

APPLE TREE



International School
MIRPUR DHAKA

ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL
UNDER SWEDISH MANAGEMENT



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Cambridge International School

PROSPECTUS 2020-21

Apple Tree International School was established in 2006, and now has three campuses in Mirpur. The school is registered with The Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka.

Apple Tree International School is a Cambridge International School under Cambridge Assessment International Education and a registered member of Cambridge Primary.



ABOUT YAM

Apple Tree International School is a private school under Swedish Management.

The owner and principal Yam Bergstrand is a Swedish citizen living in Bangladesh. Between 1970 and 1995 he worked as an actor, director and journalist in Sweden.

Since 1990 he has also worked as a teacher and child counselor.

In 1994 he was invited by Group Theatre Federation to conduct workshops for young actors in Dhaka through a grant from The Swedish Institute. During the visit he came to know Nasiruddin Yousuff and the late Selim Al Deen of Dhaka Theatre. He came back several times around 2000 to work with Dhaka Theatre and to translate the stage play Hargaj by Selim Al Deen to Swedish.

In addition to his cultural and educational career Yam Bergstrand has worked as a software developer for the last odd fifteen years, designing control systems for Swedish iron and steel industry.



We believe that one of the most important things with education is to fill students with enthusiasm for learning and studying. This is the significance of our school motto:



“An Independent Life of Learning”

We want our students to recognise and honour their Bangladeshi heritage and to build a strong national identity with a deep feeling of responsibility as citizens of their country.

21 February

International Mother Language Day is commemorated with a cultural programme where both students and teachers perform

26 March

On Independence Day we listen to first hand recollections of 1971 from invited guests and watch documentaries.

14 April

Bengali New Year is celebrated with different artistic workshops; painting, pottery painting and simple handicraft.

Countries with better English skills also produce more high-technology exports with high research and development intensity, such as aerospace products, computers, pharmaceuticals, scientific instruments, and electrical machinery. Technological advances are helping students learn English more effectively.

English Language development is a wide-ranging process, involving speaking, reading and writing. A phonological approach is used in preschool, followed by creative and process writing. Project presentations and debates improve spoken skills, and carefully selected literature books will enrich both language and cultural understanding at primary and secondary level. Increasingly, countries view English as a catalyst for development. The most essential shift is towards communicative teaching; i.e. English as a tool for communication.



Cambridge Reading Adventures

From Kindergarten – Grade 5 Apple Tree engages students in Reading Adventures, a specially designed programme produced by Cambridge to improve reading skills. The programme contains a big variety of books and teachers' guide.

Mathematics

is taught from practical touch-and-count approach in preschool to more complex strategy building in primary and secondary school. In preschool we develop students' number sense; counting, ordering, sorting, understanding the properties of shapes and to recognise simple patterns. They gradually learn to make models and to develop strategies for problem solving. We want them not only to learn mathematical rules, but learn how to think in a logical, mathematical way.

Bengali

is a core subject at Apple Tree. Without the proper knowledge of their mother language, and the culture and history that envelops it, students may not be able to master a second, foreign language. We expect all students with Bengali as their mother tongue to sit for Bengali in their O Level.

Laboratories

Our O Level campus has separate modern and scientifically equipped laboratories for Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Computer Science.

All campuses have high-speed fiber internet connection. Our O Level campus is a WiFi zone. All school campuses are connected to the same intranet over internet.

Computer Science

Computer Science is increasingly being regarded as a new 'literacy', alongside reading, writing and numeracy. The ability to communicate via e-mail, to handle information in databases, to understand how to use Internet for research, to understand website design and animation is becoming a necessity for your future career.

Preschoolers are encouraged to learn how to operate computers, use the mouse and play educational games.

From Grade 1 students have regular classes in their campus Computer Laboratory. They learn how to use different types of software for making project presentations. Later basic programming through HTML, MS LOGO, Scratch and other tools is introduced. From Grade 6 Python and other programming languages and features that are included in the O Level examinations are included in the syllabus.

