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# HOW TO PUT MY CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (Annex)

## **British Curriculum Schools Details**

This Guide only provides individual details of fifteen schools in Accra, Tema and Kumasi that follow the British Curriculum. It is an annex to the main Guide on schools "How to put my children in school", which contains useful general information and should be read prior to this one.

## Individual School Details British Curriculum (15)

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## **Al-Rayan International School (ARIS)**



Al-Rayan International School (ARIS) was established in September 2003. We are a mutually supportive and forward-thinking community. Our mission focuses on providing world class standards in education. The combination of our inclusive (rather than elitist) admissions policy with our internationally orientated curricula is an ideal framework for achieving all-round excellence. Students are supported wherever and whenever support is needed, and at the same time challenged to achieve their maximum potential. For two years we have been fully engaged in implementing and seeking authorization for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). We have also adopted the Cambridge International curricula for older students, offering an extensive range of IGCSE subjects. Most recently we have been authorized to offer the full IB Diploma Programme, completing the final two years of the students' secondary level schooling, prior to university.

The ethos of the school, and the rules by which it governs itself, are founded on respect, fairness and trustqualities which, we believe, are conducive to young people's learning, wellbeing and development. We strongly encourage our students to learn foreign languages, exposing them to different cultures and different linguistic systems, and thereby enabling an informed awareness of diversities and similarities in the global community. We currently offer Arabic, English, French, Spanish, and Hindi. Since August 2014, the Secondary School has operated from the new campus on Shiashie Road in East Legon. The spacious new campus is located in a residential area on the eastern outskirts of Accra, approximately 6.5 km from the University of Ghana. The ground floor currently houses three classrooms, a Library/Multimedia centre, a staffroom, an Infirmary and offices for the University/Guidance Counselor and the Accounts Department. On the first floor are three Science Labs, the Science supplies and equipment store, the Digital Learning Centre, an ICT Lab and two administrative offices. On the top floor are five more classrooms, an IT-equipped student workroom (intended primarily for the use of Diploma Programme students) and the Art Room. Outside the Art Room is a large balcony area.

As it is being developed, the new campus reflects indigenous Ghanaian culture, including thought-provoking examples of local artwork. Wherever possible, building designs and facilities utilise green, environmentally-friendly solutions. The human intervention, by students and staff, will have a positive, sustainable impact on our surroundings. There will be four main blocks, a separate Early Childhood Development Centre, a Counseling Centre, English as an Additional Language (AEL) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) Centres, a 'Roman Amphitheatre' (for al fresco arts events), a large Multipurpose Hall seating 500, four Science Labs, four ICT Labs, two Media and Language Labs, three Libraries, a Music Room, and two Visual Arts studios. Additional facilities will include: three canteens, a school store, a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, a full gymnasium, a football pitch and a school clinic. All classrooms will have Wi-Fi connectivity and will be equipped with projectors and/or interactive smartboards, for as long as such technology is relevant and useful.

## **Details**

Year founded: 2003 Accredited by: CIE, IGCSE, Cambridge A level, IBDP Teaching language: English, French, Arabic, Hindi, Spanish Curriculum: Cambridge International and IBDP Exams: UK SATs, Cambridge Year 6 and 9 Checkpoints, IGCSE, IBDP Age Range: 2 years old to 18 years old Uniform: Yes Religion: Children of all religions, faiths and beliefs are welcome. Non-Muslim students are exempt from Islamic Studies/Quran. Personal Social Health Education-PSHE and Citizenship are offered in its place. Boarding: No Special educational needs addressed: Yes. SEN procedures, manual and staff in place Extra curriculum activities: Yes Opened to outside children: Yes Faculty Full Time: 99 - Part Time: 5 Number of nationalities: 11 % Ghanaians: 70% Enrolment Total Enrolment: 478 Boys: 251 - Girls: 227 Number of nationalities: 38 % Ghanaians: 26% Nursery & Pre-school: 106 Elementary School: 236 Average class size: 22 Secondary School: 136 Average class size: 18

Fees Day fee (in US\$): \$4000- 6200 Boarding fee: NA Registration fee: \$1500-2500 Other fees: Capital Levy Charge: \$500-800

## **Contacts**

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## **British International School**



The British International School is a co-educational institution with high moral values. It was established in September 2007.

