



### Mission Statement

*Guided by the Quaker belief that there is a Divine Light in everyone, Brooklyn Friends School cultivates an intellectually ambitious and diverse community that celebrates each individual's gifts. We challenge our students to value and embrace difference as they develop critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge and intelligence both in and out of the classroom. In this rich learning environment, we inspire all members of our community to voice their convictions, to discover and pursue their passions, and to seek truth. Our graduates are compassionate, curious, and confident global citizens who let their lives speak in the spirit of leadership and service.*

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# BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

## 2015-2016 PROFILE

### BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

#### School and Student Body

Brooklyn Friends School, founded in 1867, draws upon its Quaker heritage to educate students within the context of a challenging academic program and a caring, supportive community. An independent, coed day school, Brooklyn Friends enrolls more than 850 students from preschool through 12th grade, including 190 in the Upper School (grades 9-12).

**There are 49 students in the Class of 2016.**

Our student body reflects the racial, economic, ethnic, and religious diversity of New York City. Upper School students travel to school from all five boroughs of the city, as well as New Jersey. Students of color comprise 40% of the Upper School student body, and 52% of Upper School students receive need-based financial aid.

#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Brooklyn Friends offers 11th and 12th grade students the opportunity to pursue the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or enroll in individual IB courses of their choice. The academically rigorous IB Diploma Program prepares students for college and encourages them to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.



### DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BROOKLYN FRIENDS UPPER SCHOOL

#### Quaker Values

Quaker Meeting for Worship is held weekly in the Upper School. Community members sit in silence, and if they feel moved to say something that will deepen and enrich the experience, they stand and speak. The practice of quieting the mind and opening the heart adds a spiritual dimension to the educational experience and encourages students to be thoughtful, active listeners.

#### Commitment to Diversity

Brooklyn Friends School is committed to maintaining an environment in which all people are respected and valued. The School actively strives to recognize, respect, and celebrate the differences and commonalities that shape the individual and collective identities of its members.

#### Service Learning

As a Quaker school, Brooklyn Friends has a rich tradition of service, and all students complete the IB Diploma Program's CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) project requirements in 11th and 12th grades.

# COURSE OFFERINGS AND REQUIREMENTS

International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are in **bold**

## ENG: English - 4 years required

**9:** Youth and Society

**10:** US Literature

**11-12: IB English Literature (SL/HL)**

## WL: World Languages - 3 years required

**9-10:** Spanish 1/2/3 or French 1/2/3

Students may ALSO study another language in addition to Spanish or French: Latin 1/2/3, Mandarin 1/2, or Italian 1/2

**11-12: IB French Ab Initio / Spanish Ab Initio (SL)**

[for students who have completed French/Spanish 2]

or **IB French B / Spanish B / Latin (SL/HL)**

[for students who have completed Fr/Sp/Lat 3] or

**IB Mandarin Ab Initio (SL)** [beginner level]

*Students studying IB Spanish, French, or Mandarin may ALSO take IB Latin as an additional language.*

## MTH: Mathematics - 4 years required

**9:** Integrated Algebra & Geometry 1 or Geometry or Honors Geometry

**10:** Integrated Algebra & Geometry 2 or Algebra 2 or Honors Algebra 2

**11-12: IB Math Studies (SL)** [Algebra 2 + Pre-Calc] or

**IB Mathematics (SL)** [Pre-Calculus + Calculus] or

**IB Mathematics (HL)** [SL + Advanced Topics]

## SCI: Science - 3 years required

**9:** Conceptual Physics

**10:** Chemistry or Honors Chemistry

**11-12: IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL) or**

**IB Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)**

**IB Physics (SL)** may be taken as a 2nd science course

**11:** General Biology

**12:** Forensic Science

*Semester Elective: Environmental Studies*

## HST: History - 4 years required

**9:** Comparative World Cultures

**10:** Semester-long "Intensive Studies" –

Art History 1 & 2, Latin America, The Middle East,

The World Wars, Modern Africa, Modern India,

The Wars in Korea & Vietnam

**11-12: IB History (SL/HL)** [11: History of the Americas;

12: 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History]

## ART: Visual and Performing Arts - 3 years required

**9-12:** Students choose from the following yearlong courses: 2-D Art; 3-D Art; Ceramics; Darkroom Photography; Digital Photography; Chorus; Chamber Ensemble; Jazz Band; Dance; Theatre; Screenprinting; Digital Media

**11-12:** Students may also choose from the following two-year courses: **IB Visual Arts (SL/HL); IB Theatre (SL/HL); IB Dance (SL/HL); IB Music (SL/HL)**

