



What you need to know about the Career-related  
Programme (CP)  
Dispelling the Myths !

# 1- The IBCP is a new qualification

- The IB was founded in 1968
- 1.3 million students have graduated through the IB
- There are IB World Schools in nearly 150 countries throughout the world.
- More than 4,000 schools so far have chosen to teach International Baccalaureate<sup>®</sup> (IB) programmes, with their unique academic rigour and their emphasis on students' personal development.

## 2- The IB is only taught in private schools

- Private schools such as Cobham Hall and Sevenoaks have been teaching the IB for many years.
- According to Sevenoaks school- 'The IB is most distinctive, however, in that it is more than simply a qualification; it is a broad and coherent educational vision, supported by a clearly defined set of values'.
- "The IB believes that an excellent international education that meets or exceeds world standards is not the prerogative of the privileged. It must be provided to as many students as possible, regardless of their circumstances."

# 3- Wrotham is the only school offering the IB

- Schools that already offer the IB in Kent:

- Tonbridge Grammar School
- The Skinners Academy
- Dartford Grammar School
- King Ethelbert School
- Dane Court Grammar School
- Northfleet Technology School
- Rochester Grammar School
- Homewood School

A further 26 schools in Kent have applied to become IB world schools, from 2017.

Roger Gough, Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Education, said: “We would like to congratulate all of the schools and Headteachers that are part of this bold, visionary project. The CP brings together all different kinds of schools bridging vocational and academic studies. Thanks to this project, we are now one of the largest hubs of IB schools in the world and this is something that we are extremely proud of.”

## 4- My child won't be able to access University with an IBCP qualification

- Higher education institutions around the world admit students based on their IB credentials, and many have specific admissions policies and guidelines for IB students.
- “IB students adjust easily to higher education.” The University of Manchester
- Over 40 universities are accepting applications from IBCP students, including Canterbury Christchurch, Kent, Kings College, Newcastle & Loughborough.

## 5- I don't need a language

- “We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist, using technologies that haven't been invented, in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet.”
- (Karl Fisch, “Did You Know”)
- “British graduates are missing out on some of the best jobs at home and abroad because they are on the whole monolingual” Observer
- “Three in four of the world's people speak no English, which is a lot of people to give up hope of trading with more profoundly, to forgo familiarity with foreign languages is to forgo the chance to see the world from a foreign point of view.” The Guardian

## 6- The IB isn't as rigorous as A levels

- All universities recognise the IB diploma subjects as at least an equivalent qualification, and in many cases indicate a preference for it.
- The average pass rate of CP students in participating Kent secondary schools exceeded 93 percent, while two-thirds of last year's cohort progressed to higher education, many of whom were the first in their families to do so.

# 7- Employees won't know what the IB is

- The CBI, which represents 200,000 British businesses, including 80% of the major FTSE 100 companies, has said that more than a third of British businesses hire people for their language skills, but that they are increasingly forced to recruit from overseas to meet this need.
- Employers want 'skills ready' employees
- James Redman, a Project Engineer at multinational construction company Laing O'Rourke said: "Pure academic subjects are the bedrock of education, but students also need to develop a set of skills to ensure they are workplace ready so that employers are not dedicating time to upskill students. "The qualities that the CP develops in its students are personal skills you would normally see on a job description – this is something that has not yet been seen within a curriculum.
- Students will become IB world students. A recognised qualification that includes professional and language skills.

## 8- The IB is too broad

- The CP provides Years 12 - 13 students with academic study and practical hands-on experience through an integrated package consisting of a minimum of two IB Diploma Programme subjects that are studied alongside a career-related study option. The core programme is based around professional development.
- It combines the academic rigour and principles of the IB with well-established vocational qualifications and a unique 'core' course. This means that our sixth form students will have the opportunity to participate in an IB education while following a career-related course that suits their talents and aspirations.
- Today's students need to be prepared for tomorrow's rapidly changing and competitive jobs market. There is no denying that A levels provide a recognised academic pathway but do not provide students with a qualification in professional skills and language acquisition.