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# SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



## Mission

Paragon ISC strives to advance academic quality in a safe and supportive environment to enable its students to realize their potential and develop into mature, responsible, and socially aware citizens of the world.

## Vision

To bring up individuals who will thrive and contribute to this world having a solid sense of who they are, respect for others as individuals, as members of a group, as citizens of their nation, and as members of the global community.

## Internationalism

Our primary focus is to create open-minded world citizens who have international perspective, are self-confident and conscientious, and who can function as leaders and team members in societies.





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# Welcome message

Welcome to Paragon International School of Cambodia, where we have been providing students with a world-class bilingual and international education. As we reflect on the achievements and milestones accomplished over the past quarter of a century, we continue to offer a rigorous and holistic curriculum that combines the Cambridge curriculum with a bilingual education program, providing students with the best of both worlds.

Our commitment to providing students with a well-rounded education has allowed them to excel academically, socially, and emotionally, preparing them for higher education and the global workforce. We take pride in our three well-established campuses - kindergarten, primary, and secondary - that provide a diverse and multinational environment for our students to learn and grow. Our staff is dedicated to providing a supportive and nurturing environment where every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We invite you to learn more about Paragon International School of Cambodia and the opportunities we have to offer. Feel free to visit our campus and meet our staff, who are always happy to answer any questions and give you a tour.

We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence in education for many years to come. We extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to explore the world-class education we provide.





# About school

Paragon International School, Cambodia (Paragon ISC), formerly known as Zaman International School, was established in 1997. It is governed by the School Board and is one of Cambodia's premier international schools.

The school is certified by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports of Cambodia, as well as by Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), based in the UK. Paragon ISC is also a registered examination center for CAIE, and it serves as an SAT test center with the designated test center number 65394.

Paragon International School, Cambodia, has been awarded accreditation through the prestigious Council of International Schools (CIS).

We offer an exclusive blend of national and international curricula to meet the diverse needs of our student body. The Bilingual program adopts both the Khmer National Curriculum as well as the Cambridge curriculum. The International program adopts the CAIE curriculum which leads our students seamlessly from Primary through Secondary and Pre-University years. The students from the International program benefit from recognized programs such as Cambridge Primary, Cambridge Lower Secondary, Cambridge Upper Secondary (IGCSE), and Cambridge Advanced Levels (AS/A Levels).

Our curriculum strives to incorporate the experiences, cultures, and perspectives of our students; specifically, an appreciation of Cambodia's culture and its contribution to the heritage of the civilized world and with a primary focus on internationalism, to create open-minded world citizens who have international perspectives, are self-confident and conscientious, and who can function as leaders and team members in societies all over the world.

## Values and beliefs

We understand that all children have different abilities, skills and interests, which if developed and nurtured, will enable them to become mature, self-sufficient and productive members of the community:

- ❖ A lifelong love of learning in order to support the development of a student's full social and academic potential; the all-round development of the individual and encourage curiosity, reflection, and questioning;
- ❖ Respect for people from a variety of cultural and racial backgrounds and of various religious and political orientations; foster an understanding of human values, confidence, and responsibility to society;
- ❖ A lasting commitment to international co-operation and an understanding of the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations;
- ❖ Skill and pride in developing communicative competence in languages other than the mother tongue;
- ❖ The determination to achieve the highest possible standards in all that they do.
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- ❖ Students, staff and parents regard one another with respect, acceptance and friendship.



## Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

*MoEYS (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports):* Paragon ISC was authorised by Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and officially registered as a non-profit educational institution.

We effectively implement the curriculum framework for general education which contributes to developing khmer citizens with knowledge, skills, attitudes and physical balance needed for success.



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## International Accreditation

CIS (Council of International Schools): Paragon ISC is proud to be a CIS accredited school, which focuses on the development of students as global citizens. The quality and rigor of CIS International Accreditation are recognized by ministries, departments of education, and universities around the world as a demonstration of a school's commitment to high-quality international education and as a mark of quality assurance.



