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ADMISSIONS INFORMATION  
2022-23

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## WELCOME FROM THE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Dear Parents,

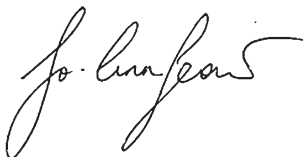
Thank you for your interest in our school. As you consider the different schooling options for your child, we invite you to explore our website, attend an e-chat online session with us, and visit our campus on one of our Open Days. The last has proved challenging during the current COVID-19 pandemic and we hope that the 2021-22 academic year will see a resumption of Open Days and student-led tours. The smiling faces and happy voices of our students will be one of the first things you notice. As you talk to them, you will learn more about their life in school, the subjects they study, and the activities they do. You will soon come to the realization that our students enjoy coming to school and love learning. This is very much what our founding Chairman and Nobel Prize Laureate for Physics Professor Charles Kao envisaged when he founded this school — a place that nurtures the joy of learning in our students. Our inquiry-based pedagogy allows us to prepare our students for the school of life.

Our students are known for their strong interpersonal skills and their effective communication skills in English and Chinese (Putonghua). In their final two years, our students study the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma) with its broad and balanced curriculum. In addition to its academic rigor, our students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to community service, gaining valuable experience outside the academic world. In our relatively short history, we are proud of our graduates who have received offers from leading universities all around the world.

We are a through-train K-12 school that seeks diversity in our student body — racial, ethnic, religious, and above all socioeconomic diversity.

To find out more about the application process and prerequisites, please refer to our Admissions Policy and Procedure. We welcome inquiries from you and invite you to contact us at +852 2202 2028 or [admissions@isf.edu.hk](mailto:admissions@isf.edu.hk). We look forward to meeting you on campus.

Yours sincerely,



**Ms. Jo-Ann Seow**  
Dean of Admissions



## FRIENDS OF ISF

We invite all prospective parents to join the Friends of ISF community at [admissions.isf.edu.hk](https://admissions.isf.edu.hk). Registering online as part of our community allows parents to sign up for our Admissions Events and submit admissions applications. Please note that applications can only be made online through the Friends of ISF.

### ADMISSIONS EVENTS

We warmly welcome prospective parents who are interested in learning more about our philosophy, our curriculum, and our admission criteria and procedures to participate in an e-chat or e-briefing session, visit our school, observe our classes, and talk to our students, teachers and existing parents.

Please visit [academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/school-visit/](https://academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/school-visit/) for the list of Admission Events. Reservations can be made online through the Friends of ISF website.

## APPLICATIONS FOR CURRENT AND NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

### APPLICATIONS FOR CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22:

#### Rolling Applications Period

We adopt a rolling admissions process for grades with vacancies, generally accepting Rolling Applications and conducting admissions assessments from April 2021 to January 2022. As a general practice, the school does not enroll new students after the middle of February.

### APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23:

#### Regular Applications Period

2022-23 Applications for all grades will open on **Monday, August 2, 2021**. Please see the table below for the application submission deadlines for the various grades.

Section	Grade	Submission Deadline
Primary	Foundation Year	Monday, September 20, 2021
	Grade 1	Monday, November 29, 2021
	Grade 2 to 5	Thursday, January 6, 2022
Secondary	Grade 6 to 11	Thursday, January 6, 2022

#### Rolling Applications Period

Depending on the grade, the school may have available spaces after concluding the Regular Application Process for 2022-23. Hence, from **Monday, April 25, 2022** the Admissions Office will accept and review applications for 2022-23 on a rolling basis i.e. Rolling Admissions.

# ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The ISF Academy welcomes people of all nationalities and backgrounds. We seek a talented and diverse student body to promote the robust exchange of ideas and experiences and enhance learning opportunities.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2022-23 ADMISSIONS

Foundation Year and Grade 1 applicants need to meet the minimum age requirement for the grade applied. The age range for students in each grade is typically 16 months. For example, students applying for Grade 1 would be between 5 years 8 months to 7 years on August 31 in the year of entry.

Parents whose children are born between September 1 and December 31 have the option of applying for the lower grade, or the higher grade, or both grades. For example, a child born on September 13, 2016 can submit applications for both 2022-23 Foundation Year as well as 2022-23 Grade 1. Please note that if a child is applying for both grades, then two application fees and two assessments are required, one assessment for the lower grade and the other assessment being for the higher grade. Based on the assessments and interviews, the child will be placed in the more appropriate grade. The school DOES NOT have a preference with regards to placing a child in a lower grade or a higher grade as the school seeks to place the child in the most appropriate grade level.

