



**Britannica
International
School Shanghai**
an Orbital Education School

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Admission Guide

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Welcome to Britannica International School Shanghai

Located in the heart of the city, our school delivers the best of British education, following the English National Curriculum, adapted to meet the needs of our international students aged 18 months to 18 years.

Students come to Britannica for our strong British roots and truly personalised approach to learning, which enable your child to achieve the very best that they are capable of at IGCSE and A Level. Our commitment to maintaining a low teacher to student ratio, with small class sizes, means we have the time to identify, celebrate and develop excellence in every child.

FIVE REASONS TO JOIN BRITANNICA

01

Delivering the best of British education

The English National Curriculum is at the core of our teaching, enhanced to meet the needs of our international students.

02

A curriculum that opens doors

We offer a challenging programme for a successful future at university and beyond.

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Personalised learning for your child

With a low student : teacher ratio, individual attention is given to every student in our school.

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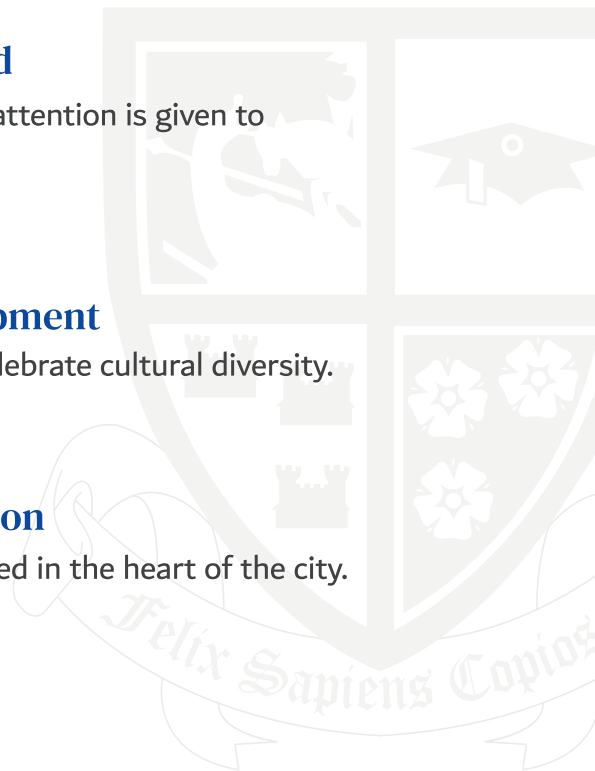
Supporting world language development

Our comprehensive language programmes celebrate cultural diversity.

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Inspiring facilities in an ideal location

Our purpose-built school is conveniently placed in the heart of the city.



BRITANNICA'S VALUES



Excellence

We are ambitious, developing resilience, independence and a lifelong love of learning



Respect

We celebrate diversity, encouraging respect for the people and the world around us



Responsible

We are engaged, promoting actions and behaviours that support a sustainable future



Integrity

We are transparent, honest and ethical in all our relationships



Compassion

We are kind and caring, encouraging everyone to succeed

ORBITAL EDUCATION



The Britannica International School,
Shanghai belongs to the Orbital Education Group

Founded by Kevin McNeany in 2008, Orbital Education's internationally acclaimed schools are unique but we are united in our aim, to deliver an outstanding education. We build welcoming communities that celebrate diversity and encourage a global perspective. Our students and employees are supported and challenged to achieve their ambitions.

We are innovative, adapting and continuously improving our schools to ensure that they deliver the highest quality. We own and operate a fast-growing group of British style international schools in Hungary, Slovenia, Spain, Qatar, China, Ecuador, and Mexico with further expansion planned in the GCC. Based in our UK head office in Cheshire, our highly qualified and experienced team guide and develop our schools with their expertise, supporting across a wide range of operational functions.

“Our leadership team members have a shared passion for the education sector, with many starting their careers as teachers and all serving as governors, inspectors and school advisors outside of Orbital. It is this that makes us unique within the sector. We are continuously learning and bringing new ideas to improve our offer and the quality of education for the most important people, our students.”

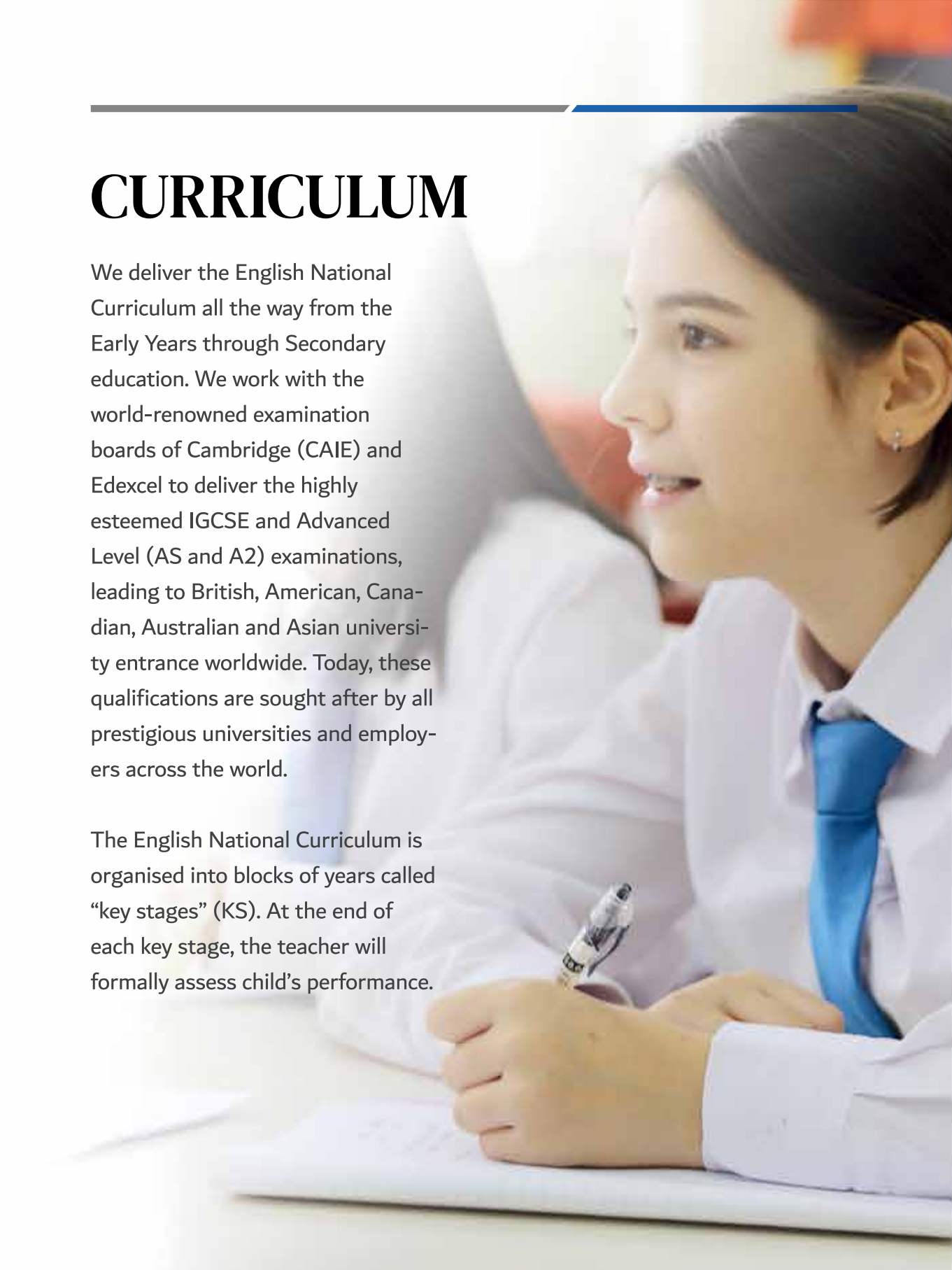
Kevin McNeany

Chairman and Founder – Orbital Education

CURRICULUM

We deliver the English National Curriculum all the way from the Early Years through Secondary education. We work with the world-renowned examination boards of Cambridge (CAIE) and Edexcel to deliver the highly esteemed IGCSE and Advanced Level (AS and A2) examinations, leading to British, American, Canadian, Australian and Asian university entrance worldwide. Today, these qualifications are sought after by all prestigious universities and employers across the world.