## Cambridge Qualifications

Paragon ISC is an esteemed institution that delivers the prestigious Cambridge Curriculum, renowned for its rigorous standards and global recognition. Our commitment to academic excellence is reflected in our comprehensive approach to education, ensuring that students not only acquire knowledge but also develop essential skills for the challenges of the future.



**Cambridge Assessment  
International Education**

Cambridge International School

Cambridge Assessment International Education prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. Our international qualifications are recognized by the world's best universities and employers, giving students a wide range of options in their education and career. Cambridge programs and qualifications set the global standard for international education. They are created by subject experts, rooted in academic rigor, and reflect the latest educational research.





# Kindergarten

Paragon ISC Kindergarten offers the Australian Early Years Learning Framework as a baseline for an academic and holistic curriculum. We understand that play is a crucial part of students' learning and development. Opportunities that encourage students to become actively involved, have fun, and enjoy the process of learning, will guarantee a positive and strong foundation for all future learning. Your child will experience varied learning concepts. We endeavor to meet each child's physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs. All the areas of learning are developed through a combination of child-initiated activities, as well as carefully planned and structured activities that are meaningful to your child.

Students spend the majority of their time with their Class Teacher and Learning Support Assistant, but they may also be taught by different teachers for certain subjects.

There are 6 areas of learning in the Early Years Framework:



**1. Communication, Language & Literacy**  
Phonics, Language Arts & Story Time



**2. Creative Expression**  
Art, Music, Drama & Creative Expressions



**3. Mathematics**  
Mathematics, Intellectum



**4. Personal, Social & Emotional Development**  
Character Education, Life Skills, Creative Bandings & Circle Time



**5. Physical Development**  
Physical Education, Swimming & Clamber



**6. Understanding the World**  
Science, Social Studies & Sensory Exploration



# Primary

In the Lower and Upper Primary School campus we have twenty-four classes, from Year 1 to Year 6 inclusive. Each class has a Class Teacher and, in addition, there are Learning Support Assistants. Students spend the majority of their time with their Class Teacher and Assistant, but they will also be taught by different teachers for certain subjects.

The Paragon ISC Primary school aims to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum together with the Cambridge Primary International Curriculum.

We aim to provide a broad range of worthwhile curricular opportunities that cater to the interests, aptitudes, and particular needs of students, and to ensure progression in students' learning.

The educational program aims to provide a greater awareness and understanding of different races, cultures, and creeds, and to provide equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, gender, religion, or social or economic differences.

We have always believed in the significance of rich primary school experience. Therefore, we seek to build learning opportunities around inspiring and stimulating activities. Students start understanding community service and involvement in social activities through the Paragon Student Council from early years.

There is a wide range of subjects offered in both Bilingual and International classes:

- Mathematics, Kh.Mathematics
- Modern Languages: Chinese
- English, Language and Literature (Khmer)
- Science, Kh.Science
- Design and Technology: Robotics and ICT
- Creative Arts and Music classes
- Cambridge Global Perspectives, Kh.Social Sciences
- Character Education

# Secondary

Paragon ISC offers a flexible education system that strives for internationally set standards and blends both National and Cambridge curricula. The international class academic curriculum is based on the Cambridge Qualifications. Our Secondary School Cambridge Pathway is for students aged from 12 to 19. A wide range of subjects and flexibility gives us a chance to shape the curriculum to make it exciting and relevant for our students. Each stage - Cambridge Lower Secondary (Secondary Checkpoint), Cambridge Upper Secondary (IGCSE), and Cambridge Advanced (AS & A levels) - builds on the learners' development from the previous one, but can also be offered separately. These qualifications are widely recognized by universities and employers. Cambridge students can be confident that their qualifications will be understood and valued throughout their education and career, in their home country and internationally

## **Courses offered:**

Group I: Languages (First Language, Second Language and Foreign Language)  
English, French, Chinese

Group II: Humanities and Social Sciences  
History, Geography, Global Perspectives, Economics

Group III: Sciences  
Co-ordinated Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Group IV: Mathematics  
Mathematics, Statistics

Group V: Creative and Professional  
Business Studies, Art and Design, Global Perspectives,  
ICT - Information and Communication  
Technology, Music, Travel and Tourism, PE - Physical Education





## National Curriculum

is delivered by professionally qualified and experienced teachers in Khmer and English languages. Students optionally can take National examinations and get certificates, which are fully accredited by MoEYS.

