



# Aditya Birla World Academy An International School With An Indian Soul

ABWA has a mission to nurture the innate potential of the students and mould them into passionate, committed, competent, sensitive, value-based individuals with leadership qualities

### Enriching Minds

The Aditya Birla World Academy (ABWA), established in 2008-2009 as a part of the Aditya Birla Education Trust, embodies the vision of its Chairperson, Mrs. Neerja Birla, as "an international school with an Indian soul."

The school offers the globally benchmarked qualifications from Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) & IB which focus on critical thinking and experiential and application-based learning. To meet the demands of a changing education system, the school incorporates a range of innovative approaches to teaching and learning: flipped classrooms, horizontal integration, peer teaching & peer assessments, case studies, role play, reflective thinking and teaching of concepts through stories, are just a few examples. Additionally, regular field trips to places of interest and visits by guest speakers enhance the overall learning and development of students. Furthermore, teachers are encouraged to use audio visual materials from a plethora of reliable sources to enrich the teaching and learning process. Regular Callido sessions for learning 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills are conducted for A level and IB DP students of Grades 11 and 12. Students with special needs are supported actively by teachers and the SEN team. Gifted and talented students practice with more challenging assignments to kindle their latent talents and keep them actively involved in the curriculum.

Aditya Birla World Academy believes in keeping fully abreast with the latest best practices and to meet this, staff are exposed to an intensive professional development programme. The school has outlined, in its document, 'Setting Standards', the essential skills and attributes that must be developed in every child. The Thinking Template is yet another unique feature of the ABWA pedagogy that helps every teacher plan lessons effectively. The effectiveness of the teaching learning process is clearly evidenced by the quality of the IGCSE/A Level and IB results each year.



### Life Beyond Texts

Co-curricular activities are an integral part of the curriculum and contribute to the holistic development of the child. National and international festivals are celebrated with equal enthusiasm. Students are also empowered to organize and conduct inter-school events such as 'The Happy Place', which has Mental Health Awareness as its core theme, the Dance Marathon and the Art Walk. Inter-house events such as Spelling Bee, Art, Singing, Elocution and IT competitions feature throughout the academic year.



To help students develop into empathetic and responsible adults, students are provided opportunities to learn about other cultures and customs through the annual Edu Tours as well as international exchange programmes such as the Indo Swiss Programme. Sensitivity to the needs of others is inculcated through an intensive Community Service Programme. In the Senior School, this service extends to working closely with the inhabitants of a village adopted through the aegis of Swades.

Every school has students with diverse interests and ABWA is no different. To enthuse the students, clubs such as MUN, STEM, TED Ed provide the perfect opportunities to pursue their areas of interest and satiate their passions.



### Sports and Fitness

ABWA has tie-ups with several sports grounds to enable students to train under the guidance of professional coaches. Training is offered in football, athletics, cricket, basketball, table tennis and horse-riding. ABWA plans to introduce additional sporting activities such as, handball and badminton in the next academic year. Students are also trained to successfully participate in inter-house matches for football, basketball, cricket, table tennis and chess as well as inter-school tournaments, such as DSO & MSSA. The school teams travel to Europe annually and participate in football tournaments.

### Emotional Quotient

Emotional well-being of every child is of the utmost importance at ABWA. A well-qualified and experienced Counselling team patiently and attentively works with students both individually and in a group setting to help them resolve their issues and raise their self-esteem. Talk Time in the Junior School, Teen Time in the Middle School and Advisory across Secondary School are forums that help students share their feelings fearlessly. The YELP (Youth Empowerment and Leadership Programme) is another unique initiative to help students develop into well-balanced, mature individuals with a global perspective. Home room time is a platform for home room teachers to bond with their class and appreciate their needs. In an attempt to recognize students for non-academic values, the school awards students for attributes such as empathy, sincerity and integrity.

### Working With Parents

The Parent Class Representative (CR) system is involved in various activities in the School. The school promotes parental participation in

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*The Aditya Birla World Academy is a safe, secure and happy environment that promotes the holistic development of children, over and above their academic one. The emotional well-being of our students is paramount to us. And so, we endeavour to cultivate resilience and build character, helping our students develop comprehensive communication skills and effective coping mechanisms. We nurture imagination, creativity, and innovation to bring out the very best in every child and always encourage our students to be 'Authentic to Themselves'.*

– Ms. Neerja Birla  
Chairperson, ABWA



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*At the Aditya Birla World Academy we are concerned with every aspect of how the child is growing and evolving. The pursuit of academic excellence is of course important but we are also looking at shaping beautiful human beings who are emotionally secure. Our teachers are more like mentors to the students and our team of counselors work with the students to get them 'life-ready'.*

– Ms. Radhika Sinha  
Principal, ABWA

events planned at regular intervals throughout the year. Parents have supported the school at various events from Sports and Awards Day to being Guest Speakers and volunteering to share their invaluable knowledge in a specific discipline. The Parent Survey is a unique practice conducted by the school that not only encourages honest feedback on existing practices & policies but also seeks opinions and suggestions on planned activities. Truly a school to aspire for where the children learn, achieve and inspire...



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### Awards & Accolades

- The 5<sup>th</sup> best International Day School in India in the Education World Rankings 2018-19
- Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> amongst all schools across India in Education World's ELITE (Emerging Leaders in Innovation, Technology & Education) India School Rankings 2018 in Academic Proficiency & Teacher Expertise
- The 5<sup>th</sup> best International School in India in the Education Today's India's School Merit Awards 2017
- Topmost International School in South Mumbai in the Hindustan Times in the 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 listings
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> best International School in Maharashtra - Education Today's Maharashtra School Merit Awards 2017
- The Best International Curriculum School in South Mumbai & Midtown in the Times of India 2015 & 2016 rankings

### Extracurricular & Co-curricular Classes at ABWA

- Hindustani Music Vocal
- Cacophony – Western Music
- Karate
- Robotics
- Aeromodelling
- Western Vocals
- Power Punch – Kick Boxing
- I Cook – Cookery
- Slush – Pottery
- Theatre and Public Speaking
- Creative Writing
- Film Making
- Stop Motion Animation
- Western Dance
- MUN
- STEM Club
- Magic Reading Programme
- Gymnastics
- Yoga
- Physical Education

### Infra-structural Facilities

#### Laboratories

- 4 Science labs
- 3 Art labs
- 2 IT labs
- Auditorium
- Hall
- Basketball Court
- Astro Turf play area
- Wi-Fi enabled campus
- Cafeteria
- Full-time nurses (2) and doctor on call
- CCTV Cameras on Campus
- Trained support staff
- CCTV Camera, GPS Tracking and Female Attendant on School Buses
- Arrangements for Horse Riding, Cricket, Football, Table Tennis & Athletics

