



**AKAL ACADEMY**  
NEW CAMPUS BARU SAHIB

TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT PEACE IN THE WORLD  
THROUGH VALUE BASED SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION



**CAMBRIDGE  
ASSESSMENT**  
International Education

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**6TH TO 12TH STANDARD**

### **Q How is the Lower Secondary curriculum aligned with IGCSE and CBSE?**

The curriculum prepares students for the rigorous academic demands of IGCSE in Grades 9 and 10. The curriculum is designed to ensure that students have a smooth transition from Middle School to Senior School. At the same time, students are free to opt for CBSE grade IX-X program after VII seamlessly as the curriculum is also mapped to NCF Standards

### **Q Why choose Cambridge?**

CAIE, Cambridge Assessment International Education is a division of the University of Cambridge, known for Excellence in Education, is recognised the world over. It offers examinations and qualifications to over 10,000 schools in more than 160 countries.

### **Q What is IGCSE?**

It stands for INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION and is equivalent to our national board like CBSE.

### **Q Which is easier IGCSE or CBSE?**

IGCSE provides students with a wide range of subjects to choose from and prepares students for admission to a good number of universities the world over. CBSE allows students to choose from subject combinations in the streams. It makes students rich in content and prepares them for competitive exams in India

### **Q Why should a student opt for Cambridge in class 6 and not in class 9?**

It would ensure that the student acquires the required skills well in time to be ready for IGCSE/CBSE. The Lower secondary check point tests at the end of class 8 will also be a reference point of student progress.

### **Q How many papers are there in Check Point?**

Check point is conducted for three subjects English, Mathematics and Science. Students will take 2 papers in each subject. The papers are sent from CAIE and evaluated by the CAIE examiners externally. The student will receive comprehensive feedback from CAIE, which reflects the areas of strength in each subject domain.

### **Q How does the Cambridge Programme facilitate easy admission into foreign Universities?**

CAIE student is globally rated across the countries like UK, USA, Middle East and Europe. The school helps them to prepare a personal statement' which automatically pitches the student in an ADVANTAGEOUS position while applying to top universities in the USA and UK.

### **Q How will Cambridge Program help a student?**

After successful completion of lower secondary, student can smoothly transit into IGCSE/CBSE for the tenth board examination. After IGCSE, a student can easily move into CBSE or A level as per choice and interest. The Cambridge A/AS provides a wide subject choice and easy exam schedules.

### **Q What are the Cambridge programme and Qualifications available at Akal Academy?**

Akal Academy currently offers Cambridge Lower Secondary (Age 11+), Cambridge Upper Secondary (Age 14+) and Cambridge Advanced (Age 16+)

## Q What is the profile of The Cambridge Learner?

The Cambridge Learner gets equipped with the 21st century skills which make him a successful global citizen.

- Responsible
- Reflective
- Innovative
- Engaged

## RESULT

### Cambridge Result (IGCSE) X-2024

Total Number of students appeared	27	%age
Total number of students passed	27	100%
Students above 80% in aggregate	12	33%
Students above 70% in aggregate	23	100%
Overall subject average aggregate	23	80%

### SUBJECT WISE HIGHEST MARKS

Combined Sciences - 93

English - 86

Mathematics - 97

Business Studies - 88

Hindi 91

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### GENERAL ADMISSION QUERIES

#### 1. What is the procedure for admission, and when does it start?

Admission is based on an entrance test covering Math and English, aligned with the current grade level of the student. Entrance tests are conducted online or offline. The academic session begins in March, and the admission process starts on October 1st of the preceding year.

#### 2. Can we apply for admission online?

Yes, online registration is available on our website: [www.akalacademybarusahib.com](http://www.akalacademybarusahib.com).

#### 3. How will I know if my online application is received?

Our staff will contact you after successful online registration.

#### 4. What is the minimum age for Nursery admission?

The child must be at least 4 years old by March of the admission year.

#### 5. Is the school a full boarding institution?

Yes, Akal Academy Baru Sahib is a fully residential school with complete facilities for quality education, hostel facility, nutritious well balanced meals, and supervision for a holistic experience.

