

## Mumbai School Mission January 2013 Report

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### Introduction

A group of eight UK universities visited eight schools offering the IB curriculum in Mumbai from 8 – 11 January 2013. The focus of the mission was brand building and building a platform for Undergraduate recruitment for UK Institutions. The program at each school comprised a generic presentation on 'Undergraduate study in the UK' followed by a 'Table-Chair exhibition'. In most of the schools the UK Institutions met students studying in the first year of the IB program.

### Name of the participating UK Institutions:

1. The University of Birmingham
2. Durham University
3. University of Exeter
4. University of Glasgow
5. University of Leeds
6. The University of Manchester
7. Middlesex University
8. The University of Sheffield

### About the school and key highlights:

(I) D Y Patil International School ([www.dypisworli.in](http://www.dypisworli.in))

About the school: D Y Patil International School has been an IB World School since June 2009. It offers the IB Primary Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme.

Key highlight of the visit:

Faculty discussion:

- UCAS presentation via British Council
- Inquiries for Engineering, Business, liberal art programs
- Eligibility requirements for all institutions
- Scholarships offered by each university

(II) Singapore International School ([www.sisindia.net](http://www.sisindia.net))

About the school: Singapore International School has been an IB World School since April 2007. It offers the IB Diploma Programme. Singapore International School is a co-education school offering IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) and IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme) for Indian as well as students from abroad. The school has unique Day Boarding and Weekly Boarding facility for students.

Key highlight of the visit:

Faculty discussion:

- Inquiries for varied subjects like Engineering, Business, liberal arts, humanities
- Eligibility requirements for all institutions
- Admission process / requirements for students receiving their IB certificate instead of their IBDP
- Scholarships offered by each university
- Preference of US verses UK based on application processes

(III) NSS Hill Spring International School ([www.nsseducation.org](http://www.nsseducation.org))

About the school: NSS Hill Spring International School has been an IB World School since November 2007. It offers the IB Primary Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme. NSS Hill Spring International is a Co-Educational English Medium School offering: Nursery - V: The Primary Years Programme (PYP), VI - X: The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), XI & XII: The Diploma Program (DP) of the International Baccalaureate.

Key highlight of the visit:

Faculty discussion:

- Inquiries for varied subjects like Engineering, Business, liberal arts, humanities, music
- Scholarships offered by each university

(IV) Jamnabai Narsee School ([www.jns.ac.in](http://www.jns.ac.in))

About the school: Jamnabai Narsee School has been an IB World School since September 2004. It offers the IB Diploma Programme. Narsee Monjee Educational Trust (NMET) set up and runs Jamnabai Narsee School located in the heart of the western suburbs of Mumbai.

Key highlight of the visit:

Table and chair exhibition only

(V) Dhirubhai Ambani International School ([www.da-is.org](http://www.da-is.org))

About the school: Dhirubhai Ambani International School has been an IB World School since January 2003. It offers the IB Diploma Programme.

Key highlight of the visit

Faculty discussion:

- Early applications
- Preference of US over UK
- Students rethinking because of the closure of the PSW
- Scholarships available
- Inquiries for Business, Engineering, Humanities, Law
- Eligibility requirement

(VI) Aditya Birla World Academy ([www.adityabirlaworldacademy.com](http://www.adityabirlaworldacademy.com))

About the school: Aditya Birla World Academy has been an IB World School since February 2010. It offers the IB Diploma Programme. The school offers training students under the CIE (Cambridge International Examinations) right from Pre-Primary till Grade X and under the IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme) and A Levels for Grade XI and XII.

Key highlight of the visit:

Faculty discussion:

- Scholarships available
- Inquiries for Business, Engineering, Humanities

(VII) Oberoi International School ([www.oberoi-is.org](http://www.oberoi-is.org))

About the school: Oberoi International School has been an IB World School since June 2009. It offers the IB Primary Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme.

Key highlight of the visit:

Table and chair exhibition only

(VII) Podar International School ([www.podarinternationalschool.com](http://www.podarinternationalschool.com))

About the school: Podar International School has been an IB World School since January 2005. It offers the IB Primary Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme. Podar International School is affiliated to Cambridge International Examinations, UK (CIE) and International Baccalaureate Organization, Geneva (IBO).

**Key statistics:**

School	Students	Teachers	Parents
D Y Patil International School	42	5	5
Singapore International School	150	0	20
NSS Hill Spring International School	62	2	0
Jamnabai Narsee School	15	0	1
Dhirbhai Ambani International School	25	0	6
Aditya Birla World Academy	25	0	0
Oberoi International School	45	0	0
Podar International School	150	0	5

### Feedback by UK Institutions:

- 88% UK institutions mentioned that the mission met their expectations
- 50% UK institutions mentioned that the Quality of Indian Institutions was 'Excellent' while 50% mentioned that the quality was 'Good'
- 80% UK institutions remarked that Interaction and content of the programme at Indian institutions and Support provided by the British Council was 'Good'
- 80% delegates strongly agreed that the event was a high quality event

### Comments by UK Institutions:

- 1) We were delighted to take part in the schools mission and were pleased with the format and outcome of the visits
- 2) The mission provided useful insights on the student demographics at each school and the focus areas at each school
- 3) The tour was very useful for me to learn about IB schools in India

### Suggestions for the British Council for future missions:

- 1) Most participating institutions suggested to get more parents involved as parents are key influencers and decision makers for Undergraduate students
- 2) Some institutions suggested in providing some brief on student demographic (subjects) in advance so that the institutions can plan to carry the promotional material accordingly. We shall try and work on this aspect for future missions.
- 3) Some Institutions felt that every delegate should be given a small presentation slot of about 3 to 4 slides to introduce themselves and provide a small brief about the institution in each school. We shall look into this suggestion as the time allocated by each Indian school may not permit a brief slot for all UK delegates.
- 4) Most delegates suggested to provide a small lunch break during the day

### Some pictures:



