



## **AMERICAN ACADEMY SCHOOL**

Pre-primary | Primary | Secondary | Boarding

**QUALITY**  **EDUCATION**  
*In a Caring Environment!*



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# WELCOME

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Over the years I have enjoyed being a member of an organization that educated children in an environment in which they can flourish and become knowledgeable and motivated students and citizens.

Being involved in the successful and ongoing expansion of the American Academy has been very exciting indeed, particularly the development of an effective and broad curriculum which provides opportunities for all pupils to succeed and fulfill their potential.

The contribution and input of everyone – management, staff, students and parents – has been instrumental in the development of an ethos of support, knowledge and encouragement.

The American Academy takes pride in its academic excellence track record. The management and staff have a clear vision and are committed to an international school where different nationalities can grow and learn together. Tolerance, understanding and the importance of respect for our fellow citizens and the environment are the values which are reinforced in the daily life of our school.



The American Academy was one of the first schools in Cyprus to establish links with a number of schools in Europe. Furthermore, as an organization we will continue to be flexible and responsive to a changing world, developing further our school's culture in our effort to promote the personal, social and moral development of our students.

As we approach the future with a sense of excitement, vision and purpose, we will continue to work together with parents, thus forming in a positive partnership that will enhance the educational experience of our students, in an atmosphere of support, thoughtful care, and attention catering to the needs of every individual.

I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus which provides information regarding the aims, curriculum and activities of our school, and I look forward to meeting you when you visit us.

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*Samantha Bargilis-Beer* | EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR







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# ABOUT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY LIMASSOL

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The American Academy Limassol is a multicultural community which provides quality education in a caring environment for children of kindergarten level to university entrance level, from Cyprus and the world.

We aim to offer a well-balanced education based on the English National Curriculum adjusted to the needs of international students. In addition, we are committed in encouraging the on-going development of our students in our effort to reach their full potential, thus shaping the personality of our individuals.

We provide a supportive environment which recognizes each individual's talent, encourages students' aspirations and creates opportunities for them to acquire the knowledge, skills and qualities needed to achieve their goals in life.

"Σοφία πάντων κάλλιστον", "Wisdom above all" is our school's motto and the curriculum at the school is based on a set of clear aims which reflect this statement.





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# HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY LIMASSOL

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**1986** | MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY LIMASSOL

American Academy Limassol Primary School  
American Academy Limassol Secondary School  
American Academy Limassol Institute

**1999** | NEW KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL ESTABLISHED

**2000** | LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER & BOARDING HOUSE

**2001** | GREEK SCHOOL



*We believe...* that all American Academy Students will acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

*We believe...* that we should instill in our students the values of courtesy, respect, appreciation, tolerance and determination to succeed.

*We believe...* that we should teach young people to love learning and value knowledge and to develop responsibility and character, by providing a constant rigorous level of high expectations.

*We believe...* that the curriculum should be rigorous, motivating, stimulating, enjoyable, and relevant and offer academic, personal, social and spiritual development.

*We believe...* that a good school is one that educates students for a successful life in both the academic arena and real life situations by communicating effectively, respecting individual differences, and setting high standards for students, staff and administrators.

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## WHAT EDUCATION MEANS FOR US

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*We believe...* that we should inspire all students to achieve their full potential.

*We believe...* that an effective classroom is one in which students enjoy working both individually and co-operatively using a variety of learning styles.

*We believe...* that a good staff member is one who enjoys what he or she does , has the students' best interest in mind, models respect, values team work, is caring, courteous, dedicated and is supportive to students, parents, and fellow teachers and administrators.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OFFERS A WELL-BALANCED EDUCATION BASED ON THE ENGLISH NATIONAL CURRICULUM WHICH IS APPROPRIATE, RELEVANT AND RESPONSIVE TO OUR STUDENTS' NEEDS.



# ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

## QUALITY EDUCATION IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

The American Academy Limassol is firmly committed to the concept of an all round education encouraging creativity, mental discipline and self-development as well as service to others and the community. Throughout the school year, students are encouraged to develop in all areas in which they can excel and learn to work and live with others in harmony.