The offered courses focus on developing core academic knowledge and life-long skills.

Students have wide range of subjects:

- 1.Khmer language and Literature
- 2.Mathematics
- 3.Chemistry
- 4.Biology
- 5.Physics
- 6.Geology
- 7.Geography
- 8.History
- 9.Civics

# Diploma Equivalency

**Paragon ISC's High School Diploma for the international programme is recognised by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport as equivalent to the national high school diploma.**

## **What does Diploma equivalency mean?**

It means that the Paragon International School's Grade 12 diploma is recognized as equivalent to the Grade 12 National Diploma by the MoEYS (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport). Students will receive their national diploma without sitting for the Grade 12 National Examinations.

## **Where can I use this diploma?**

To be considered for admission to National & International Universities.  
To apply for jobs in the public & private sectors in Cambodia.  
There are two programmes at the Paragon International School.

## **Which programme do students need to complete to gain the equivalency diploma?**

Students need to complete the international programme in high school to receive the equivalent national diploma.



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## Beyond the Classroom

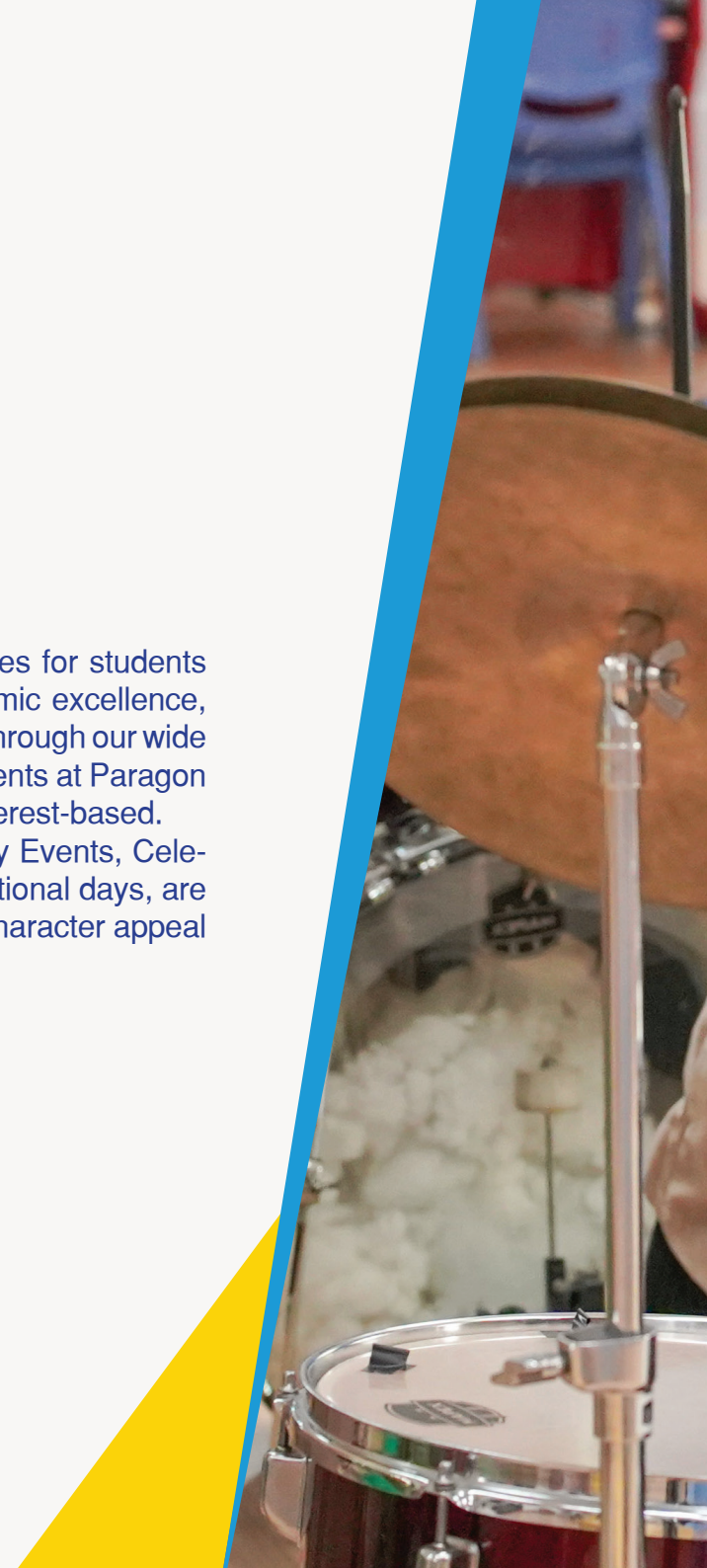
Encouraging, respecting and nurturing each student's talents and potential outside the curriculum have been in the heart of holistic education the Paragon ISC promotes.



