

LONDON ACADEMY TEACHING, LEARNING AND CURRICULUM POLICY

Educational Philosophy and Mission: At London Academy Casablanca, our philosophy is to provide a challenging, inclusive, and creative education that prepares students for a rapidly evolving world. Our mission is to create a learning environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Curriculum Objectives and Goals: Our curriculum is based on the British National Curriculum and the Edexcel, Cambridge International Curriculum. Our primary goal is to develop students' knowledge and skills across a broad range of subjects, including languages, mathematics, sciences, humanities, arts, physical education, and technology. In addition to content mastery, our curriculum emphasizes the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and digital literacy skills.

Curriculum Delivery and Assessment: We use a range of teaching and learning strategies, including lectures, discussions, projects, and experiential learning. We utilize software platforms such as ActiveLearn and Century to provide personalized learning experiences that adapt to students' needs and abilities. Our assessment methods include formative and summative assessments, teacher observations, and student self-evaluations. We provide regular feedback to students and parents on their progress and offer additional support as needed.

Curriculum Relevance and Alignment: We continuously review and revise our curriculum to ensure that it is relevant, up-to-date, and aligned with national and international standards. We collaborate with external partners and institutions to provide students with opportunities to engage in real-world experiences and gain a global perspective.

Instructional Materials and Resources: We select instructional materials and resources that are aligned with our curriculum objectives, reflect diversity, and promote creativity. We encourage the use of technology and other digital resources, including software platforms such as ActiveLearn and Century, to enhance teaching and learning.

Supporting Diverse Learners: We recognize the importance of supporting the needs of diverse learners, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, and English language learners. We



provide differentiated instruction, accommodations, and assistive technology, including software platforms such as ActiveLearn and Century, as needed.

Weekly Assemblies: We hold weekly assemblies on Monday mornings to discuss current affairs and provide a forum for students to voice their concerns. These assemblies foster a sense of community, promote critical thinking, and encourage civic engagement.

Curriculum Review and Revision: We regularly review and revise our curriculum to ensure that it remains relevant, effective, and responsive to changing needs and expectations. We involve all stakeholders in the review process, including students, teachers, parents, and external partners.



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LAC Whole School Curriculum Policyincluding Personal, Social, Health & Economic Policyand Careers Policy

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1.0 Rationale

- 1.1. The curriculum at the London Academy of Casablanca School is designed to provide a broad, balanced, exciting, and creative education that meets the needs of all our students.

 Based on the National Curriculum for England (2014)
 - (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england- framework-for-key-stages-1-to-4) it aims to:
 - 1.1.1. Promote the moral, cultural, mental, and physical development of our students.
 - **1.1.2.** Provide students with an Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Citizenship curriculum in line with Ministryof Education guidance and expectations.
 - 1.1.3. Prepare our students for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of later life.
 - **1.1.4.** Provide opportunities for enrichment activities to support students' progress and attainment.
 - 1.1.5. Provide opportunities for students to learn about other religions
 - **1.1.6.** Provide students with an introduction to the essential knowledge they need to be educated, global citizens.
 - 1.1.7. Promote an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.
 - **1.1.8.** Provide exciting and stimulating lessons and activities to promote the development of students' knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum.
 - 1.1.9. Set high expectations for every student to achieve.
 - 1.1.10. This policy does not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law,individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- 1.2. At The London Academy of Casablanca School, we pursue excellence in preparing our children and young people (students) for the common good as global citizens and future leaders of the 21st Century.
- 1.3. In order for this to be achieved our curriculum needs to provide our students with elevated levels of knowledge, skills and learning within all subject areas alongside the development of their emotionalintelligence.
- 1.4. Our students are offered a wide range of experiences, 'first- hand' where possible, to extend their understanding of themselves, the community they live in and the world in which they live. Knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values are developed to prepare our students for the next stage of learning. We believe that effective learning takes place when there is considerable emphasis on active involvement, with opportunities to talk both imaginatively and expressively to explain and clarify thinking.



1.5. We make meaningful connections for all students across all subjects with a cross curricular focus firmlyembedded. We expect students to develop and show a sense of responsibility and self-discipline whether working independently, or in collaboration with others. In doing so, we actively promote the common good, respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs to prepare our students for life as global citizens.