Digital equipment

Computers, cameras and other digital equipment form an integral part of our education, and are used whenever it serves a pedagogic purpose. Individual students or groups may use word processor, spread sheets, paint programmes and other software for classroom projects. Internet and web resources are used for research, international projects and for regular classroom work.

Libraries

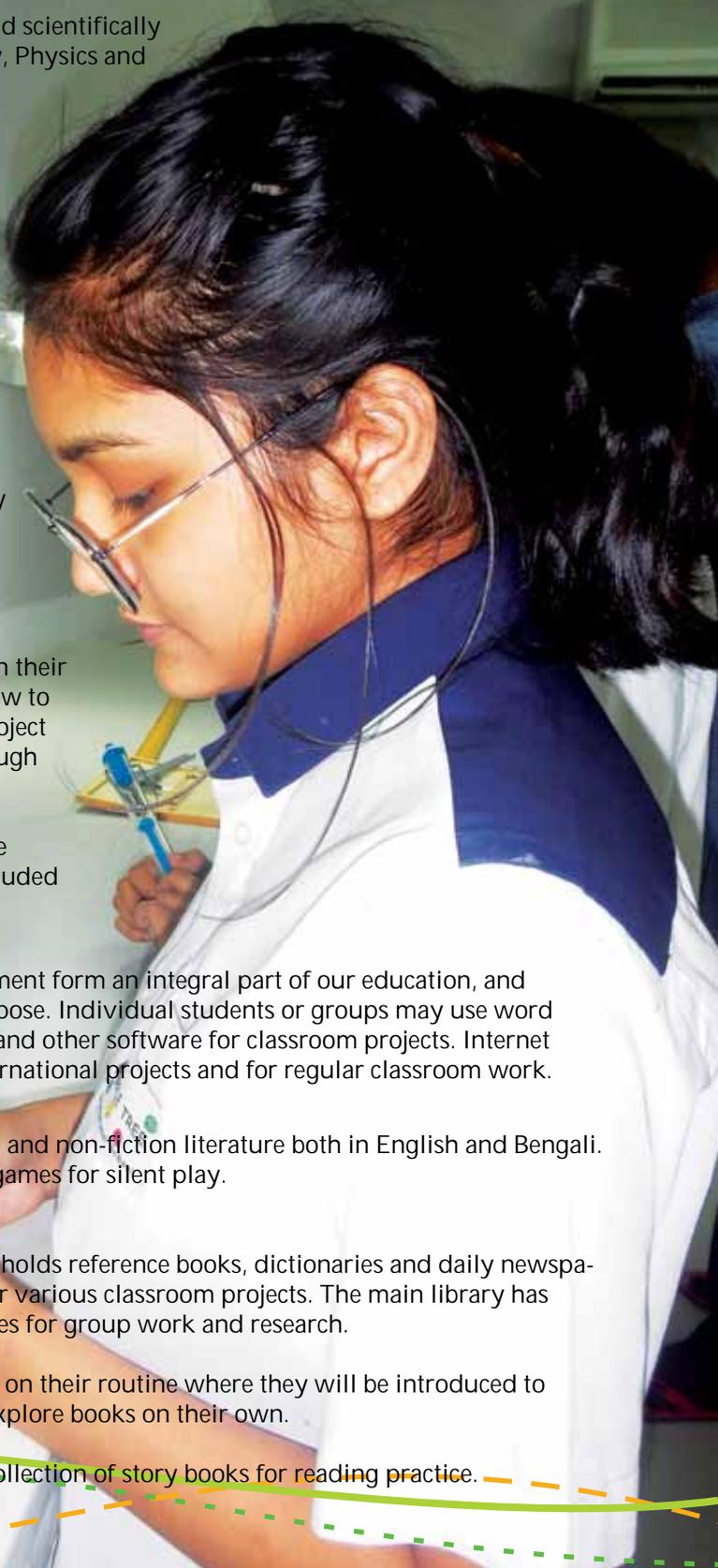
Each school campus has a library with fiction and non-fiction literature both in English and Bengali. Libraries also have chess, puzzles and other games for silent play.