We provide a supportive environment which creates opportunities for individuals to acquire the knowledge, and skills, and qualifications, developing the personal qualities required in life and ultimately in employment.

Our school is an approved Edexcel Examination Center. Students are prepared for GCSE/IGCSE AS and A2 levels as well as TOEFL/IELTS examinations.

## OUR CHALLENGING ACADEMIC CURRICULUM ENABLES STUDENTS TO:

- ▶ Form positive concepts of themselves in order to develop to their full potential in as many areas as possible
- ▶ Develop lively inquiring minds and to apply themselves to tasks with confidence
- ▶ Communicate effectively through language, numbers and the creative arts
- ▶ Understand rapidly the concepts of our changing world
- ▶ Appreciate human achievements and aspirations
- ▶ Acquire a positive attitude to health and lifestyle
- ▶ Develop a sensitive understanding of environmental issues
- ▶ Accept responsibility for their own behavior and influence on others
- ▶ Develop a range of skills necessary to work in successful collaboration with others and independently in the community





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# WHAT FOLLOWS THE AMERICAN ACADEMY?

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## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Upon graduation, our students, in addition to their external examination qualifications, receive the American Academy School Leaving Certificate (Apolytirion) which is accredited by the Ministry of Education in Cyprus.

Graduates of the school are eligible for entry to British, American, Australian, European and other overseas universities worldwide.

All graduates become members of the American Academy Alumni Society.





# KINDERGARTEN

Pre-kindergarten: 2+ | Kindergarten: 3+



The American Academy early years understands the importance of pre-school education and offers a rich and varied education based on the English curriculum for the foundation years.

With fully qualified teachers and assistants, all fluent in the English and Greek languages, children soon begin to develop their social skills by taking their first steps in school. Optional bus service and hot lunch are available.

## THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION CURRICULUM ALLOWS CHILDREN TO:

- ▶ Use language to communicate with adults and other children
- ▶ Listen, respond and co-operate as a group
- ▶ Create and recognise patterns and sequence
- ▶ Understand simple ideas of weight, length and volume.
- ▶ Recognise the use of print to carry information , stories and ideas
- ▶ Enjoy stories, poems and music
- ▶ Recognise similarities and differences between sorting and matching
- ▶ Learning rhythm and dance





# PRIMARY

School

Pre-Reception, Reception and Primary School: 3-11 years



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# PRIMARY SCHOOL

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At the American Academy Primary School, exists a welcoming family atmosphere of warmth, security, trust and friendliness. The school aims to bring out the best in every child with a strong commitment to nurturing positive attitudes and respect.

## KEY STAGE 1 AND KEY STAGE 2

### WE OFFER:

- ▶ A rich and varied curriculum based on the English National Curriculum.
- ▶ Greek for Greek natives based on the Ministry of Education Syllabus.
- ▶ Greek as a second language for non-native speakers.
- ▶ Additional English support.
- ▶ After school activity clubs.
- ▶ Afternoon homework clubs.
- ▶ Fully air-conditioned classrooms.
- ▶ The option of a school bus.

### CORE SUBJECTS

- ▶ Literacy.
- ▶ Numeracy.
- ▶ Science.
- ▶ Greek.