The English National Curriculum is organised into blocks of years called “key stages” (KS). At the end of each key stage, the teacher will formally assess child’s performance.



Child's Age	Year	Key Stage	Assessment
18M-3Y	Pre-Nursery	EYFS	Assessment of pupil's starting points in language, communication, literacy and maths
3Y-4Y	Nursery		
4Y-5Y	Reception		
5Y-6Y	Year 1	KS1	Phonics screening check
6Y-7Y	Year 2		GL assessment test in English reading and maths. Teacher assessments in maths, science, and English reading and writing
7Y-8Y	Year 3	KS2	GL assessment in English reading, maths, and grammar, punctuation and spelling. Teacher assessments in English writing and science
8Y-9Y	Year 4		
9Y-10Y	Year 5		
10Y-11Y	Year 6		
11Y-12Y	Year 7	KS3	GL assessment in English reading, maths, and grammar, punctuation and spelling. Teacher assessments in English writing and science
12Y-13Y	Year 8		
13Y-14Y	Year 9		
14Y-15Y	Year 10	KS4	IGCSE
15Y-16Y	Year 11		IGCSE
16Y-17Y	Year 12	KS5 (Sixth Form)	A-Level
17Y-18Y	Year 13		A-Level



Over 140 Extracurricular Activities

Physical

**Golf, Swimming, Volleyball,
Handball**

Academic

**Public Speaking, Debate Club,
Beginner French,
Model United Nations**

Music

**Musical, Audio Engineering,
Britannica Voices**

Creative

**Drama Club, Podcasting,
Photography,
Cooking Club**



World Language Development

In addition to the core curriculum, we provide an extensive World Languages Programme to offer native language lessons throughout the school, all of which are delivered by our specialist native-speaking teachers.

- **Mandarin**
- **Spanish**
- **French**
- **Italian**
- **Hebrew**
- **Japanese**
- **Korean**
- **Portuguese**

University Destinations



UK

University of Manchester
University of Bristol
University of Liverpool
University of Edinburgh
Royal Veterinary College
University of Nottingham
University of Exeter
University of Durham
University of Leeds
University of Warwick
University of Glasgow
University of Southampton
University of Arts London
University of Birmingham
University of Westminster
University of Loughborough
University of Bath
University of Aberdeen
University of Liverpool John Moore
Goldsmiths, University of London

USA

University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Davis
University of California, Santa Barbara
Boston University
University of Florida
Pennsylvania State University
University of Arizona
Purdue University
University of Oregon
University of Minnesota

Canada

University of Toronto
University of British Columbia

Australia

University of Sydney
University of Adelaide
University of New South Wales

Europe

University of Amsterdam
Maastricht University

Early Years Sample Timetable

Pre-Nursery

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 ~ 10:00	English Circle Time Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	English Circle Time Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	English Circle Time Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	English Circle Time Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	English Circle Time Indoor/ Outdoor Learning
			Library		Soft Play
10:00 ~ 10:20	Snack				
10:20 ~ 10:50	Physical Development	Physical Development	Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	Physical Development	Indoor/ Outdoor Learning
10:50 ~ 11:30	Mandarin				
11:30 ~ 12:30	Lunch				
12:30 ~ 14:20	Nap Time				
14:20 ~ 15:00	Music & Movement Story Time				
	Snack				

Weekly (1 period = 40min)

- English × 8
- Mandarin × 5
- Music & Movement, Story Time × 5
- Physical Development × 3
- Indoor/Outdoor Learning × 2
- Soft Play × 1
- Library × 1

Early Years Sample Timetable

Reception

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 9:20	Phonics & Literacy Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	Phonics & Literacy Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	Physical Education	Phonics & Literacy Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	Phonics & Literacy Indoor/ Outdoor Learning
9:20 10:00	Music				
10:00 10:20	Snack				
10:20 10:50	Maths Indoor/Outdoor Learning				
10:50 11:30	Mandarin				
11:30 12:20	Lunch				
12:20 13:00	Art	Understanding of the World Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	Understanding of the World Indoor/ Outdoor Learning	Native Language	Understanding of the World Indoor/ Outdoor Learning
13:00 13:40	Native Language			Physical Education	
13:40 14:20	Library			Music	
14:20 15:00	Story Time				
	Snack				
15:00 16:00	After School Activity	After School Activity	⊗	After School Activity	After School Activity

