



The Cathedral & John Connon School

PROFILE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, 2019-2020

The School

Founded in 1860 by the Anglo-Scottish Education Society, the Cathedral and John Connon School is ranked among the top Schools in the country. Once the bastion of British public school values, today, Cathedral reflects the multi-culturalism that is India. Known to mould traditional values into a contemporary, real-world context, the institution prepares students to embark on a journey of academic as well as personal excellence.

The school's motto, "Clarum Efficient Studia", translates to "Studies Maketh Famous". As a visionary former Principal Mr. Lentin Gunnery said: "the School is a place where everything that goes on bears the stamp of the Cathedral School character and tradition. Our education is international. We are an Indian school where foreigners are at home; a Christian school which children of any faith can call their own." The school has 5 different sections: the Pre-Primary, Infant, Junior, Middle and Senior Schools.

Quick Facts (A History):

- In the last part of the 17th century, during the British Colonial rule, the settlers wanted a Church of their own in India. Nearly 300 years ago, they built the St. Thomas' Cathedral after Thomas, one of Christ's 12 disciples. This is **the oldest building in Bombay**.
- These colonial British posted in India had to send their children to boarding schools in the UK, which was a major handicap. The chaplain of the Church set up a small choir school in the vestry of the church in 1716 to conduct classes for the children. As numbers grew, the school shifted to different locations. Finally, it found its present location in the Fort area of Bombay over 158 years ago.
- The Girls' School was established in 1880. In 1965, the schools were merged to make them co-educational.
- In 1881, a beautiful building was built on the Esplanade in memory of Mr. John Connon, a Scotsman, and a well-known philanthropist and Chief Registrar of Bombay. Thus, the school was eventually christened "Cathedral and John Connon", evidence of its Anglican and Scottish ties.

The House System:

Cathedral has 4 houses: Barham, Palmer, Savage and Wilson. The House system was created for sports and extracurricular activities, to enhance community spirit and loyalty, as opportunities for seniors to train as leaders, and inter-house rivalry. Students learn to become responsible members of a community through participation in activities.

Student Leadership:

Students of Class 12 are appointed by the faculty and administration to hold various positions in the school which include: Head Girl, Head Boy, Prefects, House Captains, Vice Captains, Monitors, Games Captains, Presidents and/or Secretaries of respective Cultural activities and Editors of the School Newspaper.

Accreditation:

The school is fully accredited by the Indian Council for Secondary School Examination Board, New Delhi, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Cambridge IGCSE.

Grading System

ISC	A+ 90-100	A 80-89	A- 70-79
B 60-69	C 50-59	D 40-49	E <40

AP	5 extremely well qualified	4 well qualified
3 qualified	2 possibly qualified	1 no recommendation

IB	7 GPA 4.0	6 GPA 3.75	5 GPA 3.50
4 GPA 2.75	3 GPA 2.0	2 GPA 1.25	1 GPA 0

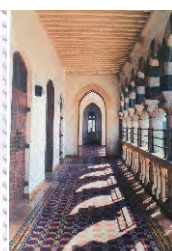
The school's grading system is very **conservative**. There is a difference of approximately 10% between our grades and the grades in the Board examinations.

Curriculum Offered

- **ICSE Examination** (Grade 10) & **ISC Examination** (Grade 12)
- **IGCSE Examination** (Grade 10) & **IB DP** (Grades 11 and 12)
- **Advanced Placement Programs:** AP Programs are offered to challenge the student in the subject of their choice. While the AP courses are not part of the curriculum, Cathedral offers classes in 16 subjects, which the students can opt to take after school hours. The College Board (USA) conducts the examination in May. IBDP students are not encouraged to take AP's.

