



UKAcademia



Tried, Tested & Trusted

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Welcome to UKAcademia!

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UKAcademia is one of the UK's leading international education providers delivering bespoke services for UK boarding schools, international students and educational agents. We retain a wide range of partnerships with British independent schools, which ensure that every prospective international student or organisation is provided with a fast, friendly and professional approach to all dealings alongside presenting a plethora of options ensuring that students have their needs and aspirations met.

Over the past five years, we have worked rigorously in researching and designing new opportunities for international students and partner agencies. We network and work closely with a broad range of partnerships such as educational institutions, UK based immigration law firms, government regulatory bodies, top investment firms and business chambers all to ensure that our students and partners receive an efficient and professional service. All collaborations have resulted in building a robust foundation for our school placement and guardianship services.

Our partner schools have been carefully selected to ensure that there is something for everyone, whether this is seeking a subject specialism, scholarship opportunity or a specific location, UKAcademia presents an option for all. Furthermore, UKAcademia has been granted exclusive partnerships to enable us to support agencies with growth and marketing, as British based company, we are always available to support both school and students directly.

This brochure presents an overview of our services and opportunities with useful information for families and agents. It will hopefully provide insights and key information about some of our different partner schools, range of courses and unique opportunities for families.

Our aim and mission is to support families and agents with an outstanding provision for students all over the world and believe that we can only make this stronger and greater by growing together as professional educational providers.

We pride ourselves on being trusted as schools, agents and families have provided this feedback over the years and relationships with them have prospered. We believe in not only providing a service, we believe in nurturing and creating long lasting relationships that benefit students all over the globe.

Mr Anoop Watts (BA Hons/PGCE)
Managing Director



Overview and History

“I believe fundamental honesty is the keystone of business.” — Harvey Firestone

What do we do?

UKAcademia is a group of educational experts with a strong portfolio of experience including senior leadership roles in schools, senior teaching, student recruitment and as regulatory school inspectors.

We all share a strong passion and interest within the school recruitment market and together we have developed a number of products and services that support all those involved in the process along with strategies and opportunities which makes the process beneficial to all parties. To date, we have worked with a number of top British boarding schools and in partnership with international agents to deliver support with outstanding outcomes:

- Placing over 150 students aged 7-18 into British boarding schools
- Providing outstanding guardianship services
- Supporting international agents with exclusive contracts and agreements
- Providing schools with a diverse cohort of students
- Creating a structured, fast and efficient admissions process
- Offering unique opportunities such as short courses and study tours
- Supporting British schools in building an international provision



Currently we have over 50 vetted and high quality agents from fifteen countries, bringing partners together and sharing good practice has ultimately led to students enjoying and achieving.

Our History, Our journey...

Since being formed in 2011, UKAcademia has grown from strength to strength and has built a reputation in the market as highly trusted experts by schools and agents. We have contributed towards making the recruitment smoother for schools, agents and families by creating workable models and structures that meet the outcomes for all providers.

2011
Objective – To build a strong foundation and provision ensuring that families, agents and schools are provided with the best services and opportunities.
 We formed a small team of professional advisors and school Principals to conduct research with the objective of understanding the global recruitment market extensively.

2012
Objective – To compile market research in the UK and globally.
 We formed partnerships with schools, government bodies, business chambers and international investment companies in the UK after establishing what our international/domestic partners and international families are really looking for. Our team travelled extensively over a period of six months visiting over 16 countries. Our research and journey was both exciting and extensive and we have compiled a research paper, which we would be more than happy to share. (For a copy, please get in touch).

2013
Objective – To Thrive and Grow
 We started to recruit and place students into boarding schools from Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Russia and Nigeria for long term courses.

2014
Objective - Recruitment development and Student Retention
 We continued to grow our recruitment model alongside harnessing our relationships with schools, families and agents. Our feedback from schools demonstrated that we are not only trusted but also that we are an integral source in building diverse student communities.

2015 – 2016
Objective – To Build and Grow
 Through strong partnerships and family referrals we started to develop and recruit students from a variety of countries. We also started providing consultancy for schools and further expanded our network by introducing consultants based globally and opening our first international office in Thailand.

2017 - 2018
Objective – To introduce a guardianship services, short courses and study tours
 2017 was a really exciting time for UKAcademia as we developed and launched our new short course and study tour programmes which were created after conducting our research throughout the years. They were, and continue to be extremely popular with a large number of students enrolling.
 In 2018, our families, partner schools and agents suggested that a UKAcademia guardianship company would be beneficial to all. After working closely with local councils, registered bodies and legal advisors to ensure that a safe and effective provision is formulated, we are happy to announce that our UKAcademia guardianship service is now up and running.

