

# The Green Acres Academy



## FAQ for Chembur IGCSE School

### Fees:

- What are the fees?

The fee structure is as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>One time admissions Fee for TGAA parents transferring</b>	<b>One time admissions Fee for non-TGAA admits</b>	<b>Annual Tuition Fee</b>
Nursery	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 1,90,000
Jr. Kg.	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 1,90,000
Sr. Kg.	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 1,90,000
Class 1	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 2,10,000
Class 2	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 2,10,000
Class 3	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 2,10,000
Class 4	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 2,10,000

- How much will the annual escalation in fees be?

\*There will be an escalation of 7-10% per year.

- In addition to the fees, what are the other incidental charges (trips etc.)?

Expected Additional Costs:

<b>Books</b>	At Cost
<b>Uniform</b>	- Pre-Primary: Rs. 2,200-2,800 - Primary (Grades 1-2) : Rs. 3,500-4,000 - Primary Grades 3-5): Rs. 4,000-4,500
<b>Shoes</b>	Sports and regular shoes to be purchased separately.
<b>Transport</b>	Based on parent choice.

### **Curriculum:**

- What is the difference between the various boards like ICSE, IGCSE, IB, etc.

In order to have an unbiased 3<sup>rd</sup> party perspective, we refer you to [this](#) article which covers the differences between the boards in great detail.

- Details on the IGCSE curriculum / board:

www.cambridgeassessment.org contains all the details of the board and its curriculum. Parents are encouraged to go through this site to understand the curriculum.

- Method of curriculum delivery:

Will be discussed in the parent orientations/know your school sessions.

- How does the program ensure the overall development of the child including academics, sports, arts, music, leadership etc.?

This will be discussed in the parent orientations/know your school sessions. However, the program is based on the bedrock of The Green Acres Academy 8-4-8 philosophy. This follows a holistic approach to education by stressing on the importance of traditional academics and all-round development of the child.

- How does IGCSE work in India? How is it different from IB?

Cambridge is different board from IB. Cambridge Assessment International Education is a part of the Cambridge University in the U.K., and the International Baccalaureate Organisation commonly known as IB is based in Geneva. Both are international boards of education, but they differ to an extent in terms of their approach to teaching and learning, and the fee structures are very different with the IB being more expensive. Certificates from the IGCSE/A Level and IB board are recognized by Mumbai University for college admissions. Internationally, certificates

from both boards are well recognized, with the IGCSE being the world's most popular certificate.

· **Core and extended curriculum?**

This choice will be made at Grade 9, students and parents will be oriented in grade 8 about subject choices and we will work with families to decide on how many subjects their children should attempt and at what level, based on past performance and future academic goals.

· **At what level are programs like the AS and A level offered?**

AS and A Levels are for Grades 11-12.

· **Does the curriculum include projects to be done at home?**

There will be work that children will have to do at home. We encourage independent student work and hence the projects or tasks children do will have clear instructions in order for them to work on by themselves. If parent support is needed, then the precise nature of support will be mentioned. But support will not entail parents doing the projects for students, as this defeats the entire purpose of project work or homework.

· **What is the assessment pattern for the curriculum?**

There will be formative assessments throughout the school year, to help teachers gauge student understanding and adjust their classroom teaching and lesson accordingly. Summative assessments will not be limited to paper-pencil tests only. We will inform parents about the assessment structure before the start of the school year.

· **Does the child still need to take competitive exams to enrol for future education outside our country?**

Cambridge is the most popular and well accepted certificate in the world. However, international high-schools and colleges around the world might have specific and unique admissions **requirements** and tests. For example, the SATs are a common test required by the US undergraduate colleges. But, every country and college has its own needs over and above the 12th grade results.

**Teachers:**

· **How are teachers selected and trained?**

Teaching faculty for the IGCSE will be distinct from the ICSE School. Teachers will have all pre-requisite qualifications prescribed by the IGCSE. We will be seeking faculty members experienced with the IGCSE board, and also fresh graduates from the field of education that are passionate and innovative and open to learning. All teachers undergo our year round intensive and continuous training including fortnightly training sessions, weekly quality and learning community meets, and constant mentoring. Please visit our website for more details about our team members and their profiles.

· **Who is the Principal?**

The Principal of Chembur IGCSE School is Mrs.Kavita Sukhani.

She was the founding head of school at the Next School, Mulund. She has worked as the Head of Department, IGCSE Coordinator and Founding teacher at the Ecole Mondiale World School, Mumbai. Mrs.Kavita holds an M.A. International Education (UK) degree, an M.A. Art History and a Bachelor's in Fine Arts (Sculpture) degree.

**Facilities:**

· **Need in-depth details on the IGCSE Board?**

Please visit the website <http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>.

· **Would like to know the main difference / key difference between IGCSE and ICSE board?**

- Student-Teacher ratio
- International recognition
- Subject flexibility

· **Relevance of IGCSE board in today's education?**

IGCSE is the most known and popular international certificate. It not only focuses on knowledge but also key skills and attitudes/mindsets required for 21st century learners.

