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A LEVEL PROSPECTUS

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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for your interest in applying to Learning Alliance. This prospectus aims to provide you with an insight into what life for students is like at the DHA campus. In it, you will find information on the wide range of courses that we offer to our A' Level students. It also enlists the acclaimed support services available to our students which underpin the high levels of success they achieve.

In this very competitive world that we live in today, it is essential we provide our students an environment they can thrive in to reach their greatest potential. We are not only committed to students' educational success, but also continuously strive to develop skills and traits they will need to excel in their careers and personal lives.

We offer you an opportunity to be a part of a close knit community; that promotes independent learning and confidence building. Our friendly and focused atmosphere supports students to grow as individuals with a holistic approach towards life.

We firmly believe that the ideal conducive learning environment, being offered at Learning Alliance, will help you embark on the next stage of your educational career.

For more information, please write to us at info@learningalliance.edu.pk

I look forward to welcoming you to this institution.

Anjum S. Ahmed
Principal



BACKGROUND

LEARNING ALLIANCE is a co-educational institution offering both the Cambridge Assessment International Education and the International Baccalaureate qualifications at the DHA Campus - Lahore. Our three other campuses are located in Aziz Avenue, Gulberg and Faisalabad.

For A Level the academic year begins in August and ends in May when students depart on a preparatory leave to take their AS/A Level Examinations. Students take a Summer Break in July and later in the term a two week Winter Break in December.





ABOUT THE A' LEVEL PROGRAM

Cambridge International A' Level qualifications are recognized around the world by schools, universities and employers. The certification is accepted as a proof of academic ability for entry to universities worldwide. Cambridge International A' Level typically takes two years to complete. Students, at Learning Alliance, are encouraged to take the exam as a staged qualification i.e. students appear for the Advanced Subsidiary level in year one and complete the Advanced A Level in year two.



OUR ETHOS

We believe in encouraging our students to be independent and self-motivated learners, who understand that self-regulation is the first step towards adulthood. Education is not only about academic success, but also about preparing our students to be more responsible and informed 21st century citizens, who not only respect themselves but also have a deep respect for others.

To this end, life at Learning Alliance is all about a commitment to:

- Creating a culture of high expectations and outstanding achievement.
- Delivering high quality teaching and learning.
- Developing a broad range of life skills to ensure our students fulfil their potential.
- Making a contribution to the wider community as citizens.

WE ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO

- Lead by example and be positive role models for younger students.
- Have integrity, be ethical and honest.
- Be goal oriented and focused on their objectives.
- Be committed to their beliefs and have the courage to stand up for them.
- Be passionate and proactive, both as individuals and as team members.
- Be free from prejudice and acknowledge diverse cultures and backgrounds.
- Show empathy and respect the needs and feelings of others.
- Understand their shortcomings and make a conscious effort to make personal improvements.



SUPPORT SERVICES

GUIDANCE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Learning Alliance recognises the importance of career and future planning for its students, while understanding the fact that this progress and transition to University education can be a very daunting task for many students; fraught with questions, ambiguities and concerns. We offer career counselling to our students regarding academic choices and higher education placement as well as advise course opportunities available to them. We also support and offer complete guidance regarding University admission procedures and provide assistance with these applications and writing personal statements. The counselling department arranges several career events, including an annual College Day, where students have the opportunity to attend lectures from professionals belonging to various backgrounds.

The counsellor assists students at every stage of the admissions process including but not limited to advice and guidance on:

Subject selection (O & A level) | Study Skills | Exam Taking Skills | Career Choice
University Applications | University Admission Tests | Standardised Tests | Personal Essays
Recommendations | Financial Aid Applications | CV and Portfolio Development
Summer Internships and Community Service Programs



PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

A certified trained Psychologist/counsellor is available to assist students with their work-related issues or personal concerns that they might have and may prefer to discuss in confidence.

