



«I want to thank you for your help and warm encouragement throughout my time at Academia. I've been to many different schools, and honestly, Academia was my favorite. I always felt well-supported by all the teachers and staff and was able to progress quickly through interesting, challenging but fun lessons. The general atmosphere amongst the students was fantastic.»

Anna Cowen (USA), studies Music and Korean at Sheffield University

«Just want to promote my daughter's former school Academia International School. Being back in the American system has us really appreciating what a great experience it was for her. I would highly recommend this school for its program and more importantly its staff. We really miss it.»

Charity Lewis (USA)

«What makes Academia International School a stand-out place to work for me is that every single teacher and every single student work together to make a difference. We are a nimble school that can rise to any challenge we may face, and I love the fact that I am a part of it. Everyone at Academia International School is motivated, energetic, and fun to work with. We love what we do, and it shows in the strong relationships we have both within the teaching team and with our students.»

Bianca Müller (Australien/Schweiz), English Teacher at Academia International School



Factsheet

Academia International School Zurich

Offer

Our mission is to provide a warm-hearted community where students feel safe to develop academic inquiry in a context underpinned by respect and care. We endeavor to provide a school community where all students reach their potential with a majority reaching academic excellence.

With International A Levels to University

Our programme offers an internationally recognised qualification. We follow the British International Curriculum for

- ✔ Secondary school qualification (IGCSE)
- ✔ Advanced qualifications (A Levels)

What is unique about us

Excellence in teaching

- ✔ Highly qualified international teaching staff
- ✔ Excellent examination results
- ✔ Innovative enrichments in various subjects

Preparation for life in an international world

- ✔ Leave after 1-2 years (YR10) with an internationally recognised qualification
- ✔ Leave after 3-4 years (YR12) with an internationally recognised advanced qualification
- ✔ Proficiency in German and English at a near native level
- ✔ Guidance on further and higher education

Tailored school programme

- ✔ Broad range of subjects to choose from
- ✔ Personal learning coach
- ✔ Attractive electives and extracurricular activities

Familiar school in the heart of Zurich

- ✔ Small classes with about 6-12 students
- ✔ Located at Lagerstrasse next to the Zurich main station

Registration



Contact us

Contact us to arrange an admission meeting.



Admission meeting

The admission meeting gives us the opportunity to get to know the student and the family.



English assessment

Students who are not native English speakers must take an English assessment and reach a B1+ level in order to join our full programme.



Other assessments

All students who wish to join the IGCSE and/or AS/A Level programme during the school year must undergo entry assessments in Maths and/or Science to ensure they are at the right level.



Report cards

We ask for school report cards and grades from previous schools.



Insight week

Students can register for non-binding trial days at our school.



Decision

Students, families and the school then decide whether our school is the right choice for the student.

School Life

IGCSE and A Level Programme

Academia International School's academic programme is based on the Cambridge and Pearson Edexcel International curriculum. In grades 9 and 10, students usually follow the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), in grades 11 and 12 we teach the advanced programme (A Levels).

Academic subjects

- ✔ Mathematics
- ✔ Biology
- ✔ Chemistry
- ✔ Physics
- ✔ German
- ✔ English
- ✔ French
- ✔ Geography
- ✔ History
- ✔ Business
- ✔ Further subjects are offered on request

Study time

During the daily study time, students do their homework, receive additional material and exercises or focus on preparing their upcoming exams. They are closely attended to by our specialist teachers.

German Booster

For students wishing to apply to Swiss universities or simply to integrate into the community more easily we offer a «Swiss university track».

Project weeks and learning coach

During our project weeks, our specialist teachers work closely together to give our students interdisciplinary access to practice. This allows students to deal intensively with the topic chosen and apply the principles and theories they have learned in class.

A personal learning coach is provided for each student. In regular meetings, the coach covers with his/her student topics that go far beyond the actual imparting of knowledge in a specific subject, such as developing individual learning techniques and dealing with exam anxiety before or during an exam.

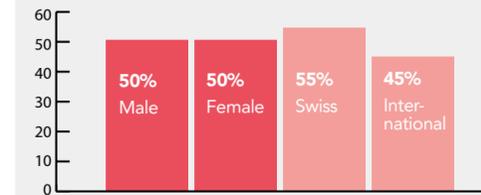
Electives and extracurricular activities

- ✔ **Academic German / English** – students learn important techniques to improve their communication skills and expand their vocabulary in order to succeed later on in their academic and professional careers.
- ✔ **Student council** – students can voice their opinions regarding the school; they can work on initiatives, support charities or suggest improvements.
- ✔ **Life skills** – students learn how to budget, how to deal with stress, bullying and other life-challenging situations.
- ✔ **Music club** – students learn how to write song lyrics, record and produce music, present themselves on stage and express themselves with music.
- ✔ **Current affairs** – a platform to discuss current affairs, hold debates and critically question the environment.
- ✔ **Artistic theatre** – students learn the basics of theatre and develop the potential of mind and body through movement, improvisation and short sketches.
- ✔ **Prom night** – students organise the end-of-year prom.

Our students

Students at Academia

We have a mixed student body. Our international students are from countries outside of Switzerland, including the UK, US, Italy, Germany, France, India, Japan, Russia and Pakistan.



A school with high academic standards

Exam	Grade	2020 Results
IGCSE	B/5 +	81%
IGCSE	A +	34%
A Level	C+	96%
A Level	A+	33%

As in previous years, a number of students excelled in their exams in 2020 and are winners of the Pearson Edexcel prize for

- ✔ the highest mark in **the world for Advanced German**
- ✔ the highest mark in **Switzerland for Science**
- ✔ the highest mark in **Switzerland in Advanced Maths**
- ✔ the highest mark in **Switzerland in English**

Recent graduate destinations

Our graduating students have accessed a variety of universities, such as:

Switzerland

ETH Zurich, University of Basel, University of St. Gallen, University of Bern, Université de Fribourg.

Worldwide

Cambridge University, Cardiff University, Durham University, Edinburgh University, Glasgow University, Liverpool University, University of Massachusetts.

Our staff

Experienced and caring staff

Our qualified subject specialists come from around the globe (e.g., the UK, the US, India, Russia, Australia and Switzerland); teachers for modern languages teach in their mother tongue.

As an international school following an English-speaking curriculum many of our teachers have QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and are experienced UK teachers. A high proportion of our teachers are educated to Master's level in education and we have several examiners on staff who know the IGCSEs and A Levels very well.

Aside from their experience and qualifications, one of the most important attributes we look for in our teachers is a sense of caring, commitment and willingness to reflect on their teaching practice.

Full time Head of Academics

- ✔ Provides individual guidance to all students
- ✔ Creates individualised study plans for all students
- ✔ Organises workshops on topics such as social and emotional well-being

Our partners