## RPE: Religion, Philosophy, Ethics

**9:** Quakerism [1 semester, required]

**10:** Ethics [1 semester, required]

**11-12: IB Theory of Knowledge** [3 semesters, required for IB Diploma candidates] or Philosophy [1 semester required in grade 11 or 12]

## Other graduation requirements

**9-12:** Physical Education

**9:** Study Skills [1 year] and Life Skills/Health [1 year]

**10:** Public Speaking [1 semester, required]

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## AFTERNOON SEMINARS

Students may complement their regular coursework with challenging afterschool elective seminars in areas of special interest that fall outside of our curriculum. These **trimester-long seminars** meet once a week from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, and are graded on a **pass/fail** basis. *Offerings have included:* Italian; Mandarin; Advanced Quaker Studies; The Aesthetic Life of Japan; Introduction to Black Studies; Creative Writing; Introduction to Philosophy; Food, Society, and Self; Journalism; Hamlet From Page to Stage; Caribbean Studies; Astronomy; The Spiritual Life of China.

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## ATHLETICS

Brooklyn Friends School fields 15 Varsity and Junior Varsity teams:

**Fall** - Girls Volleyball (JV & V), Girls & Boys Soccer, Girls & Boys Cross-Country

**Winter** - Girls & Boys Basketball (JV & V), Girls & Boys Indoor Track

**Spring** - Girls Softball, Boys Baseball, Boys Volleyball, Girls & Boys Outdoor Track

# THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM AT BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

Brooklyn Friends School offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program for students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Students may choose to pursue the full **IB Diploma** or take individual **IB courses** to earn certificates.

## IB Diploma candidates must:

- Choose **SIX** two-year IB courses, including at least one each from Groups 1-5 (see right)
- Take at least 3 of the 6 courses at **Higher Level (HL)**, with the remainder at **Standard Level (SL)**
- Take a 3-semester **Theory of Knowledge** course
- Complete a 4,000 word **Extended Essay**, an independent research project on a topic of their choice
- Fulfill **CAS** (Creativity, Activity, Service) requirements

Of 49 students in the Class of 2015:

**35 (71%) are IB Diploma candidates.**

15 (14%) are enrolled in 6 IB courses

5 (10%) are enrolled in 5 IB courses

## IB Diploma Program Subject Groups

- 1) **Language and Literature:** English Literature SL/HL
- 2) **Language Acquisition:** Spanish B SL/HL, French B SL/HL, Spanish Ab Initio SL, French Ab Initio SL\*, Mandarin Ab Initio SL\*, and/or Latin SL/HL
- 3) **Individuals and Societies:** History SL/HL
- 4) **Sciences:** Biology SL/HL or Environmental Systems & Societies SL\*; Physics SL\* (Physics may only be taken as an *additional* science, in place of an Arts course)
- 5) **Mathematics:** Math Studies SL\* or Mathematics SL/HL
- 6) **The Arts:** Visual Arts SL/HL, Theatre SL/HL, Music SL/HL, or Dance SL/HL. (Instead of an Arts course, students may choose to take Physics SL or Latin SL/HL.)

*\* Denotes courses offered ONLY at Standard Level (SL)*

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN 11TH GRADE COURSES – CLASS of 2016

**We do not rank our students and we do not calculate weighted GPA.** Grades range from A+ to F, except in Physical Education and Study Skills, which are graded Pass/Fail. *Students who have completed the 3-year World Language graduation requirement or who have a foreign language waiver due to a diagnosed learning disability may also take World Language classes as Pass/Fail.*

		A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
ENG	IB English Literature HL	I					I	I				
ENG	IB English Literature SL		I					II	II	II		
HST	IB History SL/HL								I			
SCI	IB Biology HL		II		I	I				I	I	
SCI	IB Biology SL		I	II				I				
SCI	General Biology			I								
SCI	IB Physics SL		I	I					I			
SCI	IB Environ. Systems & Societies SL				I	II	I	II				
MTH	IB Mathematics HL	II					II			I		
MTH	IB Mathematics SL				I		I	II	I			
MTH	IB Math Studies SL	I	II		II	II	II	I				
WL	IB Spanish B SL/HL			I		II						
WL	IB French B SL/HL	I	I		I						I	
WL	IB Spanish Ab Initio SL											
WL	IB French Ab Initio SL		I	I	II	II		I				
WL	IB Mandarin Ab Initio SL	II	II	I	II	II	I	I				
WL	IB Latin I SL/HL	I	I									
ART	IB Visual Arts I SL/HL					II	I					
ART	IB Music I SL/HL		I	I	II							
ART	IB Theatre I SL/HL			I		I						
ART	IB Dance I SL/HL				I							
RPE	IB Theory of Knowledge											

