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### **Welcome to Association International School**



Dear Prospective Parents, Students and Families,

We are honored to welcome you to Association International School, a worldwide learning community that nurtures the next generation of critical thinkers, Christ-like ambassadors, and world peacemakers. We appreciate your interest in our institution. We invite you to spend some time perusing our brochure to learn more about what makes AIS one of the best international schools in Ghana.

As an IB World School, we encourage our students to go into uncharted intellectual territory, find new passions, and explore the academic landscape. We value intellectual curiosity and are dedicated to educating our students by fostering empathy, moral character, integrity, discipline, and service, all of which are built upon a solid foundation of Christian values.

More than just a place to receive an education, Association International School is a community where people from all nations and cultures coexist, work, and play—connected by their commonalities and enriched by their differences.

I look forward to the prospect of your family joining the broader AIS Family.

Head of School

#### **ABOUT AIS**



Association International School is an IB World School that nurtures students into self-assured leaders and civically engaged global citizens. It is located in the heart of the Airport Residential Area in Accra-Ghana. The value of an AIS education is substantial because our students learn alongside their peers, sharing objectives and acquiring skills and experiences that translate into fulfilling futures.

We deliver a rigorous academic program enhanced by various strategies such as creative problem solving, group interaction, the appreciation of diversity, culture, beauty, and healthy emotional and physical growth. We prepare our students for success and the rigors at top-tier universities and beyond.

#### **MISSION**

Our mission is to foster in students a lifelong commitment to intellectual exploration, individual growth, social responsibility, and Christ-likeness by inspiring and supporting them to strive for academic and personal excellence within an ethical framework that places the highest value on honor and respect for others.

#### **VISION**

Our vision is to mold intelligent and compassionate global learners, leaders, and ambassadors of Christ for the glory of God.

#### **ACADEMICS AT AIS**

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Association International School is a
Pre-K to Grade 12, day and boarding
school that is authorized to offer the
IB Diploma Program (IBDP) from
grade 1 to 12, the IB Middle Years
Program (IBMYP) from grades 6 to 10.
and the IB Primary Years Programme
from grade 1 to 5.

This means the school shares the common philosophy with other IB World Schools – a commitment to

high-quality, challenging, international education.



Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme, or the Career-related Programme (CP). For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <a href="http://www.ibo.org">http://www.ibo.org</a>

#### **ACADEMICS AT AIS**



We have adopted the best international practices to create a comprehensive curriculum that maximizes the creative talents of our students. We provide a thorough, demanding curriculum that is specifically

created to captivate students and provide them with a strong foundation from which to attain high levels of academic and personal excellence.

Our instructional strategies and resources enable learners to exercise self-discipline, autonomous learning, and critical thinking. We offer a comprehensive, rigorous curriculum carefully designed to engage students and give them a



solid foundation from which they can achieve high levels of academic and personal excellence.

Graduates from AIS are globally-minded and embody immeasurable international qualifications.

### **IB PROGRAM MODELS**





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### **IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (IBPYP)**



#### **EARLY YEARS (AGES 1 - 6)**

The Early Years program at Association International School is designed for children from 1 to 6 years old. Children can grow holistically when they are nurtured with a healthy school atmosphere, play-based learning, and hands-on experiences.





With a dedicated campus to serve the requirements of young children, Association International School is committed to providing the best learning opportunities through a variety of events held all year long.

#### **IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (IBPYP)**

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**PRIMARY YEARS (AGES 3 - 11)** 



AIS is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate® Primary Years Programme (PYP). This means the school shares the common philosophy with other IB World Schools – a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education.

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The PYP forms the base of the four IB programs for students aged 3 to 11 years old. The PYP uses a framework for students to understand global contexts, develop an understanding of important concepts, acquire ATL skills and knowledge, develop the IB Learner Profiles and choose, act, and take responsible action.

The three pillars of PYP include The Learner, Learning and Teaching, and The Learning Community.

### **IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (IBPYP)**

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At Association International School, we strive to give agency to the students. Agency allows them to have a voice, a choice, and ownership of PYP.

Fostering inquiry-based innovative learning, developing creative and critical thinking, international mindedness, and empathy are all key components in implementing the PYP.





#### **IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (IBMYP)**

(AGES 11 - 16)



The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) is designed for students between the ages of 11 to 16. At AIS, MYP 1 starts at grade 6 and ends at grade 10 (MYP 1 – MYP 5).

