

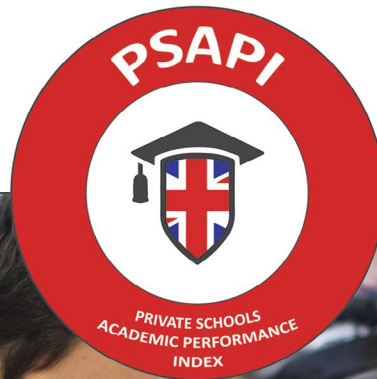


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BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

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**COACHING CENTRES**

## WHAT ARE BUSSATS?

BUSSATs are the British Universities and Secondary Schools Achievement Tests which are used to measure the academic competency of pupils and students seeking entry to a UK school or university.

BUSSATs are proficiency tests in:

- English Comprehension & Grammar
- Maths (at basic, advanced and super-advanced levels)
- General Knowledge (History, Geography, Science, Current Affairs and Sport)

BUSSATs provide, for the first time, a standardised measure of international student and school achievement.

All questions are multi-choice. There are over 250 questions across the three tests. The tests, delivered in partnership with Pearson Vue, take around 2 hours in total.



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## WHY BUSSATS?

- Assess a student's academic level– especially those who have not experienced traditional British education and examinations and clarify their ability to work/study in English.
- Compare like-for-like the academic performance of your applicants with UK students at 11+, 13+ and 16+ from the school you are coaching them to attend.
- Gain sense of being 'in touch' with the rest of the world.
- Demonstrate the value you add to parents and students by coaching them to reach the right level for their placement– boost your centre's marketing appeal still further.
- Create an additional income stream by helping to conduct baseline testing– become a recognised British Universities & Secondary Schools Achievement Testing Centre (BUSSATs).
- Use the Royal Society of Medicine's 'Fit to be a Doctor?' Test to provide career guidance to students & parents.
- Encourage future UK university candidates and help them create more powerful personal entry statements.



**USE THE UK'S NEW PRIVATE SCHOOLS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX**



# THE UK PRIVATE SCHOOLS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (PSAPI)

As a centre coaching students to enter schools and universities in the UK, you need to be able to assess the current level of each student as well as the level they need to attain in order to secure places of their choice. BUSSATs help you to measure the level of coaching needed and in which areas and subjects.

Anglo Schools International Services (ASIS) Ltd has created the UK's Private Schools Academic Performance Index to assist both schools and international coaching centres overcome these and the many related problems.

Schools are now able to advise coaching centres and tutors of the range of academic ability acceptable to them, as measured by their own Index Score. Most Schools will offer a 10% or 15% variance from their Index Score.

## How does it work?

Private Schools in the UK secure an Index Score by having 50 of their 11+ or 13+ or 16+ students sit the British Universities & Secondary Schools Achievement Tests (BUSSATs). Their results are computed into a School Academic Performance Index Score which are compared with the same tests taken by international candidates seeking placements at those schools.

Each test taker has his or her results computed into an Individual Academic Performance Index Score, which gives a relative measure of overall academic ability. (Individual subject achievement are also available to both Schools and applicants).

## As a coaching centre, what do I do?

- International coaching centres put their applicants through the same BUSSATs tests.
- The back-office team at BUSSATs will compute the applicant's results into an Individual Index Score allowing comparison with what schools have requested.
- BUSSATs team will have access only to an Applicant Number provided to us by the coaching centre or an agent. We will NOT have private data details of the applicant, guaranteeing objectivity and fairness.

**NO MORE WAITING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



## BECOME A BUSSATS TEST CENTRE

- International coaching centres who can demonstrate an ability to provide a secure, fully proctored test environment are invited to apply to become a BUSSATS TEST CENTRE.
- BUSSATS Test Centres will be subject to regular checks to ensure that the testing protocols are being fully complied with.
- The tests can be delivered via Desktop, Laptop or I-Pad devices. Access is provided to the Pearson VUE Servers at the time the tests are taken. No advanced technology competence is required at the Test Centre.
- To be registered as a BUSSATS Test Centre, a limited number of tests must be conducted on an annual basis.

### The Financial Advantages of Becoming a BUSSATS Test Centre

Coaching centres which qualify to become a BUSSATS Test Centre will purchase a minimum number of passwords from ASIS at a favourable wholesale price. They will then be free to sell to their applicants at a recommended retail price. This price will vary according to region.

