



2023 - 2024 Prospectus

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Welcome to ISA

Discover the new possible



Nicholas Little
Head of School - International School Aberdeen

“We are a school with a very strong vision of internationalism... recognising this is a fast changing world, and to thrive in it, a different kind of education is the best preparation.”

Our Story

International in mind and body. Local in spirit

Our school was established in 1972 and is Scotland's first international school. By international, we do not mean we support only expatriate families. In fact, we are an inclusive school for children aged between 3 to 18. ISA meets the growing demand for local families to join the school to not only experience the quality of teaching we deliver but also because they recognise our learning is wide, with no barriers.

Our strength is diverse intelligence and we provide something different when it comes to private education. Yes, we have impressive facilities, a multi-cultural base and a breadth of unrivalled global educational opportunities. But at the heart of

our school, we support children to find their place in the world, no matter what that path might be.

Our students are challenged to reach their maximum potential through academic success and personal growth, becoming multi-cultural life-long learners who are self-aware and technologically minded.

Our teachers ensure every graduate leaves the school confident living life and are as prepared as possible to succeed and become confident, socially responsible, active global citizens in a complex and ever-changing landscape.



Our Vision, Mission and Values

"ISA is locally and internationally recognised for providing excellence in education and exceptional care for every child."

"We provide students with a comprehensive university preparatory education utilising best practices in education from around the world. We serve our internationally diverse student body through a partnership of excellent staff, committed parents, and an involved community. Our mission is to deliver excellence in education through a safe and caring learning environment. Our students are challenged to reach their maximum potential through academic success and personal growth, becoming learners for life and socially responsible, active global citizens."

Respect

We respect ourselves and others' rights, property, opinions and diverse ways of life.

Excellence

We strive to challenge ourselves as individuals and in collaboration with others.

Diversity

We celebrate our diversity and believe that each person is unique, valuable, and worthy of respect.

Community

We care for and embrace the "ISA Family." We recognise our responsibility to promote wellbeing and an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Integrity

We strive to be honest and truthful in our actions. We encourage and nurture each other.

Service

We strive to instil a sense of responsibility to our school, local, and global communities.

Our Learning

A broader perspective to learning, developing global thriving minds

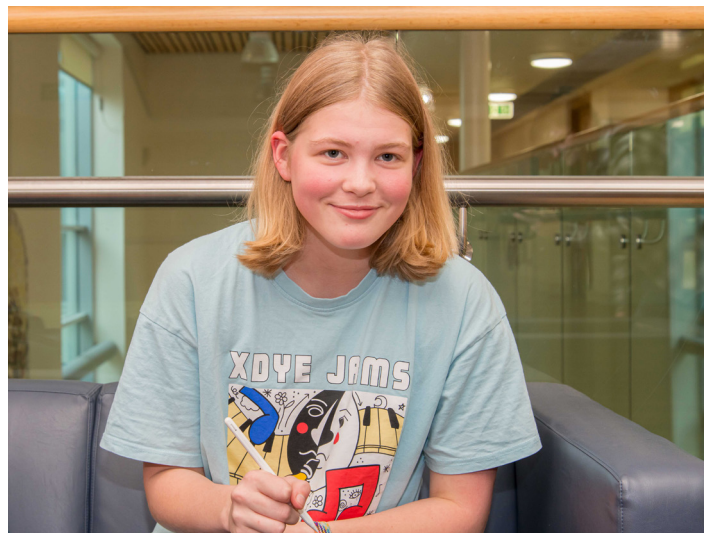
In a world full of rapid advancement and constant change, getting the grades just isn't enough. We need to prepare children to find their place in this evolving landscape and bring clarity on how they can grow, diversify and transform.

More than ever, children require intellectual curiosity and a passion for learning. We must support them not only with resilience but the ability to think critically, have empathy and a deep level of self-awareness in order to be successful in the future.

ISA do this through four key pillars:


Multi-cultural

Our students are self-assured in multi-cultural groups and mindful of social assumptions. Not only do they have the ability to communicate freely in a foreign language, but they are also well equipped to become successful global citizens, wherever they settle. By working and learning in a diverse environment, ISA students have the ability to bring out the best in others from a variety of backgrounds so they can grow and transform in any community.



Life-long learner

ISA students take responsibility for their own learning which is crucial in today's fast changing and complex world. Our students are not only intelligent, but they also have thinking skills and an ability to interpret, decipher, respond and solve challenges that we don't even know exist yet. With a natural desire to learn and develop, ISA students have a mindset that ensures they achieve their academic potential by using initiative to make the right decisions throughout life.



“The school does a good job giving students excellent opportunities to broaden their horizons”

Technologically minded

In an ever-evolving digital world, ISA students are prepared today for the technology of tomorrow. With the ability to leverage technology to enhance their study, work or home life, our students are digitally resilient and routinely use technological thinking to solve problems. Furthermore, they consciously develop technological skills and know how to make the most of the technology at their fingertips.

Self-aware

ISA students are encouraged to explore and reflect on their character, resilience and personal agency. In doing so, our students have the ability to take action, be effective, influence their own decisions and assume responsibility for their future. This level of self-awareness ensures our students believe they have the capacity to adapt their thoughts and behaviours in the face of conflict or change and to allow for constant improvement.

Our Academic Life

We ensure we provide the tools, so children are confident in living life in an ever-changing global society

Preschool (Age 3 – 5)

An early start to develop a passion for life-long learning

ISA's state of the art preschool is a caring, supportive and stimulating environment that encourages creativity, exploration and investigation across our curriculum.

We support parents to lay the foundations for their child's future through an education programme which is designed to cater for the individual needs and developmental levels of each child. Our flexible learning environment supports literacy, numeracy, thinking skills, sense of well being as well as a range of physical competencies which all contribute to developing self confidence and an awareness of

being connected with others and the world. Your children will be encouraged to make choices and become involved in their learning journey.

