## **Applying to a British University**

#### All applications to UK universities are made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)

- fill in a UCAS application form by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan (Oxford & Cambridge earlier)
- Students from the EU pay the same fees as home students
- Tuition fees for international students (2011)
  - Subject
  - Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Sciences and Engineering
  - Clinical subjects

£ Sterling £9,000–£10,800 £10,200–£13,800 £23,200–£26,000

- Over 430,000 international students study in the UK every year, from over 180 countries
- To apply to a University necessary to prove English language skills (TOEFL, Cambridge exam etc.)
- Advantage to present IB diploma
- In the CR IB provided by 8 secondary schools all with English as the main language

# • IB (International Baccalaureate) is a two year course offered to students of the last years at secondary school

- Schools offering the programme:
  - 1st International School of Ostrava
  - International School of Prague, s.r.o.
  - Open Gate Boarding School
  - PORG gymnazium a zakladni skola, o.p.s.
  - Riverside School Prague
  - The English College in Prague Anglické gymnázium (price per year c.260,000CZK)
  - The English International School, Prague
  - The Prague British School
- The exam results serve as acceptance exams at many universities world-wide

#### **IB** Course

- Students choose to study 6 subjects from 6 fields (Studies in Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Experimental Sciences, Mathematics, IT)
- Participation on the course Theory of Knowledge
- Extended essay (4000 words)
- Participation on activities in the fields of Creativity, Action, Service (on hand experience)

# Cambridge Criteria

- Detailed selection criteria vary from subject to subject but in all we are looking for:
  - academic ability and potential;
  - motivation and suitability for the chosen course;
  - commitment and self-discipline.
- Every applicant is considered individually in an holistic assessment using all the information available to us:
  - their academic record, including GCSE and AS (or equivalent) grades and marks and A Level (or equivalent) grades or predictions, this record being considered in the context of the quality (but not type) of schools/colleges at which it was achieved;
  - the school/college reference;
  - the personal statement;
  - submitted work, where requested;
  - test results, where a written test forms part of the assessment;