

Being Together  
Living Together  
Growing Together



Saint Benoît French High School  
ISTANBUL

## SCHOOL

Established in 1783, Saint Benoît French Private High School is the oldest school of Turkey. Among the graduates of the bilingual school are well-known figures of Turkey in the fields of law, politics, science, and art. More than 900 students studying at the school have the chance to receive higher education in distinguished universities in Turkey, Europe, Canada, and the USA, thanks to the multicultural environment in which they grow up..

## STUDENTS

Students are admitted to Saint Benoît French High School after Middle School, based on a highly competitive national high school entry examination prepared by the Ministry of Education, and taken by over 1 million students. Saint Benoît enrolls students who have scored within the top 2% of this exam.

- At present, more than 900 students attend grades Prep-12.
- 174 in the 2025 graduating class.
- 100% of graduates attend four-year universities.
- 65% of graduates of 2023-2024 are attending university abroad.

## FACULTY

- The faculty consists of 95 full-time teachers and 3 part-time teachers.
- They have an average of 20 years of experience.
- 14 hold master's degrees and 2 hold doctorates.
- 80 are Turkish, 18 French, 1 Irish, 1 New Zealander, 1 Tunisian, 1 Iranian, 1 from Ivory Coast.



## CURRICULUM

Our students follow a five-year high school program. They receive the “Anadolu Lisesi Diploması” that is equivalent to the French Baccalaureate. This academic equivalence was registered in the Official Bulletin of the French National Education in March 1963; if our students wish to enroll in a French university or in other universities within the European Union they are exempted from language level exams.

During their studies at Saint Benoît the students receive 50% of their studies in the French language and they take slowly literature by means of the FLE (French as a foreign language) method. The teaching of sciences (DNL) is done in French: Mathematics, IT, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

### ■ Prep Year:

The first year which is called the “Prep Class” is essentially dedicated to the teaching of the basic foundations of the French language. All students enter a preparatory year. However, only a small number of students pass directly to 9th grade as they already know French. When students of the Class of 2023 start their study at Saint Benoît, they take: 21 hours of French, 3 hours of Mathematics, 3 hours of Sciences, 3 hours of English, 4 hours of Turkish, 2 hours of Physical Education, 1 hour of Arts and Music, 3 hours of IT and 1 hour of Guidance per week.

### ■ Grades 9 and 10:

Students at Grade 9 and 10 follow a common curriculum with one elective at grade 10. The aim of these two years of study is to give them a broad background in all academic areas. It is mandatory for every student to take the three core sciences – biology, physics, and chemistry. A second foreign language, English, is obligatory at Grade 9 and Grade 10.

### ■ Grades 11 and 12:

Students at Grades 11 and 12 choose electives, to supplement the Common Core requirements.

Grade 11 students prepare for their IELTS exam and have the opportunity to take it at school near the end of the second term.



## GRADE 9

French 10	English 2	Maths 6	Physics 2	Chemistry 2	Biology 2	Turkish Language and Litterature 5
History 2	Geography 2	Physical Education 2	Health, Hygiene and Road Safety Education 1	Visual Arts 1	Ethics & Religious Instruction 3	Guidance 1

## GRADE 10

French 8	Elective French 1	English 2	Maths 6	Physics 2	Chemistry 2	Biology 2
Turkish Language and Litterature 5	Philosophy 2	History 2	Geography 2	Physical Education 2	Visual Arts 1	Ethics & Religious Instruction 3
Guidance 1						

## GRADE 11

French 8	Elective French 3	English 2	Maths 6	Elective Physics 4	Elective Chemistry 3	Elective Biology 3
Turkish Language and Litterature 5	Elective Turkish Language and Litterature 2	Philosophy 2	History 2	Elective Psychology 2	Elective Geography 3	Physical Education 2
Music 1	Religious Instruction 2	Guidance 1				

## GRADE 12

French 6	Elective French 2	English 2	Elective English 2	Elective Advanced Maths 6-7	Elective Basic Maths 2	Elective Physics 4
Elective Chemistry 4	Elective Biology 3	Elective Applied Sciences 3	Turkish Language and Litterature 5	Elective Turkish Language and Litterature 3	Elective Sociology 2	History of Turkish Revolution 2
History of the Contemporary World 2	Elective Geography 3	Elective Economics 2	Elective Entrepreneurship 1	Elective History of Art 2	Physical Education 2	Music 1
Religious Instr. 2	Guidance 1					