It was established in order to provide quality education for people from all walks of life, irrespective of their cultural, religions and ethnic backgrounds. The School has enrolled so far an encouraging number of pupils from around the globe.

The school places a strong emphasis on English and Mathematical Skills from the very start, together challenging learning practices involving scientific investigation and Information communication technology. At the British International School of Ghana, every child is given the opportunity to nurture their potential and develop as an effective learner.

Our belief is that if children come into school feeling happy and safe they will learn and fulfill their potential.

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## **East Airport International School**



EAIS is an international Co-Educational School providing a British Curriculum based on the Private School System. East Airport International School (EAIS) is a co-educational institution which admits children from the age of three. The school admits children from Pre-School to Pre-University. In year seven (Secondary School), students will continue with the British curriculum towards their university entrance.

EAIS is committed to providing high quality education, with an emphasis on traditional core subjects, such as the 3Rs, which is offered in combination with modern teaching methods, and the use of ICT (Computer learning) skills.

EAIS first opened its doors in September 2002 and is set in a very modern and attractive environment, with highly trained and experienced teachers. It provides a much disciplined school environment that enables children to explore ideas and interests with the support of well trained teachers and other staff.

At EAIS we aim to meet educational, personal and social needs of all children in the school. We do this by instilling self belief and confidence in our children, this in turn enables them to embrace learning opportunities and challenges with a positive attitude. By discovering children's talents and building their confidence we prepare them for the academic opportunities and challenges they will face in a fast changing world when they leave formal education.

## **Contacts**

East Airport, off Spintex Road: from Tetteh Quarshie roundabout one (1) junction after CARSON'S Products; and from Sakumono two (2) junctions after Papaye.

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## Galaxy International School



Galaxy Educational Company Limited established Galaxy International School in September 2001 to provide an excellent and quality day and boarding education to children of Ghanaian and Foreign nationals within and outside Ghana.

Over the years, the school has experienced major growth due to an expansion in its facilities and programs offered. Currently, 450 students from over 47 countries attend the school. We serve an expatriate population associated with the various Foreign Service agencies, United Nations Organizations, Embassies and international businesses. We also serve a large number of students whose parents are Ghanaian nationals.

The school is basically science-oriented with state of the art teaching and learning facilities. It is coeducational with excellent Day and Boarding Facilities. All our classrooms are fully air-conditioned with a maximum seating capacity of 20 students each.

#### **Contacts**

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## **Ghana International School**



Ghana International School (GIS) was founded, in September 1955, before Ghana had yet to achieve full independence and international schools were uncommon. The school's motto is "Understanding of Each Other" and its aim is to provide a world-class international education for young people in Accra in a multicultural context, for the benefit of both Ghanaians and non-Ghanaians. GIS now occupies over 10 acres in the residential area of Cantonments to the northeast of the city centre and has an enrolment of over a thousand students.

The school is a not-for-profit organization registered under Ghana law as a company limited by guarantee. Most teachers are recruited locally but come from other nations as well as from Ghana. Nations represented on the staff include UK, USA, India, France, Poland, Ukraine, Ethiopia and Nigeria. There is a teaching assistant for each Infant and Junior class. All sections use the English National Curriculum, modified to take account of the school's geographical and historical setting. Students study English, mathematics, science, history, geography, ICT, music, art and physical education. French is added in Class 2. Broadly the same range of subjects is studied in the Secondary section with Spanish as an optional subject. There are some additional choices from Form 4 upwards, where subjects such as economics, business studies, accounting, sociology, additional mathematics and further mathematics are added. Courses are validated through The University of Cambridge IGCSE examinations at age 16 and the Advanced Level examinations at age 18. The school is a centre for SAT I and II tests of the USA College Board.