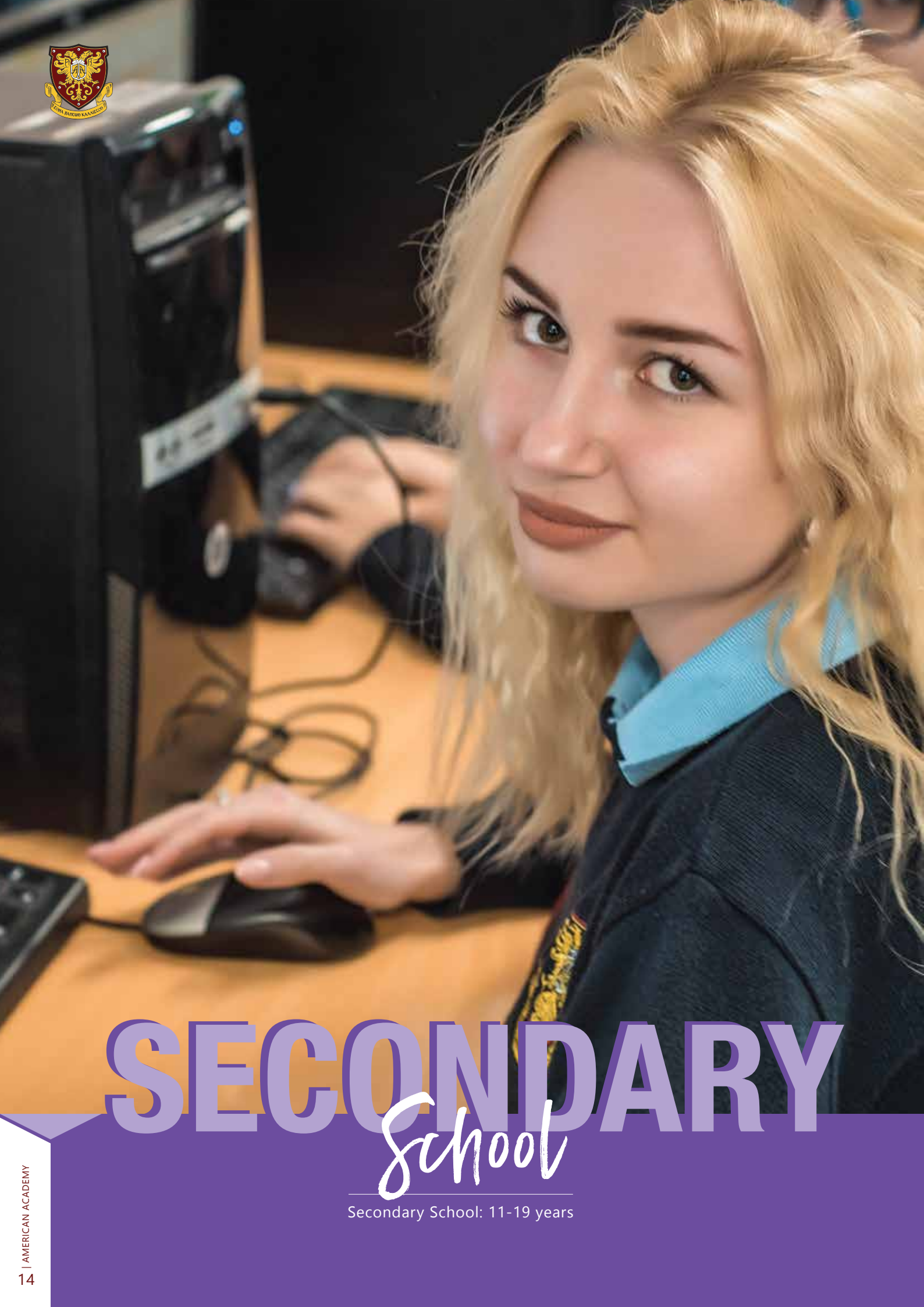
### OTHER SUBJECTS

- ▶ Geography.
- ▶ History.
- ▶ Music.
- ▶ Greek for both native and non native speakers.
- ▶ Art.
- ▶ ICT.
- ▶ French.
- ▶ Physical Education.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDES AREAS OF INTERESTS SUCH AS:

- ▶ Needlework.
- ▶ Sports-Football by professional coaches, basketball, swimming.
- ▶ Yoga.
- ▶ Bricks 4 Kids and Robotics.
- ▶ Art/Crafts.
- ▶ Russian Language club.
- ▶ Chinese, Hebrew and Arabic Language (upon request, depending on numbers).
- ▶ Chess.
- ▶ Homework Club.





# SECONDARY *School*

Secondary School: 11-19 years



# SECONDARY SCHOOL

Our School follows a modified English National Curriculum designed to provide a well balanced education, which caters to students' needs and encourages the development of their full potential as future citizens.