More leeway, age-wise, is permitted for students applying for Grade 2 and above.

Grade Level	Minimum Age (by August 31, 2022)	Local Equivalent	Program	Applicants are born between dates shown below
Foundation Year	4 years 8 months	Kindergarten 3	The ISF Academy Primary Program <sup>#</sup>	September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017
Grade 1	5 years 8 months	Primary 1		September 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016
Grade 2	6 years 8 months	Primary 2		September 1, 2014 and December 31, 2015
Grade 3	7 years 8 months	Primary 3		September 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014
Grade 4	8 years 8 months	Primary 4		September 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013
Grade 5	9 years 8 months	Primary 5		September 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012
Grade 6	10 years 8 months	Primary 6	Authorized IB World School for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme <sup>®</sup> (IB MYP)	September 1, 2010 and December 31, 2011
Grade 7	11 years 8 months	Form 1		September 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010
Grade 8	12 years 8 months	Form 2		September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009
Grade 9	13 years 8 months	Form 3		September 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008
Grade 10	14 years 8 months	Form 4		September 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007
Grade 11	15 years 8 months	Form 5	Authorized IB World School for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme <sup>®</sup> (IB DP)	September 1, 2005 and December 31, 2006
Grade 12	16 years 8 months	Form 6		September 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005

<sup>#</sup> The ISF Academy Primary Program is the school's educational program in a bilingual immersion model that prepares our students for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programmes<sup>®</sup>. MYP is the IB Middle Years Programme<sup>®</sup> and DP is the IB Diploma Programme<sup>®</sup>.

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

To be eligible for admissions to The ISF Academy, the following criteria must be met:

Parents / Legal Guardian	Applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree with The ISF Academy's educational philosophy and values (<i>The Eight Virtues + One</i>);</li><li>• Agree to collaborate with The ISF Academy and be a part of our learning community to support their child's learning and development;</li><li>• Agree to support and practice the ISF Community Code and the ISF Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy;</li><li>• Agree to abide by the school's rules and regulations; and</li><li>• Reside in Hong Kong (at least one parent / guardian).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– be a Hong Kong Permanent Resident, or</li><li>– have a parent / legal guardian who is employed and resides in Hong Kong with a valid work permit and the applicant has a corresponding dependent visa on his / her passport;</li></ul></li><li>• Demonstrate satisfactory socio-emotional and cognitive skills (e.g. willingness to communicate, curiosity to learn, teamwork); and</li><li>• Obtain satisfactory results in the admissions assessments.</li></ul>

Meeting the admissions criteria does not guarantee admissions into the Academy but serves as a guide to the minimum expected requirements. Admissions into the Academy is at the sole discretion of the Academy.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Year	There are no language requirements.
Grade 1 to Grade 11	Appropriate grade-level proficiency in both Chinese (Oral in Putonghua) and English.

## ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT FORMAT

The assessment process in both the Primary and Secondary Schools is divided into different stages. All applicants will be invited for the first stage. Applicants who do not pass one stage will not be invited back for the next stage. Successful applicants are those who pass all stages.

Our Stage 1 assessments involve group discussions and group activities. All applicants must participate in Stage 1 before moving on to Stage 2. **Applicants must ensure that they are able to participate in one of the indicated Stage 1 dates for their grade.** While the Admissions Office will make every attempt possible to reschedule a Stage 1 group assessment for an applicant, the Admissions Office will offer at most one other alternative date and this alternative date offered will also be conducted during the Stage 1 periods stated in the following sub-sections. See the sub-section "Rescheduling an Admissions Assessment".

The Admissions Office is not able to assess applicants who are not in Hong Kong during the periods indicated below. **If applicants are not able to attend Stage 1 during the dates listed below, the application will be considered unsuccessful, the application will be closed, and no application fee will be refunded.**

The Admissions Office does not conduct reassessments for applicants who are not siblings and / or Capital Note nominees.

**COVID-19 Health Precautions: Changes to all assessment dates and formats shown below may be made if deemed necessary. Any changes made will be reflected on the school website and parents who have submitted an application for their child will be notified of these changes via email. Parents may also contact the Admissions Office for more information.**

### Foundation Year Assessments

All applicants will be invited for Stage 1. Selected applicants will be invited back for Stage 2.

