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2026 IB Results: A Testament to Holistic Education as YCYW Students Secure Outstanding Global Results

As the results for the May 2026 International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations are released, we are once again witnessing the outstanding achievements of students across the YCYW Education Network.

This year, a total of 208 YCYW students participated in the IB exams, with an overall average score of 35.2, surpassing the global average of 30.9. Among them, 3 students from YCIS Hong Kong and YCIS Shanghai achieving a perfect score of 45, and 5 students scored an impressive 44 points. Over 20% of the cohort scored 40 and above, and nearly 50% attained the Bilingual Diploma, significantly surpassing the global average of 27.4% (2025).

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Event Recap



Dr Betty Chan, CEO & School Supervisor

Rooted Deep, Reaching Far

An Exclusive Xinhua News Agency Interview with YCYW School Supervisor Dr Betty Chan

As artificial intelligence rapidly redefines knowledge and traditional education faces the challenges of this era, Dr Betty Chan and YCYW, which she leads, have provided a calm and warm response through practice: The true essence of education lies not in the mere transmission of knowledge, but in the nurturing of holistic individuals.

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Dr Esther Chan, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (K-12 Education)

CCTV Exclusive Interview

Dr Esther Chan Shares YCYW's Vision for the Future of Education

Dr Esther Chan shared that YCYW has high hopes for the Northern Metropolis in Hong Kong SAR. She believes it has the potential to become not only a hub for economic innovation, but also a new centre for international education aligned with the nation's latest educational opening-up strategy. By enhancing the GBA's education ecosystem, it can offer high-quality educational opportunities for the children of global talent.

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YWIES Zhejiang Tongxiang

Achievements of Our First HKDSE Cohort

Forging a New Path, YWIES Zhejiang Tongxiang

On 15 July, the results of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination were officially released. The inaugural cohort of YWIES Zhejiang Tongxiang's HKDSE Ge Zhi Class—students who transitioned from public schools to the HKDSE programme during their last year of Upper Secondary—delivered impressive results after nine months of intensive preparation.

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Dr Simon Lo, Chief Physical Education and Health Officer

Reflections on the YCYW School Games

Beyond the Pitch with Dr Simon Lo: Embracing a Diverse PE Classroom

Dr Simon Lo noted that many school sports programmes now fall into two extremes. Some schools treat physical education as a mere appendage that encroaches on the class time for academic subjects. Other schools are fixated on winning medals and selecting athletic prodigies at an early age for intensive, specialised training. Having dedicated over three decades to sports education, Dr Lo has always rejected such outcome-driven models of development.

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Event Recap



6-7 June; YCIS Shanghai Pudong, YWIES Shanghai Gubei

Seeds for Tomorrow Series
The Renewal of Cardboard, Companions, and Space

This year marks the third year of collaboration between the YCYW and Tongji University. 2026 is also the first time that the Tongji International Construction Festival ventured beyond the Tongji campus, to Fuxing Island, to participate actively in Shanghai's urban renewal process. A total of 11 students from YWIES Shanghai Gubei and YCIS Shanghai Pudong were invited to join the event.

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22 June-5 July; YCYW Beijing Yizhuang, YCYW Somerset Cultural Centre

Culture and University Launch Camp
Beyond the Classroom to Five Renowned Universities in the UK

From 22 June to 5 July, IGCSE2 students from YCYW Beijing Yizhuang Campus flew to the UK right after putting down their IGCSE pens. At the YCYW Somerset Cultural Centre, they joined a two-week Culture and University Launch Camp. At YCYW, we are committed to opening broader horizons for our students—through authentic campus experiences, cross-cultural exchanges, and diverse pathways to higher education—helping each student discover their own direction.

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27 June; YWIES Yantai

A Summer of Music and Youth
YWIES Yantai Students Perform at Time Tower Square

Framed by sea and mountains, and bathed in the morning light of the Time Tower, music rose gracefully over the summer harbour city. On 27 June, the YWIES Yantai Summer Concert came to a joyful close at Time Tower Square in the Yantai Huang-Bohai New Area. Set against one of the city's most iconic waterfront landmarks, YWIES Yantai students shared the stage with the accordion ensemble from Yantai Special Education School.

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YCIS Chongqing

Recognition to YCYW Educator
Elected Secretary General of IAHPEDS

Dr Timothy Lynch, Western Co-Head of ECE and Primary of YCIS Chongqing, has been elected Secretary General of the International Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Dance and Sports (IAHPEDS). He attended the 3rd IAHPEDS World Congress in Istanbul in June 2026, where the appointment was confirmed, and will officially take on the role in January 2027 — a truly international honour that underscores both his professional distinction and the growing global influence of YCYW educators.