Implementation

2.0 Planning a Curriculum

- 2.1. It is evident that the curriculum that we offer allows students the opportunity to gain experience, process, practice and extend their learning in a creative way. Our approach supports the development and extension of the child's long-term memory, and our teaching provides the tools for this to be successful. The School's Leadership Teams regularly review the curriculum and schemes of work.
- 2.2. Children in Nursery and Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This learning challenges children and encourages them to develop into independent, motivated learners and thinkers, full of curiosity about the world around them within a fun, happy and secure environment. Children have opportunities to explore, enquire and to take risks through practical, firsthand learning experiences. We have a high quality outside learning environment which the children are able to use throughout the day. This approach to learning provides the springboard for future development within our creative and dynamic curriculum across the Key Stages. New initiatives are resourced and shared with all staff who discuss, review, and embrace these opportunities. These ideas are shared with staff across all schools, where there is a real sense of collaboration to ensure students' progression and pride in their, and the school's, overall achievements.
- 2.3. Careers advice often features within the curriculum enrichment weeks and enables visitors (including parents) to meet with the students to share information about their chosen career.



3.0 Planning and delivery

- 3.1. Staff review their planning regularly to ensure topics are relevant to the students' interests and needs. All school leaders are aware of the curriculum expectations and in turn work towards planning the knowledge and skills required within their respective curriculum areas, having a detailed awareness of outcomes across the key stages and the need for creativity with a cross curricular approach.
- 3.2. The curriculum is designed to ensure:
 - 3.2.1. A sequential approach to learning with the application of knowledge and skills, expected acrossall subject areas, thus offering every opportunity to practice and rehearse skills.
 - 3.2.2. Deep and independent learning, with a focus on access for all and extending those who areworking at a greater depth within the curriculum areas
 3.2.3. Incorporating 21st Century Skills

4.0 Organisation

4.1. The school is currently organised into six key stages:

School Phase	Key Stage	Year Groups
Infant School	EYFS Key Stage 1	Nursery & Reception Year 1 & 2
Junior School	Key Stage 2	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Senior School	Key Stage 3 Key Stage 4 Key Stage 5	Years 7, 8 & 9, Years 10 &11 Sixth Form/NCUK

4.2. The curriculum overview for each year group is set out on their school's LMS. This is highlighted at the beginning of each term when they hold curriculum meetings for parents. The curriculum is successfully implemented to ensure students' progression in knowledge and skills as well as promoting opportunities for students to enjoy the learning experience.



5.0 Our Curriculum Offer

5.1. Subjects / study streams offered:

Subjects/ Study Streams		Number of lessons													
	N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
English	4	4	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	6	6
Arabic	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Mathematics	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6
Phonics	5	5													
Learning through play	5	5													
Further Maths														4	4
Science			4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3				
Biology												3	3		
Chemistry												3	3	4	4
Physics												3	3	4	4
Drama/Art		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Physical Education	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Boxing/Dance									1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Humanities			1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
ICT			2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Business Studies												3	3	4	4
Economics												3	3	4	4



French	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Assembly	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



6.0 Assessing learning within the curriculum at The London Academy of Casablanca School

- **6.1.** We ensure that students are regularly assessed against the relevant National Curriculum frameworks across the breadth of the curriculum. Both formative and summative assessment informs planning and next steps for students.
- 6.2. This results in each student receiving personalised learning and in turn increases their awareness of their next target(s). We assess the children, both formatively and summatively, and the self and/or peer assessment that is used.
- **6.3.** Weekly cycle testing using Century provides academic data to assess students' progress; in addition, the results of these tests inform planning in order to address any gaps in students' knowledge and understanding of the subject.
- 6.4. Term assessment data is collected, analysed, and utilised for providing interventions, support and used for a review of planning. In addition to this teachers meet with members of the leadership team to discuss students' progress and to track their current levels of attainment; putting in support as necessary to help their future development.



6.5. We celebrate students' achievement within the curriculum through our rewards systems that include House points and certificates that are awarded at the celebration assemblies and mentioned in each school's weekly blog.

7.0 Curriculum Enrichment

7.1. The curriculum at The London Academy of Casablanca School is well planned and thought through to enable a wide range of engagement, not only within class but in providing out of class opportunities to enable students to develop themselves as independent learners. Such enrichment activities include but not limited to:

Infants	 In-house theme days Off-site trips Expert visitors in assemblies Parent involvement/support with in-house events
Juniors	 In-house theme days Off-site trips Community service trips
Seniors	 Offsite trips Residential trips overseas Beyond LAC programme Community service trips

7.2. These enrichment activities are implemented to ensure students' overall enjoyment of learning in order to deepen their knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the subject.

7.3. After School Clubs

8.3.1. We extend opportunities for students by offering after-school clubs supporting academic, and sporting. These clubs are run by members of staff and are free of charge.