## SAT AND ACT SCORES - CLASS OF 2016 (as of August 2015)

SAT (31 students)	Middle 50%	Mean	ACT (11 students)	Middle 50%	Mean
Critical Reading	520 - 600	578	English	24-30	27.6
Math	510 - 600	580	Math	19-28	24.6
Writing	530 - 630	624	Reading	24-33	28.5
Total (x/2400)	1580-1890	1738	Science	21-28	25.5
			<b>Composite</b>	<b>22-30</b>	<b>26.5</b>

# COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS, CLASSES OF 2012-2015

*BFS graduates from the last four classes were admitted by the following institutions. An asterisk (\*) indicates that at least one BFS alumna/alumnus currently attends that college or university.*

Adelphi University	Eckerd College*	University of Miami*	Sewanee: The University of the South
Agnes Scott University *	University of Edinburgh	University of Michigan	Siena College*
Alfred University	Elon University	Middlebury College*	Skidmore*
Allegheny College*	Emerson College*	Mills College	Smith College*
American University*	Emory University*	Molloy College	Spelman College
Amherst College*	The Evergreen State College*	Montclair State University	Springfield College
Arcadia University	Fairleigh Dickinson University*	Morehouse College	University of St. Andrews
University of Arizona	Fordham University	Mt. Holyoke College	St. John's University
Babson College	Franklin and Marshall College*	Muhlenberg College*	St. Lawrence University
Bard College*	George Mason University	Nazareth College	Stanford University*
Barnard College*	Georgetown University	The New School—Eugene Lang College*	Sterling College*
Bates College*	Gettysburg College	New York University*	SUNY Albany
Beloit College	Goucher College	Northeastern University*	SUNY Brockport*
Bennington College*	Green Mountain College*	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	SUNY Cobleskill
Berkeley College of Music	Grinnell College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts*	SUNY College of Environmental Science
Binghamton University*	Guilford College	Oberlin College*	SUNY Cortland
Bowdoin College*	Hampshire College*	Occidental College	SUNY Geneseo*
Brandeis University*	Hartwick College	Oglethorpe University	SUNY New Paltz
University of British Columbia	Haverford College	Ohio State University	SUNY Oneonta
Brooklyn College of the CUNY*	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Ohio Wesleyan University	SUNY Potsdam*
Brown University*	Hofstra University	Oregon State University	SUNY, Purchase*
Bryn Mawr College	Howard University	Pace University*	Susquehanna University
Bucknell University*	Humboldt State University	University of Pennsylvania*	Swarthmore College*
Buffalo State College of SUNY	Hunter College of the CUNY	University of Pittsburgh	Syracuse University
California Institute of the Arts	Indiana University, Bloomington*	Pitzer College*	University of Tampa
Carlton College*	Iona College*	Polytechnic Institute of New York University*	Temple University
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College*	Pomona College*	Trinity College*
Case Western Reserve University	Johns Hopkins University*	Pratt University*	Tufts University*
Cazenovia College	Juniata College*	Princeton University*	Tulane University*
Central Connecticut State University	Kenyon College*	University of Puget Sound	Union College
University of Chicago*	Knox College*	Quest University, Canada	Ursinus*
University of Cincinnati	Lafayette College	Quinnipiac University	Vanderbilt University
City College of New York CUNY	Lake Forest College	University of Redlands*	Vassar College*
Clark University*	Lehigh University	Reed College	University of Vermont*
Colby College*	Lewis & Clark College*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	University of Victoria
Colgate University	Long Island University	Rhode Island School of Design*	University of Virginia*
College of the Atlantic	Louisiana State University	Richmond The American International College in London	University of Wisconsin, Madison*
College of Wooster*	Loyola University Chicago	Rider University	Wagner College
Colorado College*	Loyola University Maryland	Rochester Institute of Technology*	Warren Wilson College
University of Colorado at Boulder	Loyola University New Orleans*	Roger Williams University	Washington College
Columbia College Chicago	Lycoming College	Rutgers University	Wellesley College
Columbia University*	Macalester College*	Saint Mary's College of California	Wells College
Connecticut College*	Manhattan College	Sarah Lawrence College*	Wesleyan University*
Cornell University	Manhattanville College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Western Washington University
Davidson College*	Maryland Institute College of Art*	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Wheaton College
University of Delaware	Marymount Manhattan College	Scripps College*	Whittier College
DePaul University*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology*	Seton Hall University	Willamette College
DeSales University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst*		Williams College
Dickinson College*	McDaniel College*		Wooster Polytechnic Institute*
Drexel University*	McGill University		Yale University*
Durham University	Miami University, Oxford		
Earlham College			