GIS is a non-sectarian school and welcomes families of all faiths and creeds. There is no religious instruction or worship. Matters of morality and citizenship are addressed in the 'Values and Ethics' program throughout the school. A full range of extra-curricular activities is offered, and each Junior and Secondary student is expected to participate in at least one. The Infant and Junior schools each have an assembly hall, and share a playing field, art room, music rooms, French room, computerized library, and a computer laboratory. The Junior school also has a practical room for science. The Secondary school has a computerized library/resource centre with more than 15,000 volumes, a film room, a language laboratory, two computer laboratories, six science laboratories, playing fields, tennis and basketball courts, two art rooms and an assembly hall with a stage. The school is air-conditioned throughout.

## Contacts

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## The Gingerbread House Montessori School



Accra's first purpose-built, fully equipped international Montessori Nursery established in August 1998. Holing the unique position of being the only twice- accredited Montessori School in Africa; initially by the Montessori Centre International (MCI) in London UK in 2002 and in 2010 by the Montessori Evaluation and Accreditation Board (MEAB) London UK. The method is truly child-centered; indeed everything is child-sized! The individual child is observed and directed to material which will enhance and facilitate learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of the whole child – emotionally, physically, socially, spiritually and intellectually. It is believed that young children learn best when given the freedom to carry out activities of their own choice in a carefully planned and prepared environment.

The children are vertically grouped in two classrooms - a toddler group for sixteen children aged 18 months to 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and a Montessori room for up to twenty-eight 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 6 olds. Each classroom is led by an internationally qualified teacher with either a B.Ed or MCI International Montessori Diploma. The assistants are locally qualified and very experienced.

School hours are 8am to 1.30pm.

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MKA - the First International Inclusive School in Ghana - specialist creative teaching to help all children achieve their potential

MKA's Mission: To build confidence and competency in all children through providing an enabling environment that empowers everyone to reach their potential. We embrace all students needs from those with learning, language and social challenges to the gifted and talented.

MKA's Vision: A society where all people can live side by side

MKA provides: an enabling environment - small classes, full ICT support with Interactive whiteboards and computers for all children. E Learning platform to ensure individualized learning opportunities.

MKA is a not-for-profit company founded by Sigrid Kootstra

- MKA is a small, friendly school, with a student population of 45 children.
- We also have a number of students coming to the school for after-school tutoring
- Children may also access the following services: Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy,

Occupational Therapy, Counseling, ESL support, both for students of the school and for individual clients.

All staff is committed to implementing inclusive education. Staff attends regular training sessions on the many challenges of the inclusive classroom. Our staff team comprises of specialist teachers, teaching assistants, therapists, support staff and school management.

## Contacts:

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## Soul Clinic International School



SCIS was started in 1968 by its founder Rev. Vincent E. McCauley, a missionary of blessed memory. Soul Clinic International School is an independent, co-educational Christian School Located in East Cantonments, a quiet, leafy suburb of Accra, enrolling students from Kindergarten through Secondary School.

Rev. McCauley hailed from Guyana Georgetown. He founded Soul Clinic International School, a private school with the vision of imparting sound quality formal and moral education to all students from kindergarten to 12th grade in 1968, after he arrived in Ghana. From a young age the hand of God was on Vincent to become a preacher of the Gospel. He had a deep desire to come to Africa, and the words "Go ye into the entire world" kept ringing in his ears. But when he shared the urging with others, it met with much discouragement. Nevertheless, he stayed focused on the vision although he knew that he could not achieve it all by himself. He would have to wait until God sent him, and that was what precisely happened eventually.

