



*WELCOME
to our World*

Experience the difference



*"When I came here
for an interview, I
knew I had to work
here. It was a must."*

Teacher

In a nutshell

“The personal development of students throughout the school is outstanding.” *ISI Report*

Educating children is a great responsibility and privilege in equal measure. To make it work, we need to put a lot in.

This begins with seeding the desire for lifelong learning in every student. Then we instill a respect for diversity, an appreciation of what it takes to be a genuine global citizen, the skills to both follow and lead, and ultimately the self-confidence to achieve academic and personal success.

Our goal is for every student to finally outgrow us. We want them to become ready and able to take the next step, secure in the knowledge of who they are, and what they do best.

Ours is the care in preparation. Theirs is to go out and make a difference.

Tony Eysele Head of School



Take a closer look

To find out more about our school, please [click here](#) or use your mobile device to scan the QR codes in this brochure. QR readers can be downloaded free from the internet.



10 good reasons to make us your next school

“Our students become citizens of the world.” Parent

1. Genuine academic choice, including two internationally renowned college and university preparatory programmes:
 - The International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - US College Board Advanced Placement courses
2. Outstanding IBDP and AP exam results
3. A comprehensive range of teaching and learning strategies for students aged 2 to 18
4. Our nurturing environment
5. Highly qualified and motivated teachers
6. The use of the latest technology to further learning
7. 128 acres of excellent facilities and exceptional grounds to enhance indoor and outdoor learning
8. Our genuinely international and multicultural community
9. Extensive sports and co-curricular programmes
10. We live our student-centred philosophy and values.

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for our latest exam results



Community spirit

“We inspire our fellow peers with new and innovative thinking, to promote charity and unity throughout our school.” *Student Leader*

Leadership is more than being the best scholar, athlete, or debater at our school. It is a purpose inspired by the international community in which we all participate. Together we shape the young hearts and minds that grow to respect cultural differences, and choose to make a difference to the lives of others.

This is most clearly seen in our many student-led outreach programmes. It is also highlighted by our long-standing commitment to create brighter learning opportunities in Namibia, and the international works of our Disaster Relief Fund to help alleviate the impact of sudden tragedy wherever it may occur in the world.

Students drive the many events that draw together artistic, cultural, interpersonal, intellectual, and compassionate leadership to extend learning beyond the classroom, and community beyond our front gates. Our young people turn compassion into action. The future is theirs, and they are proud to take responsibility for it.



Early Childhood

“My daughter prefers to be at school than at home.”

Parent

Give children an environment rich in high expectations, mutual respect, and differentiated learning, and they will grow socially, cognitively, and physically.

In our Early Childhood Village, children learn through playful investigation and reflection. As young authors, scientists, mathematicians, artists, historians, singers, and dancers, they make meaning by observing, approximating, recording, performing, questioning, confirming, telling, re-telling, thinking, feeling, and searching.

The rewarding atmosphere we create intertwines child-initiated and teacher-designed activities. It is a safe place for children to be themselves. With us, they learn to take care of their friends and the things around them, making their world together.



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for more on Early Childhood



Lower School

“You have enriched our lives in more ways than you’ll ever know.” Parent

Our breathtaking campus directly enriches our curriculum. We choose to embrace creative and critical thinking here, using our indoor and outdoor learning environments to inspire curiosity and challenge students to excel. Students hone their self-confidence, emotional intelligence and perseverance in our playgrounds, fields and woodlands. The benefits quickly find their way back into the classroom.

Our students become native users of information-age tools that enhance their understanding and communication. All become digitally literate and savvy practitioners. Children are given opportunities to engage in the school’s international community, using our core values to bridge understanding to different backgrounds, and life experiences to enrich and inform their own.



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Middle School

“This school will always be home.”

Student

As students transition into young teenagers, our aim is to build their self-confidence and encourage them to explore and discover the wider world around them – all done within a rich, culturally diverse community. We harness our collective experiences to embed empathy and responsibility, and to ensure students feel good about the choices they make.

We prize the academic and social enrichment of every member of our school. Students are motivated to grasp opportunities and develop skills to succeed in a future they will help shape.



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for more on Middle School



High School

“Success is not some destination you can get to. It’s a continuous journey that you just keep wanting to take.” Student

We believe individual achievement benefits from genuine choice. In offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma, Advanced Placement courses, and a High School Diploma, every ACS Cobham student has an academic schedule developed to meet their specific aspirations. Few schools offer such flexibility. For us it is standard.

