Rotterdam  
Erasmus University- Rotterdam  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
University of Brussels  
Ecole Centrale Nantes  
Africa Leadership Academy University-Mauritius  
NYU Abu Dhabi  
NYU Shanghai  
Carnegie Mellon University-Qatar  
Georgetown University-Qatar  
Northwestern-Qatar