The late Rev. Vincent McCauley visited many other African nations in the pursuit of his mission, but when he stepped on the soil of Ghana, he realized that this was the nation that God had called him to, in the ministry of soul winning. He later had a vision to establish a school. So in 1968, Soul Clinic International School commenced at Abossey Okai in Accra in rented premises. As the student population grew, Vincent understood the need to relocate to a larger site and premises. The school was eventually moved to its own present premises in July 1975, and has continued to grow with aims and goals.

The vision of the Soul Clinic International School is to give children a holistic training that can prepare them academically, spiritually, morally and physically in pursuance of their careers within the 21st century and beyond. Soul Clinic International School: an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

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## Tall Oaks International School & Little Acorns International Nursery



Little Acorns International Nursery and Tall Oaks International School, Accra, Ghana, offer a safe, healthy and happy learning environment for children aged 12 months to 17 years (as at academic year 2008/2009).

The schools educational program aims to provide your child with a learning environment designed to nurture & develop his or her talents, abilities and personality. In accordance with the schools missions, our qualified and dedicated staff, strive not only to impart knowledge, but also to ensure that pupils develop into confident, sociable, tolerant, innovative, well-informed individuals.

We believe in a holistic approach to education, incorporating the best of various educational systems (Montessori, Early Years Education (QCA), British National Curriculum (QCA) and Cambridge Int. Examination (CIE), encouraging children to explore and learn with enthusiasm, ultimately equipping them with the skills to become responsible, productive members of society in future.

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## **Tema International School**



Tema International School opened in October 2003. The school's aims and objectives are to provide a holistic education that complements the National Education System and facilitates access into international universities through subscriptions to the IGCSE program of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES) and the international Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

The Academic block has 12 classrooms to complement this is a science resource centre that houses the physics, chemistry, biology, general science and the computer laboratories. Also available is an ultra modern library.

Accommodation in the boarding house is spacious and well planned. Six students share a dormitory with two bathrooms and two toilets and have access to a common room. Supervision is provided by the presence of the house guardian who has his/her apartment in the wings of the boarding house. Enrolment is over

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## The Owl's Nest International School



The Owls' Nest International School is a child centered environment, where every student matters.

We are an English language British National Curriculum School, where cultural diversity is celebrated; mutual respect and cooperation being central to our function. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) teaching method takes place in the Pre School with children progressing to Key Stage 1. All children follow a British style educational program using the National Curriculum of England and Wales. The school is a multinational educational institution catering for children from 2 to 7 from numerous countries around the world.

The school opened in September 2007 and currently has classes from Toddler to Year 2. From September 2010, the school will offer a broad and balanced curriculum to students from Nursery Class to Primary level.

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## **The Roman Ridge School**



At The Roman Ridge School we aim to offer our children the highest quality of education in Accra based on the UK Independent Schools system, whilst being firmly rooted in Ghanaian life and culture. The educational philosophy behind The Roman Ridge School program is based on the pillars of Responsibility, Discipline, Excellence, Morality, Integrity, and Leadership, and, is centered on a solid foundation of Christian values.

Through the school's unique course of study and extra-curricular programs, particularly our proud association with Habitat for Humanity Ghana, our children are exposed to a world-class learning environment, learn from a diverse group of pupils and staff, and graduate as a well educated individual armed with the skills, knowledge, discipline and character to tackle and excel in the subsequent phases of their education, and life.

The mission of the school is to develop its pupils to believe in themselves by nurturing and developing, incorporating and applying their talents, gifts, abilities and character. Pupils are encouraged to develop into individuals, who welcome new experiences and engage new interests. With a first class educational program in place, pupils benefit immensely from their years at The Roman Ridge School, and will, one day, make a significant impact in the world and lives of those who come across them.

#### **Contacts**

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## **Three Bears International School**



Our school is British owned and run. The school follows the British National Curriculum throughout. Registered in the U.K, the school receives the annual Statutory Assessment Tasks (SATS) for pupils in Year Two. With British trained and qualified teachers and small class numbers, we are able to give our children the best possible education.