As students mature they are guided by Grade Level Advisors, teachers and the Academic Deans. The result? Our students go on to study at leading colleges and universities all over the world. More importantly, all are prepared to attend the university of their choice.

You would expect some of this 'individual attention' from any good school. What makes us special is that we inevitably empower each student to find their own path to academic success. Students are not allowed to be anonymous, or allowed to simply get by. We know our students well, and how best to motivate them to succeed.



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Graduation and Beyond

“Wherever I travel around the world on business, I seldom need to check into a hotel. I simply call up an old ACS friend and stay with them.”

Alumni

In a school like ours, students come from over 60 nationalities then graduate on to many of the world’s finest universities. Their world is not as big as ours used to be, and that can be a very good thing.

Certain shared experiences really do last a lifetime. Our school spirit, ethos and values remain with our graduates long after their formal education is over. They provide the security upon which future careers and aspirations are built. They also remind us all that life can be less complicated – a place where differences are celebrated and everything is actually possible.



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Boarding

“You get really attached to the people you live with. They become a whole new family.” Student

Our philosophy actively celebrates the cultural diversity of our student body and promotes internationalism as an intrinsic part of dorm life. We make every student aware that they are important. We also believe that the boarding experience should encourage positive involvement in a wide variety of co-curricular activities.

All boarders are assigned a resident teacher/supervisor whose task it is to promote independent learning skills, monitor and guide each student’s academic progress and deal promptly and sympathetically with any situation that may arise. Students are encouraged to volunteer their time and skills in numerous ways that help our micro-world evolve.

Many friendships made in the dorm endure. It is an experience made special by the rich global mix of our students and their appreciation and celebration of the fact that everyone is from somewhere else – which is an education in itself.



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for more on boarding



IT in education

“THIS IS SO COOL... It’s just like giant Skype.”

Pre-K student on the Interactive Learning Centre

We challenge our students to use technology to facilitate authentic learning and develop 21st century skills – to broaden and deepen academic research, to compile and broadcast news, to cover live sporting events in real time, and to publish articles and art in the school newspaper and website.

We see how quickly the world is integrating more technology into everyday life. Part of our IT goal is to bring clarity and guidance to our students so they are best placed to make these tools work for them, and not the other way around.

Students discover that new software and hardware can enhance the way they think, collaborate and innovate. They learn to sharpen their critical thinking through new ways of doing, analysing and problem solving. They also benefit from an advanced Interactive Learning Centre that brings a universe of knowledge and interaction straight to the heart of the campus... and vice versa.



The Arts

“I have learnt to paint like an artist, and also to think like an artist.”

Student

We know the arts matter. We also know students learn through and from them.

The arts are often the most emotive way of communicating profound ideas. In our international community a multitude of displays, exhibitions and performances provide all of our students with a 'voice' to explore and broadcast experiences and perspectives.

Whatever the medium, student creativity has, and will always, spotlight what makes us different and, more importantly, what brings us together.



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for more on the arts



Co-curricular and the Performing Arts

“Congratulations on creating a dream and making it happen.” *Parent*

The main thrust of our programme is student enrichment and participation. At least six theatre productions are staged annually, with work ranging from adaptations of Greek tragedy to children’s theatre. Performances take place on campus and in regional theatres with professional facilities and expertise. Students are able to explore all aspects of stagecraft, on stage and off.

The music performance programme is rooted in the curriculum, with event opportunities that include mini-concerts, recitals, talent shows and charity fundraisers, as well as whole-school instrumental shows, and a choral and bi-annual Spring Concert.

The latest development on campus is the construction of our new Performing Arts facility with music classrooms, a music technology suite, practice rooms, drama studios, performance spaces and a 500+ seat auditorium complete with fly-tower. This ambitious addition is due to open in August 2014.



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Sports

“Whatever sport you do, we have a facility for it.”

Student



As ACS Cobham Cougars, we strive for two key wins: wide student participation in our programme and competitive excellence from the 60+ teams we field each year. The fact that some of our athletes have gone on to represent their country is a bonus.

Inclusion is the foundation upon which our athletes mature physically, emotionally, and socially. Through sports, students take responsibility for personal growth, and develop integrity, commitment and dedication. They also add skills in time management, goal setting, work ethic, leadership and sportsmanship, as well as learning to deal courageously with adversity and sometimes defeat.



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Our Core Purpose

Through learning, inspire all to make a difference

In defining our Purpose we have distilled the many ideas, feelings and voices that make up our international community. 'Through learning' captures our endeavour to encourage lifelong learning in everything we do, and remain curious and motivated by the world we live in.