7.4. Academies

8.4.1. In addition to our after-school clubs, we provide the facilities to offer a range of sporting, and tutoring programmes. Information on availability and costs can be obtained from the Admin office.



8.0 Wellbeing is at the heart of The London Academy of Casablanca School's curriculum

- **8.1.** Students' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development is a strength which permeates every aspect of the school. Students show themselves to be deep thinkers. They are able to empathise with the feelings and actions of others, seeing points of views and beliefs other than their own.
- 8.2. The spiritual development of students is shown by:
 - **8.2.1.** Students in EYFS are exposed to a vast range of natural materials which they are able to explore in a multi-sensory manner. The children's responses of awe and wonder help them explore the rich spiritual dimension that the human mind brings to its contemplation of the world around us.
 - **8.2.2.** That sense of awe and wonder is preserved as students grow older and begin to understand more of the world. Students are encouraged to wonder at the power each of us has to affect the feelings of those near to us, and the rich variety of emotions that accompany the visual, poetic, and musicalarts.
- 8.3. The moral development of students is shown by:
 - **8.3.1.** Students' ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong, and readily apply this understanding in their own lives.
 - 8.3.2. Their understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions.
 - **8.3.3.** Their interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues, andbeing able to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues
- 8.4. The social development of students is shown by:
 - **8.4.1.** Students' use of a range of social skills in different contexts, including working and socialising with students from different religious and ethnic backgrounds
 - **8.4.2.** Their willingness to participate in a variety of communities and social settings that include volunteering, fundraising, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively
 - **8.4.3.** The friendliness of all students and their willingness to welcome and look after new members of our school community
- 8.5. The cultural development of students is shown by:
 - 8.5.1. Students enjoy getting involved with national and international celebrations.



- 8.5.2. Students' understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others
- **8.5.3.** Their understanding and appreciation of the range of diverse cultures within school and further afield were essential elements of their preparation for life as global citizens.
- 8.5.4. Their interest in exploring, improving understanding of, and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity and the extent to which they understand, accept, respect, and celebrate diversity, as shown by their tolerance and attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national, and global communities

9.0 Wider School Community

9.1. Our parent body (BTO) are supportive, and many parents join us on a regular basis to assist with curriculum activities.

10.0 Our Students

- 9.1. Our students believe that coming to school is essential to their future, and they work hard in a happy, caring, and safe environment. This enables accelerated learning to take place, and this is reflected within the progress and achievement reports for each student.
- 9.2. Our statutory results for both attainment and progress of our students show that our curriculum is successful.
- 9.3. Our students leave us as happy, confident, intelligent, and independent learners who have core values instilled into them for their future lives. Values such as honesty, respect, understanding, discipline, fairness, and hard work are central to the ethos and success of The London Academy of Casablanca School.



10. Health & Wellbeing

10.1.1 Students will be taught

10.1.1	What is meant by a healthy lifestyle
10.1.2	How to maintain physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing
10.1.3	How to manage risks to physical and emotional health and wellbeing
10.1.4	Ways of keeping physically and emotionally safe
10.1.5	About managing change including growing up and personal hygiene,
transition, andloss	
10.1.6	How to make informed choices about health and wellbeing and to
recognise sourcesof	help with this
10.1.7	How to respond in an emergency
10.1.8	To identify different influences on health and wellbeing

10.2. Relationships

10.2.1 Students will be taught:

- 10.2.. How to develop and maintain a variety of healthy relationships e.g. family andfriendship groups, within a range of social/cultural contexts
 10.2.. How to recognise and manage emotions within a range of relationships
 10.2.. How to recognise inappropriate and negative relationships including all
 - forms of bullying and abuse
- 10.2.. How to respond to inappropriate and negative relationships and ask for help



- 10.2.. How to respect equality and diversity in relationships.
- 10.3. Living in the Wider World- Economic Well Being and Being a Responsible Citizen
 - 10.3.1 Students will be taught:
 - 10.3.. About respect for self and others and the importance of responsible behaviours and actions
 - 10.3.. About rights and responsibilities as members of families, other groups and as citizens
 - 10.3.. About diverse groups and communities
 - 10.3.. To respect equality and to be a productive member of a diverse community
 - 10.3.. About the importance of respecting and protecting the environment
 - 10.3.. About where money comes from, keeping it safe and the importance of managingit effectively
 - 10.3.. How money plays an important part in people's lives
 - 10.3.. A basic understanding of enterprise.

