



American Academy Larnaca

PRIVATE SCHOOL



To Grow And To Serve

Welcome Message to Prospective Students & Parents

The American Academy Larnaca is a place where young boys and girls get the opportunity to explore and fulfill their potential but also experience a sense of belonging to a very special community.

The Academy has provided a rich source of inspiration to its students for over a century and as the educational world transits rapidly into the future, the Academy is committed to maintaining its reputation for all-round excellence and its place at the forefront of learning.

The Academy provides a sound grounding in its early years that enables its students to have full access to GCSE and A Level examinations. It is justly proud of its outstanding record in placing its graduates in the leading higher education establishments in the UK, USA and across the EU.

The Academy's success is built on strong and meaningful relationships between students and staff and between staff and parents. The Academy also believes strongly in keeping in contact with its alumni, who are not only the guardians of its traditions but also uniquely provide its leadership into the future through its Council and many friends.

We would like to personally thank you for your interest in the Academy. We hope your child will join this thriving school community. We aim to provide our students with the intellectual and emotional tools to become the future citizens of the world who will fulfill the Academy's motto: 'To Grow And To Serve'.





Our Vision

To be a school that promotes academic excellence and personal growth within a caring community that celebrates humankindness.



To Grow

Students must be facilitated to develop and grow

intellectually

as they acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding which will enable them to be effective in a rapidly changing world and to continue in further studies and employment; these skills include the development of a critical and enquiring mind, the ability to think logically and rationally and to be able to present one's views in a coherent and informed manner – when collaborating with others or working independently;

emotionally

as they develop into mature, sensible and caring adults, sensitive to the needs and opinions of others;

socially

as they learn to live in harmony with others in the school community and in preparation of living in the society at large – developing a sense of responsibility, sensitivity and consideration of the needs of others;

physically

as they develop their physical proficiencies cultivating a healthy body together with a sound mind;

morally

as they develop their ideas on what is right and what is wrong, establishing an ethical code based on sound principles that is followed in and out of school;

spiritually

by understanding the Christian religion, ethics and moral values.



To Serve

Students must be encouraged
to be active and generous
to develop a mindset of service
to be committed
to be prepared to be global citizens
to co-exist and co-operate



Curriculum & Pedagogical Approach

We believe that the curriculum encompasses all the experiences which learners will be exposed to as members of the school community.



The high and often excellent quality of much of the teaching provides challenge and inspiration, stimulating pupils to extend the horizons of their learning.

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October 2015.

The American Academy Larnaca promises an innovative and challenging academic environment in which the pursuit of excellence is balanced by kindness to support each individual to achieve his/her full potential.

The school provides a distinctive educational opportunity through its curriculum that is:

- Broad
- Balanced
- Stimulating
- Engaging
- Nurturing creativity and talent
- Building on learning experiences
- Providing opportunities for diverse study

This curriculum is enriched, supported and strengthened by a variety of cross-curricular themes and a strong pastoral and extra-curricular programme.

University entry is achieved via GCSE and GCE A-Levels and/or the school Apolytirion which is recognised by the Ministry of Education and Culture and universities worldwide.

CURRICULUM SUMMARY:

Years 1-3:

Broad and balanced curriculum with emphasis on the core subjects
English • Maths • Science • Modern Greek and Greek History • Art
• PE • Music • ICT • History
• Geography • Religious Studies

French and German from Year 2.

Years 4-5

Compulsory Subjects:
English & English Literature
• Modern Greek • Maths
• Combined Science
• Religious Studies • PE

GCSE Electives:
Choose 5 out of 12 options.

Years 6-7

Compulsory Subjects:
PE • Drama • Modern Greek in preparation for the Certificate of Very Good Knowledge of Greek administered by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

A Level Electives:
Choose 4 out of 23 options.





Academic Counselling

Who do you want to be?

Your life at the American Academy Larnaca is only the beginning of a series of successes.

The philosophy of the Academic Counselling Department is a steadfast commitment to help students become who they want to be. Thus, the Academic Counsellors support students through their academic journeys from making academic subject choices to securing places at competitive Universities; motivating, strengthening and encouraging them every step of the way.

Our high quality and well-structured Academic Counselling service aims to provide:

- Impartial advice during subject and career selection
- Essential material and resources
- Guidance during the university application processes



Pastoral Care

The health, safety and well-being of every child are our utmost concern. At the American Academy Larnaca every effort is made to nurture each student's spiritual, moral, emotional and physical wellbeing. We have an extensive pastoral system, and at the heart of all we do is the students' personal development.



A strong culture of focused self-discipline and of loyalty to the community, with teachers going out of their way to help their pupils, who acknowledge their help gratefully.

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Each student is a member of a mentor group. The work of the mentors is coordinated by the Heads of Years, who aim to know the students in their year groups well, monitor the academic and social development of each student, and keep in close contact with parents. Each year group has a specific Head of Year, who oversees the progress and academic welfare of the students, in close collaboration with subject teachers.

Our educational psychologist brings a solid skill and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's emotional needs and special educational needs.

