

2018-2019 PROFILE FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS



HKA is an international, independent, non-profit co-educational day school for students ages 3-19. As an IB World School, HKA is authorised to offer the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programmes (PYP, MYP, DP). Founded in 2000 with an inclusive, inquiry-based, concept-driven approach to learning, HKA's current Grade 9-12 enrolment is over 145.

HKA is passionate about supporting all students in their individual pathways to excellence. As an inclusive school, approximately 15% of our students receive some level of learner support. Our inclusive approach extends to the International Baccalaureate Diploma as well. At HKA, all students who wish to pursue the full IB Diploma or take Diploma Courses are supported in doing so. Our IB Diploma and Course cohorts reflect this diversity, with individual scores ranging accordingly.

In HKA's student body, no single nationality represents a majority. Class sizes are kept small in order to allow for individualised instruction and to enable every student to achieve success along his or her own pathway to excellence.

FACULTY

Like its students, HKA's faculty of over 100 come from all over the world and reflect a rich diversity of experience and background. Faculty are recruited principally from Australasia, North America, Europe and China. HKA's faculty are highly qualified with many holding advanced degrees.

CALENDAR

HKA's school year begins in mid-August and dismisses in mid-June. In 2019, Semester 1 ends on Friday, 18th January. The school observes local Hong Kong holidays, including an extended Lunar New Year, and schedules holidays in early autumn, late December and mid-April.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE APPLICATION POLICY/LIMIT

HKA believes that students and their families should make well-informed and reasonable university and college application choices. As such, HKA encourages students to apply to no more than eight institutions. Admissions Offices receiving an application from an HKA student can be assured it is a serious application that reflects much thought and research.

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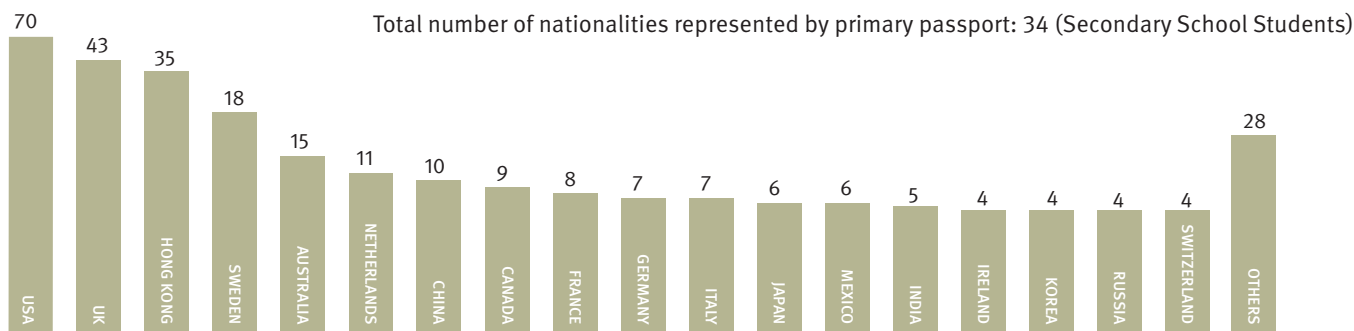
STUDENTS

ENGAGEMENT AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Grade 9-12 students at HKA participate in a wide variety of co-curricular activities. HKA athletes compete in ACAMIS and local leagues for basketball, track and field, golf, cross country, soccer, swimming and volleyball. Students also compete in debate and public speaking. Student-led action groups on campus include the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, PR and Media Team, Global Issues Network Team and Student Council.

HKA students in Grades 9-12 all participate in the Global Citizen Diploma (GCD) programme. The GCD stresses meaningful global engagement and provides multiple ways for students to demonstrate their commitment to being a global citizen. HKA is the only school in Hong Kong to offer this diploma and serves as the GCD's administrative home. For more information, visit www.globalcitizendiploma.org.

DEMOGRAPHICS



GRADUATION

PATHWAYS, PROGRAMMES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Secondary School offers the IB Middle Years Programme from Grades 6-10. Grade 10 students complete the MYP Personal Project. Students in Grades 11 and 12 pursue one of three pathways to graduation:

PATHWAY 1	PATHWAY 2	PATHWAY 3
HKA Diploma (US high school based) + GCD	HKA Diploma (US high school based) + up to six IB Courses + GCD	HKA Diploma (US high school based) + full IB Diploma + GCD

In order to earn a HKA Diploma, students must complete a minimum of 23 credits. Credit is given for successful completion of courses with a grade of 3 or higher. Transfer students have their previous transcript/school reports verified and appropriate credit is awarded (not stated on HKA transcript). Some students may be waived from certain requirements and this will be indicated on the transcript.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND WORLD LANGUAGE

English is the primary medium of instruction. In the Secondary School, students select one of three World Languages to study: Mandarin, Spanish or French. In addition, some students elect to independently study their mother tongue language in order to obtain a bilingual IB Diploma.

TRANSCRIPTS, RANKINGS AND GPA EQUIVALENTS

Hong Kong Academy does not rank its students or provide percentile/decile information, nor are GPAs created. Marks are based on the International Baccalaureate system of 1-7.

HKA does not compare IB grades with grading systems from other countries or schools and does not weight IB grades.

Students in Grades 9 – 12 only earn credit for grades of 3 or above.

