

Celebrating the Success of the Class of 2025

International School of Helsinki

Message from the Head of School

It is with great pride that I share the outstanding achievements of the Class of 2025 in the May 2025 International Baccalaureate Diploma examinations. These results reflect the determination, resilience, and commitment of our students, and the steadfast support of their teachers, families, and the wider ISH community. As a **non-selective and inclusive school**, we celebrate the success of every learner. These outcomes demonstrate that excellence and equity can stand together, and that our students thrive in an environment that values both academic challenge and individual growth.

Key Highlights

- **92.9 % pass rate** (26 Diplomas awarded from 28 full candidates)
- **Average score (IB measure): 34 points**, well above the **global mean of 30.5**
- **All-candidate average: 32.6 points**, reflecting our commitment to equity and transparency
- **Median score: 33 points**, showing consistency across the cohort
- **Highest score: 45 points** (achieved by one student, a distinction attained by fewer than one per cent worldwide)
- **65 % of students gained two or three bonus points** from Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay (three being the maximum)

University Destinations

Every single student from the Class of 2025 has secured a place in **higher education or a purposeful next pathway**. Our graduates will study at universities across the **United Kingdom, United States, Finland, the Netherlands, Spain, and Poland**, among others. Notable destinations include **Imperial College London, the University of Bath, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Glasgow, Aalto University, and the University of San Diego**. Several students have also chosen to pursue meaningful **gap years and service opportunities**, demonstrating their independence and global outlook.

Looking Ahead

While we celebrate these excellent results, we also recognise our responsibility to continue striving for more. At ISH, our commitment is to **excellence, equity, and**

inclusion. We will keep raising expectations, strengthening academic support, and working with our Nordic and CEESA partners to refine our practices. Our aim is always to ensure that every student is challenged, supported, and inspired to achieve their full potential.

Congratulations

We are immensely proud of the Class of 2025. Their results stand above global averages, and their next steps show that **all of our graduates are moving forward to higher education or meaningful future pathways.** Their achievements demonstrate not only academic strength but also resilience, balance, and a strong sense of purpose.

On behalf of the International School of Helsinki, I warmly congratulate every student and thank our dedicated staff and families for the vital role they have played in this success.

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