10.4. Cultural Sensitivity

10.4.1 We are aware that we live in a Muslim country and that there is a need to be sensitive to the culture in which we live. All teaching materials and topics adhere to the guidelines of the laws of The Kingdom of Morocco.

10.5. Review

10.5.1 The policy will be reviewed at least every two years.

11.0 Careers Policy

- 11.1. Aims and Purpose
 - 11.1.1. Prepare students for transition to life beyond Year 11
 - 11.1.2. Support students in making informed decisions
 - 11.1.3. Develop characteristics which will support them in their careers



- 11.1.4. Inspire and motivate students to develop their aspirations.
- 11.1.5. This policy does not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

11.2. Guidance

- 11.2.1. This policy summarises the statutory guidance and recommendations. It outlines the provision of careers education, work experience and provider access. Statutory requirements and recommendations.
- 11.2.2. The careers provision at The London Academy of Casablanca School is in line with the statutory guidance developed by the Department of Education, which refers to Section 42A of the Education Act 1997.
- 11.2.3. The recommendations include:
 - 11.2.3.1. To develop better opportunities for students to seed non-stereotypical roles
 - 11.2.3.2. To strengthen the knowledge and understanding of staff about the wide range of progression routes available so that students can make informed choices.
 - 11.2.3.3. To consider how to link the contents of lessons and skills to be developed more frequently to career opportunities.
- 11.2.4. All students have access to the following:
 - 11.2.4.1. Extra-curricular clubs and trips to support students in developing their understanding of a range of different subjects
 - 11.2.4.2. Talks on a range of careers that inspire and motivate the students
 - 11.2.4.3. All Year 11 and Sith form students can attend the careers advisor consultation service
- 11.2.5. Extra-curricular & Enrichment Opportunities to support career choices:
 - 11.2.5.1. Engage in Careers Week
 - 11.2.5.2. Residential trips
 - 11.2.5.3. Independent study project

11.3. Key Stage 3

- 11.4. The options programme for Year 9 is designed to support them in their IGCSE choices.
- 11.5. The pastoral curriculum in Year 7 to Year 9 covers economic well-being, active



citizenship and develops enterprise and entrepreneurship.



- 11.6. Pupils' views and plans are surveyed during Key Stage 3.
- 11.7. Teachers link their curriculum to further education or careers options as part of the Year 8curricular programme.

11.8. Key Stage 4

- 11.8.1. One-to-one careers discussion with the school Career Advisor in Year 10 or Year 11.
- **11.8.2.** Extra-curricular clubs and trips to support students in developing their understanding of a range of subjects.



12.0 Appendix

12.1. Infant School Curriculum Planning Policy -

2022 Policy Reviewed By:

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Rationale

The London Academy of Casablanca School aims to educate all its pupils to achieve their potential. Ambitious standards – especially in English and Mathematics – are the backbone of success in learning and in life. The school's vision is to obtain ambitious standards through a rich, varied, and exciting curriculum, which develops the children in a range of ways. It also aims to consider the diverse backgrounds of its pupils

Aims

The primary curriculum seeks to ensure that all pupils will:

- Enjoy a variety of learning styles and experiences
- Develop lively, enquiring, clear thinking, imaginative and inventive minds as well as an ability to question
 - and argue rationally
- Develop a range of interests and skills

When planning the implementation of the curriculum, teachers should ensure there is:

- Challenge
- Clarity
- Consistency (Collaboration)
- Creativity
- Cross-curricular opportunities
- These '5 Cs' underpin Curriculum Planning expectations.

Planning the Curriculum for the Infant School

There are 4 levels of curriculum planning:

1. Curriculum Policies

These outline the aims and objectives for individual subjects, as well as the procedures, teaching strategies, organisation, and resources to be utilised.



2. Long Term Plans

The purpose of the Long-Term Plans is to ensure that all aspects of the curriculum are covered by giving teachers a period for the completion of work. They provide a broad framework, mapping out the areas of study, in a subject or area of learning, over time.

The essential information here is the time period a unit of work is being studied and the section of the specification / National Curriculum being studied. This plan is usually set out for an academic year. Suggested timeallocations for all subjects are set by the school to ensure curriculum balance.

3. Medium Term Plans

In Infants these should be subject specific and include clear learning objectives, the nature of the pupils' tasks and activities, suggested teaching strategies, differentiation, resource requirements, opportunities for assessment and suggested time allocation.