To 'inspire all to make a difference' expresses our collective desire to see and enable achievement as a personal goal. It embodies our drive to enrich and contribute positively to the people around us, both near and far.



Our Core Values

Engage in community • Motivate and value others • When every voice is heard, nobody feels left out • Strong partnerships between students, parents and staff create a genuine feeling of family • Pride in what we do energises the special environment we share • Place value on quality • Engage students in their own education • Together we are dynamic, viable, and secure • Value opinions • Respect for others builds self-respect • Invest in people and they will invest in you • Foster a sense of belonging to enrich a warm and friendly environment • Provide foundation and continuity to the many communities that make up our community • Take all from where they are to where they want to be • Remember, change is exciting as a shared experience • Our global community is an education in itself.

Be a catalyst for positive change • Action your wider responsibilities to the world • Always endeavour to do the right thing • Be an ambassador for our extended international community • Promote global citizenship through deeds as well as words • Collaborate to achieve a wider understanding • Get involved in humanitarian issues outside your comfort zone • Promote sustainability as an integral part of everyday life • Never tire of giving to those less fortunate • Strive to provide stability in an uncertain world • Try your best to make others happy • Accept opportunities to contribute in new and uplifting ways • Develop love for the people around you • See a world without barriers • Embrace social responsibility.

Promote excellence through learning and personal achievement • Share success • Ensure students leave with more than good grades • Encourage broad talents, as a good education is not all about one thing • Set individual goals, as achievement means different things to different people • The journey is important • Achieve because the focus is on students, lifelong learning and not just results • Inspire all to be the best they can be • Discover and liberate the motivation to succeed that lies in everyone • Embody an ethos that enables excellence, rather than one that delivers excellence at any cost • Encourage integrity as a form of personal excellence • Provide the opportunity for all to succeed through their own desire • Prepare flexible minds • Seed excellence into everything • Succeed with integrity.

Enrich the international experience • Value and appreciate your role as a contributing member of one Earth • See and affect the world on your doorstep and beyond • Appreciate that international is the norm here • Draw unity from the fact that everyone is from somewhere else • Develop hearts and minds that respect cultural differences • Bring a sense of commonality to diversity • Use diversity to enhance learning • Champion the understanding of all cultures • Remain open-minded and curious • Enjoy the benefits of being part of a cosmopolitan group • Treat all differences thoughtfully • Diversity is stimulating and motivating when understood • Make all feel accepted.



Admissions

“It makes you want to go back to school.”

Prospective family

With over 60 nationalities at our campus, and families arriving throughout the academic year, ACS Cobham’s rolling admissions policy helps all our students – aged 2 to 18 – transition successfully into our community. Applications can be made online – either visit the Admissions page on our website or simply scan the QR code below.

As a full-service department with extensive relocation experience, our Transportation Office offers safe and efficient door-to-door busing for all students from Pre-K onwards, covering an extensive area around the school.

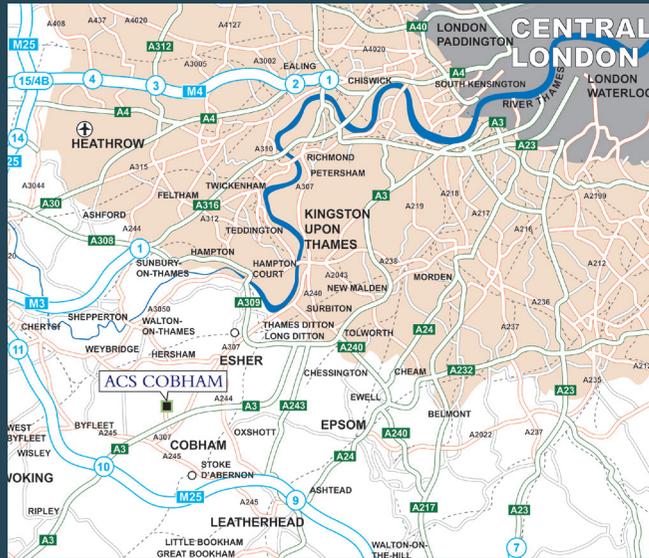
We also provide personal support and advice to help relocating families find their ideal neighbourhood. Our school is situated in a beautiful area with easy access to central London and its major airports.

Our office is open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm (local time). Visits can be booked online or by calling us during office hours.



Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to access our online application





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