SCHOOL DOCTOR/CLINIC

We have a highly qualified and experienced doctor who is available in the sick room to attend students who might require immediate medical help.

RESOURCE ROOM

We offer a Resource Room which has access to high speed Wi-Fi, laptops in addition to a wide collection of reference books. The Resource Room's ambience allows students to work on their assignments with full concentration.

MEDIA STUDIES LAB

All students have access to top of the range hardware and software. The programme's Media Lab/IT suite has a network of PCs linked by broadband to the internet. Trained IT professionals are also available to supervise and help students with technical tasks such as photocopying, printing and scanning.

SCIENCE LABORATORIES

We offer state of the art Science labs that are fully equipped to meet student requirements for coursework. There are three separate labs for Biology, Physics and Chemistry where students conduct practical experiments in line with their coursework.

CAFETERIA

The school has a fully functional cafeteria from where students can purchase hot and cold food and drinks throughout the day. The cafeteria offers healthy and varied food options to avoid monotony.



PERSONAL LOCKERS

The school offers its students designated personal lockers on each floor to store their personal belongings.

AMPHITHEATRE

The Amphitheatre accommodates an audience of over two hundred people, and is specifically designed for the purpose of staging performances for the student body. Advanced acoustics, sound and light systems are installed in order to ensure a high quality production.

LECTURE ROOM

The Lecture Room imitates a university level classroom set-up. The room is set up with smart board and Over Head Projector for Class Presentations.

MULTIMEDIA ROOM

The Multimedia Room is equipped to handle an audience of up to a hundred people. It is designed for conducting conferences, meetings and seminars. Installed therein is a fully functional multimedia suite complete with overhead projector and Smart Board.

ART LAB

The Art Lab provides an environment that is carefree and relaxed. This helps students to work creatively using one of the best arts and crafts facilities.

SMART BOARDS

All classrooms are fully equipped with Smart Board/OHPs to ensure fast and comfortable access for all teachers, to the internet during leactues.



SPORTS AT LEARNING ALLIANCE

SWIMMING POOL

The campus has an indoor Swimming Pool which is available to students during the swimming season.

BASKETBALL COURT/ FOOTBALL FIELD

Learning Alliance pairs its indoor facilities with an outdoor sports recreation area. The outdoor facilities include both a Basketball Court and a Football Field.

SOCIETIES AND CO-CURRICULAR

All co-curricular activities are designed to extend and broaden the A' Level Programme. We encourage our students to participate in co-curricular activities in order to build a strong individual profile and to present themselves as well rounded university applicants.

Learning Alliance offers all its students a myriad of opportunities and facilities to develop and build on activities of their choice. Societies are run by patrons who nurture the interest and talent of the members of their respective societies.

THE MEDIA SOCIETY



The Media Society holds regular photography and videography competitions. It documents all internal Sports, Art and Science school events in addition to its participation in inter school photography events. The Society collaborates with other societies such as the Literary Society and helps with the school's electronic and print publications.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY



The Music Society organises the ASM Cup Gig Night. The event features performers from various schools, former Learning Alliance students and the school band. The school band holds regular practice sessions and performs during special events at the school. A specialist band tutor is employed to guide and inspire the band members throughout the school year.

THE ART SOCIETY



The Art Society is responsible for putting up exhibitions and various art fairs in school. Members participate in an array of activities ranging from designing posters, to painting landscapes and still life. The society also caters to amateur shutterbugs who have a passion for photography.

THE SPORTS SOCIETY



The Sports Society has the honor to represent the school in interschool and intraschool sporting events. The school has a very strong football team that plays and holds regular practice sessions during which students from one class often compete against the other.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY



The society participates in numerous international, national and regional events. It holds workshops at least twice a week for students who wish to practice their debating skills and prepare for competitions. The Society harnesses the enthusiasm, energy and eloquence of debaters, and has an excellent track record in external debating championships.

LA COMMUNITY SERVICE



The Community Service Society is a collective initiative of students who wish to give back to the community.

