

## A LEVELS VS IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

How well do you think each of these exam systems develop the following qualities in students?

	A Levels	IB Diploma Programme
Encouraging independent inquiry	49%	94%
Developing in-depth subject expertise	94%	56%
Developing workplace skills	2%	67%
Developing ability to cope with pressure	62%	66%
Nurturing an open mind	24%	93%
Developing self-management skills	47%	91%
Encouraging a global outlook	7%	97%
Nurturing communication skills	37%	44%
Encouraging creativity	15%	37%
Developing intercultural skills	8%	70%
Instilling a positive approach to risk taking	4%	70%
Propensity to complete their degree	78%	83%

\*Percentages represent combined scores of good and excellent

Source: 2017 Annual Survey of University Admissions Officers, commissioned by ACS International Schools and IBSCA

“The world no longer rewards people for what they know – Google knows everything – but for what they can do with what they know. Because that is the main differentiator today, global education today needs to be much more about ways of thinking, involving creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making; about ways of working, including communication and collaboration.”  
– *Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

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