## **6. What educational programs are offered?**

Akal Academy Baru Sahib offers the following:

IB: Nursery to Grade VI

CAIE (Cambridge): Grades VII to XII

CBSE: Grades Nur to XII

## **7. Is the school co-educational?**

Yes, the academy is co-educational. However separate classrooms are provided for boys and girls from Grades VII to XII. Likewise, there is provision for separate dining facilities and hostels for boys and girls.

## **8. Is admission possible in Grade 11?**

As per the school policy, Grade 11 admission is open only for girls,.

## **9. Is admission restricted to only students of the Sikh Minority community?**

The school welcomes students of all religions, castes, and creeds from India and abroad.

## **10. What is the age criterion for NRI students?**

NRI students are generally admitted only up to the age of 12 years (Grade VI). It has been our experience that overseas students over the age of 12 years find it difficult to adjust to the school's routine and way of life. Decisions are however made on a case-by-case basis after detailed discussions and interview with the child's parents and teachers.

## **11. What is the difference between IB & Cambridge?**

Both IB & Cambridge University (CAIE) are International Curriculums. The only distinction between the two is that in IB (International Baccalaureate) classes are being offered from Nursery to grade VI only, and in Cambridge University (CAIE), classes being offered are from grade VII-XII. Both the curriculums emphasize experiential learning (beyond classroom teaching) and lifelong learning (global learners).

## **12. Can a child change from one curriculum to another curriculum?**

Yes, except in grades X and XII. A child can switch from CBSE to Cambridge (CAIE) and vice versa in grades VI, VII, VIII, and IX or after Xth from CBSE to Cambridge (CAIE) or vice-versa.

## **13. Is there any child development programs in case a child needs special assistance in any subject?**

Yes. There is provision for an Individualized Education Program for such students and counselling cell with clinical psychologist & well-being coach.

## **FEE-RELATED QUERIES**

### **1. What is the fee structure?**

The fee varies by curriculum and grade. The detailed structure is available for reference from the school office.

### **2. Are the fees the same for Indian and NRI students?**

No, NRI students have a different fee structure.

### **3. Are discounts offered for full up front payment?**

Yes, a Discount is provided if the full fee is paid at the time of admission.

### **4. Are scholarships available?**

Limited scholarships are available for meritorious students & economically challenged families. Decisions on scholarships are solely at the discretion of the management committee.



### **5. Is there a sibling concession?**

Yes, if three siblings are enrolled, the eldest receives a 50% discount on tuition fees.

### **6. Can fees be paid in installments?**

Yes, fees can be paid in three or more installments, subject to approval by the admission committee.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR FACILITIES**

### **1. Besides education, what other facilities are provided at Akal Academy Baru Sahib?**

Akal Academy Baru Sahib provides a holistic environment for student development through co-curricular, spiritual, and sports facilities.

#### **Co-Curricular Activities :**

1. Inter-House Activities: Debates, drama, extempore, and more.
2. Art Programs: Available for Grades Nursery to XII.
3. Physical Education: Comprehensive programs for Grades Nursery to XII.
  - Basketball • Volleyball • Lawn tennis • Hockey • Football • Badminton
  - Table tennis • Athletics • Adventure camp
4. Computer/ICT: Technology-based learning for Grades I to XII.
5. Language Lab: Enhances communication skills for Grades Nursery to XII.
6. Library Access: Encourages reading habits for all grades (Nursery to XII).
7. Counseling Cell: Supports students' emotional and mental well-being.
8. Club Activities: Opportunities for skill development through diverse student clubs.

#### **Spiritual Facilities**

1. Value-Based Learning: A core part of the curriculum promoting self-actualization and spiritual growth.
2. Meditation and Prayer Sessions: Integrated into the daily schedule for inner peace, self-discipline and mindfulness.

#### **Sports Facilities**

Games for about 1<sup>1/2</sup> hours. Competition opportunities at inter-house, inter-school, district, and national levels. Structured training for students to promote teamwork and physical fitness across various disciplines like Football, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton, Martial Arts, Gatka, etc.

## **MESS**

### **1. How is the food provided in the mess at Akal Academy Baru Sahib?**

The mess at Akal Academy Baru Sahib provides pure vegetarian wholesome, nutritious, and balanced meals prepared by qualified nutritionists and experienced staff, ensuring high standards of hygiene and safety. The diet is carefully planned to meet the dietary needs of growing children, promoting their overall health and well-being.