The President and the Vice President, along with other senior members of the society, explore how various NGOs function and examine how they help the underprivileged, in order to identify a charity organization to work for.

Recent contributions have included, Al-Mustafa Trust Medical Center and the BALI Memorial Trust. Additionally, Learning Alliance is a supporter of Arthritis Care Foundation. Our students have also actively volunteered for teaching the underprivileged children at a government school.

THE PHOENIX

DRAMATICS SOCIETY



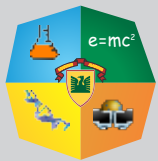
The Phoenix Drama Society prides itself on its continuing high standards of talent that it exhibits through its performances. Be it acting, costumes, sets or dialogues, the society delivers its best every time. The society's aim is to encourage within the student body, the love for theatre. It has put up many productions over the years; Mehfil-e-Taj, a tribute to Imtiaz Ali Taj and Kaisa Paisa to name a few.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY



The Literary Society of Learning Alliance is in charge of in-house literary productions for the annual magazine, monthly newsletter and the school yearbook.

THE SCIENCE AND ROBOTICS SOCIETY



With keen Science students as its members, the society holds the Inter-house Rube Goldberg Science Competition and also organises the Annual Science Fair.

THE BUSINESS SOCIETY



The society holds internal competitions on current business issues. It attends and represents Learning Alliance in external events hosted by other schools around the country.

ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY



The Environment Society aims to instill in students awareness on current issues and concerns for our environment.

For many years, students have successfully carried out many tree plantation drives. Over the years, the Environment Society has collaborated with the Punjab Government and Netsol.

Students have currently been running the 'Save Water Campaign' with great determination.

The society also invites environmentalists to conduct awareness talks, with the most recent being a panel talk on the climate change consisting of environmental lawyers Meher Asif Shah and Raza Goraya.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is a team of students, selected and appointed by the School Management to support the interests and welfare of fellow students. The school frequently holds events such as; concerts, fundraisers, bake sales, to support charity organisations that are selected by the Student Council. These events are planned, organised and conducted by the council members.

SUBJECT CHOICES

Choosing A' level subjects can be a daunting prospect, not least because there are so many subjects to choose from.

Whatever decisions students may take, they need to consider the following:

- **Subjects they enjoy studying**
- **Subjects they are good at**
- **Career implications of their subject choice**
- **If they meet subject prerequisites**

We advise all students to do a thorough research on their choice of subjects. They should know what topics the subject will cover and what career opportunities it will open up for their future.

HUMANITIES

Psychology, Sociology, Law and History

Studying **Psychology** will develop a deep understanding of the approaches used to analyse psychological research and evaluate theories using relevant evidence. Students will also become familiar with different psychological approaches by studying a range of topics and engaging in issues and debates. Throughout the course, students will learn how to construct concise essays, and how to use evidence to reach a reasoned conclusion.

The **Sociology** course helps students understand the way individual lives are shaped by social institutions such as the education system, religion and the mass media. The subject investigates key contemporary problems like poverty and crime.

Studying **Law** gives students an understanding of the role of Law in today's society and an awareness

of the rights and responsibilities of individuals, which can be applied to students' lives. Studying Law develops students' analytical ability, critical thinking skills and problem-solving capabilities through the application of legal rules.

Through the study of **History** students gain a valuable range of key life skills notably the ability to appreciate and weigh up different points of view, explore how an author's perspective may affect his/her judgment, and understand how often complex motives lie behind an individual's actions.

MEDIA STUDIES

ART AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Media Studies A' Level offers students the opportunity to combine a theoretical understanding of the mass media in society with the development of practical skills for media production. Students learn how media industries operate and also learn how to analyse media texts.

The **Art and Design** department is a lively place with a friendly teaching and learning environment. The course presents students with exciting and challenging opportunities to learn much more about what it means to be a creative and imaginative visual artist.

