



Poplar Academy is a co-educational and parallel medium independent school, situated in Crowthorne, in the city of Johannesburg, South Africa.

A foundation rooted in knowledge allows for a focused and strong core. A supportive and nurturing environment encourages growth and development of a confident self where knowledge shields against the challenges of the modern world. A variety of cultural and sport extra-mural activities support learners to this end.

Just as the combined effort of the roots and trunk of a tree ensures growth and stability, we believe every child, with the correct support and guidance, can grow into a proud and confident individual.

CORE VALUES

- Unconditional Acceptance
 - Respect
 - Empathy
- Support of Weakness
- Recognition and Development of Strength
 - Flexibility
 - Responsibility
- Lifelong-Learning
- Leadership through Guidance and Service

CHARACTERISTICS

- 12 – 16 learners per class
- Cambridge (Grade R - AS Level)
- CAPS compliant curriculum Grade R - 7
- Parallel medium (English + Afrikaans)
 - French as a third language
- Focus on language and perceptual skills
- Early childhood development centre (ages 2 – 5)
 - Multi-sensory approach to learning
 - Teaching of study- and thinking skills



AFTERCARE

We have a private aftercare facility with focus on playing activities, homework assistance and the physical well-being of all pupils.

Aftercare is provided on a monthly basis, however ad-hoc aftercare is provided to all pupils not collected by close of the official school day (start of aftercare). For more info on the aftercare, click on the link.

Contact details for Aftercare: ananda_aftercare@yahoo.com

ASSEMBLY

Assembly will take place on a Fridays. Assembly is for pupils only. Parents will be invited to selected "special" assemblies.

CAMBRIDGE EXAM CENTRE (ZA282)

Poplar Academy is the official Registered Cambridge International Exams (CIE) Centre in Midrand for the Cambridge Exams. It is the centre of choice in the Midrand/Centurion areas.

CURRICULUM

The school offers classes from Pre-school (2 years) up to - Grade 7 followed by the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and Advanced Subsidiary Qualifications (AS).

External exams are written at the end of the year. AS is an International qualification. This qualification ensures university admission everywhere and focuses on the life skills needed for success.

Poplar Academy follows the Cambridge curriculum from Grade R to AS. The curriculum at Poplar Academy is CAPS compliant up to Grade 7. In addition, additional reading and spelling programmes ensures that pupils master these critical, foundational literacy skills.

The AS level is taught as a final qualification. Six subjects are required to achieve an AS level qualification.

DISCIPLINE

A disciplined environment is essential for effective learning to take place. The discipline will be firm, consistent, just and tempered with love. Our staff members maintain standards of behaviour in the classroom through kindness, love and genuine regard for the learner. However, when disciplinary



action becomes necessary, it will be firmly carried out, characterised by good judgment and understanding. Pupils have to abide by school and class rules at all times.

EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

A variety of extra mural activities are on offer. The school offers at least one in-house extra mural activity a day which is included in the school fee. Other activities are contracted activities and include sports and cultural activities. Please check our website for more

information.

FRENCH

Poplar Academy teaches French as a conversational and third language from pre-school level to AS level.

LEARNER SUPPORT

Learner support will be available at the school. Please feel free to indicate whether your child needs to continue with some sort of support. Teachers might also indicate where support may be needed.

Learner support books have also been compiled and can be used either as enrichment or re-enforcement. The services of a variety of professionals are available, if required.

These include speech therapy, occupational therapy, remedial therapy, counsellor, psychologist. These services are not included in school fees.

OUTINGS

In order to extend the pupils' knowledge and develop their interests, limited day trips are arranged throughout the year.

PTA (PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION)

The PTA assists with marketing, fundraising and additional support where necessary. If you would like to become a member to the PTA, please inform the office.

PRE-SCHOOL

Poplar Academy has a pre-school facility with a maximum of 12 learners per class. The ages of pupils vary from 2 - 5 years of age. A lunchbox and juice/s for your child/children is required.



LEARNER-TEACHER RATIO

A maximum of 16 learners are enrolled per class.

READING LAB

The school offers reading courses in our Reading Lab. On-line courses enriched with additional perceptual, comprehension and study reading courses are tailored to suit pre-reading children to adults.

REPORTS

School reports are issued at the end of each term to primary and secondary pupils. Pre-School reports are issued twice a year.

Pupils will not receive reports at the end of the term if the family account is in arrears.

SPORTS

Physical Education focuses on wellness while developing the physical, mental, and social well-being of each student.

Poplar Academy offers a variety of sporting activities presented by qualified and experienced sports coaches which changes per term, in accordance with the sporting season. They are actively involved in teaching the learners the importance of sportsmanship. The program also involves physical education on a weekly basis in which all learners must participate, as it forms part of the curriculum.

STATIONERY AND BOOKS

Stationery and books are included in the annual school fees. The Lab-on-line reading programme is available and is also included in the school fees.

STAFFING

The school has a staff of qualified teachers, supported by administrative workers and a maintenance team. All staff members are under direct control of the Principal, answerable to the Governing Body.

SUBJECTS

The following subjects are available (Pre-IG and higher) at the Academy:

- English First Language
- Afrikaans Second Language
- French as a Foreign Language
- Mathematics



- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- History
- Environmental Management
- Economics
- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Travel and Tourism
- Art and Design

TRIAL WEEK

The school offers a trial week, free of charge to all prospective pupils. During the trial week, the pupil will be assessed and feedback will be given to the parents. Pupils and parents will also be given the opportunity to test-drive the school, the curriculum and its teachers. Following the trial week, parents will be able to continue with the enrolment process pending the outcome of the school's assessment and recommendations. Clarification and/or concerns will be managed by the respective HOD, and Principal, if required.

TRANSPORT

Transport is not provided by Poplar Academy but there are operators in the area. A list of transport providers is available on our website. All transport requests and/or transactions must be directed at the recommended service provider of choice. It is not included in the school fees.

Poplar Academy supports safe and reliable child transportation and it is recommend that parents clear their chosen service provider with Brian Govender of the Midrand Learner Transport Association (074 875 8624, midrandlearnertransport@gmail.com).

TUCK SHOP

The tuck-shop is outsourced to Veronica Badenhorst. A range of snacks and warm meals are available at very reasonable prices and in keeping with sound energy management and wellness principles for growing minds and bodies. Food is freshly prepared on-site and parents can order meals for their children before school.



SCHOOL HOURS

School starts at 07:25 for Grade 4 and higher and at 07:45 for Pre-school to Grade 3. Pupils are expected to be at school at least 5 min before the school starts. Closing times are as follows:

| <u>Monday to Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | |
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| Pre-school | 14:00 | 13:00 |
| Grade R – 3 | 14:00 | 13:00 |
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| Grade 4 and higher | 14:00 | 13:00 |

Drop off before 07:00 must be arranged with the school.

SCHOOL RULES

Pupils:

- May not fight or hurt each other;
- May not tease each other;
- May not throw stones or any other objects;
- May not damage school property;
- May not take or damage another pupil's property;
- May not be impolite to any adult or staff member;
- May not run inside the school buildings;
- May not be in the school building before or after school or during the school break, unattended;
- May not be disobedient, and must follow all staff member's instructions without delay;
- May not leave the school grounds unless accompanied by an authorised adult;
- May not bring animals to school without permission from a teacher;
- Must wear the correct school uniform as prescribed in the Poplar Academy Uniform List and Dress Code;
- Must behave in a responsible and appropriate manner at all times, thus upholding the good name and reputation of Poplar Academy; and
- The Disciplinary code of Poplar Academy will be adhered to at all times.