The Future
 To continue working with new and current partners in the UK and abroad with the sole purpose of creating outstanding opportunities for students all over the world.

A Message for Agents

*“We talk a lot about hope, helping and teamwork.
Our whole message is that we are more powerful together.”*

Victoria Osteen

UKAcademia’s vision and outcomes for supporting students and families gain the topmost value derives from working closely with our global agent network. Ultimately, agents and consultants share the same vision and passion in creating outstanding opportunities and a professional service for their students. Together, as UK based education provider, combining specialisms result in students and families receiving outstanding support and guidance.

How do we support agents?

Over the past four years, UKAcademia has built a strong network of agents and in turn formed prosperous partnerships, which has supported both growth and value. As direct representatives of a number of schools, we have created a structured model that is tried, tested and tailored to benefit all organisations.

UK Offices

Agents & families have strongly benefited from having our UK based staff to provide support for the following:

- Hosting well organised Study Tours
- Support with arranging agent & family visits to the UK
- To directly deal with and attend schools if issues or emergencies arise
- To liaise on an agents behalf

Short Courses & Study Tours

We have created and deliver wonderful short courses and study tours to support agents in providing their students with a provision whereby they can experience a variety of schools for visits and short term experiences that not only help families to make a more informed decision but they also support agents with conversion rates.

For more information regarding study tours and short courses, please turn to page 9 and 10

Outstanding Guardianship Services

UKAcademia provides a guardianship service that delivers an exceptionally safe provision for our students ensuring that all parties involved have complete peace of mind. We work with a strong team of advisors and government organisations to ensure both quality and safe provision is delivered to its optimum.

Agents are fully supported with their referrals.

For more information regarding our guardianship services, please turn to page 18.

Exclusive School Agreements

UKAcademia has formed a number of exclusive agreements with schools all over the UK. This presents international partners & agents the opportunity to place their students into top boarding schools whilst receiving a fast and efficient service directly from our team.

Agents receive a host of benefits such as:

- A simplified and swift application process
- Offer letters sent within 7 days
- Visits to the UK to join school tours
- Full commission rates
- Marketing Support



Benefits and Incentives Overview

- Full commission rate on every course including short courses and study tours
- Funded UK Visits
- Supporting agent exhibitions and marketing costs/activities through our global education funding
- Access to up-to-date information on visa rules, immigration, UK business regulations and general advice
- Access to documents provided by our official UK business, trade, travel and education partners
- Access to investment opportunities

Support and Process

The 5 Stage Process

Our schools offer a wonderful provision and our role is to ensure that students are correctly assessed and provided with appropriate options. We have created a 5 Stage journey in conjunction with schools to clarify the process.

Stage 1 – Profiler

During this stage we collect as much up-to-date information on the student as possible alongside conducting a Skype interview. This builds an overview of the students' current status and start forming a portfolio ready to match with UK institutions before applying. Documents required during Stage 1 are the following:

- Passport copy
- Current academic reports
- Any supporting certificates or references

Stage 2 – Academic Selection

During this stage we match the students' profile to appropriate institutions. Considerations factored at this stage are:

- Student aspirations
 - Institution application criteria
 - Fees/Affordability
 - Any other requests such as location preferences, educational needs etc
- We will provide continued advice and feedback in writing and on Skype if desired.

Stage 3 – Application Stage

Once the applicant opts for their chosen institution, UKAcademia will fully assist in making the application. This will include the following:

- Application writing
- Personal Statement Writing
- Sending documents directly to the institution on the students behalf
- Organising interviews
- Representing the student as a direct contact for the institution unless the student is referred through an agent

Once we have received offer letters from the schools we will forward them to the student/ agent and advise on offer letter details as required. Once the student accepts an offer, they will need to pay a deposit and registration fee directly to the institution.

Stage 4 – Visa Application

At this next stage, we work closely with our partners to start applying for the Tier 4 visa

Stage 5 – Arrival Support

Once the student has received their visa we will assist with travel to the UK. An example of some of the services would be:

- Guardianship
- Accommodation
- General advice
- Airport Transfers

“Our objective is to ensure that students are happy, settled and have support if needed.”

Exclusive Short Courses

“We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience.”

- John Dewey



UKAcademia offers a number of great opportunities for agents, schools and international students such as our fantastic short courses.