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Upcoming Events

1 AUG

The 34th International Baby/Children Products Expo
Supporting Babies' Holistic Development Through Relationships, Play, and the Environment
Speaker: Ms Terence Lo, Chinese Co-Principal, YCIS Hong Kong – ECE
14:00-14:45, Main Stage, Hall 1

VENUE
HKCEC, Hong Kong SAR

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2 AUG

HKDSE Information Session
Exclusive Admission Assessment & 1-on-1 Consultation

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YCIS Beijing

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8 AUG

Parent Information Session
Guided Campus Tour & Q&A Session with Teachers

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YCYW Beijing Yizhuang

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11 AUG

YCCECE Research Seminar
The Evidence for Educational Leadership in Improving Quality of Teaching and Learning

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YCCECE Tin Wan Campus, Hong Kong SAR

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17 AUG | 1 SEP

First Day of School
Academic Year 2026-2027

VENUE
YCYW Campuses

See You Soon!





A Joyful Journey of Inquiry
Violin Lab: Bilingual Learning Community, Games, and the Use of Digital Tools

In a recent workshop, Ms Beili Xu, a violin teacher from YCIS Shanghai Puxi, demonstrated to educators how learning a musical instrument can be integrated with language development. The workshop received a very positive response from the participants.

Ms Xu emphasised that music education should not be limited only to technical drills. Through the Bilingual Learning Community framework, she has integrated language learning with music learning. In her classroom, students not only learn violin techniques, but also acquire English vocabulary related to music in authentic contexts. She skillfully uses the music storytelling approach, transforming abstract musical symbols into vivid narratives.

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*12 March, **YWIES Guangzhou***

Ms Beili Xu
Violin Teacher
YCIS Shanghai Puxi

"Language is a shared tool for connection, thinking, and learning."

YCYW Campus Highlights

IBDP Specials

Amos, Hilary
YCIS Hong Kong



Entering YCIS Hong Kong three years ago via the IB Pathway Programme, **Hilary** has earned a flawless 45 and an offer from the world-renowned Royal Veterinary College. *Read more*

Amos first arrived on YCIS Hong Kong campus at just six months old when he joined the Infant and Toddler Learning Programme, and every step since then has prepared him for this milestone. *Read more*

Watch the video



Avi
YCIS Beijing



Having been part of the YCYW community since Year 2, **Avi** credits much of her growth to the school's bilingual and multicultural environment. Beyond becoming proficient in both English and Chinese, she gained a deeper understanding of Chinese culture and developed the confidence to connect with people from diverse backgrounds. Avi is especially grateful to her teachers, who inspired her curiosity and helped shape her learning journey. *Read more*

Leroy, Vandy
YCIS Shanghai





In **Leroy**'s memory, YCIS classrooms never confined learning to textbooks; the school consistently afforded students ample space to explore their interests and develop self-awareness; In just eight years at YCIS, **Vandy** transformed from a once-timid transfer student, who arrived in primary school with barely any English, to a well-rounded learner securing outstanding IB results.

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Class of 2026
YCIS Chongqing



The **Class of 2026** is a wonderfully diverse group, with students hailing from North America, Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, and beyond. From the University of California system and the University of Miami, to Canada's top-ranked University of Toronto, Australia's University of Melbourne, and Switzerland's ETH Zurich – the students are heading to four continents.

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Yebin, Grace, Camila
YCIS Qingdao



Yebin reckons that her achievement stems not only from her own efforts but also from the supportive learning environment at YCIS Qingdao. In particular, the 2023 YCYW Leadership Retreat proved to be a turning point in her high school journey, during which she learned to think beyond the classroom. *Read more*

Check out the videos and learn about the stories of **Grace** and **Camilla**!

YCYW Campus Highlights

Elin
YWIES Shanghai Gubei



In 2022, Elin realised that the more theoretical subjects required in the IBDP curriculum, such as mathematics, physics and chemistry, did not align with her interests. Determined to pursue a more direct route towards the arts, she transferred from YCIS to its sister school, YWIES Shanghai Gubei. Driven by her passion for arts and drawing, Elin secured offers from University College London, University of the Arts London, and Goldsmiths, University of London.

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Students and Teachers
YWIES Shanghai Lingang



At the 22nd Pudong New Area Student Arts Festival Performance Exhibition and the 2026 "Lingyin Cup" Artwork Competition, YWIES Shanghai Lingang came First in three musical programmes, and also garnered the Grand Prize for Best Organising Institution of this year's festival. Behind these outstanding achievements lie the devotion, rehearsals and companionship of all teachers from the Performing Arts Group.

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Students from Grades 5-10
YWIES Yantai



Seventeen students took part in the Film Creativity Workshop led by Falmouth University. Unlike standard extracurricular activities, the programme adopted the full project-based learning framework used by creative arts disciplines at UK universities. Moving beyond the conventional classroom, students integrated ICT, English communication and creative thinking to produce complete original short films.