	Stage 1	Stage 2
<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Group Assessment (About 1 hour)</b> Group Activities (Groups of 8): Half of the activities will be conducted in English and the other half in Putonghua. The applicants will be led through these bilingual activities by a Group Leader speaking Cantonese, English, or Putonghua as per the native language(s) indicated on the application form. If the applicant has indicated more than one native language, the Admissions Office has the discretion to determine which of the native languages will be used by the Group Leader.	<b>Parent-Child Meeting</b> Parents and child meet with a senior member of the school. Parents can elect to be interviewed in a different language (in Cantonese, English, or Putonghua) from the applicant.
<b>Assessment Dates</b>	Selected dates between Thursday, September 23 and Tuesday, October 5, 2021	October to November, 2021
<b>Notification</b>	By Friday, December 17, 2021	

*Dates shown in the table above are correct at the time of publication. The ISF Academy reserves the right to modify these dates and periods if necessary.*

### Grade 1 Assessments

All applicants will be invited for Stage 1. Selected applicants will be invited back for Stage 2.

	Stage 1	Stage 2
<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Group Assessment (About 1 hour)</b> Group Activities (Groups of 12): Half of the activities will be conducted in English and the other half in Putonghua.	<b>Parent-Child Meeting</b> Parents and child meet with a senior member of the school in Cantonese, English, or Putonghua. Parents can elect to be interviewed in a different language (in Cantonese, English, or Putonghua) from the applicant.
<b>Assessment Dates</b>	Monday, December 6 to Wednesday, December 8, 2021	January 2022
<b>Notification</b>	By Friday, February 18, 2022	

*Dates shown in the table above are correct at the time of publication. The ISF Academy reserves the right to modify these dates and periods if necessary.*

### Grade 2 to 5 Assessments

All applicants will be invited for Stage 1A. Selected applicants will be invited back for each subsequent stage.

	Stage 1A	Stage 1B	Stage 2
<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Written Assessment</b> Written papers in Chinese, Chinese Mathematics, English, English Mathematics and a computerized assessment.	<b>Oral Assessment</b> Individual and Group Interviews in English and Putonghua	<b>Parent Meeting</b> Parents meet with a senior member of the school
<b>Assessment Dates</b>	Saturday, January 22, 2022	Thursday, March 10 to Friday, March 11, 2022	March to April 2022
<b>Notification</b>	By Friday, April 29, 2022		

*Dates shown in the table above are correct at the time of publication. The ISF Academy reserves the right to modify these dates and periods if necessary.*

## Grade 6 to 11 Assessments

All applicants will be invited for Stage 1A. Selected applicants will be invited back for each subsequent stage.

	Stage 1A	Stage 1B	Stage 2
<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Written Assessment</b> Written papers in Chinese, English, English Mathematics and a computerized assessment.	<b>Oral Assessment</b> Individual and Group Interviews in English and Putonghua	<b>Parent Meeting</b> Parents meet with a senior member of the school
<b>Assessment Dates</b>	Saturday, January 22, 2022	Thursday, March 17 to Friday, March 18, 2022	March to April 2022
<b>Notification</b>	By Friday, April 29, 2022		

*Dates shown in the table above are correct at the time of publication. The ISF Academy reserves the right to modify these dates and periods if necessary.*

## Rescheduling an Admissions Assessment

In the event the applicant is unable to attend the scheduled admissions assessment for any reason, for example a conflict with a music examination, applicants are to inform the Admissions Office as soon as possible and **no less than three business days** before the date of the admissions assessment. The Admissions Office will, wherever possible, provide one alternative assessment date on one of the predetermined dates listed in the above sub-sections showing the Assessment Dates. However, please note that the Admissions Office is under no obligation to arrange another assessment and should the Admissions Office be unable to find a mutually agreed date, the application will be considered unsuccessful, the application will be closed, and no application fee will be refunded.

In the event the applicant falls ill on the morning of the assessment, parents must inform the Admissions Office **prior to the assessment time** and a new assessment date will be given when a doctor's note is submitted to the Admissions Office. Applicants who are not feeling well are advised not to participate in the assessments. **Applicants who are not feeling well and who choose to participate in the assessment activity will not be granted another assessment opportunity.**

## RESULT OF APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT

- Parents / Legal Guardian of successful applicants are to confirm their child's enrollment through the online Enrollment Confirmation Form before the deadline stipulated on the Admissions Offer Letter.
- At the same time, the school will issue an invoice for the Acceptance Deposit and Capital Contribution. Parents / Legal Guardian have to make the payment before the due date stated on the invoice to secure the place.
- Parents / Legal Guardian requesting Financial Aid are advised to complete all the requested documents listed in the Financial Aid Application and to submit them before the relevant date stated in the Financial Aid section of this booklet. While the request for financial assistance may be made anytime during the admissions assessment process, and may also be made after the applicant has received an Acceptance Letter, only applicants who submit the Financial Aid Application before the Financial Aid deadline will be informed whether their Financial Aid application is successful as part of the Acceptance Letter Package. The school actively seeks diversity in its student body and has a need-blind admissions assessment policy.
- It is the school's policy not to provide feedback regarding an applicant's performance in any assessment activities.

## RE-APPLICATION

Applicants who have been assessed but who have not been admitted are welcome to reapply for another academic year. Please note that such applicants will be asked to submit a new application form and application fee.



## PRIORITIES IN ADMISSIONS

To be eligible for consideration of enrollment, every applicant must pass the admissions assessments, complete the entire admissions process, and fulfill all the admissions requirements. The ISF Academy does not guarantee admission for Capital Note nominees, siblings, and applicants from The ISF Pre-School.

Certain preferential treatment relating to the admission procedures will be given to Capital Note nominees. Such preferential treatment includes an early admissions assessment for Foundation Year applicants, an additional opportunity for admissions assessment, and admissions priority. Applicants with siblings currently studying at The ISF Academy and / or The ISF Pre-School have an additional opportunity for admissions assessment and those who pass the admissions assessment will also be looked upon favorably in the selection process. Please contact the Admissions Office for details of admissions-related priorities for nominees of Capital Note holders.

## VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Voluntary withdrawal of a child, whether an existing student or an incoming student, before or during the academic year requires at least 90 days' notice in writing and the submission of the Voluntary Withdrawal Form. The summer months of July and August are excluded from the notice period. Hence any withdrawal notice that is to take effect for a new academic year should reach The ISF Academy at registrar@isf.edu.hk before April 1, failing which the requisite tuition installment amount will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Register on Friends of ISF.
2. Complete an on-line Application Form.
3. Parents / Legal Guardian seeking financial assistance, are to complete all the requested documents listed in the Financial Aid Application Package and submit them before the relevant date stated in the section entitled Financial Aid Program.
4. Upload the following items (in jpg or pdf format) to the online application system. Applications will only be processed when ALL of the items below have been received.
  - Recent (within the past three months) passport-size photo of applicant;
  - One recent (within the past three months) group family photo (with ALL family members including both parents and siblings if any);
  - Copy of Birth Certificate#;
  - Either
    - copy of Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card#; or
    - copy of Passport biodata page and Hong Kong visa stamp#;
  - Photocopies of current and prior year school reports (up to three years prior to year of entry if available)#; and
  - Grade 2 to 11 Applications Only. Not required for Foundation Year and Grade 1 Applications: Teacher-graded Chinese and English writing samples. Graded writing assignments from the applicant's current school year that include teacher comments will suffice.
5. Pay an application fee of HK\$1,000 through PayPal.
6. Grade 2 to 11 Applications Only. Not required for Foundation Year and Grade 1 Applications: A School Reference Form will be required from an applicant's current or last attended school.

*# Parents will be required to bring the original documents for verification during the Parent-Child / Parent Meeting.*

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Admissions applications can ONLY be made online through the Friends of ISF. Any other form of admissions application, such as email, fax, in-person, or post, will NOT be processed. Applications will not be accepted after the closing dates for applications.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The ISF has not appointed or authorized any agents or third parties to represent ISF in any way in connection with admissions activities of The ISF Academy or The ISF Pre-School. **Please do not liaise with any third party who asks for compensation or claims to be representing ISF in the admissions application process.**

## FEES AND TUITION

The ISF Academy is a non-profit Private Independent School that receives no Government subsidies for its daily operations. School fees mainly support the high teacher-student ratio and provide what The ISF Academy deems as the best education for its students.

Our Financial Aid Program awards a fee remission ranging from 20% to 100%. Please refer to the Financial Aid Program section for more details.