Made up of five classes (Nursery I, Nursery II, Reception, Year One, Year Two), we have a maximum student number of 75. Our ages range from two and a half to seven/eight years old. The nationality range in our school is diverse. We have students from all over the world and are very proud to be truly an 'international' school.

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## Tweenies Montessori School

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Tweenies Montessori School is a private bilingual (French and English) first cycle educational institution established in September 2002 to provide quality basic education to pupils from preschool to junior high school. Tweenies Montessori School aims at offering your child the highest quality of education in Ghana based on the Maria Montessori Teaching method and the domestic Ghanaian method of teaching.

Our mission is to provide a solid educational foundation and good moral training with a view of preparing the child for a worthwhile future career. We therefore instill intellectual excellence and discipline amongst

the children. This is ensured by a very dedicated management team with first class teaching staff with many years of teaching experience.

Tweenies Montessori offers its pupils an internationally recognized way of education, where the British National Curriculum is used and ends up with the University of Cambridge CIPP, Checkpoint Certificates. Tweenies Montessori School is also linked with Wotton-by-Woodstock Primary School, Oxfordshire, England. The School operates premier early childhood learning centers of excellence in the Ghana, West Africa. The schools accepts children from 1st year through Primary 6, as well as after school and summer programs for ages 1 through 12.

The educational philosophy behind the Tweenies Montessori School program is based on the pillars of Responsibility, Discipline, Excellence, Morality, Leadership and Integrity all centered on a solid foundation of Christian values. Through the school's unique course of study and extra-curricular programs, your child will be exposed to a world-class learning environment, learn from a diverse group of children and their teachers then graduate as a well educated individual equipped with all the essential qualities and skills necessary to face the world.

#### **Contacts**

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## International Community School, Kumasi



The only International School in Kumasi reviewed here offers Grade Levels from Pre-School to Grades 10 and boarding. It has a total enrollment of 470.

#### Core values

- Strong ethical standards in the office and in all classrooms
- Child Friendly Environment
- Holistic Education
- Caring Community and Respect for all

Mission

The Mission of ICS-K is to provide state of the art education that meets international standards through a holistic integration of academic, physical, social, spiritual and moral training, raising a new generation of leaders who are productive members of their communities and have a broader vision for the World.

#### History

International Community School in Kumasi (ICS-K) opened its door to the public in January 1999 with Dr. Charles Yeboah and his wife, Matilda Yeboah, as its founders. Just four months earlier, after spending seven years in the United States, they had returned with their two young daughters to their homeland of Ghana. One of the challenges they faced when moving back to Kumasi was finding quality education for their eldest daughter, who had been enrolled in primary school in the U.S. They wanted her to be able to continue with the same level of education that she had received there.

After several discouraging searches, they found nothing in Kumasi that offered the same quality of education. Dr. Yeboah and his wife, who is a professional teacher with training from Ghana and the U.S., then decided that the best contribution that they could make to the city of Kumasi would be to establish a school where children could get the best possible education. They set out to start a school that would offer the same type of education that children in Europe and North America receive.

They began purchasing computers and school equipment/supplies and setting up many partnerships with schools and organizations in the US and Europe. They organized a group of American teachers to spend several weeks in Kumasi to share the latest educational research and to provide training for Ghanaian

teachers in the newest methodologies for teaching young children. The Yeboah's believe that if Africa is going to be able to compete in the future, it is imperative that the children are equipped with the skills necessary to face the challenges of tomorrow.

#### Board Governance

International Community School-Kumasi has a local school board that works in collaboration with parents, students, faculty members and administration in providing for quality education. All local school board members possess positive values and integrity.

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**Editor's comments:** the largest international schools in Accra are Lincoln and Ghana International schools as well as the French Ecole Jacques Prevert. The German Swiss and American international schools are good as are the Galaxy International and Roman Ridge schools. The British International, Roman Ridge and Tall Oaks international schools are among those more affordable.

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