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Leo
YWIES Zhejiang Tongxiang



After transferring from a public school to YWIES Zhejiang Tongxiang, and with the thoughtful guidance of his teachers, it felt only natural when Leo took home a National Silver in the JCCO (Junior Chemistry Olympiad), alongside various other awards. Looking back on his shift from a public school to the international track, Leo said the biggest change was that time finally belonged to him.

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Media Coverage

CCTV4 央视频

01.07.2026

耀中耀华深耕特色国际教育 助力香港北部都会区高质量发展

耀中耀华教育网络副行政总裁（K-12教育）陈昕生博士接受中央广播电视总台采访。立足耀中耀华94年深耕国际教育的专业积淀，她围绕“十五五”时期发展机遇，分享了以特色教育助力香港高质量发展、深度融入中国式现代化建设的创新思考。

央视频

Watch the video (in Chinese only)

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09.07.2026

耀中幼教学院谢冠宝博士带领团队倡导全纳教育

谢冠宝博士指出，全纳教育的核心在于让每一位孩子都能在具尊重、参与感及归属感的环境中学习。全纳教育并不仅限于支援有特殊教育需要（SEN）的学生，而是从课程设计之初，已充分考虑所有存在的差异，并因应不同幼儿的能力、性格、感官需要和学习方式，灵活调整教学方法、课室环境及师生互动，确保每位孩子都有参与的机会，并发挥潜能。

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China Daily 中国日报

10.07.2026

2026 IB成绩捷报，耀中耀华学子再创全球优异佳绩

耀中耀华教育网络副行政总裁（K-12教育）陈昕生博士表示：“这份成绩单充分体现了耀中耀华‘有教无类’的教育理念。无论是自幼在耀中耀华成长的学生，还是通过不同升学通道加入学校的学生，我们始终相信每位学生都拥有独特潜能。令人欣喜的不仅是学生取得了优异的IB成绩，更重要的是他们在成长过程中建立了品格、自信、韧性，以及终身学习的能力。”

中国日报网 CHINADAILY.COM.CN

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South China Morning Post 南华早报

20.07.2026

YCIS Celebrates Exceptional IB Results with Two Perfect Scorers

This year's top-performing graduates reflect the diverse pathways through which students join and thrive at YCIS. From those who began their journey with the School as early as six months old, to students who joined through the Principal Recommendation Scheme (PRS) for local Primary 6 students or transitioned from local schools via the IB Pathway Programme (IBP) for local Secondary 3 students, their achievements demonstrate how learners from different backgrounds can flourish with the right opportunities, support and encouragement.

South China Morning Post

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Advancement and Alumni Engagement



The Fullerton Hotel Singapore

Alumni Gathering in Singapore
Taking a New Step Towards Community Service

On 12 July, more than 20 alumni from YCIS Beijing, YCIS Shanghai, YWIES Shanghai Gubei, YCIS Hong Kong, and YCIS Chongqing, along with friends of YCYW, came together to reconnect and catch up in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. The gathering was not only a chance to reunite, but also an opportunity to explore a new direction for alumni engagement through community service.

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Class of 2010, YCIS Hong Kong

Carving Her Own Path
An Interview with YCIS Alumna Ms Betty Yang

Diagnosed with a severe hearing loss at the age of two, Betty faced challenges from a very young age. But those experiences also taught her, sooner than most, to respond to the world with focus, determination, and perseverance. After graduating from YCIS, she studied Architecture at Tsinghua University, and then completed a master's degree in Urban Design at the University of Sheffield.

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YCIS Hong Kong

Alumnus Martin Returns to Interview Younger Schoolmates
Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony Special

Martin Su, a YCIS Shanghai Class of 2021 alumnus, recently attended the Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony at YCIS Hong Kong. He took the opportunity to interview graduating students about their YCYW journeys, future aspirations, and reflections on life beyond school. His return highlighted the lasting connections within the YCYW community and the inspiring stories shared across generations.

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Message from the Editors

Dear YCYW Community,

We are delighted to share with you the latest issue of the YCYW Education Network Newsletter, featuring highlights and achievements from across our schools and community.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our IBDP students and the first cohort of HKDSE students at YWIES Zhejiang Tongxiang on their remarkable achievements. These accomplishments reflect the hard work of our students, the support of their families, and the dedication of our educators.

As the summer break continues, we hope everyone is enjoying a well-deserved opportunity to rest, recharge, and explore new interests. We also look forward to celebrating the achievements of our A Level and IGCSE students, with more good news to share in the next issue. We are excited to welcome students, families, and colleagues back for the new academic year and to continue our shared journey of learning and growth.

As always, if you have stories, updates, or initiatives to share in future issues, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,
Corporate Branding & Communications Division

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