### ACCEPTANCE DEPOSIT

An Acceptance Deposit must be paid in order to secure a place for your child. The deposit will be credited towards the tuition fees and is non-refundable if the student subsequently withdraws from the school.

### ANNUAL TUITION FEES

Annual Tuition for the 2021-22 academic year is payable in 10 equal installments via bank autopay as outlined below. The first installment for new students is made as part of the Acceptance Deposit.

Primary School	Foundation Year to Grade 5	HK\$204,650*
	Grade 6 to 10	HK\$237,770*
Secondary School	Grade 11 and 12	HK\$258,470*

\* Tuition Fees are non-refundable and subject to change for each new academic year.

### CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

The Capital Contribution Scheme has been established to accumulate funds for new buildings and equipment, school environment enhancement projects, and major repairs / maintenance to buildings. Each new student is required to pay a capital contribution within the deadline stipulated on the Acceptance Letter in one of two ways described below.

#### Annual Capital Levy

- The Annual Capital Levy of HK\$40,000 is payable annually. It is non-interest bearing, non-transferable, non-refundable, and subject to annual adjustment. The Annual Capital Levy for students who enrolled before the 2020-21 academic year is HK\$30,000.

#### Capital Note

- A Capital Note is non-interest bearing, non-refundable and fully transferable at any time one year after the date of issuance of the Capital Note Certificate or three months after the date on which the Nominee ceases to be a student of The ISF Academy / The ISF Pre-School, whichever is later. Interested parties need to purchase a Capital Note from current holders in the secondary market.
- For enquiries, please contact the Foundation Secretariat at +852 2202 2052 / 2235 4375 or [capcontribution@isf.edu.hk](mailto:capcontribution@isf.edu.hk).

For the full information about the Fees and Tuition, please refer to the school website at [academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/fees-tuition/](http://academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/fees-tuition/).

# FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

The Board of Governors of The Independent Schools Foundation Limited (the “Foundation”) is committed to creating a diverse student population at The ISF Academy. As such, The ISF Academy adopts a need-blind admissions policy and the financial situation of an applicant is not considered in the admissions selection process.

## KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

Financial Aid is awarded on the basis of each applicant's unique financial requirements. The Financial Aid Committee of the Foundation has the sole discretion to determine whether Financial Aid should be granted.

### School Fees

- Successful Financial Aid applicants will be awarded a reduction in tuition fees which range from 20% to 100%, depending on the family's financial circumstances.

### Capital Contribution

- Successful Financial Aid applicants may also receive a corresponding remission on their Annual Capital Levy contribution.

### Other Fees

- Financial Aid also covers the Co-Curricular Activities Program and Experiential Learning Program (ELP) fees.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2022-23 ADMISSIONS\*

Parents / Legal Guardian requesting financial assistance are advised to submit their Financial Aid Application prior to the deadlines indicated in the table below. Meeting the deadlines stated below will ensure that the financial assistance information is included in the Acceptance Letter Package.

<b>Foundation Year</b>	Friday, October 8, 2021
<b>Grade 1</b>	Friday, December 10, 2021
<b>Grade 2 and above</b>	Friday, January 21, 2022

*\* For Rolling Applications, please contact the Admissions Office for the relevant dates.*

For more information about the Financial Aid Program or to obtain a Financial Aid Application Form, please refer to the school website at [academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/fees-tuition/financial-aid/](https://academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/fees-tuition/financial-aid/).

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### PRIMARY PROGRAM (FOUNDATION YEAR TO GRADE 5)

Subject	Medium of Instruction		Major Curriculum Source
	Chinese	English	
Chinese Language	All Grades		Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan
Dance / Drama	All Grades		Mainland China and Hong Kong
English Language		All Grades	United States and Australia
Guided Discovery (GD)	All Grades	Grade 3 to 5	United States and Hong Kong
Information Technology	FY to Grade 2	Grade 3 to 5	Australia
Mathematics	All Grades	All Grades	Chinese: Hong Kong and Taiwan English: United States
Moral Education	All Grades		Hong Kong
Music	FY to Grade 3	Grade 4 to 5	Chinese: Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan English: United States
Physical Education	All Grades		Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan
Visual Art		All Grades	Australia
Wushu	All Grades		Mainland China and Hong Kong