IB GRADING SYSTEM	
GRADE	DESCRIPTION
7	Exemplary
6	Well above the expected standard
5	Above the expected standard
4	At the standard expected
3	Approaching standard expected
2	Below the standard expected
1	Well below the standard expected

COURSE OFFERINGS

2017 THROUGH 2019

GROUP 1 LANGUAGE A	GROUP 2 LANGUAGE B	GROUP 3 INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES
English A Literature HL/SL English A Language and Literature HL/SL Mother Tongue A Literature self-taught SL	Mandarin B HL/SL Mandarin ab initio SL Spanish B HL/SL Spanish ab initio SL Online French B HL/SL French ab initio SL Online	History HL/SL Economics HL/SL Psychology HL/SL Business Management SL Online
GROUP 4 SCIENCES	GROUP 5 MATHEMATICS	GROUP 6 THE ARTS
Biology HL/SL Chemistry HL/SL Physics HL/SL Design Technology HL/SL	Mathematics HL/SL Mathematical Studies SL	Visual Arts HL/SL Music HL/SL Theatre HL/SL

CORE: CAS, EXTENDED ESSAY & THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

HONG KONG ACADEMY 2016 THROUGH 2019

YEAR	2016	2017	2018
NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	17	13	26
NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES	16	12	22
AVERAGE PASS RATE	94%	92%	85%
AVERAGE POINTS	33	33	33
HIGHEST SCORE	40	39	42
NUMBER OF BILINGUAL DIPLOMAS	0	1	1

WORLD AVERAGE 2016 THROUGH 2019

YEAR	2016	2017	2018
WORLD AVERAGE IB SCORE	30.7	29.95	29.78

ACT AND SAT RESULTS

CLASS OF 2018

ACT	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
ENGLISH	21 - 29	23.8
MATHEMATICS	24 - 31	26.2
READING	21 - 30	24.9
SCIENCE	21 - 29	25.5
COMPOSITE	22 - 29	25.2

SAT	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
READING & WRITING	460 - 660	610
MATHEMATICS	390 - 740	635
TOTAL	850 - 1400	1245

ASIA

Ateneo de Manila University
 Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 Hong Kong University of Science and
 Technology
 Savannah College of Art and Design
The University of Hong Kong
 University of Santo Tomas

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
*Deakin University**
 La Trobe University
 Macquarie University
 RMIT University
 University of Auckland
 University of Sydney
 University of Technology

CANADA

Fanshawe College
 Humber College
 Ontario College of Art and Design
*Simon Fraser University**
 University of British Columbia
 University of British Columbia -
 Okanagan Campus
University of Toronto

EUROPE

The American University of Paris
 BIMM Institute Berlin
*Chalmers University of Technology**
*dBs Music Berlin**
*École hôtelière de Lausanne**
*Erasmus University College**
Escola Superior de Disseny Barcelona
 Franklin University
*Glion Institute of Higher Education**
IE University
 Jacobs University
 John Cabot University
Stenden Hogeschool
 Tilburg University
*Universiteit Leiden**
 University College Maastricht
University College Roosevelt
 University College Utrecht

UNITED KINGDOM

Arts University Bournemouth
 Birmingham City University
 British and Irish Modern Music Institute
 De Montfort University
 Durham University
 Goldsmiths, University of London
*Havering College**
 Hampshire College
*Imperial College London**
 Keele University
 King's College London
Leeds Beckett University
London College of Communication
 Regent's University London
 Richmond, The American International
 School in London
 St. George's, University of London
Swansea University
*The Academy of Contemporary Music**

UNITED KINGDOM, continued

*University College London**
 University of Bath
*University of Birmingham**
*University of Bristol***
 University of Buckingham
 University of Coventry
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
 University of Manchester
 University of Nottingham
 University of Roehampton
University of St. Andrews
 University of Suffolk
 University of Warwick

UNITED STATES

Algonquin College of Applied Arts
 and Technology
Allegheny College
 American University
Bard College at Simon's Rock
California Polytechnic University, Pomona
 California Polytechnic University, San Luis
 Obispo
 California State University, Chico
 California State University, Long Beach
Champlain College
Clark University
Columbia College Chicago
*Cornell University**
 Drew University
Drexel University
 Elmira College
 Emory University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Fordham University
 George Mason University
George Washington University
 Georgetown University
Hamilton College
 Hampshire College
Hawaii Pacific University
Howard Community College
*Hult International Business School**
 Iona College
James Madison University
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
 Lehigh University
 Loyola Marymount University, California
*Manhattanville College**
 Marist College
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Marymount University
*Michigan State University**
 Morgan State University
 Muhlenberg College
 New York Film Academy
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Notre Dame de Namur University
*North Carolina State University**
 Orange Coast College
 Pace University
 Pepperdine University
 Pfeiffer University
 Reed College
Rice University

**HKA GRADUATES FROM
 THE CLASSES OF 2016-2018
 HAVE RECEIVED OFFERS
 OF ADMISSION AND/OR
 MATRICULATED TO THE
 FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES
 AND COLLEGES.**

All matriculates are in italics. Class of 2018 matriculations are marked with an asterisk. Upon graduation some students may enter national service in their home countries or take a gap year before starting their tertiary education.

UNITED STATES, continued

Rutgers University
St. Edward's University
 St. John's University, Minnesota
 St. John's University, New York
*San Diego State University**
 Santa Clara University
 SUNY Albany
SUNY Purchase
 Syracuse University
 Trinity University, Texas
University of California, Irvine
*University of California, Riverside**
 University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, San Diego
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of La Verne
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of North Carolina at Wilmington
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