## THE SCHOOL'S EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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| STUDY SKILLS CLUB - ICT CLUB             | MUSIC CLUB-TENNIS CLUB              |
| DUKE OF EDINBURGH CLUB – FILM/DRAMA CLUB | YEAR BOOK CLUB – FOOTBALL CLUB      |
| DANCE CLUB – KARATE CLUB                 | ACADEMY NEWS CLUB – ARCHERY CLUB    |
| TECHNOLOGY CLUB- BASKETBALL CLUB         | PHYSICS CLUB – PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB |
| COMENIUS CLUB – VOLLEY BALL CLUB         | DRAMA CLUB- ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB      |

## WE OFFER...

- ▶ A wide choice of subjects at GCSE/IGCSE and GCE AS and A2 Levels
- ▶ Fully equipped Biology, Chemistry, Physics and ICT Laboratories
- ▶ Art, Music, rooms and a fully functioning Library
- ▶ American Academy School Leaving Certificate (Apolytirion) approved by the Ministry of Education and recognized by universities worldwide.
- ▶ Entry to the best universities of the UK, USA, Australia, Canada as well as those of Cyprus, Greece and Europe
- ▶ Excellent pastoral care, careers guidance and counseling
- ▶ A wide range of extra-curricular activities including the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh International Award.



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# CURRICULUM

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## KEY STAGE 3

Key Stage 3 covers the first three years of secondary education (classes 1,2 and 3) and is devised as a foundation course for Key Stage 4 (GCSE/IGSE) study.

**THE CORE CURRICULUM (COMPULSORY FOR ALL STUDENTS) IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Art, Drama, English, French, Geography, Greek/Special Greek, History, Information Communication Technology, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Religious Education, Science, Personal and Social Education.

## KEY STAGE 4

Key Stage 4 covers classes 4 and 5 and prepares students for the GCSE/IGCSE examinations. All students study a core curriculum, ICT (Information Communication Technology), Science (Double Award) and Mathematics with the addition of Physical Education. This is supported by choices from a wide range of options, which include all of the Key Stage 3 subjects with the addition to Russian, Accounting, Economics and Psychology. At the end of class 5 students sit for external GCSE/IGCSE examinations in up to 9 subjects.

## POST SIXTEEN EDUCATION

Covers classes 6 and 7 (years 11+12) and prepares students for GCE Advanced Subsidiary and Advance Level Examinations ( AS and A2 examinations).

**COMPULSORY SUBJECTS:** English, Personal and Social Education, Physical Education.

**OPTIONAL SUBJECTS- STUDENTS CHOOSE FROM THE LIST BELOW:**

(8 periods per subject) Art, Accounting, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Drama, Economics, English Literature, Italian, French, History, Information Communication Technology, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics and Psychology is offered after school.

Every effort is always made to offer as broad range of subjects as possible for the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Curriculum, and students are helped to make informed and balanced choices. Furthermore, a full-time careers advisor is available for careers guidance as well as a full-time counselor providing personal counseling and guidance to our students.

The school is an approved examination center for the GCSE/IGCSE and GCE AS and A2 Level examinations which are administered from the UK and are recognized internationally.





## ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Assessment improves a student's performance by highlighting strengths and weakness enabling appropriate strategies to be used by both teachers and students. Assessment at the American Academy Limassol takes the form of written tests, homework, classwork, course work and class participation as well as formal examinations. Reporting upon progress and the results of assessment form a significant part of school/parent communication and is fundamental to the learning process. Adequate and regular feedback enables students to develop a satisfactory awareness of their skills and capabilities and keeps parents informed of their child's progress.

Formal Reporting takes the form of face-to-face regular interviews and written reports issued thought the year. In addition, a Parents' Visit Schedule is issued in September indicating when teachers are available to see parents throughout the year.

The school curriculum is an entitlement for all students and special arrangements are made for students with specific learning difficulties. Cases are considered individually after referral to the Learning Support Center and in consultation with the educational psychologist.





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# THE AA PRIVATE INSTITUTE

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Our teachers are experienced educators with the majority of them boasting expertise in more than one language. The teaching environment is relaxed and friendly. With continuous contact between management and parents, ensuring ongoing collaboration. The progress of each child is monitored and progress reports are prepared every term.