Facilities:

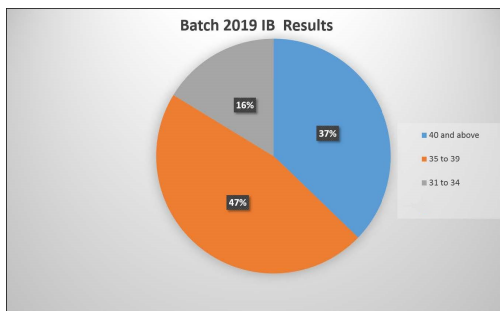
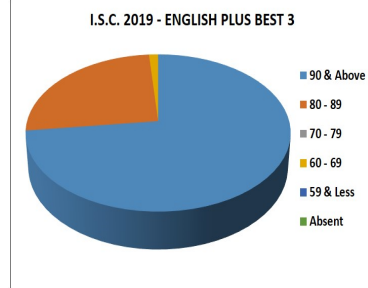
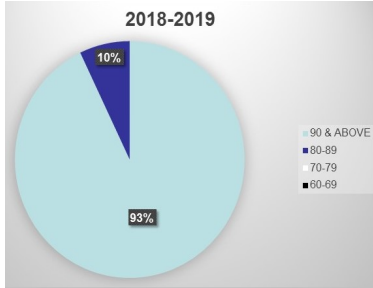
The school is equipped with excellent modern facilities within its traditional architecture. It has Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science and Biology Laboratories, an Audio-Visual Room, Technical Drawing Room, Art Room, School Hall, Gymnasium and an extensive library.



Faculty

Student to Faculty Ratio	10:1
Full-time faculty members	141 (IB & ISC)
Part-time faculty members	44
ICSE/ISC faculty	120
IGCSE/ IB DP faculty	25

Master's Degree: 65, Bachelor's Degree: 120



Activities and Clubs:

The school has 5 clubs: The Interact Club, The Nature Club, The International Award for Young People (IAYP), The Symposium Club and the long-standing School Choir. It is mandatory to be a part of at least one club during a student's tenure.

Additionally, the school offers over 40 activities at the Inter-House, Inter-School (varsity), District/Zonal (in the case of sports), National and International levels. Cultural activities include Debates, Dramatics, Elocution and Quiz, in both English and Hindi. It hosts the prestigious Cathedral Model United Nations Conference annually.

The School Choir has annual Founder's Day and Christmas Day Services at the St. Thomas' Cathedral. The school newspaper, 'Cathedral News' is entirely student-run. There is an annual School Play directed by famous directors and an annual School Music Festival, where students showcase their music and dance skills. The annual music concert 'Encore' raises funds used to support the underprivileged. Games and sports include Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Gymnastics, Rugby, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Throwball.

The school has added the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (Cambridge IGCSE) beginning with grade 9 this year after a strong hold on the IBDP curriculum which started in 2017. An exciting time for the students and the school as a whole, the challenges and rigour of the new curriculum were embraced with enthusiasm and zeal. While the extended day does mean that the IB students can no longer hold as many positions of responsibility in the House or cultural events, the students continue to pursue a host of experiences as a part of the various CAS strands, from the Culture Club with its emphasis on Debates, MUN, drama and writing to the Robotics, Astronomy, The Science and Music Clubs. The students compete in a range of sporting activities both in and out of school and at a state and national level. They have executed their own Ted talks and Science projects, all the time giving back to society with weekly service and innovative CAS projects such as East Meets West, a concert for charity.

All these experiences, coupled with a challenging assessment system and pressing deadlines make for students who naturally imbibe the IB learner profile attributes and combine the traditions of over 159 year old school with the freedom of a dynamic curriculum, all done in an atmosphere of collaboration and healthy competition and with both a local and global perspective. With plans to shortly move to a new building (recently purchased) less than a block away from the Senior School, for the international curriculum, the air of excitement is palpable.

Discipline Policy:

The school reports matters related to indiscipline, for students of grades XI & XII, in college applications. However, for students of grades IX & X, such acts are noted in the school's records, after remedial action, but not reported in college applications.

International Opportunities

Some of the international programs our students have participated in : **Model United Nations in USA:** Harvard MUN and the Ivy League MUN. **Exchange Programs :** EUMIND exchange programme with a school in the Netherlands and the London International Youth Science Forum, UK. Bournemouth Art Camp, Bournemouth, UK. **Singapore:** National University of Singapore (NUS) Science Camp, Brain Camp, Economics Camp and the Sunburst Youth Camp.

Japan: Jenesys Invitation Program for students of SAARC nations.

In 2014, Cathedral signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Pennsylvania (USA) which will facilitate faculty, student and institutional exchanges and enrichment. Cathedral is the first school in India to sign an MoU with a US State.

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