4. Weekly Lesson Plans

All teachers must keep weekly lesson plans and evaluation. The Weekly Plan needs to be in much more detail than the Medium-Term Plans. The school provides set formats for Literacy, Maths, Topic, Computing, and the foundation subjects for all class teachers. All lesson plans must show as a minimum:

- The date of the lesson
- Clear learning objectives
- National curriculum links
- Teaching activities / strategies / learning styles
- Differentiation
- Key questions, particularly higher order questions
- 21st century skills
- Resources. This forethought will ensure that the required equipment is available for the planned lesson.
- Evaluation notes and annotations should be seen on planning to inform next steps.

Planning formats

All planning formats (long, medium, and short) are saved on the Infant School Drive for ease of access and collaboration.



Curriculum details and any new initiatives are outlined to all teachers during INSET. The planning folder is a 'Working Document', and teachers are encouraged to annotate their planning to show changes/improvements that may be incorporated into the next academic year.

Team Planning

Teachers plan together in a small team. Teachers, within the same year group, form two or three separate teams, usually of 3 or 4, to be responsible for the planning of one particular core subject. Weekly plans are presented to the other team members during the weekly year group meeting.

Plans are usually handed in at least one week ahead and are reviewed by the curriculum team and/or by Heads of Year/deputy heads before they are shared with the rest of the team.

Lesson plans are shared with TAs daily so that they understand the teaching and learning objectives with which they are involved.

All planning and relevant resources are saved on the Infant School Drive on a weekly basis. Planning deadlines are non-negotiable and must be adhered to.

12.1. LAC Junior School Curriculum & Planning Policy

Introduction

At The London Academy of Casablanca School, we believe that planning is an integral part of the teaching and learning process. Planning is aided by previous and on-going assessments of the children. Assessments allow teachers to plan work for classes, groups and individual children enabling their next steps of learning to be catered for.

As a British international school, we primarily use the British National curriculum as a basis for planning, but we encourage the importance of incorporating an international 'flavour' to pupil's learning. Lessons are frequently adapted to show respect and an understanding of the country in which we live and the diverse cultures/backgrounds of the pupils who attend the school.

Curriculum Planning for Key Stage 2

Teachers follow an agreed long-term plan which incorporates learning from all subject areas into one topic or theme. The themes cover all of the National Curriculum requirements for art and design, design and technology, geography, and history. Each topic also includes PSHE elements that develop children's



understanding of the worldaround them and their place in it. Wherever appropriate, links across other subjects are made to enable teachingto be based on a cohesive approach where links in learning can be established. Discrete lessons are planned andtaught to ensure that the statutory requirements are met. Teaching for Mathematics and English is based upon the objectives laid out in the UK National Curriculum Programmes of Study.

Medium Term Planning

Based on agreed long term plans, teachers identify learning objectives informed by previous attainment and suggest activities that will enable these to be achieved across the ability range. Planning is recorded on Medium Term Planning Sheets.

Short Term Planning

Weekly and daily planning is completed as necessary by the individual teacher, Year Group, or department, and must consider the previous learning and achievements of the children, the range of needs and abilities within the class and the different learning styles of the children. The following must be carefully planned:

- The aim of the lesson <u>the Learning Objective</u> which should be specific, achievable, relate toprevious teaching and learning, and should provide for the acquisition of knowledge, skills and understanding as appropriate.
- The <u>groupings</u> of children as ability groups, friendship groups, mixed ability, but selected by theteacher, pairs, or whole class as appropriate.
- The <u>resources</u> required to create interest, to stimulate (via a display), to aid teacher explanation, to support learning, or to provide extension activities. There is no need to list the resourcesfound within a well-resourced primary classroom.
- The <u>activity/ies</u> which should aim to address the learning objective, take account of pupils' prior learning, and outline the role of the teacher in the context. Activities should also stretch/challenge childrenworking at a higher ability.
- The <u>adult focus</u> the focus of all adult support, teacher, and support assistant, must be included in shortterm planning.

When planning each lesson teachers should bear in mind the following:

 That learning objectives and success criteria should be shared with the children at the beginning of eachlesson and at other important points during the lesson especially during plenary.



- Records of a child's previous learning should inform the planning for new learning.
- The range of needs and abilities within the class should be recognised.
- Consideration should be given to a range of recognised teaching techniques and approaches which reflectpupils' different learning styles (direct teaching, modelling etc).
- Use of technology where appropriate

English and Maths Planning

Teachers use and follow the English and Maths National Curriculum Programmes of Study to produce medium- and short-term plans which are saved on the school network and available for all staff to access. English and Maths short term planning is produced on a week-by-week cycle, using assessment for learning to inform new plans. In addition to the above, these plans also include Success Criteria statements which are shared with the pupils.