## Contents of elective mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology courses on grade 11 and grade 12:

### Chemistry Grade 11

- UNIT 1: Modern Atomic Theory
- UNIT 2: Gases
- UNIT 3: Liquid Solutions and Solubility
- UNIT 4: Energy in Chemical Reactions
- UNIT 5: Rate of Chemical Reactions
- UNIT 6: Equilibrium in Chemical Reactions

### Chemistry Grade 12

- UNIT 1: Chemistry and Electricity
- UNIT 2: Introduction to Carbon Chemistry
- UNIT 3: Organic Compounds
- UNIT 4: Energy Resources and Scientific Developments

### Physics Grade 11

- UNIT 1: Force and Motion
  - Vectors
  - Relative Motion
  - Newton's Laws of Motion
  - One-Dimensional Motion with Constant Acceleration
  - Motion in Two Dimensions
  - Energy and Motion
  - Impulse and Linear Momentum
  - Torque
  - Balance and Balance Conditions
  - Simple Machines
- UNIT 2: Electricity and Magnetism
  - Electric Force and Electric Field
  - Electrical potential
  - Uniform Electric Field and Capacitance
  - Magnetism and Electromagnetic Induction
  - Alternative current
  - Transformers

### Physics Grade 12

- UNIT 1: Uniform Circular Motion
- UNIT 2: Simple Harmonic Motion
- UNIT 3: Wave Mechanics
- UNIT 4: Introduction to Atomic Physics and Radioactivity
- UNIT 5: Modern Physics
- UNIT 6: Applications of Modern Physics in Technology

### Biology Grade 11

- UNIT 1: Supervisory and Regulatory System, Sense Organs
- UNIT 2: Support and Movement System
- UNIT 3: Digestive System
- UNIT 4: Circulatory Systems
- UNIT 5: Respiratory System
- UNIT 6: Urinary System
- UNIT 7: Reproductive System and Embryonic Development
- UNIT 8: Community Ecology
- UNIT 9: Population Ecology

### Biology Grade 12

- UNIT 1: Gene to Protein
- UNIT 2: Energy Transformations in Living Things
- UNIT 3: Plant Biology
- UNIT 4: Living things and the Environment

### Applied sciences

Physics, Chemistry and Biology lab. Sessions





## Contents of elective mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology courses on grade 11 and grade 12:

### Mathematics Grade 11

UNIT 1: Trigonometry

- Directional Angles
- Trigonometric Functions

UNIT 2: Analytical Geometry

- Analytical Examination of the Line

UNIT 3: Applications in Functions

- Applications Related to Functions
- Quadratic Functions and Graphs
- Transformations of Functions

UNIT 4: Systems of Equations and Inequalities

- Systems of Quadratic Equations with Two Unknowns
- Inequalities and Inequality Systems with a Quadratic Unknown

UNIT 5: Circle and Circle

- Basic Elements of the Circle
- Angles in a Circle
- Tangent in a Circle
- Circumference and Area of the Circle