The program prepares students well to be able to undertake the IB Diploma. It aims at ensuring that students are not just knowledgeable, but that they are also inquirers, principled, balanced, caring, risk-takers (courageous), reflective, communicators, thinkers, and open-minded.

### **IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (IBMYP)**





The MYP emphasizes intellectual challenge, encouraging students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world.

MYP at AIS fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding, and global engagement - essential

qualities for young people who are becoming global leaders.

Students study 8 subject groups

#### which include:

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Individuals and Societies
- Language Acquisition (French or

#### Spanish)

- Design
- Expressive Arts (Drama, Music and Visual Arts)
- Physical and Health Education (PHE)
- The Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

#### **IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (IBMYP)**





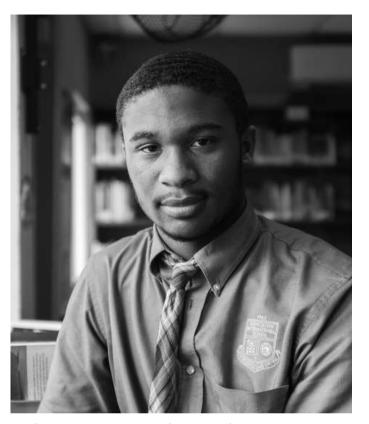
In MYP 1 to 3, students are allowed to take courses in all the eight subject groups to give them an opportunity to engage with all of the subjects in order to identify their areas of strength and interest.

In years 4 and 5, students can choose 8 courses from the eight subject groups within certain limits, to allow for individual student learning needs and meet their career path needs. Each year, students in the MYP also engage in at least one collaboratively planned interdisciplinary unit that involves at least two subject groups.

Students from MYP 1 to MYP 5 engage in Service as Action, an important component of the MYP and a shared value of the IB programs. Involvement in Service as Action allows students to make a positive difference in the lives of others within their communities and their environment. Students raise money through various activities and visit orphanages and special community schools.

In MYP 4 and 5, students undertake projects that are student-driven and teacher-guided. The Personal Project is a research-driven project that allows the students to demonstrate skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values acquired in the course of their study. Students identify a learning goal that they want to achieve and then research, take action, and develop either a product or a solution.

#### **IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM (IBDP)**



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is for students aged 16-19.

Research suggests many benefits to choosing the Diploma Programme (DP). The program aims to develop students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically.

DP students are better able than their peers to cope with demanding workloads, manage their time, and meet the expectations placed on them.

#### THE IBDP CURRICULUM

The DP curriculum at AIS comprises 6 subject groups and the Diploma Programme core: theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, activity, service (CAS), and the extended essay. Through the DP core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research, and undertake projects that often involve community service.









### **IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM (IBDP)**





Through the DP, schools are able to develop students who:

- have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge
- flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically
- study at least two languages
- excel in traditional academic subjects
- explore the nature of knowledge through the program's unique theory of knowledge (TOK) course

The first cohort of DP students graduated in 2019.

#### **BOARDING**













Give your child the opportunity to cultivate a sense of responsibility and discipline in a safe, conducive, and holistic Christ-centered environment.

Full boarding is available for students aged 11+ (MYP1 to DP2). Our traditional boarding with a modern twist is a favorite for parents who want to prepare their children for life outside the home.

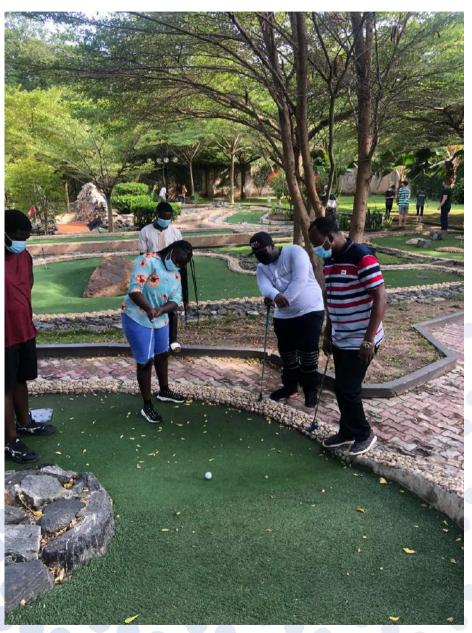
Our ultra-modern facilities include an onsite laundry and pantry, ecolearning spaces, study halls and recreational amenities.