At ISA preschool, children's natural curiosity and imagination are nurtured, and our children run home at the end of the day eager to share their experiences.





Elementary School (Age 5 - 11)

Fostering positive goals and beliefs

The learning environment at ISA stimulates intellectual curiosity, develops positive personal qualities and physical and emotional well-being. We want every child to succeed in something and they are positively taught to appreciate that you learn when you apply yourself.

the skills and ability to pass the IB Diploma Programme and these proficiencies are being developed throughout their time at ISA in preparation for the higher-grade studies to enter university.

With a focus on individual excellence, the school is dedicated to improvement and this drives the pupils to achieve. We follow a core curriculum of reading, language, arts, mathematics, social studies, science, creative arts, physical education, and technology. Each child is working towards having



Middle School (Age 10 – 14)

Encouraging responsibility and global awareness

As a stepping-stone between Elementary and High school, this school year has a clear sense of purpose.

Our standards-based curriculum is vibrant and enriching allowing pupils to choose classes such as Lego Robotics and Theatre Tech in addition to the more traditional subjects. Not to mention wider opportunities including class trips and service learning to develop local and global perspectives.

At this stage of learning, we also focus on teaching students new strategies to become responsible and empowered learners as well as encouraging them to take risks with their thinking and build strong interpersonal skills.



High School (Age 13 – 18)

Developing young adults in a diverse and open-minded environment

The High School programme at ISA gives students a safe setting in which to develop into young adults and reach their full potential.

We deliver courses to meet the requirements of the Cambridge IGCSE curriculum with the option to sit external examinations at the end of Grade 10 (S4). We are proud to also offer the International Baccalaureate Program in Grades 11 and 12 (S5-S6). The qualification offers students both breadth and depth academically with aspects such as Theory of Knowledge, Creativity-Activity-Service and the Extended Essay, setting it apart from other educational systems.

In addition, pupils learn local and global perspectives through the numerous co-curricular activities and have opportunities to grow academically, artistically and athletically. By providing a range of options, our students can pursue their interests, strengths and passions.



International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

Strides ahead of core academic skills

IB is the fastest growing curriculum in the world. It is a balanced academic two-year programme of education for pupils aged 16 to 19 in preparation for going to university. Studies are categorised into:

- Language & Literature
- Language Acquisition
- Individuals & Societies
- Sciences
- Mathematics
- The Arts

A Theory of Knowledge, 4,000-word Extended Essay is also included in the curriculum as well as Creativity, Activity and Service program requirements.

The IB aims to “develop **inquiring, knowledgeable** and **caring** young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through **intercultural understanding** and **respect**. The organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become **active, compassionate,** and **lifelong learners** who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”

The programme is highly regarded by government agencies and universities alike. In fact, UK universities ranked the IB Diploma at 94% for encouraging independent inquiry, against less than 50% for A Levels and Scottish Highers.





Our Student Life

We empower students and build a sense of self advocacy

Time at ISA is positive and active. Student life is extremely well balanced and throughout the year, students are encouraged to enjoy and participate in an array of experiences and opportunities in a high achieving multi-cultural environment.

They play basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, badminton and golf. ISA's Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme provides a challenge of 'mind, body and soul'. The academically inclined enter international mathematics competitions and language groups and the more artistic perform in concerts, choirs and plays. Those looking for something different can choose from Bahasa, Circus Skills, Fencing, Pottery, Model United Nations, Robotics, Scuba, Jazz Band, and Highland Dancing. The list is extensive!

With a jam packed after school activity schedule, students often don't want to go home! There truly is something for every student and we celebrate being different but with a sense of belonging.



Our Promise

Supporting students to 'Just be you'.

At ISA, we are committed to supporting each and every child to have the confidence and skills to reach their own unlimited potential. With a diverse yet personal approach, ISA supports and encourages children to develop a depth of student agency as well as embrace the complexities of self-identity.

We want every child to:

- Be themselves
- Be confident in their individuality
- Be proud of their personal self-identity

By encouraging students' dreams and aspirations, being supportive through times of change, and driving ambition, ISA students leave our school ready. Ready for their future.



Admissions

A must see school

The best way to learn about ISA is to visit. We encourage tours and of course they may not always be possible so we also run scheduled Open Days to allow interested families to plan some time with the school.

ISA is a welcoming environment and we have honed our admissions process to meet the needs of every family, whatever your situation might be. Our no obligation tour will give you great insight into what the school has to offer your child.

We can assure you that the enrolment of your child and the transition to ISA will be seamless and our experienced Admission Team is here to support and answer any of your questions along the way.

If you have any questions, please direct these to:

Admissions

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Fees

Preschool

A Registration Fee of £175 is charged for each new child.

Full year fees from August 2023 – June 2024:

3 Days	£7,805
4 Days	£10,395
5 Days	£12,495

If a child enters Preschool after the year has begun, payment will be pro-rated for the remainder of the academic year. Note: Preschool Day Rate is £71

	KINDERGARTEN & G1	ELEMENTARY G2-5	MIDDLE G6-8	HIGH G9-12
2023 – 2024 Academic Year Fees	£11,020	£14,960	£16,055	£16,535
New Students Registration	£500	£500	£500	£500
Returning Students Registration	£250	£250	£250	£250

*The 2023-24 Corporate fees are available upon request.

Includes textbooks, exam fees, capital fees, majority of after-school activities.

ISA has no formal school uniform.

Sibling Discount 25% discount for 3rd child and 50% discount for 4th and further children.

A limited number of places for financial support is available for all grades, excluding Preschool.

For more information, please contact our Admissions Team: admissions@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk



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