## SECONDARY PROGRAM (GRADE 6 TO 12)

	International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)	School Based Courses	Electives (during School hours)	After-School Electives
Grade 6 to 8	IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)	Chinese Humanities (in Chinese)	<i>Hao Xue Program</i>	<i>Shuyuan Program</i>
Grade 9		Information Technology (in English) – only in Grade 6 as lessons	<i>Hao Xue Program</i> <i>Shuyuan Program</i>	
Grade 10			<i>Shuyuan Program</i>	
Grade 11 and 12	IB Diploma Programme (DP)	Physical and Health Education		

### IB MYP Subjects (Grade 6 to 10)

Students in Grade 10 take the MYP eAssessment examinations and successful candidates receive the IB MYP Certificate. Subjects are listed below.

- Arts (Drama, Music and Visual Arts)
- Design
- Individuals and Societies
- Language Acquisition: Chinese and English
- Language and Literature: Chinese and English
- Mathematics (all Grades) and Extended Mathematics (Grade 9 and 10 only)
- Personal Project (Grade 10 only)
- Physical and Health Education
- Sciences

### *Hao Xue Program* (Grade 6 to 9)

More than sixty courses are offered across the four grades with each grade level having a number of options to choose from. Some courses have mixed grade levels. Courses are taught in either Chinese or English and the course categories are:-

- Applied Life Skills
- Creative Arts
- Empowering Global Stewardship
- Exploring History, Language and Culture
- Nurturing Health and Resilience
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

## IB DP Subjects (Grade 11 and 12)

Students must do the DP Core and one subject each from Group 1 to Group 5 and one more subject from Group 1 to Group 6. All subjects are offered at the Higher Level (HL) and Standard Level (SL) unless otherwise stated. Each student must study three subjects at HL and three subjects at SL. Subjects are:-

- DP Core: Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service
- Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature
  - Chinese A: Language and Literature, Chinese A: Literature, English A: Language and Literature and English A: Literature
- Group 2: Language Acquisition
  - Chinese B (Higher Level only) and English B (Higher Level only), Latin\*
- Group 3: Individuals and Societies
  - Business Management, Economics, Geography, Global Politics, History and Psychology
- Group 4: Sciences
  - Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Design Technology and Physics
- Group 5: Mathematics
  - Analysis and Approaches and Applications and Interpretations
- Group 6: The Arts
  - Music, Theatre and Visual Arts

*\* Latin is a Group 2 subject that is only available to students as a Group 6 option i.e. it is only available to students studying both Chinese and English in Group 1 and Group 2.*

## SHUYUAN PROGRAM (GRADE 5 TO 12)

- *Shuyuan* Classics Program
  - Ancient Greek, Chinese Classics, Comparative Classics, Latin and Western Classics
- *Shuyuan* STEM Program
  - Centre for Renewable Energy Education, Computer Science, Makerspace Education, Mathematics for Engineering, Molecular Biology Lab, Nanotechnology and Physics Research Lab, Robotics, Rooftop Gardening and Sustainability
- *Shuyuan* Interdisciplinary Program
  - Environmental Studies and Comparative Politics
- *Shuyuan* Mainland and Overseas Trips\*
  - Chinese Classics: Chengdu, Sichuan
  - Comparative Philosophies Summer Program: University of Oxford (Oxford, UK)
  - History of Science and Civilisation Summer Program: Needham Research Institute Summer Research Program (Cambridge, UK)
  - Scientific Conferences and Presentations: American Geophysical Union Conference (USA) and American Society of Microbiology Conference (USA), Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (Singapore) and IEEE (Hong Kong)
  - Smart Cities Summer Program: Columbia University (New York City, NY, USA)
  - Western Classics: Greece and Italy

*\* Correct at the time of publication. Due to Covid-19, overseas trips may be cancelled or modified.*

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP)

### 2021-22 Experiential Learning Program (ELP)

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all ELP1 and ELP2 activities will be held in Hong Kong.

### 2022-23 Experiential Learning Program (ELP)

Grade	ELP1 Destination	ELP2 Destination
4	Hong Kong	Guangzhou
5		Taiwan
6		Shandong / Shaolin / Xi'an
7		Beijing / Chengdu / Fujian / Hangzhou / Nanjing
8		Dunhuang / Gansu / Huangshan / Northern Yunnan
9		Cambodia / Laos / Thailand / Vietnam
10		
11		New Zealand

*Correct at the time of publication. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the itinerary and destination for ELP2 may be subject to changes.*

## WELL-BEING AND LEARNING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The ISF Academy aims to provide a safe, caring and supportive learning environment for all students so that they can achieve success in school and in life. With “Well-being for Learning” as the key priority at The ISF Academy, we holistically nurture students’ body, mind and spirit. Students’ physical, social and emotional well-being is supported through a wide range of programs to enhance their sense of belonging, active engagement and resilience when facing challenges.