The short course allows students to grasp a real experience of life in a British boarding school and in the United Kingdom. Key deliverables for the short course are:

- Joining full-time British and international students in appropriate year groups
- Weekend activities alongside a range of extra curricular opportunities
- Receiving academic reports and certificates upon completion
- Specialised evening academic classes
- Excursions and trips to London, Alton Towers, and Edinburgh

- Food, accommodation, airport transfers, trips, tuition, guardianship all included
- On-site scholarship assessments
- Ages 7 – 18 accepted
- Scholarship and Bursary assessments
- Our providers: Brockenhurst College, Kingsley School & Lime House School

The programme does not have a restriction on the length of time a student stays (subject to availability) and the cost is only **£750** per week. In 2017/18, we had approximately 50 students attended this short course and 12 enrolled for long-term courses.

The application process is simple with no test completion required. No deposit is required, just a registration fee of £150.

Exclusive Study Tours

“I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.”

- Abraham Lincoln



UKAcademia has created a unique one-week study tour programme in the UK for parents and students. The key objective for this study tour is to support families in visiting schools and meeting their staff to help create a more informed decision. The study tour includes the following:

- Four school visits
- On-site Assessments and Applications
- 7 hours of English tuition (optional)
- Sightseeing to London and Bicester Village
- Accommodation, Transport and Food
- UK Education Consultant to give advice throughout the tour

This really is a wonderful and unique opportunity for both parents and students, giving them the opportunity to visit schools and directly speak to staff.

Going on a study tour is like a little holiday, the students and parents get to experience England whilst visiting schools that the student could be potentially studying at. It allows experiencing a new culture and getting a sense of what is in store if a student enrolls.

The tour is very well organised from start to finish, and we will do our best to accommodate your every need including visits to UK attractions. Our Study Tour takes place three times a year.

After speaking to families all over the world we feel that the tour caters for families, giving them more confidence in their choices after visiting the schools before making a decision.

School Portfolio

“It’s choice - not chance - that determines your destiny”

Jean Nidetch

UKAcademia has partnered with a number of top British private schools, which offer a range of outstanding courses, facilities and opportunities. Each school is also located in various parts of the UK ensuring that families also have a choice of locations.

It is paramount for each aspiring candidate to find the right school, which meets their needs and academic aspirations. Within the following pages, you will find some key information and attributes for each school. Please get in touch with us for more information on how to apply alongside more detailed information.

Our team works closely with our school partners to arrange student interviews, create student portfolios and provide families with the offer letter alongside guidance on the next steps. We generally have the school offer letter ready within **seven days**.



Map showing location of selected schools.

Bilton Grange Preparatory School



Bilton Grange Preparatory School is a magical place: a place of learning, a source of lifelong memories and above all somewhere children want to be.

Established in 1873, Bilton Grange is an outstanding co-educational preparatory boarding and day school for ages 4-13 set in 90 acres of beautiful Warwickshire countryside. The school's ethos is, "To be a learning community in which children can develop their full potential, discover their talents, grow as individuals and as members of society and above all be inspired to aspire."

Augustus Pugin designed the overall plan of the building, the tiles, the stained glass, the panelling, and the heraldic beasts on the staircase, the wallpaper, the door furniture and other structures around the grounds, including the walled garden and adjacent cottage.

Facilities:

- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Nine-hole golf course
- New Hockey Pitch
- Shooting Range
- Extensive pitches for Rugby, Cricket and rounders
- Numerous netball courts

- A sports hall with Squash, Basketball and Badminton courts
- A Ravenscroft theatre
- Science Laboratory
- A Design and Technology studio with up to date tools.
- Art studio with up to date tools
- Privately owned chapel
- Separate boy's dormitory decorated by the students
- Separate girl's dormitory decorated by the students

The school has 300 students, international students are accepted from the age of eight and 40% of the students are international. The study programs are for Key stage 2 and 3.

The nearest airport is Birmingham International Airport and it takes one hour to reach the school. The fee for a full boarder is **£8,830** per term with deposit of one term's fee. The registration fee is **£200**.

Concord College



Concord was founded in 1949 after World War 2 by Paul Oertel and Monica Carr-Taylor, just outside Hastings in Sussex, as a small privately owned language school. It was, at its heart, a response to the hatred and bitterness of war and by using language teaching and personal warmth aimed to break down barriers and misunderstandings between people.

The word Concord means 'harmony' and the first generation of students remember a family friendly atmosphere in which the joint Principals worked tirelessly for the welfare and academic success of their students.

It is a co-educational school and admits borders from age 13 with 90% of students being international. The study programs are for GCSE and A-Level students. It is a highly academic school with students heading off to high ranked universities such as Oxford and Cambridge.

Facilities:

- Library with over 700 books and media resources
- 80-acre campus
- Theatre
- Sports grounds including, tennis courts, a pitch and running course
- Multi-use Sports hall
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- On site gym

There is an enrichment programme which offers students a variety of different activities to take part in such as, sports, outdoor education, charity organisations, creative arts and many other clubs and societies.

There are also both compulsory and non-compulsory activities for the students to take part in such as, the interhouse sports competition, the house arts event, formal and informal concerts throughout the year, timetabled sports lessons, PSHE lessons, university application support and careers advice.

A wide range of off-site trips are also arranged such as, visits to places of interest at weekends and during holidays, outdoor educational experiences and opportunities to explore international destinations.

The nearest airport is Birmingham International Airport, which only takes an hour to get to the school site.

Fees are **£13,300** per term. Deposits vary; details can be obtained from the admissions secretary. The registration fee is **£110**.

Brockenhurst College



Brockenhurst was established in 1909 and is based in an idyllic Hampshire village location. The college is set in the heart of the beautiful New Forest National Park and the 35-acre campus offers a friendly and safe environment for study and recreational activities.

Brockenhurst College has been involved in international education work since 2004 and are the only UK further education college to be designated by the Chinese government's Hanban Institute with Confucius Classroom status.

The college is one of the most successful sixth forms in the UK and has a wide range of courses for A-Level students. It has an excellent track record for results with a 97.7% overall A-level pass rate for 2017.

Facilities:

- All weather artificial turf pitch for all various sports
- On site gym with full equipped changing rooms and showers
- A multi-use sports hall
- On site café with study and social areas
- Learning Resource Centre with around 16,000 books and study areas for both single and group study
- MJ's Restaurant set up especially for hospitality courses

- Student services set up as support for students
- Extensive college bus network
- International tutors to help students settle in
- An Enrichment programme is available

The school has a Homestay Accommodation Programme in which the student lives with a British family in their own home. This allows a closer look at British lifestyle and the students are able to immerse themselves in British culture. The student will travel to college by bus or train just like other local students do from nearby towns and villages.

Homestay Accommodation annual fees are between £6,500 and £7,300 depending on where you are placed with your host family. Travel passes are only included in annual stays, however students staying for less time will have to purchase travel passes.

The nearest airport is Bournemouth and is 35 minutes away from the college. Fees are approximately **£6,000** Per term. Deposit: **£6,000** Registration fee is **£100**

Ellesmere College



Ellesmere College is a co-educational school based in the countryside of Shropshire in the UK. The school provides high standards of education for students aged 7 to 18, preparing them for their GCSE's, A-Levels and International Baccalaureate. This is as well as giving them the opportunity to partake in a variety of arts, sports and social activities.

The foundation stone of Ellesmere College, formerly known as St. Oswald's School, was laid on St. Oswald's Day, August 5th, 1879, and the school was opened on the same date in 1884.

The founder was Canon Nathaniel Woodard who began a chain of Woodard Foundation Schools, beginning with Lancing College in Sussex. The land upon which the College is situated was provided by Lord Brownlow, whose wife laid the foundation stone.

The school originally opened with 70 boys and four masters. The school was organised in three parts - a grammar school, Servitors' School, and Training School for Masters.

Facilities:

- Art centre theatre
- Privately owned chapel
- Multi-use artificial pitch
- Fitness centre and weights room
- Multi-use grass pitches

- 9-hole golf course
- Indoor and outdoor shooting range
- Multi-use sports hall
- 25-meter indoor swimming pool
- Floodlit outdoor netball courts
- Indoor tennis courts

Ellesmere College provides a friendly and warm environment with family values at its heart. Students from many countries are all part of the boarding community, becoming fully involved in school life. The college's modern accommodation provides a high quality, comfortable and secure environment for the students, with residential staff on site to tend to the students' needs 24 hours a day.

The nearest airports are Manchester Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport and it takes just over an hour to get to the college. Fees are **£10,977** Per term. Deposits **£9,000** and the registration fee is **£50**

Kingsley School



Kingsley School, is a co-educational independent school situated in Bideford, Devon.

