

A Commingling of Heart & Mind

Where Emotional Well-being meets Holistic growth

Now in its 12th year, the Aditya Birla World Academy commands much respect in India and abroad, through its international curriculum with a solid foundation of values.

Students are offered globally benchmarked qualifications from the Cambridge Assessment International Education and International Baccalaureate that focus on critical thinking, experiential learning.

The principal, Radhika Sinha believes the school is "a world in miniature", where one receives training for life in an active and joyful way. Students learn to take on challenges, think and question to become independent, responsible citizens.

To achieve these goals, the school has in-



Neerja Birla - Chairperson

novative approaches to teaching and learning. The pedagogy factors in horizontal integration, peer teaching and peer assessments, socratic seminars and role plays, field trips and visits by guest speakers being experts in their respective areas of specialization. The school has a dedicated SEN team to support students who may be differently abled, both, academically and emotionally. At ABWA, every child matters. To facilitate the child-centric approach, the student-teacher ratio is 6:1.

The school offers two equally challenging and invigorating Pre-university programmes – the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and the Cambridge A Level Programme.

Professional development workshops on contemporary pedagogical practices are conducted. Teacher Learning Communities encourage collaboration and sharing of best practices. This is evident in the excellent IGCSE, A Level and IB DP results each year, as also the placements of graduating students.

A wide range of co-curricular activities helps students to pursue their passions in sports, such as football, swimming, horse riding, skating and chess as well as music, dance, pottery, 3D printing, drones, public speaking and debates. Active participation in inter-house and inter-school com-

petitions, MUN and STEM strengthens team spirit.

A unique student-initiated annual event is The Happy Place - an inter-school mental health festival for, of and by students. Senior school students organize and manage this mega event incorporating a Dance Marathon and Art Auction to raise funds for service to the community.

Experiential learning, internships for Grade 11 students, overseas summer programmes, student exchange, language immersion, enrichment programmes, Edu tours, and an active parental participation foster a dynamic learning environment enhanced by a value-based education.

The curriculum balances the essence of Indian culture with an international syllabus contributing to the holistic development of students to become caring, compassionate adults. National and international festivals are celebrated with equal fervour to respect the concept of 'unity in diversity'. Furthermore, a purposeful and enjoyable Community Service Programme, consistent with the ethos of the school, facilitates students to reach out to the larger community of those not so privileged. The students of the senior school engage in

a village partnership under the aegis of Swades.

At ABWA, the emotional well-being of students, parents and teachers is of prime importance. Through the SELF programme, (Social Emotional Learning Fundamentals) a team of experienced psychologists and counsellors facilitate dialogue with students on life skills. Weekly motivational sessions are conducted for every class, while parents of every class attend interactive workshops in school during the year.

The school's mission is "To nurture the innate potential of our students and mould them into passionate, committed, competent, sensitive, value-based individuals with leadership qualities". The safe, secure and happy environment promotes a holistic development in the pursuit of academic excellence as students "learn achieve inspire".

In conclusion, Neerja Birla, chairperson of Aditya Birla World Academy, believes, "Education far transcends academic excellence. It is not about running a race with your classmates and topping the list - It is about running a race with yourself and emerging a winner in your own eyes."

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