# Beyond the Classroom

## After School Activities and Extracurricular activities

We provide access to diverse and inclusive opportunities for students who wish to embrace the challenge of pursuing academic excellence, develop social and intellectual skills, and gain fulfillment through our wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Students at Paragon ISC can join clubs, which may be either academic or interest-based. Our various fun and engaging activities, such as Charity Events, Celebrations of Learning, and the commemoration of international days, are designed to build skills, confidence, moral values, and character appeal in our students.





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# Beyond the Classroom

## Field trips

A range of Field Trips and Learning Beyond The Classroom activities are provided to students across all grades. Field trips opportunities provide students with time outside the classroom. During this learning period, students are encouraged to go beyond their books and electronic devices and discover the world outside the school walls.





# Beyond the Classroom

## Celebrations

At Paragon ISC, our commitment to internationalism is rooted in our core values, fostering open-mindedness, promoting tolerance, and nurturing the development of global citizens. Throughout the academic year, our vibrant campuses come alive with various of celebrations and festivals that seamlessly integrate cultural diversity. These events serve as platforms for students to engage in meaningful dialogue, share their unique perspectives, and cultivate a deep appreciation for global interconnectedness.





# Achievements

Many Paragon students challenge themselves by undertaking various International and National Awards, which develop resilience, consistency and collaboration skills. Some of the examples of competitions include World Scholars Cup, STEM Festival, Teeneagle, and ISSAPP Tournaments (International Schools Sports Association of Phnom Penh).





## Sports and Athletics



Paragon ISC Sports and Athletics proudly introduces its dynamic sports teams known as the "Phoenix." As a member of the ISSAPP (International Schools Sports Association of Phnom Penh), Paragon ISC ensures an enriching sports experience for its students, who actively participate in basketball, football, volleyball, swimming, table tennis, and badminton.

The Phoenix teams, representing the school with passion and resilience, actively participate in various competitions, fostering teamwork, discipline, and a spirit of healthy competition. Beyond the scoreboard, Paragon ISC recognizes sports as an integral component of holistic education. Engaging in sports not only enhances physical fitness but also nurtures crucial social and emotional skills. Through sports, students learn the values of sportsmanship, leadership, and perseverance, contributing to their overall development as well-rounded individuals. Paragon ISC is committed to fostering a culture where athleticism and character-building go hand in hand, creating a foundation for success both on and off the playing field.