Students are served variety of foods including Indian, Chinese, Continental, South Indian, and Italian cuisines. Seasonal fruits and snacks are also provided every day.

### **2. How is meal supervision ensured?**

Class teachers and hostel staff ensure students have proper meals. Teachers dine with students to monitor their eating habits. The head of the School personally tastes the food before students are served.

## PASTORAL CARE

### 1. Is there proper care for young children?

Yes. Pastoral Care managers, care givers & hostel wardens are there for their physical wellbeing. Besides this, qualified counselors and nursing staff supervise the services.

### 2. Is Medical facility available on campus?

Yes. We have 24\*7 resident doctors. Besides this, we have School health nursing officers & a campus hospital having a capacity of 100 beds.

### 3. Does the school have qualified counselors in campus?

Yes, we have round-the-clock counseling services for children. A dedicated team of 5 counselors is available 24\*7. In addition, we have a regular counseling facility for children with special needs.

## COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

### 1. How does the school communicate with parents?

The school uses email and WhatsApp for written communication. In emergencies, calls are made on registered mobile numbers.

### 2. When can parents talk to or visit their child after admission?

Parents can make the first call with their child 40 days after admission.

Akal Academy Baru sahib is not another school but teaches schooling for life and extends nurturing, warm, caring and a unique environment to the child, and respects the distinct identity of each child.

However, parents can always contact Single Window Solutions helpdesk for routine reporting about the settlement of the child, in those early 4-6 weeks, as the school understands that the family will be concerned about the well being of the child.

Thereafter, calls are arranged every 15 days, with one visit permitted per month.

## BOARD AND LODGING FACILITIES FOR THE PARENTS VISITING THE CAMPUS

### 1. Can parents visit the campus?

Yes, for admissions on any day. Admissions are open till the 30th of June, however, in exceptional cases, admission can be considered till 31st Aug.

### 2. Is there accommodation available in the campus?

Yes. Limited accommodation is available in campus which is allotted on a first come first served basis. Parents are permitted to stay for a maximum of 2 nights on each visit.

### 3. Is there a canteen on campus?

Yes, the campus has a 24-hour Langar and a paid restaurant, "Apple A Day."

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Q: Why choose Cambridge?

A: CAIE (Cambridge Assessment International Education), a division of the University of Cambridge, is renowned globally for educational excellence. It offers qualifications and examinations to over 10,000 schools across 160+ countries.

### Q: Why should a student opt for Cambridge in Class 6th instead of Class 9th?

Starting in Class 6th ensures students acquire the necessary skills early, preparing them well for

IGCSE. The Lower Secondary Checkpoint tests at the end of Class 8 provide a strong progress benchmark.

**Q: What are the Cambridge programmes and qualifications available at Akal Academy?**

Akal Academy offers:

- Cambridge Lower Secondary (Age 11+), for grades 6th to 8th
- Cambridge Upper Secondary – IGCSE (Age 14+), for grades 9th to 10th
- Cambridge Advanced (Age 16+), for grades 11th to 12th

**Q: Which is easier: IGCSE or CBSE?**

**Both have unique strengths:**

IGCSE: Offers a wide range of subjects and prepares students for global university admissions. Students acquire a global outlook for finding solutions to complex problems, the world faces.

CBSE: Focuses on content-rich streams and is ideal for students preparing for competitive exams in India and has the comprehensive knowledge of all the domains of teaching

**University Admission Advantages**

**Q: How does the Cambridge Programme facilitate easy admission into foreign universities?**

CAIE qualifications are globally recognized by top universities in countries like the UK, USA, and Europe. The school also assists students in preparing a compelling personal statement which gives them an advantage in university applications.

**Q: How will the Cambridge Programme help a student?**

Cambridge programme offers flexible subject choices and convenient exam schedules, paving the way for higher education opportunities worldwide.

**Special Scholarships for Students**

Special Scholarships for the students securing more than 75% marks in the entrance exam for admission in Honors Batch to Akal Academy, Baru Sahib.

All students who qualify the entrance exam for admission to Akal Academy, Baru Sahib with 75% or more marks each in Maths & English will get special scholarship. Details can be fetched from the admissions office.



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