

Questions and answers

- **What are the differences between the MYP and DP programs?**

The MYP program in our school includes grades 5-8 of primary school and covers the Polish core curriculum, but with IB teaching methods. MYP is therefore directed in our school to students aged 11-14.

In turn, the DP program involves graduates of primary school. It covers 2 years - the first two years of high school education. This program also covers the Polish core curriculum but we also introduce elements of the British IGCSE program. As preparation for learning in the international baccalaureate program, our students also have subjects such as academic writing or research methods.

- **What international program is covered in pre-DP?**

Pre-DP (pre-Diplomma program) classes implement the Polish core curriculum along with elements of the British IGCSE program.

- **When and in what form will entrance exams be held?**

Due to the epidemiological crisis, entrance exams to pre-DP Monnet high school will be held online via MicrosoftTeams. They will take place on **10th April (Saturday) during the hours 10:00 am-1:30 pm**. On this day candidates will write entrance exams from Mathematics and English.

- **Will admission to DP also take place on 10th April?**

Admission to DP classes will be held on 8th and 9th April 2021.

- **What is the average score in international baccalaureate exams at your school?**

The average score in May 2019 was 33 points. However, it must be noted that our best students achieve over 40 points from final exams. Some even obtained

the maximum score of 45 points. Moreover, the average score and average grades of our students exceed the global average each year.

- **What is the language of instruction at the school?**

The last two years of high school - classes within the Diploma program – are held exclusively in English. In earlier education stages - during MYP and pre-DP, classes are held in two languages: Polish and English.

- **Where can I find preparatory material for the entrance exams from previous years?**

Unfortunately, we do not make this material available.

- **What are the exam requirements?**

The English exam corresponds to requirements at B2 level, whereas Mathematics covers the same range of material as the eighth grade exam.

- **In what language can I write the math exam?**

Generally, students write the math exam in Polish. However, English-speaking students are provided with an English language version.

- **What kinds of profiles are available at Monnet high school?**

Monnet high school does not have typical profiles as offered by other schools: humanities, biological-chemical or mathematical-physics. The first two years - in pre-DP class - students have a general profile which is a form of preparation for the Diploma Program. For the next 2 years, during DP education, students have 6 selected subjects: three at SL (standard level) and three at HL (higher level). This method allows our students to create their own, individual profile and path of development adapted to their interests and needs.

- **What subjects are offered in DP?**

We have a very wide selection of subjects at Monnet. Our students choose one subject from each of the following 6 subjects groups:

Group 1 –studies in Language and Literature: Polish SL/HL, English SL/HL

Group 2 – language acquisition: English SL/HL, French SL/HL, German SL/HL, Spanish SL /ab initio SL

Group 3 – individuals & societies: business, economics, geography, history, psychology

Group 4 – experimental sciences: physics, chemistry, biology

Group 5 – mathematics: mathematics applications & interpretation (SL), mathematics analysis & approaches (SL/HL)

Group 6 – the arts: visual arts SL/HL

If someone is not interested in art, then instead of Visual Arts from group 6 they can choose any extra subject from groups 2-4.

- **Please say something about the teaching staff.**

The Monnet teaching staff is a permanent, well-selected and highly qualified team of teachers. These are people with extensive work experience in international MYP and DP programs and include many academic teachers and people with academic degrees. Everyone has pedagogical training and they regularly participate in IB training. Most teachers are also IB examiners in their subjects.

- **What is the pass rate of the international baccalaureate exam at your school?**

Monnet International School has a very high pass rate of the international baccalaureate exam – over 90%.

- **At which universities do Monnet graduates continue their study?**

Monnet graduates study at many foreign and Polish universities, including: University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, Birmingham University, University of London, University of Southampton, University of Surrey, NCH

London, IE University Spain, University of Amsterdam, University of Warsaw, Warsaw University of Medicine.

- **Do DP graduates receive a Polish high school certificate?**

No, DP graduates receive an IB DP diploma.

- **How numerous are classes?**

Our school has a warm and family-like atmosphere. Older classes in primary school (MYP) have a maximum of 24 students. High school classes may be larger, however it must be noted that in this case, most classes are divided into subject groups.

- **How many spaces are available in grade 1 of high school?**

50.

- **What time do lessons start and finish at Monnet?**

Lessons at our school start at 8.15 am. Pre-DP classes usually finish at 3:30 pm, whereas DP classes finish at 5.15 pm (depending on selected subjects).

- **What is the admissions process in MYP classes?**

If you are interested in grades 5-8, we recommend contacting our school via email: spmyp@monnetinternationalschool.pl. Please fill in an application form (available on the school website) and send it to the above email address. The next step is arranging a three-day trial period at our school. In the event of admission to grades 7-8 a necessary element is a written entrance exam from English.

- **Is an MYP student automatically enrolled at Monnet high school? Or are entrance exams obligatory?**

After completing grade 8, the best students receive a recommendation from their teachers for pre-DP class. In this case, they are automatically accepted

into Monnet high school. Those students who do not receive a recommendation, must write entrance exams from English and Mathematics.

MYP students, who join Monnet from other schools must write entrance exams into high school.

- **What is the difference between teaching methods and material in grades 5-8 between private (traditional) schools and Monnet?**

We have the rights of a public school, which is why we implement the same core curriculum as in traditional schools. However, Monnet has a completely different approach to teaching. Usually in public schools, content is the most important thing, which is what the student is supposed to master. The teacher focuses on providing basic knowledge, which should be adopted by each child. The MYP program concentrates mainly on skills and abilities which the student should develop. We don't focus on „What to teach?“, but rather „How to teach?“.

We teach, providing students with tasks inspired by real, modern problems therefore the learning process becomes more interesting. Students conduct research, plan experiments, form creative work. They are encouraged to think independently and take responsibility for their own education. They feel like explorers.

We try to make knowledge holistic. To make this happen, we implement interdisciplinary projects, i.e. projects combining different disciplines of knowledge. We also show students how to effectively gain knowledge (learn how to learn) and support them in the development of their social competences. Therefore, we focus not only on acquiring academic knowledge, but primarily on the comprehensive development of a young person.