UNIT 6: Space Geometry

- Solids

UNIT 7: Probability

### Mathematics Grade 12

UNIT 1: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

UNIT 2: Sequences

- Real Number Sequences

UNIT 3: Trigonometry

- Sum-Difference and Double Angle Formulas
- Trigonometric Equations

UNIT 4: Conversions

- Fundamental Transformations in the Analytical Plane

UNIT 5: Derivative

- Limit and Continuity

UNIT 5: Derivative

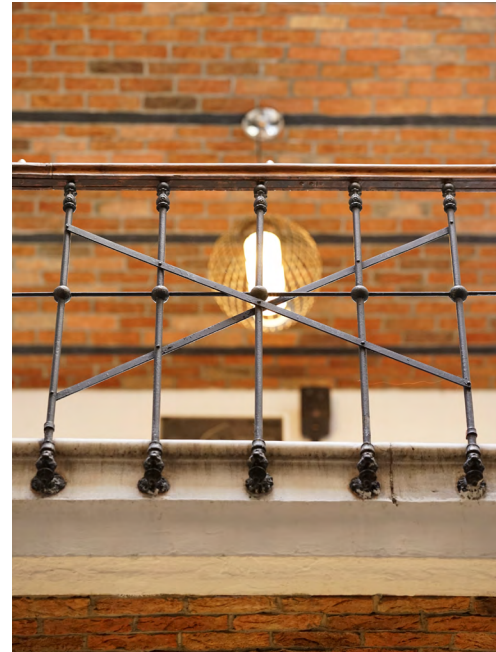
- Instantaneous Rate of Change and Derivative
- Applications of Derivative

UNIT 6: Integral

UNIT 7: Analytical Geometry

## CLUBS

Philosophy Readings	Event Organisation	Stage Techniques and Sound Composition	Rowing	American Football
Urban Studies and Urbanisation	Debate	Cinema	Boxing	Biology
Entrepreneurship and Finance	History and Strategy	Best Buddies	Dance	Mobile App Design with App Inventor
Marketing	SB Radio	He for She	Football	Robotics and Coding
MUN (Eng-Fr)	Music	First Aid	Men's Basketball	Sustainable Living and Environment
TEDx English	Painting	Fencing	Table Tennis	Physics
Green Club				





## GRADING

Saint Benoît French High School follows the passing and promotion system of the Turkish Ministry of Education.

The passing grade is 50. A student's Grade Point Average is calculated on the basis of the grades and the number of periods each class meets per week.

Grades are not weighted.

Saint Benoît does not rank. The program is demanding and it is difficult for students to achieve high marks. Please refer to the Grade Distribution Chart for details.

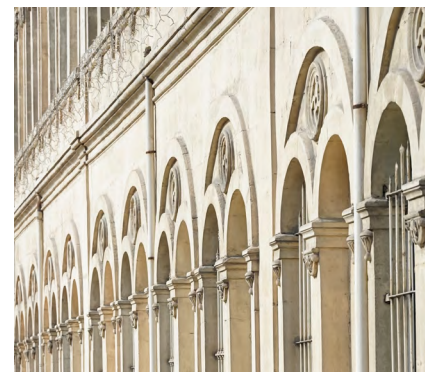
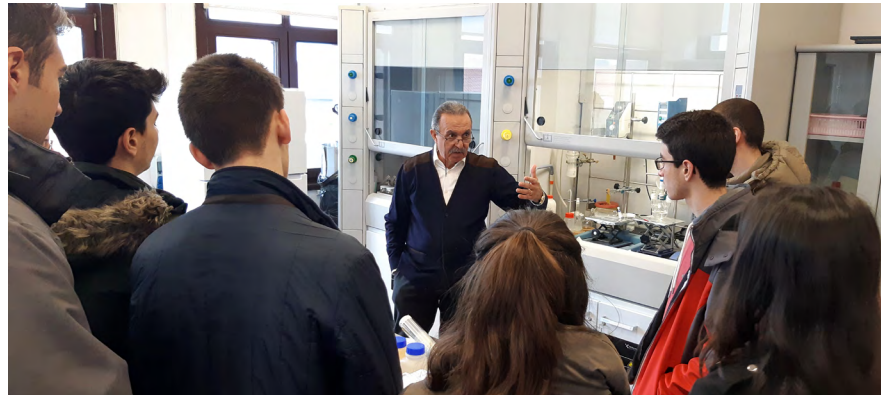
### Distribution of Cumulative GPA's (end of 11)

GPA	Number of Students	Percentage of Class
95-100	27	17%
90-94	34	22%
85-89	44	28%
80-84	34	22%
75-79	9	6%
70-74	4	3%
65-69	6	4%
60-64	0	0%



Total number of graduates from the classes of 2021-2024 who have been accepted to the universities of the following countries:

FRANCE 303	ENGLAND 161	HOLLAND 82	CANADA 93	USA 50	ITALY 29	BELGIUM 19
SCOTLAND 8	ESTONIA 1	GERMANY 2	HUNGARY 2	SPAIN 1	SWITZERLAND 6	IRELAND 2





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