Tutoring is between 2.00 pm to 7.00pm and each lesson lasts one hour. Students attend lessons at least twice a week. A bus service is available.

## CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

SUBJECTS TAUGHT AT THE AA INSTITUTE:

- ▶ All levels of English up to IGCSE
- ▶ English for adults
- ▶ Greek for adults
- ▶ Modern Greek and GCSE & A level
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Russian
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Homework Classes





## INSTITUTE GENERAL INFORMATION

The American Academy Institute has been operating successfully as a Foreign Language Center since 1986, offering quality learning to students of all age and backgrounds. The Institute's high standards, the modern teaching methods, the small number of students in each class and the competence of our teaching staff offer excellent examination results every year.

The Institute also offers special "Homework Classes" that cater to the needs of elementary school pupils experiencing difficulties doing their homework on their own at home. The children are taught how to study effectively and productively and how to focus properly in order to enhance their concentration. This eventually leads to autonomy where the children are able to overcome any potential difficulties in any subject when completing their school work at home.





# LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER

IS AN AFTERNOON ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER OFFERING ASSISTANCE IN LEARNING AND STUDYING TO HELP STUDENTS WHO:

- ▶ Find it difficult to concentrate for long periods of time
- ▶ Are restless in class
- ▶ Have difficulty understanding ideas and/or concepts
- ▶ Have reading, writing and mathematical skills below the average for their age

OUR SPECIALIZED TEAM OF TEACHERS:

- ▶ Help students with learning difficulties overcome their weakness and develop their abilities to their full potential.
- ▶ Design a structured curriculum by using the written language provisions effectively.
- ▶ Provide appropriate educational methods suited to individual student's needs and make learning fun in a stress-free environment.

## METHODOLOGY

Assessments

Use of standardized tests for each term

Multi-Sensory Method

Simulations Oral Spelling Methods (SOS)

Fernald Method

LiFlexiA (Light Flow Lexical Approach)

PC Programmes

Mathematics







## GENERAL INFORMATION

The American Academy operates a Greek and English speaking Learning Support Center that offers highly specialized help to children with dyslexia and other learning difficulties in the areas of reading, spelling, writing, reading comprehension and mathematics.

All teaching staff are university graduates, experienced and specially trained in helping children with various special education needs. The environment is relaxed and friendly and both the management and parents are in close contact which ensures cooperation on both sides.

The Learning Support Center of the American Academy organizes lectures, with experts on dyslexia from both Cyprus and abroad, for parents and the public in order to increase general awareness concerning the existence and problems related to dyslexia. These lectures aim to help parents identify their children's learning potential problems and seek specialized help in time.

## PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION/TEACHING METHODS

The teaching method is based on one-to-one tuition or on groups of not more than four. Tuition uses a multi-sensory approach to improve reading, spelling, writing and mathematics. Various resources are used such as books, multi-sensory teaching aids and software. Through structured exercises children are helped to overcome their difficulties and learn at their own pace. Tuition is provided for the ages 5-15.

The teaching focuses on the difficulties revealed in the initial assessment and the teaching programmes are tailored to individual needs. The progress of each child is followed up monitored by an Educational Psychologist and progress reports are prepared and given to parents every term.

Tutoring is between 2.00pm to 7.00pm and each lesson lasts for one hour. Students attend lessons at least three times per week.



# BOARDING *House*

Boarding House: 11-19 years





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# BOARDING HOUSE AMERICAN ACADEMY LIMASSOL

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American Academy Limassol offers boarding accommodation within close proximity to the school, which enables students to make full use of the school facilities during the day and on weekends. The students reside in a comfortable, safe and clean environment and are monitored by experienced staff on a twenty-four-hour basis.

The boarders are allocated a personal tutor who closely monitors the students' academic progress and keeps their parents/guardians regularly informed. Outside school hours various social and leisure activities are arranged on a weekly basis.

EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM | (Twenty academic hours of English per week)

- ▶ English (Grammar, Spelling, Writing)
- ▶ Educational Audio Visual Lessons





# INTERNATIONAL *Summer School*

JUNE | JULY

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# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

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## AFTERNOON LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Football
- ▶ Beach ball
- ▶ Windsurfing
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Handball
- ▶ Volleyball
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Snorkeling
- ▶ Table tennis

## FOUR WEEKS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL

The American Academy International Summer School is an academic learning center within an international context and a forum for fostering intercultural understanding for students ages twelve to eighteen. Every summer in July we welcome students from all over the world, offering them the opportunity to combine study with an unforgettable experience.

The Educational Programme offered is dedicated to the improvement of the English Language and is led by experienced teachers who have graduated from top Universities in England and the United States of America. The programme is designed to match the student's individual needs, therefore class placement depends on the level of the students' English language. In addition, a wide range of Extra Curricular Activities led by experienced instructors.

Moreover, weekend excursions give the students an insight into the rich culture and history of Cyprus with visits to archeological sites such as: Kykkos Monastery, Tomb of the Kings, Cyprus Mosaics and the Kourion Ancient Theater. Entertaining excursions include a catamaran sea trip, an aqua park visit, a night sea trip to Paphos Aquarium.

Accommodation is provided either in a hotel or in hotel apartments with fully air-conditioned rooms with a private swimming pool. The American Academy Summer School Certificate of Achievement is awarded to all students passing the final examination.

Additionally, we offer students that have had an intensive academic year, a Holiday Only Programme, which excludes the educational part of the programme, thus helping them to relax while having fun in an English Speaking international environment.

For local students, Summer School is organized in July both at the Kindergarten & Primary School.

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# A DECADE OF DISTINCTION

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**2004 – 2015: 100 EDEXCEL and Cambridge Examinations High Achiever Awards** IN GCE, IGCSE and GSCE.

## **79 WERE HIGHEST GRADES WORLDWIDE.**

Subjects: English, Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Accounting, French, ICT, History, Geography, PE, Art, Physics, Greek and Arabic.

### **GCE A' LEVEL RESULTS**

- ▶ 12 times in the last 14 years our students have outperformed UK students.
- ▶ In 2017 and 2018
- 100% of our students passed their GCE A-Levels.
- 50% of our GCE A-Level students achieved A\* - A compared to the UK average of 26%.

### **GCSE RESULTS**

- ▶ 10 times in the last 13 years our students have outperformed UK students in achieving top grades in GCSE examinations.
- ▶ In 2017 and 2018
- 100% of our students passed their GCE A-Levels.
- 48% of our IGCSE students achieved A\* - A compared to the UK average of 21%.

### **UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS**

Our graduates have been placed in some of the top Universities in the UK, the USA and the rest of the world.

**UK:** Cambridge University, London School of Economics, Imperial College Edinburgh University, Manchester University, York University, Swansea University, Birmingham University and many others.

**USA:** Yale University, St Johns New York, Indiana State University, Purdue University, Bob Jones University Liberty University, Buffalo State University and many others.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Augsburg University Germany, Magdeburg University Germany, Semmelweis Medical University in Hungary, Melbourne University in Australia, King Charles University in Prague, Moscow State University, University of Nicosia in Cyprus, University of Athens in Greece, University of Milan and many others including Canada, Sweden and Switzerland.









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# CYPRUS

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Located between three major continents, Cyprus has long been known as a multicultural centre of historical significance. With a history dating back millennia, people come to Cyprus from all over the world to be a part of this amazing country and to experience the diversity that can be found in every corner of the island.

Students from all over the world choose to study here for the rich heritage that envelops the cities and the ability to explore the island's history in its entirety, whether that being visiting the Kourion ruins, the Tombs of the Kings, the Medieval Castle of King Richard the Lionheart or many many more.

The warm climate is perfect for exploring the island throughout the year, something that appeals to students who wish to completely immerse themselves in everything they do. This becomes a large part of living here, as the safe environment Cyprus is known for, enables all who come here a chance to experience this once in a life time opportunity.

There are not many places in the world which are so diverse, so exciting, so historical and so affordable as Cyprus.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful island in person.





► **SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
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