## Community Service and Paragon Student Union

Students at Paragon ISC are actively engaged in volunteering to broaden their perspective of the world around them. The Paragon Student Union plays a pivotal role in coordinating Community Service initiatives. A longstanding tradition involves organizing annual charity events, with this year witnessing a significant campaign in collaboration with the Local4Local organization, aimed at supporting those in need. The Secondary PSU took a proactive step by arranging a visit to a local orphanage, contributing books and clothes, and delighting the children with a mini performance. These initiatives emphasize our commitment to instilling a sense of social responsibility and empathy in our students.





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# Student Support Services

Paragon International School is committed to providing comprehensive Student Support Services to ensure the well-being and success of each student.

**College Counseling:** Our college counsellors are dedicated to turning students' university aspirations into concrete plans. By offering personalized, one-on-one guidance, they create individual roadmaps aligning with the guidance curriculum. The focus is on shaping early academic paths and designing extracurricular programs for secondary students. The school takes pride in its global reach, guiding students to universities worldwide, including the USA, Europe (Netherlands, UK, Switzerland), Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Australia, and Cambodia.

**Learning Support:** Recognizing the diversity of learning needs, Paragon adopts a tailored approach to education. The Learning Support Department collaborates with teachers, teaching assistants, parents, and the wider community to meet individual student requirements. The department conducts in-house training for educators, addressing topics like understanding learning differences. Events such as "Dyslexia Awareness Week" and "Understanding ADHD" contribute to building awareness and fostering a supportive environment. Paragon is an active member of SENIAC Local Chapter, benefiting from a network of international schools and staying updated on evidence-based interventions. Recent events include an in-house parents seminar on "The Importance of Mental Health Care for Your Children" and a Coffee Mornings with parents on different topics related to education and kids.



# Safeguarding and Welfare

'Here, at Paragon ISC, we provide not only high-quality education but tremendous pastoral care and safeguarding'

## Safeguarding & Child Protection

Paragon International School Cambodia (Paragon ISC) believes that every child and youth is precious and deserves to grow up in a safe and supportive environment. All children and youth should have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in both an academic and social sense. Therefore, Paragon ISC is committed to protecting children's rights. In keeping with the School's core values and mission statement, it has created the Safeguarding Policy (SP) which establishes internal measures to prevent and respond to child abuse, make child safeguarding an organisational priority and a shared responsibility for all stakeholders, and act as the guiding literature.

## Student Wellbeing

The well being of students is essential to us and we ensure that children are nurtured in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care. Paragon ISC is committed to helping each student fulfil his or her academic, social and physical potential. Everything in our school has been designed to create an orderly and distraction-free environment in which all students are able to learn effectively and pleasantly.

The Student Welfare department practices a range of services including developmental, preventative and remedial measures which encompass all the curricula, activities and support staff directed at meeting the social and personal needs of students. All members of staff, as well as parents, have a continuing role in student wellbeing.



# Testing Centers



## CAMBRIDGE International Examinations

Cambridge Assessment International Education (informally known as Cambridge International or simply Cambridge and formerly known as CIE, Cambridge International Examinations) is a provider of international qualifications, offering examinations and qualifications to 10,000 schools in more than 160 countries.

Cambridge Assessment offers primarily school-leaving qualifications for university entrance such as the Cambridge International General Certificate of Education (IGCSE)- Advanced Level (Cambridge International GCE A-Levels). In addition, Cambridge Assessment provides Key Stage examinations for primary and secondary schools internationally.

Paragon International School Cambodia is an authorized CAIE examination centre (Test Centre Code: KH006) and accepts private candidates at all levels of examinations.



## UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Paragon International School is the authorized center for administering Oxford University admission tests. Candidates can undertake a variety of tests through our center, including examinations such as:

- CAT (Classics Admissions Test)
- ELAT (English Literature Admissions Test)
- GAT (Geography Admissions Test)
- HAT (History Admissions Test)
- MLAT (Modern Languages Admissions Test)
- PAT (Physics Admissions Test)
- Philosophy Test



## SAT

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The SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. It is a three-hour multiple-choice test created and administered by the College Board. It covers reading, writing, and math, and is used to determine students' preparedness for college. The SAT is held seven times a year, typically on the first Saturday of the month.