Effective teaching and learning can only take place in a caring and well-ordered environment. Good discipline is important for the growth, welfare and development of all students. In this regard, the students are given clear expectations, effective pastoral support and opportunities to build good relationships. High standards of behaviour, manner and discipline are expected of all students at all times. Students are expected to behave in such a way as to be a credit to themselves and to the Academy.

Student Life



The school offers excellent performance, play and recreational areas to promote creative work, physical skills and sports.



There is something for everyone at the American Academy Larnaca: be it the aspiring lawyer who participates in national and international Model United Nations; the budding journalist who is covering the news for the school magazine; or the next big computer scientist who is spending his free time designing an application that will give back to the community. The school boasts of an extended variety of over thirty extracurricular clubs, which include clubs of international recognition such as the Duke of Edinburgh.

Students also enjoy state-of-the-art sports facilities, including an indoor gym, futsal and tennis courts that cater for the many teams of the school competing in Cyprus and Internationally achieving a plethora of prize successes.



Animal Welfare

If you are an uncompromising animal lover, this club is the perfect way to nurture that passion, by making a difference in your community.



Art & Culture

Stretch your creative wings by coming up close with great artwork through gallery visits, or by indulging your artistic temperament through special workshops.



Cooba [Cooking & Baking]

If you fancy yourself the next master chef, or simply want to learn how to cook before you're off to university, this is the club that will spice up your life.



Maths Club

If you love Mathematics and want to practise and improve through teacher mentoring and assistance, this is your club.



Language Clubs

French Club, German Club, Seek for Greek

Explore various cultures beyond the classroom and your textbook.



Junior Achievement

Develop your entrepreneurial skills and learn how to work as part of a team by participating in the Junior Achievement Club.



Health & Ecology Club

Develop your eco-conscience by exploring ways that you can make a bigger impact on the environment and how to live a greener life.



Digital World

If you want to understand the logic behind technical devices in your everyday life, this club allows you to explore behind the screen.



Model United Nations Club

Learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations by representing a country and developing arguments you can raise during a debate.



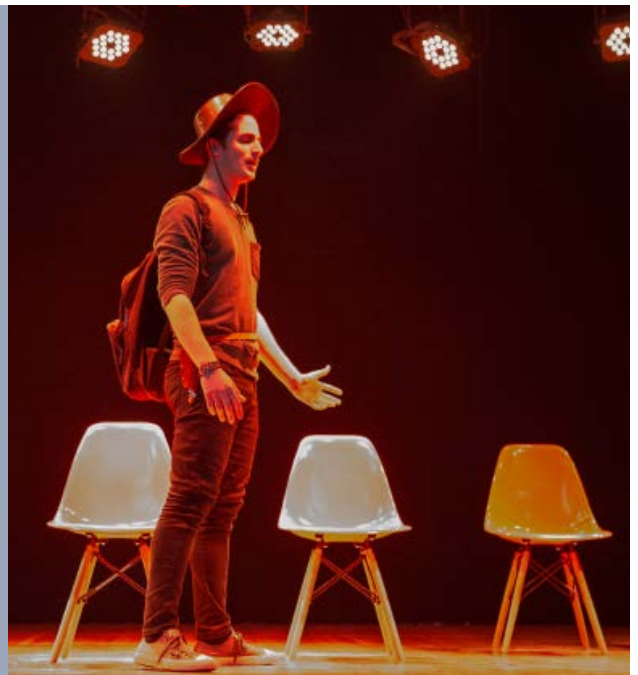
Interact Club

Develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs by completing at least two community service projects a year, furthering your international understanding and goodwill.



Little Voices

If you enjoy singing and want to experiment with different musical genres, joining the club will be a good way of adding more music to your life.





Charity Clubs

3rd World 1st, Red Cross, Project Kindness, Walking with Elena

Make your contribution to the community through your volunteerism in these clubs.



STEAM Clubs

Innovation Hub, Formula 1, Astronomy

Expand your knowledge in various topics through the use of technology, science, art and mathematics.



First Aid Club

Find out how to assess, protect, comfort and reassure a casualty by joining the First Aid Club and becoming a qualified First Aider.



Psychology

Want to know more about the mind? Critically review social and psychological issues through videos, discussions and surveys.



Light Orchestra

If you enjoy playing an instrument, learn all about the fundamental techniques that can help strengthen your craft in music.



Business Club

Step outside the classroom and catch a glimpse of the business world through the Business Club's extracurricular activities.



Modern Dance Club

If you love dancing and want to try out choreographing your own routine for our next big stage event, this is your club.



Blood Donors Club

Play a vital role in exhibiting your humanity, by donating blood for the needs of the Larnaca General Hospital.



Geography & History Clubs

Learn to appreciate humanity by observing and celebrating fragments of history and geography around you.



The English Society

Maybe you consider yourself a bookworm, or you are an aspiring writer who finds inspiration in the simplest things. If so, welcome to your favourite club.



Folklore Dance Club

Enjoy learning new dances such as Greek or even Latin, encouraging you to work as a team and build strong relationships through a fun and enjoyable activity.

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