Main Library O Level campus

The main library in our O Level campus also holds reference books, dictionaries and daily newspapers creating rich resources of information for various classroom projects. The main library has workplaces for individual studies and facilities for group work and research.

From Grade 3 all students have Library Time on their routine where they will be introduced to different types of books and encouraged to explore books on their own.

All classrooms in campus-2 have their own collection of story books for reading practice.



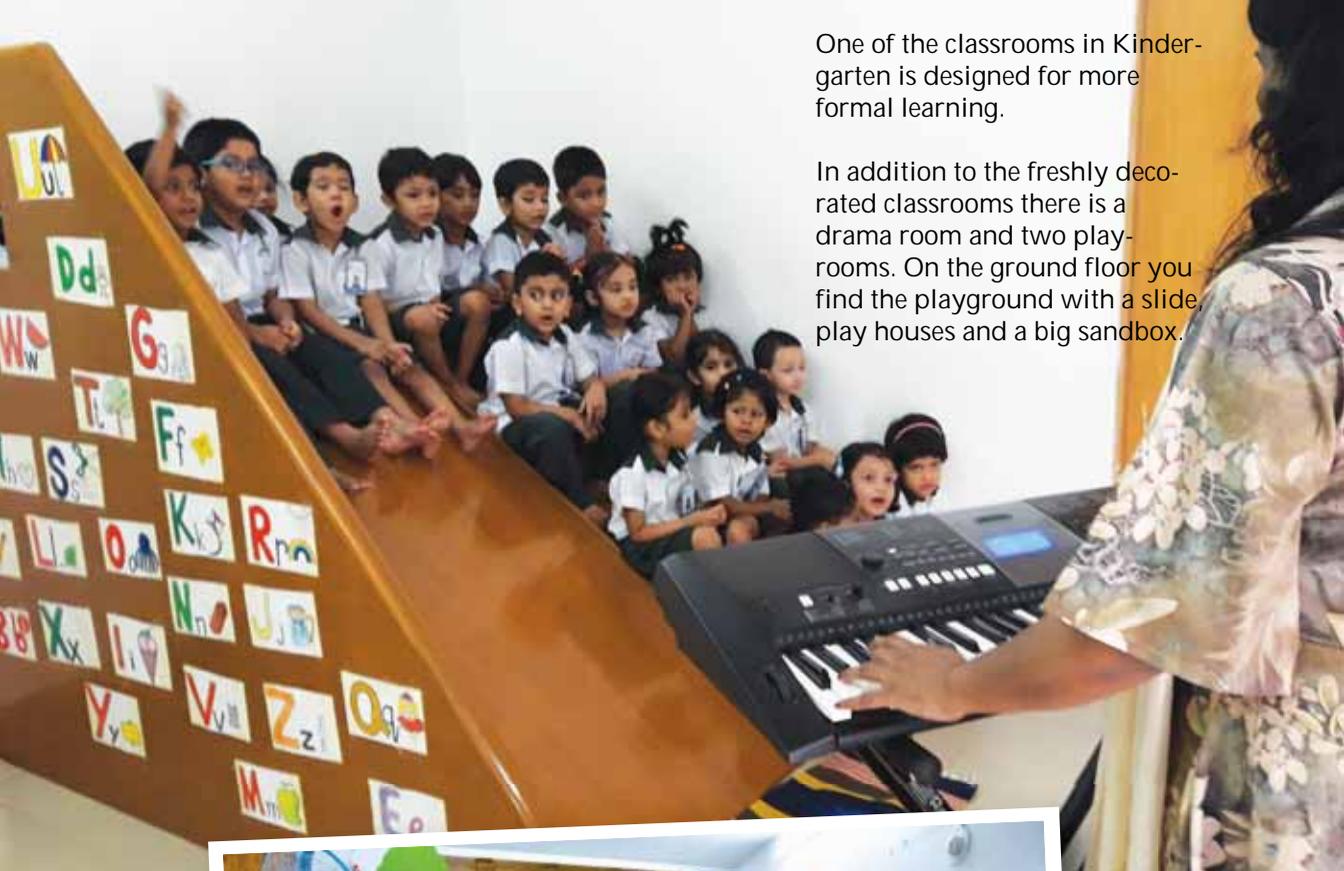
From 2019 our preschool section is renovated and upgraded to better prepare our students for Cambridge Primary.