For Coaching Centres operating as a BUSSATS Test Centre for the 2017/18 Academic Year, the wholesale purchase price from ASIS is UK £35 per applicant password. The minimum number of passwords to be initially purchased is 50. Lower wholesale prices will be volume dependent. It is expected that Coaching Centres will be able to sell the test to applicants at between a 50% and 100% mark up, depending on the operational region.

**Note:** Specialist career tests, such as 'Fit to be a Doctor?', sponsored by the Royal Society of Medicine in the UK, will be available for testing through recognised BUSSATS Test Centres. Tests will be available at wholesale prices, to be retailed at recommended retail prices, to be announced.

### HOW COACHING CENTRES CAN USE THE RESULTS

An International Coaching Centre is FREE to provide BUSSATS results and the applicant's Individual Academic Performance Index Score to ANY SCHOOL and ANY NUMBER OF SCHOOLS until the applicant is placed. The results of each test will have academic validity for up to two years. Students with the ultimate aim of securing a place at a UK University should be encouraged to take tests at all three levels to build their CV:

- Junior Achiever (11+),
- Mid-Years Achiever (13+),
- High School Graduate Achiever (16+)

These results can also form part of the applicant's PERSONAL STATEMENT, required by the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). They help university admissions tutors better understand an applicant's ability to study in the UK.

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## TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

### How is the Index Score Calculated?

- 1) The marks for each student in each BUSSATs subject are added up and translated into a percentage.
- 2) The percentage totals for each student are accumulated, providing a RAW SCORE for each student.
- 3) If a student scores more than 80% in English, 80% in General Knowledge, and 75% overall in Maths ('The Benchmark Scores') they earn 10 BONUS POINTS per % point in excess of the Benchmark Score. These are added to the RAW SCORE to provide an ADJUSTED SCORE.

### Two steps are then used to calculate a School's PSAPI Score Number:

- 1) The 50 candidates have their ADJUSTED SCORES added together.
- 2) The figure is divided by 500. The resultant number is the PSAPI INDEX SCORE NUMBER.

### An example of PSAPI Index Score calculation

- 50 x Student Raw Scores = 12,250
- 25 students each score 100 BONUS POINTS = 2500
- TOTAL ADJUSTED SCORE POINTS = 14,750
- Divided by 500 to provide PSAPI INDEX SCORE OF = 29.5

### An individual Index Score calculation

An identical calculation of Raw Score and Bonus Points is made for each individual student. The student's adjusted score is then divided by 10 ( 1/50th) so that the School Index Score and the Individual's 'Index Score' can be calibrated and compared.

### Additional Data about the International Student Applicant is available to a School, Coaching Centre or Agent, on request\*:

1. The student's raw scores in English, Maths (basic, advanced, super advanced) and General Knowledge.
2. Breakdown, section by section, illuminating a student's particular strengths or weaknesses eg. comprehension, grammatical ability, maths competencies, or general knowledge strengths in history, geography, science, current affairs and sports knowledge.
3. The applicant's approach to taking the test. Our data shows the time taken on various sections, questions skipped and general ability in the test environment.

*\*Please Note: additional data admin charges will apply.*

## THESE TESTS OPEN DOORS TO REAL OPPORTUNITY



## ABOUT ASIS- WHAT WE DO

Anglo Schools International Services (ASIS) Ltd is a UK-based education services company, formed in 2013 by Mr David Boddy, Headmaster of St James Senior Boys' School, London. David was formerly Chairman of the UK's Society of Headteachers. He is the author of 'Mind Your Head: An Emotional Intelligence Guide for School Leaders.' His second book, 'Mind Their Hearts: Creating Schools & Homes of Warm Heartedness,' is published in January 2017.

ASIS, working in association with Pearson VUE, developed the BUSSATs tests initially to assist a limited number of UK schools with their international student recruitment. The tests have been developed further to assist a wider range of UK Private Schools and Universities measure the academic appropriateness of international applicants.

BUSSATs is a division of ASIS, providing back-office support to Schools, Agents and Test Centres. This includes ensuring security of Test Centre Proctoring and the management and administration of test results. The calculation of Performance Index Scores, both for Schools and individuals, is the sole prerogative of ASIS and its Test Management Team.

Requests for re-marks and appeals on Index Scores will be managed by ASIS acting alone. ASIS does not hold applicant data, other than a student's application number. All dealings with the applicant are via the Coaching Centre, the Agent, the BUSSATs Test Centre Management and the School directly.



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