We employ a team of multi-disciplinary professionals to provide comprehensive learning and well-being programs for students from Foundation Year to Grade 12. We believe that all students can be successful when provided with the appropriate support and enrichment for their individual needs. Our specialists offer differentiated instructional programs for students with diverse learning styles and strengths. We collaborate with Primary and Secondary teachers to implement support strategies in class. Our Student Well-being Centre also serves as a calm and welcoming space for students to explore and learn more about well-being and learning resources. The team consists of Clinical and Educational Psychologists, Learning Support Teachers, Guidance Counselors, an Inclusive Education Coordinator, a Social and Emotional Learning Specialist, Social Workers, School Nurses and a Student Guidance Officer.

Above all, we value home-school partnership and we support parents with professional consultation services, parent education and parenting support groups.

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Governors of The ISF Academy has established a Merit-Based Scholarship Program to encourage our students to strive for excellence in their chosen passions, be it in academics, the arts, sports, or other areas. This scholarship program provides for a fee remission of 50% to 100% of the annual tuition fee and, in the case of the Special Talent Scholarship, an annual allowance to reimburse any Special Talent expenses such as training and competition fees.

### KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

#### The ISF Academy Academic Scholarship

- Awards the recipient with a 50% fee remission of the annual tuition each year for their remaining years as a student of The ISF Academy subject to an annual review. There is no reduction in the Capital Levy.

#### The ISF Academy Special Talent Scholarship

- Awards the recipient with:
  - A 50% fee remission of the annual tuition each year for their remaining years as a student of The ISF Academy subject to an annual review. There is no reduction in the Capital Levy.
  - An annual HK\$5,000 training and competition allowance.

#### The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) Scholarship

- Two-year IB DP Scholarships are available for Grade 10 students. Applicants in Grade 11 may also apply for a one-year IB DP Scholarship.
- Awards the recipient with:
  - 100% fee remission of the annual tuition fee for the two-year IB DP in Grade 11 and 12; and
  - a waiver from the Capital Contribution Scheme in Grade 11 and 12 for transfer students.

#### The Amy Li Chong Yuet-Ming Scholarships for University Students

- Up to three university undergraduate scholarships to be awarded annually.
- A maximum allowance of HK\$500,000 to be granted over the course of the undergraduate degree. The allowance may be used to cover tuition, and board and lodging expenses.
- Awarded in the year prior to the applicable academic year.
- Valid for any university in the world endorsed by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarships are open for application to all students who:

- exhibit exemplary conduct;
- uphold the vision and mission of The ISF Academy; and
- meet the academic and, where applicable, the talent requirements for the scholarship.

Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee the award of a scholarship but serves as a guide to the minimum expected requirements. To find out more about the availability and eligibility of each scholarship, the key dates for scholarship applications, or to obtain a Scholarship Application Form, please refer to the school website at [academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/scholarships/](http://academy.isf.edu.hk/index.php/welcome-from-dean-of-admissions/scholarships/).



# THE ESSENTIALS

## CHILD SAFEGUARDING

In addition to providing inspiring learning programs for every learner, The ISF Academy is committed to creating a safe, accepting, and inclusive learning environment. At The ISF Academy, the health, safety, and well-being of every student is of paramount importance. The child safeguarding and protection policies and procedures in place ensure that the child safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance, and complies with best practices in child protection and welfare.

## UNIFORMS

School uniforms can be purchased at our contracted vendor in North Point. The store carries a full range of our summer and winter uniform styles and sizes.

## MEALS

The ISF Academy promotes healthy eating and students are encouraged and educated to maintain a balanced diet. The school offers hot meals cooked onsite and there is a choice of Asian, Vegetarian or Western cooking. Students may also bring lunch from home.

## SCHOOL BUS

The school has appointed a bus company to provide transportation services for our students. Areas serviced include Hong Kong Island and parts of Kowloon. The school bus and escort (bus chaperon) fee is paid twice a year to the bus company and the fee paid depends on the route travelled. This bus service is a private arrangement between parents and the bus company. The company will typically notify parents of the confirmed bus pick-up and drop-off points and schedules around one week prior to the start of the school year.