All classrooms have plenty of space for activities.

In each preschool grade one room is focused on silent activities with children working in a circle. Another classroom has a loft and is used for more physical activities.

The school day contains activity based learning and social training.





One of the classrooms in Kindergarten is designed for more formal learning.

In addition to the freshly decorated classrooms there is a drama room and two play-rooms. On the ground floor you find the playground with a slide play houses and a big sandbox.



From Cambridge – a guide for parents

Cambridge Assessment International Education prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge. Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. Our programmes and qualifications aim to give your child a love of learning that will stay with them through school, university and beyond.

A global learning community

With a Cambridge programme, your child is joining a community of learners from more than 10000 schools in over 160 countries. We have created our programmes and qualifications for students world-wide but we make sure there is plenty of space for local content too.

Distance does not create a barrier between Cambridge learners around the world. Our online communities bring schools and learners together to discuss projects and activities. By developing a global outlook in Cambridge learners, we aim to equip them for success in the fast-changing modern world.



**Cambridge
Primary**

**Cambridge
Secondary 1**

Cambridge Primary is an education programme for learners aged 5 to 11 years.

Cambridge Primary develops learners' skills and understanding through the primary years in English, mathematics and science. It is offered by more than 1300 primary schools in over 110 countries worldwide.

Cambridge Secondary is an education programme for learners aged 11 to 16 years that builds skills, knowledge and understanding in English, mathematics and science.

Cambridge Secondary builds on the foundations of Cambridge Primary. Cambridge Secondary is offered in over 130 countries worldwide. It is offered by nearly 2300 schools in over 130 countries.



Cambridge Primary Checkpoint

At Apple Tree students sit for Primary Checkpoint in grade 6 and for Secondary Checkpoint in Grade 7. Both Checkpoints are mandatory.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint is a test for learners after the final year of Cambridge Primary and is available in English, mathematics and science.

The Checkpoint tests are marked in Cambridge and provide schools with an external international benchmark for learner performance. Each learner receives a statement of achievement after and a diagnostic feedback report, giving schools detailed information and parents extra trust through the feedback they receive.

Cambridge Secondary 1 Checkpoint

Cambridge Secondary Checkpoint is taken at the end of Grade 7, in English, mathematics and science. This helps Apple Tree to advise on different progression routes for the O Level and choose the one that will be suitable for your child.

Learn more! For more information on the Cambridge Pathway visit www.cambridgeinternational.org

Apple Tree International School admits students from Playgroup to Cambridge O level

The academic year extends from July through June. The first semester runs from school start to winter vacation, the second from January to final examinations.

From Playgroup to grade 2 school provides both morning and dayshift classes.

You can collect application form and admission procedures from the school office or download them from our web site.

Admission for school year 2020-21 opens January 1, 2020.

Admission Phone: 01768 737 907

There is no annual or re-admission fee at Apple Tree International School.

Transport is available.

	Age August 31, 2020	Appropriate Grade
Preschool	3+	Playgroup
	4+	Nursery
	5+	Kindergarten
Primary School	6+	Grade 1
	7+	Grade 2
	8+	Grade 3
	9+	Grade 4
	10+	Grade 5
Secondary School	11+	Grade 6
	12+	Grade 7
	13+	Grade 8
	14+	Grade 9
	15+	Grade 10



Campus # 1
Primary School grade 3-5
Admission office

House 15, Road 7, Mirpur,
Pallabi, Dhaka-1216

Phone 01766 888 402



Campus # 2
Preschool Playgroup-
Kindergarten,
Primary School grade 1-2

House 5, Road 34, Mirpur,
Pallabi, Dhaka-1216

Phone 01768 737 908



Campus # 3
Lower Secondary and O Level
Grade 6-10

B8, Arambagh, Rupnagar,
Mirpur, Dhaka-1216

Phone 01714 339 459