Weekly (1 period = 40min)

- English (Phonics & Literacy) × 7
- Story Time × 5
- Maths × 5
- Library × 1
- Physical Education × 3
- Music × 2
- Mandarin × 5
- Understanding of the World × 9
- Art × 1
- Native Language × 2

Primary Sample Timetable

Key Stage 1 (Year1~Year2)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:40 09:20	Maths	English	ICT	Native Language/ Internationalism	Maths
09:20 10:00					
10:00 10:20	Break				
10:20 11:00	English	PE	English	English/Guided Reading	Science
11:00 11:40				Assembly	Art
11:40 12:30	Lunch				
12:30 13:00	PSHE	Maths	Maths	Maths	English Spelling test
13:00 13:40	Topic		Music	Art	Music
13:40 14:20	Mandarin				
14:20 15:00	Topic	Library	Science	Topic	Golden Time
15:00 16:00	After School Activity	After School Activity	⊗	After School Activity	After School Activity

Weekly (1 period = 40min)

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|----------------|----------------|---|
| • English × 8 | • Science × 2 | • Physical Education × 2 |
| • Maths × 8 | • ICT × 2 | • Native Language/Internationalism × 2 |
| • Mandarin × 5 | • Music × 2 | • PSHE × 1 |
| • Topic × 3 | • Art × 2 | (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) |
| • Library × 1 | • Assembly × 1 | |

Secondary Sample Timetable

Key Stage 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:40 ~ 09:20	Mandarin				
09:20 ~ 10:00	History	Science	Geography	English	Library
10:00 ~ 10:20	Break				
10:20 ~ 11:00	Computing	English	PSHE	Maths	PE
11:00 ~ 11:40			Spanish		
11:40 ~ 12:20	Maths	Maths	Science	Music	English
12:20 ~ 13:00		Geography			
13:00 ~ 13:50	Lunch				
13:50 ~ 14:20	Assembly	Spanish	English	Science	Art
14:20 ~ 15:00	Native Language/ Internationalism	Native Language/ Internationalism	History	Maths	
15:00 ~ 16:00	After School Activity	After School Activity	⊗	After School Activity	After School Activity

Weekly (1 period = 40min)

• English × 6	• Computing × 2	• Physical Education × 2
• Maths × 6	• History × 2	• Native Language/Internationalism × 2
• Mandarin × 5	• Geography × 2	• PSHE × 1 (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education)
• Science × 4	• Music × 2	
• Spanish × 2	• Art × 2	
• Library × 1	• Assembly × 1	

Facilities





Science Labs



Sports Hall



Swimming Pool



Early Years



Library



Theatre

Britannica Knights Sports Programme

- **Swimming**
- **Badminton**
- **Football**
- **Basketball**
- **Ultimate Frisbee**



Transportation

Our comprehensive school bus service is continually adapted to meet the needs of new families joining the school. Routes are updated and new buses are added to ensure maximum efficiency and minimum journey times. If you have any questions regarding pick-up/drop-off times and bus stops, please feel free to contact us at admissions@britannicashanghai.com



