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## ADITYA BIRLA WORLD ACADEMY: FORGING AHEAD

Each and Every day...
Each and Every child...
I have the power, the
passion, the skill and
the knowledge
To make a difference.

hese words hold the very essence of what Aditya Birla World Academy endeavours to achieve – To make a difference.

The Chairperson Neerja Birla has envisioned a journey of joyful learning and excellence. It is her vision and passion that drives the school and makes it what it is today... and what it wants to be tomorrow...!

Perhaps, the most distinctive feature of the school is that it is 'an International school with an Indian soul'. The school's aim, therefore, is to make learning fun-filled, enjoyable and contemporary in today's context keeping in mind the rich Indian values.

Experiential learning and a warm atmosphere enables students to make relevant connections to everyday life. The school provides students the opportunity and the challenge to do the things they are capable of and rise to their potential, on all fronts – curricular and co-curricular.

The school follows an international curriculum embracing the Cambridge International Primary and Secondary, IGCSE, AS and A Level programmes as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This is facilitated in state-of-the-art classrooms, science and IT laboratories, art and music rooms. The well-equipped library is a dynamic hub for students to pursue their goals.

At Aditya Birla World Academy, the emotional well-being of students is a priority. There is a competent and sensitive team of special educators and

counsellors as well as a child psychiatrist, who guide students individually through their academic and emotional challenges. Workshops are also conducted for parents to educate them on how to cope with the travails of modern parenting, and for students on how to deal with issues of growing up. Furthermore, an independent team for career guidance and counselling, advises students on career choices and university placements after Grade 12. Visits from University Admissions teams to orient and interview these students are organised.

Academic excellence is one facet of a holistic programme. Creativity is encouraged through activities such as music, jazz dance, speech and drama, creative writing, robotics, pottery, animation, public speaking, gym and kick-boxing.

The school has tie ups with different venues for sports activities like football, basketball, cricket, athletics and table-tennis. These are conducted under the guidance of professional coaches. The school even sponsors the training of students who excel in football and basketball. Both Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi



The strength of a school is measured by the achievement of its students and the commitment and competence of faculty members. Graduating students have found placements at prestigious Universities like London School of Economics, Imperial College, Brown University, University of Chicago, Duke University, University of Toronto, McGill University, and in India, St. Xavier's College, HR College, Jai Hind College and Shrishti College of Art & Design.

Radhika Sinha, Principal, believes, "A school is always a 'world in miniature' for it is here that we begin to learn our lessons in life. It is our prayer that students go out into the world with the strength, not only to excel in their professional aspirations, but to remain fine human beings." have met with, and inspired, our students.

The Indo-Swiss Programme for Grade 11 is a collaborative project that promotes partnerships between schools in India and Switzerland. This is conducted through a virtual classroom as well as exchange visits.

In a school that believes in 'active learning' for experiential learning opportunities, regular field trips to places of interest such as museums, art shows are organised with follow-up activities. Students are accompanied by their Physics teacher to CERN in Geneva to learn about some of the most progressive and avant-garde projects. The school also participates in the International Math, English and Science Olympiad at school.

Furthermore, students participate at the ISMTF International Mathematics Competitions at Webster University, Vienna and at the International School of Toulouse, France, the SIG at University of California at Berkeley, Centre for Talented Youth (CTY) at John Hopkins University, at Haverford College, Pennsylvania and at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster. That some bring back laurels is a matter



of great pride to the school, but more important is the experience that students get from all these opportunities.

A team of students had the privilege to meet and interact with the Swiss Duo Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg for an in-depth understanding of how the revolutionary "Solar Impulse 2" works.

Through Community Service initiatives students engage in relevant projects that sensitise them to the right to a life with dignity for all human beings

A parent at the school described it as a 'school with a heart', perhaps because of its firm belief that "every child matters". With a teacher student ratio of 1:6, there is personalised attention.

At Aditya Birla World Academy, the children are encouraged to believe in themselves and to reach for the stars. The motto "Learn Achieve Inspire" epitomizes the essence of the school.



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Mumbai Schools (International Curriculum)	
Name of the School	Rank
Ecole Mondiale World School, Juhu	1
Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai Central	2
NES International School Mumbai, Mulund (W)	3
Singapore International School, Dahisar (E)	4
Podar International School (CIE), Khar (W)	5
Ryan Global School, Andheri (W)	6
Mainadevi Bajaj International School, Malad (W)	7
Fazlani L'Académie Globale, Mazagaon	8
RBK International Academy (RBKIA), Chembur	9
D. Y. Patil International School, Nerul	10
American School of Bombay, BKC	11
Universal High School, Tardeo	12
Rustomjee International School, Dahisar	13
Dr Pillai Global Academy, Borivali	14
Universal High School, Ghatkopar	15
D.Y.Patil international School, Worli	16
Billabong High International School, Juhu	17
Dr Pillai Global Academy, Panvel	18
Ajmera Global School, Borivali	19
Prudence International School, Panvel	20

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	D.Y. Patil International School, Worli	3
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