Edgehill College was founded in 1884, Stella Maris Convent (later Stella Maris School) in 1929 and Grenville College in 1954. For more than half a century, the North Devon market town of Bideford was well-served by these three fine independent schools, each with its own Christian ethos, Edgehill being a member of the Methodist group of schools, Stella Maris originally being a Catholic Convent School and Grenville part of the Church of England Woodard Foundation.

Edgehill and Stella Maris were for many years girls' schools, while Grenville was for boys until its merger with Stella Maris in 1994. In January 2009, Edgehill College and Grenville College came together under the aegis of the Methodist Schools, to create the first new independent school in the region for more than half a century.

Facilities:

- Theatre
- Sports Hall
- Outstanding SEN provision
- Beautiful location in Devon
- All weather Astro turf pitch

At Kingsley School, all the teachers know all the students on a first-name basis. The school has the added benefit of providing students with much smaller class sizes than a typical school, or indeed other independent schools. The increased personal contact and one-to-one contact helps the school establish where students have difficulties.

Sixth formers are encouraged to take part in mentoring, supporting year 7 students when they join senior school and helping them deal with school life. The mentoring includes reception class welcoming pre-school children.

Students are also positively encouraged to form an active part of the school community; daily form times and assemblies involving all students and staff provides everyone the chance to voice concerns or problems, providing an active dialogue between student and teacher.

The nearest airport is Exeter and it takes 1 hour and 12 minutes to reach the school. Fees depend on age however are approximately **£9,500** per term inclusive of guardianship. An advanced deposit to secure school place is **£1,000** and the registration fee is **£100**

Lime House School



Lime House School, established in 1899, is set in some of the UK's finest rural landscape near the Lake District. This co-educational boarding and day school offers affordable and quality education for pupils aged six to eighteen. Many students also go onto top university destinations.

The school is set in a rural environment where each child's talents and potential are carefully nurtured. The curriculum encourages academic achievement alongside pupils' sporting, cultural and personal development.

The schools aim is to ensure that each pupil achieves their potential both academically and socially, each child being treated individually. They are cared for in a safe, rural environment and every attempt is made to ensure that they develop confidence and self-esteem, but essentially, that they are happy. The happy child is often a successful one.

Facilities:

- Multi-use sports hall
- Extensive multi-use sports field and pitches
- Payphones available
- Library
- Common rooms with Sky TV, Pool and Table tennis

The school provides extra-curricular activities after school and at weekends as well as weekend outings and trips which allows the students to explore the area around the Lake District.

Pupils are taken to Carlisle, visit the supermarkets or the cinema, go swimming or enjoy supervised walks in the local area. Many pupils are involved in Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme activities or play a variety of sports for local clubs.

The majority of the pupils are full boarders although a small number do return home for the weekend. All boys and girls are housed on the Main School site in a large, spacious house built in 1638. There are several floors of dormitories and common rooms. All dormitories have been renovated and redecorated within the last three years.

The nearest airport is Newcastle Airport and it takes 1 hour and 20 minutes to reach the school. Fees are **£8,750** Per term. Deposits **£1,000** and the registration fee is **£150**

UKAcademia Guardianship

“highly regarded for our high standard approach to child protection, safeguarding and quality”

The real foundation and driver behind our services is student safety and our guardianship services have been patiently devised and formulated to ensure that every student receives the best care and their families have piece of mind. We are passionate about this service and take each child's journey into consideration; we are the parents when they are under our care.

To ensure that an outstanding guardianship service is provided with a safe yet effective approach, we endured a productive journey before launching. This included some of the following steps:

- Working with local authorities to ensure all safeguarding and child protection policies are up-to-date
- Working with current guardianship providers to share good practice
- Devising a robust list of policies which safeguard students, families and staff
- Seeking experienced and enthusiastic host families
- Working in partnership with schools to develop programmes and good practice
- Creating optional half term programmes which ensure students enjoy and achieve

We are always learning and looking at how we can grow and expand with our provision for students and working with local partners and authorities means that we continually provide an optimum service.

We look forward to welcoming new students and families to become part of our UKAcademia family.

Our Fee Structure for Academic Year 2018/19

- £600 per term - Guardianship Fees
- £180 Registration Fee
- £600 deposit

We will include the following within the fee:

- 24-hour emergency service and background support as required for the student
- Personal assigned Liaison Officer to each student
- Contact with the school regarding travel arrangements and academic progress
- An annual visit to the school to see how the student is progressing
- Parent evening attendance on the parent's behalf.

All students within our guardianship service are also guaranteed a place onto UKAcademia's half -term activities programme.

Meet The Team



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