Number of School Buses
20



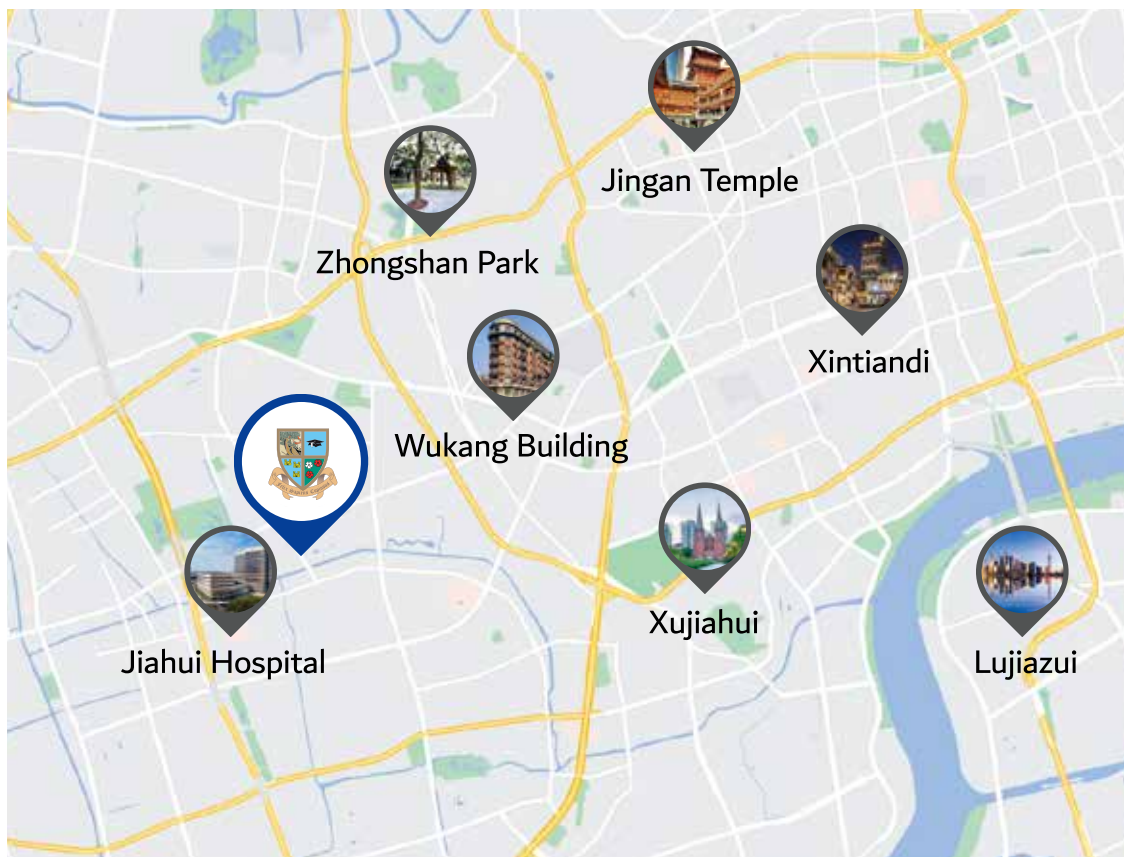
Average Route Time
30-40 minutes



Youngest Student on Bus
2 Years old



Location



Britannica International School

1988 Gubei Road near Wuzhong Road, Shanghai

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How to Apply

1. Visit us

Attend an open day or book a bespoke tour with our admissions team through school website or contacting us on WeChat as per below.



2. Complete and submit an online application form

Submit the online application through

<https://portal.orbital.education/shanghai/login>

Upload all available supporting documents as outlined in the application checklist in the system.

3. Assessment and second visit

On receipt of the application form and documentation, we will organise a meeting with the Principal or Head of Phase for a formal assessment. We assess all student in order to evaluate their cognitive ability, communication skills, interaction and social skills to ensure that our school is right for your child and that your child will achieve their maximum potential whilst at our school.

4. Offer and welcome

Providing the child has met both the admissions criteria (outlined by Shanghai Municipal Government) and passed the entry assessment, place will be offered by our Principal.

To secure your child's place, you will be asked to pay the registration fee and deposit. The deposit will be fully refunded providing all accounts have been settled, all school property has been returned and early notice submitted. The registration fee is not refundable if the child does not attend the school after enrolment and a place has been reserved.

Admission Guidelines

Timing:

There is no application deadline, applications to join Britannica Shanghai during the current school year are received all year round, on a rolling basis, with spaces subject to availability.

Assessment:

Once you have submitted your application form. Our admissions team will contact your family to schedule a time for us to meet. Each phase has different criteria for assessment.

English as an Additional Language (EAL):

Students who require additional English language assistance are provided with English as an Additional Language (EAL) support at an additional cost.

Scholarship programme:

Our scholarship application is open to student for entering Year 6 to Y13, with up to 50% remission on tuition fees. Applicants will undergo formal academic assessments, cognitive abilities test and interviews with school principal.



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