The aim of the Cambridge International AS and A Level **Computer Science** syllabus is to encourage learners to develop an understanding of the fundamental principles of computer science and how computer programs work in a range of contexts.

Students will study topics including information representation, communication and Internet technologies, hardware, software development, and relational database modelling. As they progress, learners will develop their computational thinking and use problem solving to develop computer-based solutions using algorithms and programming languages. Studying



Cambridge International AS and A Level Computer Science will help learners develop a range of skills such as thinking creatively, analytically, logically and critically.

ECONOMICS

BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING

Many issues we face in society today are economic in nature. Students gain an understanding of economic ideas and their application in the real world. From the Economics course students gain:

- A knowledge and understanding of key economic issues
- The ability to apply this knowledge to the analysis of economic problems
- Assess economic problems with evidence to support their arguments.

Business helps you to develop a strong understanding of business organizations, the markets they serve and the process of adding value. This is a varied subject allowing students to understand and appreciate current affairs and equipping them with knowledge and skills very relevant to everyday life.

Accounting provides an excellent foundation for all those who are considering a career in finance. The subject aims to stimulate students' interest in business organizations and enable them to have a better understanding of financial issues. It is combined with other Business related subjects such as Economics and Business studies.





MATHEMATICS AND PURE SCIENCE

Mathematics complements other subjects and provides breadth and balance to an art or languages based program. It develops logical thinking and problem solving skills.

Studying **Biology** at A' Level gives students a scientific basis to understanding biological issues. It forms a logical choice for those who wish to follow biology based careers in such areas as Medicine, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, Physiotherapy, Forensic Science or Food Science.

Chemistry is the study of substances; what they are made of, how they interact and what role they play in living things. Chemistry offers the knowledge to improve healthcare and tackle environmental problems that face our planet.

Physics is a fascinating subject for all those with an inquisitive mind. The course promotes sound understanding and application of physical concepts. Physics is usually opted by students who wish to take up engineering courses at university.

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

Literature encourages students to understand how narrative form of writing works. They are also introduced to the different aspects of genre. The study of Literature exposes students to a wide range of texts and develops an appreciation for reading. The course teaches various types of critical approaches to analyze texts, and how these texts reflect cultural meaning.



LANGUAGES AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AND RESEARCH

Urdu is offered at A' Level for those proficient in the language. It instills in students the ability to communicate confidently and clearly in Urdu. As does the study of any language, the study of Urdu offers an insight into the culture and contemporary society of Pakistan through exposure to various literary texts.

There are very few, if any, areas of our lives that do not involve using language. Studying English Language at A Level enables students to learn about the structures and functions of the language we use, and to become aware of the social, historical and psychological issues which shape the ways we think, speak and write. English Language underpins much of what we do in education and employment. Expect something very different from O Level. Cambridge International AS & A Level Global Perspectives and Research prepares learners for positive engagement with our rapidly changing world.

Students broaden their outlook through the critical analysis of - and reflection on - issues of global significance. The Cambridge International AS & A Level Global Perspectives and Research syllabus is based on skills. Students develop research, thinking, reasoning and communication skills by following an approach called the Critical Path: to analyse & evaluate arguments and perspectives. Collaborative skills are enhanced through participation in a team project. The skills gained through study of Cambridge International AS & A Level Global Perspectives and Research enable students to meet the demands of twenty-first century learning, and to make a successful transition to study in higher education.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Learning Alliance believes in rewarding student achievement and recognizing co-curricular contributions, including sports and debates.

Scholarships are awarded to deserving students.

Students may apply and will be considered for scholarship in the following categories:

- **Debates**
- **Academics**
- **Sports**

There is an across the board scholarship for students who have obtained an outstanding O' Level result.

Scholarships are purely merit based and are applicable to students in the first year of their A' Level. Students must maintain grades in the second year to be eligible for the scholarship program in the subsequent year.

The school reserves the right to withdraw an award on the basis of misconduct or diminishing academic performance.