Paragon International School's Secondary campus, situated between the Russian Embassy and the AEON Mall 1 buildings, serves as the SAT test center with the assigned test center number 65394.



## Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing

Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing offers a variety of admissions tests for university-level courses, including assessments in thinking skills and behavioral styles. Through our center, candidates have the option to register for the following examinations:

- BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test)
- Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)
- MAT (Mathematics Admissions Test)
- STEP

# School Community

At Paragon ISC, our strong sense of community is embodied by both the Alumni Association and Parent-Teacher Association.

**Alumni Association:** We take pride in the diverse achievements of our alumni, celebrating their ongoing successes. The Paragon ISC Alumni Association is dedicated to providing a platform for our graduates to connect and engage. Our mission is to foster participation and commitment, supporting both alumni and the school in their respective journeys.

**Parent-Teacher Association:** Parent involvement is a cherished tradition at Paragon ISC, evolving over the years to enrich our community. The Parent-Teacher Association invites parents to connect with one another, share moments with their children, and strengthen the bond between home and school. By planning special events in collaboration with the school, the PTA plays a vital role in building and enhancing close communication with the Paragon community

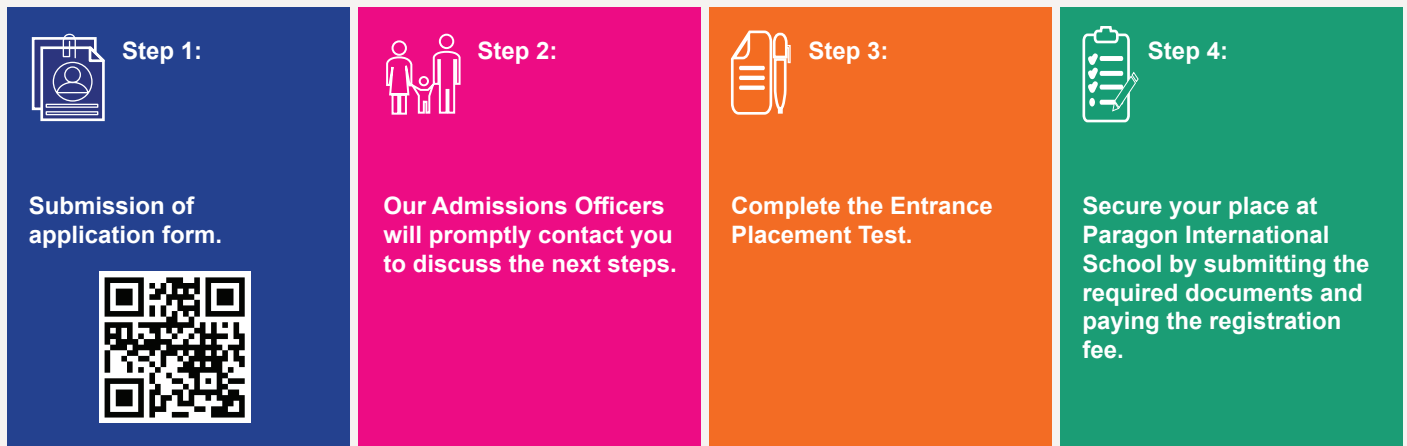




# Admissions

We are pleased to announce that applications for the 2024-2025 Academic Year are now being accepted at Paragon International School. Our dedicated Admissions Officers are here to assist you every step of the way.

## Admissions Process



At Paragon International School, we strive to ensure a smooth and transparent admissions process for all prospective students. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant academic community.

## Connect with our Admissions Team

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# Our new campus is coming...

Paragon ISC is thrilled to announce the forthcoming launch of our new campus, set to debut for the next academic year! This state-of-the-art facility is meticulously designed to provide an exceptional learning environment, fostering innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence.





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