## **BOARDING**











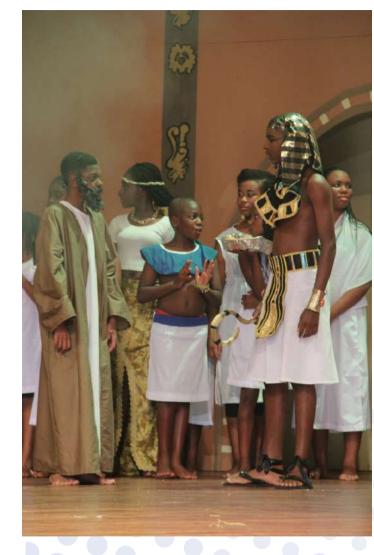


Association International School boasts of a rich and vibrant arts program that comprises the performing arts (drama, dance, and music) and visual arts.

Students are motivated to explore their creativity and learn discipline, and the value of consistent practice through the arts programs at AIS.

#### **Performing Arts**

AIS students regularly prepare for showcases for school events in the performing arts department. This helps them to practice what they learn in the classroom. The performing arts also help to boost the students' confidence and ability to engage in public.



Notable drama productions include
Disney's *Aladdin*, a collaboration with
the National Symphony Orchestra
(Ghana), the Christmas Story, and the
Easter story.

Students choose from a wide range of brass, percussion, woodwind, and string instruments. AIS students learn to play at least one of these over their time in school.

There are also multiple musical ensembles and groups to choose from: Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra, AIS Choir, Gospel Band and AIS Worship Choir.











In the visual arts program, students from Pre-K through to MYP3 learn to use various media to create art pieces.





















### **SPORTS AT AIS**



Association International School has a vibrant sports program comprising football, basketball, table tennis, volleyball, athletics, skating, and many more.

We strive to keep a healthy balance between academic rigor and wellness. Physical well-being is essential. We also have a state-of-the-art gym with stationary bikes, elliptical trainers, an inclined barbell bench press, multipurpose weight trainers, dumbells etc.





## **SPORTS AT AIS**











### **STEAM AT AIS**



At Association International School students engage their creativity and receive hands-on experience with STEAM in the MakerSpace, Science Labs and ICT Labs.







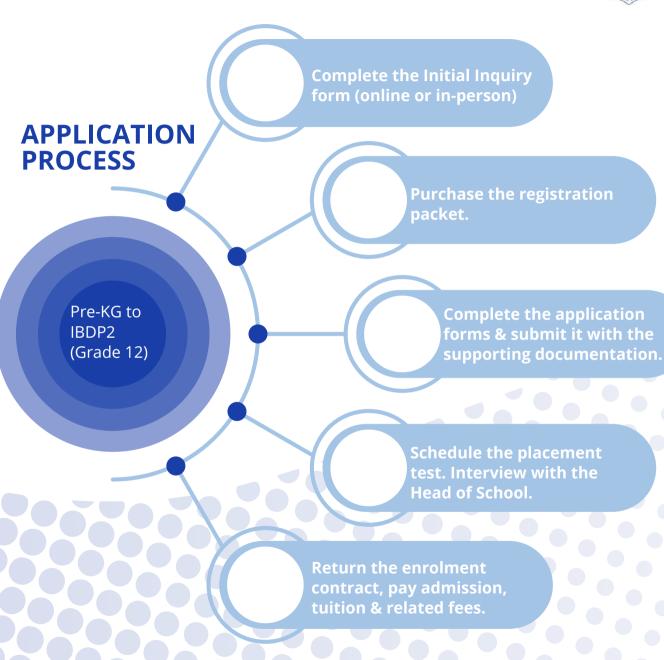


### **ADMISSIONS**



We encourage you to discover the unique community that awaits your family at Association International School.

AIS is a Christian community that provides a variety of learning opportunities for your child. Our students learn the skills needed to acclimate socially and build a strong foundation in faith and academic growth.



#### **COLLEGE COUNSELING**

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The College Guidance and Counseling

Department at Association
International School offers students
emotional, college, and career
guidance services.

With regards to College Guidance, the

following services are available:

university selection and applications

(Scholarship/financial aid

applications), campus tours,

accommodation advice, career

guidance, and visa counseling

(university fairs and visits).





Universities accepting AIS graduates:













