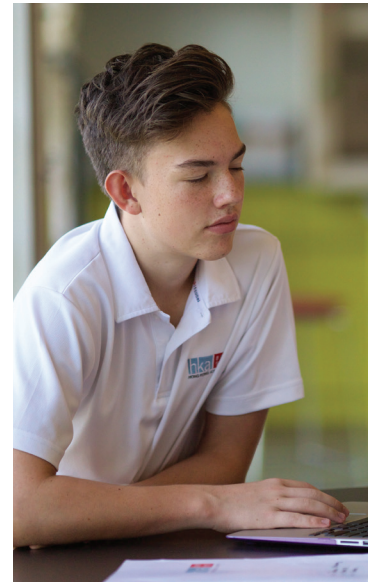


SCHOOL PROFILE

A dynamic international IB World School
for students in Pre-K to Grade 12





The Hong Kong Academy mission statement serves as a guidepost and foundation for all our efforts to provide exceptional educational opportunities to all learners.

Hong Kong Academy is a **dynamic learning community** that provides a **rigorous international education** characterized by mutual benefit and support. As an **educational leader**, HKA empowers learners to pursue **pathways to individual excellence** by fostering creativity, communication and problem-solving skills. HKA learners develop an evolving understanding of our changing world, leading them to engage in responsible action motivated by their interests, strengths and ongoing reflection. HKA is committed to maintaining a diverse, collaborative and **captivating learning environment** in which students become adaptable, confident and tolerant, equipping them for the **future**.



Welcome to Hong Kong Academy!

Thank you for your interest in our school. We are a warm and engaging community that embraces learning in everything we do. Learning is our mindset, and as such, we seek innovation, relish challenges, and leverage every opportunity to apply and expand our creativity. Whether it's during more formal instruction in the classroom or laboratory, playing with peers outdoors, or exploring our city and region, our students are constantly developing new skills that prepare them for lifelong learning in a world of change and disruption.

Every student is unique. At HKA, we take that seriously in our curriculum, instruction and student interaction. Our curriculum is globally sourced according to current researched-based best practice. Our instruction is differentiated to ensure that students attain their own learning goals. And as we work with students to progress, we listen carefully, knowing that student voice is essential to the process. We are co-creators of our learning.

At HKA, teachers and parents are learners, too. Professional development is a core part of our community life, with administrators, teachers and parents taking part in various learning opportunities on campus.

We encourage you to visit us and see what learning can be!

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Dare'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Stephen Dare - Head of School

Overview

Hong Kong Academy is an independent, international, non-profit, co-educational day school for students ages 3 - 18. Founded in 2000, HKA offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. The school's globally-sourced curriculum is inquiry-based and concept-driven, providing a well-rounded, student-centred programme. Small class sizes and a low student:teacher ratio allow for individualised attention and the ability to meet the needs of accelerated learners as well as students requiring Learner or English Language Support.

Accreditations & Authorisations

Council of International Schools (CIS)
International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Memberships

Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS)
East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS)
Global Citizen Diploma (GCD)
ISTA Performing Arts Academy, Hong Kong
Next Frontier: Inclusion (NFI)

FIVE CORE VALUES OF HONG KONG ACADEMY



Rigorous and Inclusive International Education

In educational circles today, you'll hear a lot of talk about rigour. But what does rigour mean in practice? At HKA, rigour becomes tangible when students are able to understand complex problems and respond to ambiguous dilemmas. We challenge students to stretch beyond their comfort zones and take action that is grounded in what they find personally and globally relevant.

Inclusion is an essential aspect of rigour at HKA. We believe that all students learn more effectively when they learn together in an environment that reflects the world at large. Students with learning needs, language acquisition support needs and/or those receiving enriched offerings all learn together in the same classroom. Approximately 15% of our student population receives some form of Learner or English Language Support.



Captivating Learning Environment

HKA's 640+ students, from ages 3 to 18, all learn on one campus. Located in the seaside town of Sai Kung, HKA is easily accessible from Hong Kong Island either by school bus or public transport. The school's 23,700 metre square building has earned a provisional BEAM+ platinum rating for its environmentally sustainable design and features. Floor to ceiling windows provide abundant natural light, and outdoor spaces include a landscaped courtyard, sports pitch and multi-use court. New Primary School playscapes opened in August 2017. HKA's facility also fully supports the performing arts. The 358 seat theatre features state of the art theatre technology, and the Studio Theatre allows for black box style productions. Music, dance and rehearsal rooms support instruction in the performing arts, and an advanced technology environment enhances student learning through purposeful use. The school's gymnasium seats over 600, and HKA frequently hosts local and regional tournaments, conferences, performances and other events.



Pathways to Individual Excellence

All parents and guardians know that no two children are alike, and at HKA, we believe that diversity, grounded in mutual respect, enhances learning for all. With this in mind, HKA supports every student in his or her own pathway to individual excellence through differentiated instruction.

Small class sizes and low student:teacher ratios facilitate individualised attention. In the Primary School, each grade has two classes of 22 students each (44 per grade level) with a minimum of two teachers in each classroom. In the Secondary School, the capacity rises to 66 students per grade level, and students have several additional programmes to enhance their pathways to individual excellence.

Students in Grades 9-12 also take part in the Global Citizen Diploma, which encourages students to engage in responsible action and provides a platform for expressing themselves as global citizens. The ISTA Performing Arts Academy, Hong Kong, launched at Hong Kong Academy in 2017, offers co-curricular arts and performance workshops, master classes and events for students at HKA and across the region.



Dynamic Community of Learners

Students, parents, faculty, and staff alike comprise HKA's dynamic community of learners. Our families come from all over the world, with no one single nationality representing a majority. Our faculty, recruited principally from Australasia, North America, Europe and China, also hail from all over the globe.

At HKA, everyone is a learner, including teachers and parents. Professional development and lifelong learning are integral to HKA's culture. Weekly on-campus professional development opportunities allow for faculty to expand their knowledge. Many parents take part in professional development as well, attending events facilitated by HKA faculty and guest speakers.

Parents are also active members of the community as volunteers. Whether it's in the library, on the court or in any number of other capacities, parents give generously of their time, talent and treasure. A friendly and social community, HKA parents also plan and participate in outings and events for themselves and for families.

Educational Leadership

Just as HKA is a community of learners, the school is also a member of the broader independent educational community. HKA invites experts from around the world to present to faculty at in-house professional development workshops, and often these same experts make presentations for parents as well. Our faculty and staff also attend and present at conferences, both to learn and to share knowledge with others. A high percentage hold advanced degrees and/or are pursuing further education and routinely interact with leading educational institutions and organisations. The school's faculty and administration also routinely collaborate and converse with leading educational institutions and organisations, engage thought leaders in education and mentor other educational professionals.

YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT AT HKA



A typical week in the Primary School includes integrated learning related to the current Unit of Inquiry, instruction in Mandarin, and specialist classes in physical education, music, art and library. Technology is integrated with all classroom learning. In the Early Childhood classes, co-teachers are Mandarin speakers, and Mandarin is incorporated into daily routines. In Kindergarten through Grade 5, students receive Mandarin instruction four to five times a week for a total of 200 minutes per week. HKA's Mandarin curriculum uses simplified characters.

One of the first schools in Hong Kong to adopt the Primary Years Programme curriculum, HKA made this choice because of the PYP's emphasis on personal growth as well as academic attainment. Learning happens everywhere at HKA in both formal and informal environments, whether on the playground, during team sports, or clearing up after lunch in the cafeteria. We value these experiences as vital for developing friendships and interpersonal skills. Learning outside the classroom promotes creative questioning, meaningful exploration of concepts, resilience and curiosity. With this in mind, we provide students with diverse environments that extend beyond dynamic learning and play areas. We actively structure classrooms where students are exposed to and embrace differences in culture, language, ethnicity, learning styles, family blend and life experiences.

HKA learners and teachers are supported by a leadership team comprised of our Principal, Assistant Principal/PYP Coordinator, Counsellor, Director of Learner Support and Curriculum Specialists in maths and literacy.

YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT AT HKA



Secondary School at Hong Kong Academy encompasses Grades 6-12. Students in Grades 6-10 follow the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. In Grades 11 and 12, many students pursue the full IB Diploma Programme, and other options are available for students who prefer a different pathway to graduation.

While the curriculum is geared to Grades 6-10 and 11-12, HKA is mindful of the social-emotional development of adolescents and often defines student activities for Grades 6-8 separately from Grades 9-12. A Secondary School Principal and two Assistant Secondary School Principals work directly with these groups of students. The Secondary School faculty also includes curriculum coordinators and social-emotional and university counsellors. The Secondary School leadership work closely with the Learner Support Team to ensure inclusive education.

Student Leadership and Co-Curricular Activities

At HKA, we encourage students to seek out and take on leadership opportunities. Faculty members actively support students as they develop their leadership potential, find their voices, participate in decision-making, and understand their rights and responsibilities at HKA and beyond the classroom. Students from Grades 6-12 can join and lead both new and established groups and teams including: Battle of the Books, Debate and Public Speaking, Global Issues Network, PR and Media Team, Student Council, Student Voices Digital Blog Team, and Student Organisation for Sustainability.

Course Offerings for Grades 6 – 12

GRADES 6-10

IB Middle Years Programme Courses

English Language and Literature

Language Acquisition

Mandarin

Spanish

French (subject to availability)

Individuals and Societies

Sciences

Mathematics

Arts

Drama

Music

Visual Arts

Physical and Health Education

Design

GRADES 11-12 IB Diploma Programme Courses

Group 1: Language and Literature

English A: Language & Literature: HL, SL

English A: Literature: HL, SL

Self-taught A: Literature: SL

Group 2: Language Acquisition

Mandarin B: HL, SL

Mandarin ab initio

Spanish B: HL, SL

Spanish ab initio

French B: HL, SL

French ab initio

Group 3: Individuals & Societies

Economics: HL, SL

History: HL, SL

Business Management: HL, SL

Psychology: HL, SL

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Biology: HL, SL

Chemistry: HL, SL

Physics: HL, SL

Design Technology: HL, SL

Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematics: HL, SL

Mathematical Studies

Group 6: Arts

Theatre: HL, SL

Visual Arts: HL, SL

Music: HL, SL

HL = Higher Level
SL = Standard Level

GRADES 9-12 High School Courses

English

Humanities

Science

Fine and Performing Arts

High School level courses complement the IB Programme courses to fulfil the HKA Diploma graduation requirements.

Diploma Pathways at HKA

HKA's Secondary School prides itself on mentoring students to reach their full potential through individualised instruction tailored to their skills, interests and aspirations. Faculty members are dedicated to students' well-being and academic success and take the time to guide and support them as they make key decisions that impact their futures. Wherever their individual pathways to success may take them, HKA endeavours to help students identify, develop and realise their goals.

Secondary School Students at HKA may select one of three Diploma Pathways:

- Pathway 1: HKA Diploma (U.S. high school-based diploma)
- Pathway 2: HKA Diploma with up to six IB Courses
- Pathway 3: HKA Diploma with full IB Diploma

In addition to HKA's course offerings, students also have the opportunity to participate in specialised internships on and off campus.

ACTIVELY INVOLVED

Secondary School students at HKA participate in a wide variety of sports and co-curricular activities. At HKA, we believe that learning outside the classroom is as important as learning in class, and students are encouraged to participate in activities that are meaningful to them.

Athletics

HKA athletes participate in two local leagues, one club event and two travel team leagues:

ISSHKF - Grades 6-12

- Athletics/Track and Field
- Basketball
- Climbing
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Netball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

SCISAC - travel team, Grades 6-8

- Basketball
- Football
- Volleyball

ACAMIS - travel team, Grades 9-12

- Basketball
- Football
- Volleyball

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

- Rowing

After School Activities (ASAs)

After School Activities at HKA are offered from Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Designed mainly for Primary School students, activities are wide-ranging and include sports, arts and languages. Many activities are led by HKA faculty and staff, with the school also engaging select external organisations to offer a bespoke programme. The goal of our ASA programme is to provide students with opportunities both to continue with current interests as well as explore new ones. Equally important, ASAs at HKA nurture friendships and teamwork.





Service Learning

In keeping with the school's mission, values and purpose, HKA promotes lifelong learning for the entire community — students, faculty and parents alike. Through service, learners develop an evolving understanding of our changing world, leading them to engage in responsible action.

HKA students are offered a number of opportunities in both the Primary School and the Secondary School to develop their understanding and experience of what it means to be a responsible global citizen. Service learning opportunities are both embedded into the curriculum and offered outside the classroom.

Sustainability

HKA's commitment to sustainable practice is visible throughout the school, most notably in our curriculum, monitoring on campus, building materials and procurement processes. Whether in the garden, participating in a local clean up effort or recycling and composting, students from Pre-K through Grade 12 contribute to the school's sustainability and experience our campus as an authentic learning lab. As part of being an educational leader, HKA is also committed to being an environmentally responsible member of the broader community.

GLOBAL HKA

Alumni

Hong Kong Academy graduated its first class in 2012. HKA alumni pursue tertiary education and employment around the world. To see a list of offers of admission, matriculations and more detailed HKA student IB exam results, please refer to our Academic Profile on our website at www.hkacademy.edu.hk/hkaprofiles.

Global Family Network

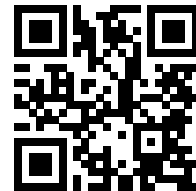
As with all international schools, families frequently move on from HKA before students graduate. HKA's global community includes an active network of families around the world who gather for events and serve as ambassadors for incoming, relocating and repatriating HKA families. We stay connected through alumni newsletters, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Diversity of Students and Faculty

We celebrate the diversity of cultures and nationalities that comprise our community of learners and educators and value the differences that they bring to HKA.

STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

Africa	4	Europe	238	North America	182
■ South Africa		■ Austria		■ Canada	
■ Cameroon		■ Belgium		■ Mexico	
Asia	157	■ Denmark		■ United States	
■ Bangladesh		■ Finland		Total Students	643
■ China		■ France			
■ Hong Kong		■ Germany			
■ India		■ Ireland			
■ Indonesia		■ Italy			
■ Israel		■ Netherlands			
■ Japan		■ Portugal			
■ Korea		■ Slovakia			
■ Malaysia		■ Spain			
■ Nepal		■ Sweden			
■ Philippines		■ Switzerland			
■ Russia		■ United Kingdom			
■ Singapore		Oceania	62		
■ Thailand		■ Australia			
		■ New Zealand			



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FACULTY FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

At HKA, faculty come from all around the world, with many holding advanced degrees. All faculty continue to engage in professional development, either attending or presenting at global conferences each year.



Hong Kong Academy invites you to learn more about our programmes and offerings. Please visit our website, hkacademy.edu.hk, or schedule a tour of our campus. We encourage you to join us and see what learning can be!

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