

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### Studying at Brillantmont

Brillantmont welcomes students from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade onwards. Some students stay for just one year; others stay for several years, until Graduation.

Depending on the academic profile of the student, an appropriate pathway to graduation is offered, either through the British IGCSE / A Levels and/ or the High School Diploma.

High School Diploma (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	British IGCSE and A Levels
Is based on the grade of the last 4 years of High School. Awarded by Brillantmont.	Is based on exams only. Awarded by Cambridge.
Internal grades only.	Grades are based on external exams only.
Level of assessment can be adjusted to the student's current performance. Students have core assessment options.	Level is fixed with no possible adjustment. Students are only assessed at extended level.
Has a broad curriculum requirement with compulsory subjects in Grades 11 and 12.	A narrow-focused curriculum at a high, in-depth level in Grades 11 and 12.
Can attend most universities worldwide including Europe, Asia and North America (except the most elite – Harvard, Oxford etc.). However, students may need to enter the Foundation Programme, which means that it takes 4 years to get a Bachelor's Degree.	Can attend almost all universities worldwide, including the elite e.g. Harvard, Oxford and enter the first year of the degree course. Some subjects may require an entrance exam. It usually takes 3 years to get a Bachelor's Degree.

### Candidate Profile

Brillantmont takes a holistic approach to reviewing the application of every candidate, considering not just their academic profile, but also their interests and talents outside the classroom. We look for candidates who are open-minded, intellectually curious and will thrive in an international community. We look for candidates who will get involved in school life, who will make a positive contribution to our small, family school and whose talents and strengths we can develop.

The Head of Admissions oversees the application journey but other key members of staff, such as the Head of School, Head of Academics, Head of Boarding are frequently involved, to help determine if the candidate is "the right fit."

## Application deadline

Brillantmont has a rolling admission and although we prefer that applications are completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March, we accept applications throughout the year.

## How to apply

Candidates use the online Registration Form and submit other requested documents

- [Brillantmont school year online registration form](#)
- [Brillantmont current school questionnaire](#)
- [Brillantmont parent questionnaire](#)
- [Brillantmont student questionnaire](#)
- [Medical Form to be completed by the parents of a prospective student](#)
- [Medical Certificate to be completed by the doctor of a prospective student](#)

Candidates complete a Maths Entrance Examination and an English Entrance examination and pay the Registration Fee.

Candidates have a compulsory interview by Zoom or in person on the campus.

## Application decision

After review of the complete admissions file, a decision is given in writing - Acceptance - Waiting list - Refused.

## Refusal

The school reserves the right to refuse a student if we feel that we cannot meet their needs or if they do not correspond to the profile we are seeking.

## Acceptance

- Brillantmont makes an offer of a place.
- The parents complete the acceptance form and pay the Admissions Deposit.
- Brillantmont sends the necessary papers required to commence the visa application process.
- The student meets the Head of Academics, to discuss their programme in more detail.
- Two months prior to commencing, the student is connected to a buddy and a welcome package is sent to the family.
- Parents pay the school fees according to the deadline outlined in the financial conditions.

## Special Needs

The school does not discriminate against students with a physical handicap. However, due to the nature of our school buildings, candidates with a physical handicap are asked to contact the school prior to completing the application form to ensure that we will be able to accommodate their individual needs.

Whilst the school can accommodate students with mild learning needs, we do not have a Special Needs Specialist nor a Support Unit in the school. Candidates with specific learning needs are asked to include the most recent specialist reports, documenting their individual needs with their application file, so that we can determine if a suitable programme can be offered. The school reserves the right to refuse a student if we feel that we cannot meet their needs.

Students of exceptionally high ability and/or exceptional talent are asked to include any reports documenting their individual needs with their application file, so that we can determine if a suitable programme can be offered.

## English level

Brillantmont accepts students whose mother tongue is not English, supporting them through small class and appropriate challenge.

Every candidate completes an Admissions test in English (grammar and / or argument essay) to determine their level and whether their needs can be met.

### **Entrance to 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade programmes are about preparing a solid basis in a range of subjects and developing a love of learning. Brillantmont looks for candidates who are engaged with their learning, have solid academic reports from their previous school and who will participate enthusiastically in all that the school offers in and beyond the classroom.

### **Entrance to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Our goal is to prepare students to achieve A-C Grade passes in (I)GCSE examinations by the end of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. Candidates are expected to have the capacity to strive to achieve this level in at least five courses. We may feel that a candidate is better suited to the High School Diploma rather than the British programme.

### **Entrance to 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Our goal is to prepare students to achieve top passes in three-five extended A Level courses. To do this, candidates are expected to have a minimum of five (I)GCSEs with grades C or above or equivalent on entry. We may feel that a candidate is better suited to the High School Diploma rather than the British programme.

### **Entrance to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Brillantmont does not accept students into 12<sup>th</sup> Grade unless there are exceptional circumstances. Candidates should have a strong academic profile and their English level must have an IELTS score of 6.0 (or equivalent) or above, due to Graduation requirements.

### **Transfer from another school during the school year**

As part of the Admissions process, candidates submit a questionnaire from their current school. In case of an application mid year, in addition to the written questionnaire, Brillantmont will always telephone the previous school to discuss in more detail the reasons for a transfer. Depending on the context, Brillantmont may accept the candidate but with certain conditions.

### **Transparency**

Total transparency is essential to building a relationship based on trust and confidence. For this reason, the school expects parents to share full information about their child, as requested in the various admissions documents. Failure to do so may result in the school no longer being able to accept him /her. Parents must indicate their understanding of this on the acceptance form.