· **What is the future prospective after 10th grade in IGCSE? How does the board help in further studies?**

Students can pursue any of the following options:

- (a) Junior college in India, for specific streams depending on performance
- (b) High school out of India, after meeting the school's specific requirements
- (c) High school in India - Grades 11 and 12 delivered as IB Diploma, A Level Cambridge certificate, or ISC certificate (ICSE board).

· **Does the school help students improve their English communication skills?**

English is the basis of instruction. We expect to achieve a very high degree of fluency in English for all our students.

· **Any remedial classes are provided to students who are not being able to cope up with the syllabus?**

Support will be provided. But, the exact nature of that support will vary depending on specific student requirements.

### Affiliation:

- Do you have the certification to run the IGCSE board?

The formal affiliation process for IGCSE is relatively straightforward and will be completed before the start of the school year. Discussions with the board have already been done and our facilities and infrastructure has been confirmed as more than adequate for affiliation. Unlike ICSE, Cambridge does not require a school to wait for any grade to start. Thus, affiliation will be completed immediately.

### Location and Infrastructure:

- What is the location of the final school?

The school will be located at Borla, Chembur, near RBK School. [Click on this link for the location.](#)

- What is the infrastructure provided?

The school will be built to the same standard specifications as all The Green Acres Academy schools. This includes, world class library spaces, modern labs including robotics and maker labs, sports facilities, arts centres, and an environment designed to maximize learning outcomes. The Green Acres Academy is already the recipient of many architectural design awards. A model of the new school building will be available for viewing from November 2018.

### Shifting Boards:

- What is the possibility of shifting from ICSE to IGCSE later after a few years (if we don't opt for it in 2019-2020 but want to do it in future)?

It will depend on availability of seats. We will be opening only 1-2 sections of 28 students per grade level.

- Is it possible to change the board from IGCSE to ICSE or vice versa from ICSE to IGCSE. What is the challenge?

With extra transition support at home at school, this is possible but not advisable unless absolutely necessary. Both curriculum use slightly different approaches to teaching, and have slightly different expectations of the students in terms of knowledge and skills. Hence, a bit of adjustment will be required when students change between boards.

### Timings/Batches/Classes:

- What would be the timings for IGCSE board?

Class	Timings
Nursery, Jr. Kg, Sr.Kg. (Morning Batch)	8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Nursery, Jr. Kg, Sr.Kg. (Afternoon Batch)	11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Class 1 to Class 4	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Timings are indicative and subject to change by +/- 30 mins. Final timings will be announced in February 2019

· **When will the school start?**

The academic year will start from the first or second week of June. For 9th and 10th grade students the summer vacation will be shorter, the school will start early.

· **What will be the strength of the class? And how many divisions?**

28 students per class with a 14:1 student advisor ratio

· **Will there be 2 batches of IGCSE similar to the ICSE school?**

There will be 2 batches up to Sr. Kg. Details are mentioned above.

· **Would the classrooms/furniture be different than the ICSE school?**

Our ICSE school infrastructure is already built to international specifications, and the IGCSE infrastructure will follow the same international standards.

**Transport:**

· **Details on the type of transportation offered?**

A tie up will be made with a bus vendor. However, using the bus service will not be mandatory.

· **Is the school transport GPS enabled with CCTV coverage?**

Yes.

· **Will there be a ladies staff attendant on the school bus?**

Yes. It is mandated under Maharashtra law.

**Cafeteria:**

· **Is there availability of a cafeteria in the school campus?**

Yes. The school will contain a cafeteria with a menu mandated by a leading nutritionist.

· **Has the child mandatorily have his food from the cafeteria or can get his own food?**

The child is free to bring their own food.

**Admission Process:**

· **Details on the admission process and the documents required at the time of admission process?**

These details are available on our IGCSE admissions link. [Please click on this link.](#)

### **General Queries:**

· **What are the sports facilities offered?**

The sport facilities include swimming, football, basketball, gymnastics, skating, etc.

· **What are the extracurricular programs offered?**

Same as current ICSE, with the addition of the MakerSpace STEAM program, and Service Learning and Social Entrepreneurship.

· **Does the school take the students on foreign study tours?**

These are learning opportunities that we will consider, and if they present a valuable experience then we will present such options to students.

· **Safety and Security measures at the school?**

TGAA follows a strict safety protocol which is under ISO certification. PTA are invited to perform security audits to ensure transparency.

· **Are exams encouraged so that the students can participate in competitions like NASA workshops, olympiads, talent exams etc.?**

These will be considered, along with other assessment opportunities, as long as they are aligned with our approach to teaching and learning. There are many such educational commodities in the commercial marketplace today, and we must be careful to choose only those that support our beliefs about quality education.

· **Does the school have a doctor/nurse on board present in the school?**

Yes. Qualified nurses are on duty in the school and a doctor is on call via a tie up with the closest qualified hospital.

· **Can the parent approach the Principal/HeadMistress/Teacher any time for their ward's progress?**

There are weekly office hours and a meeting protocol that exist for all parents.

· **Does the school have a counsellor with special needs department?**

Yes. We are affiliated with The Gateway school of Mumbai to ensure that TGAA follows the best global practices in Special Education.

· **Will there be guaranteed admission for the in-house students?**

Yes as long as forms are submitted before the deadline and there are seats. If a class is over subscribed, then seats will be allotted by random selection.