As an indication, the table below shows the areas served by the dismissal buses for the 2021-22 academic year. The arrival routes are similar. Please note that the bus operator may modify the routes each year depending on the circumstances.

Additional dismissal bus services are also provided for Foundation Year students at 2:00 p.m. and for students participating in our optional Co-Curricular Activities Program which typically run from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays.

Dismissal Bus Routes for 2021-22	
Aberdeen Main Road – Wing Hing Street – Tin Hau – Cloud View Road – Fortress Hill Road – Java Road	Lyttelton Road – Po Shan Road – Robinson Road – Caine Road
Hoi Ping Road – Broadwood Road – Jardine's Lookout	Hong Kong Parkview – Stubbs Road – Coombe Road / Wan Chai Gap Road Junction
Wong Nai Chung Road – Sing Woo Road – Blue Pool Road – Braemar Hill Road – North Point	IFC – Central Pier – Convention Plaza – Borrett Mansion – Kennedy Road
Bel-Air – Kornhill – Tai Koo Shing – Sai Wan Ho – Chai Wan – Siu Sai Wan – Heng Fa Chuen	Robinson Road – Garden Road – Magazine Gap Road – Tregunter Path – Old Peak Road
South Horizon – Larvotto	Baguio – Bisney Road / Consort Rise / Scenic Villa – Mount Davis Road
Shouson Hill Road – Repulse Bay – South Bay Road – Redhill	Bel-Air – Victoria Road – Cox's Road – Ho Man Tin – Kowloon Tong
Pokfulam Garden – South Wave Court – Marinella	Hung Hom – To Kwa Wan – Lee On Road
Pokfulam Road – Bonham Road – Kotewall Road – Conduit Road – Macdonnell Road	Kowloon Station – Olympic Station – Nam Cheong Station – Lai Chi Kok Road
Belcher's	West Kowloon – Gateway Apartments

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The ISF Academy campus in Pokfulam houses the Primary and the Secondary Schools. It comprises of five buildings:

- The Primary Building;
- The West Annex Building which is mainly for the Primary School;
- The Secondary Building;
- The Academic and Administration Building in which the lower floors are mainly for the Secondary School; and
- The Center for Culture and Sports which is shared between the two schools.

We have a total of 133 classrooms and small group teaching rooms to facilitate small class teaching. The top floor of the Secondary Building provides on-site residential accommodation for interns, trainees, and visiting teachers / artists.

Primary students have their own library, two music rooms, a dance studio, a drama room, two arts and crafts rooms, a STEM+Art room, a junior science laboratory, a junior makerspace laboratory, two computer rooms, a covered play area and a rooftop play area with primary play equipment.

Secondary students have access to their own library, three music rooms, a drama room, five design and technology rooms, a makerspace laboratory, twelve science laboratories, two specially designed classrooms for the ISF *Shuyuan*, a Grade 11 and 12 study center, a University Counselling and Careers Center, a multi-media center, a fitness room and a green corner.

Facilities shared between the Primary and the Secondary Schools include a gymnasium-cum-assembly hall, a second gymnasium with a seven-meter high climbing wall, an eight-meter wide horizontal climbing wall, two basketball courts, four squash courts, a multi-purpose ball court for football, field hockey and tennis, a 25-meter six-lane indoor swimming pool, a Wushu practice room, six music practice rooms, a 850-seat auditorium with a dedicated pre-function / exhibition foyer, a 180-seat black-box theatre with a dedicated pre-function / exhibition area, a rooftop play area with running tracks, two dining halls with a combined capacity of 780 seats and conference rooms.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2021-22

School typically starts in mid-August. The 2021-22 school calendar below shows our term breaks and major whole school events for this academic year.

Date	Activity
Monday, August 16	Orientation for New Students
Tuesday, August 17	School Commences
Tuesday, August 17 to Tuesday, August 24	Orientation for New Parents
Monday, October 11 to Friday, October 15	Mid-Term Break
Saturday, November 20	JAM Day
Monday, December 20 to Sunday, January 2	Winter Break
Monday, January 31 to Sunday, February 13	Chinese New Year Holiday
Monday, April 11 to Monday, April 18	Spring Break
Friday, June 17	Last Day of School