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One World - Limitless Opportunities



Head of School's Welcome Message



As the Founding Head of School, it is my great pleasure to introduce our new educational community. We are excited to open our doors for our first full academic year starting in August 2025.

Our vision is to offer comprehensive, inquiry-based K-12 education. We will begin with grades K-5 and plan to add a grade each year as we grow. Our mission is to provide an environment where every child is known, valued, and appreciated, fostering their unique talents, interests, and aspirations through a holistic educational approach.

Kindness and respect are central to our school community. We believe in the power of empathy and compassion to create a positive and supportive environment. Our curriculum will encourage curiosity, creativity, and leadership, preparing students for both academic success and personal fulfillment.

Leadership skills are woven throughout our educational approach, empowering students to lead themselves and others in pursuing their passions. A strong partnership between home and school is crucial, and we are committed to working closely with you to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

Although our campus is still under construction, we invite you to attend future information sessions to learn more about our admissions process and the school's vision. We will also share our plans to apply for candidacy as an IB World School, following the appropriate steps and guidelines.

Thank you for considering One World International School, Tsukuba. We look forward to partnering with you on this exciting journey.

Warm regards,

Mr Chris Larter

Founding Head of School,
One World International School Tsukuba



The Global Schools Group

OWIS is proud to be part of the Global Schools Group (GSG), an award-winning network of 64+ campuses across 11 countries. With students from more than 70 nationalities, our community offers children the experience of growing up in a truly international environment while still feeling supported and at home.



This global network offers many powerful benefits; seamless school transfers, make international moves easier, while shared expertise ensures consistently high standards of teaching and learning across all GSG campuses. Students also gain unique opportunities to participate in global events such as Model United Nations, cultural exchanges, and collaborative cultural projects with other students and educators around the world.

64 Campuses

11 Countries

45,000+ Students

5,000+ Faculty

70 Nationalities

11 School Brands



A Proven Legacy Of Global Success



One World International School (OWIS) was founded in 2008 in Singapore, and since its inception, has experienced enormous growth as the fastest-growing international school in the Asia-Pacific region. With state-of-the-art campuses located in Singapore, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, and Japan, OWIS is a world-class educational institution with several accolades in its portfolio:



17th World Education Summit Awards 2021



Singapore Business Awards



Honey Kids Asia: A Reggio Emilia-Inspired School



Asia Pacific Quality Organisation Award



World Education Awards 2020



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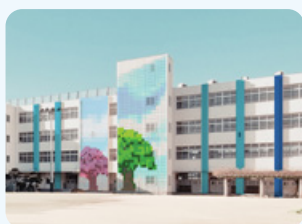
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OWIS TSUKUBA

One World International School Tsukuba

In an ever-changing world, education must do more than impart knowledge — it must inspire innovation, resilience, and compassion.

OWIS Tsukuba combines globally recognized curricula with cutting-edge teaching practices to create a transformative learning journey from Early Childhood through Grade 12. Anchored by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, our students gain the critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world application skills they need to thrive in the future.



AGE 3-5 YEARS

Early Childhood

Our well-designed early years education provides children with a strong foundation for their academic and socio-emotional development.



AGE 5-11 YEARS

Primary School

Our Primary Programme nurtures the natural curiosity in children to make them inquisitive and experiential learners through curriculum-based activities.



AGE 11-16 YEARS

Junior Secondary School

Our international curriculum will promote critical thinking and creativity, so young learners will be well-prepared for the challenges of high school.



AGE 16-18 YEARS

Senior Secondary School

A rigorous and goal-oriented learning experience that will prepare learners for a fruitful university life and a well-defined career path.

Why Families Choose Us



Innovation in Academics

Our **certified and experienced teachers** deliver the **internationally recognized IB curriculum**, and are supported by **best practices from the Global Schools Group**. With personalized pathways, strong English support, and access to modern STEM and technology facilities, students are equipped with the skills and mindset to thrive in any future.



Nurturing School Environment

We foster a culture of kindness, inclusivity, and respect where every child feels safe and supported. Through personalized education, strong parent-teacher communication, and **dedicated attention to social-emotional growth**, we empower students to build confidence and develop compassion alongside academic achievement.



Leadership & Holistic Growth

Beyond academics, students grow through after-school programmes, house systems, and community projects that build resilience, teamwork, and leadership. They **learn to make responsible decisions**, take creative risks, and contribute meaningfully to society – skills that prepare them for life far beyond the classroom.



Connectivity & Global Network

As part of the Global Schools Group, our students connect with peers across 11 countries and 70+ nationalities. From **student exchange trips and inter-campus cultural projects**, to pathways into top universities worldwide, our students benefit from a network that opens doors and broadens horizons.



Curriculum



Learning with us goes far beyond memorization. Our curriculum is designed to spark curiosity, nurture creativity, and prepare students for success in a globalized world. Supported by research-based learning methods and GSG best practices, we blend academic rigour with holistic growth to inspire a lifelong love of learning.

Inquiry-Based & Student-Centred

We believe children learn best when they are encouraged to ask questions, explore, and discover. Our inquiry-based framework allows students to engage deeply with ideas through real-world and role-play scenarios. By taking ownership of their learning, **students build independence, problem-solving skills, and critical thinking abilities** that prepare them for future challenges.

Strong Literacy Foundation

Language is the gateway to all learning at OWIS Tsukuba, and we prioritize literacy through research-backed practices such as:

- Genre-based literacy units
- The Writing Process Methodology
- Reader's and Writer's Workshop approaches
- Guided Reading and Literature Circles
- Dedicated quiet reading time

These methods help students become confident, articulate communicators and passionate readers.

At OWIS Tsukuba, your child's education is more than preparation for exams — it's preparation for life.

Real-World Application Of Numeracy

Mathematics is taught as more than numbers on a page. Students apply numeracy skills in authentic contexts—whether through **design projects, event planning, analysing data, or cooking activities**—so they understand the value of what they are learning and how it connects to everyday life.

Extended Science & STEM Programme

Science is brought to life through a **STEM-rich curriculum** that encourages experimentation and discovery. Students learn the scientific method, work with design and innovation projects, and build essential skills in planning, recording, analysing, and evaluating. Our **STEM lab and specialist classes** help students see themselves as scientists, innovators, and problem-solvers.

Technology Integration

From Grade 1, students begin their digital journey with iPads, progressing to MacBooks in Grade 5 and beyond. Technology is not just a tool but an enabler of learning. We emphasize authentic applications, from research projects to digital collaboration, while also teaching **digital citizenship skills** that prepare students to use technology responsibly.

Personalized & Holistic

With optimal class sizes (18 students or fewer per teacher), every child receives individualized support. **Lessons are adapted to suit each learner's pace and style**, building confidence and ensuring academic progress. Beyond academics, students develop values, leadership skills, and personal passions through extensive after-school programmes, character development,, and community engagement.

Our Graduation Pathway

GSG schools in Japan have a strong track record of academic achievement, with students excelling in IB examinations. Each year, thousands of our graduates progress to world-leading universities, empowered with the skills, confidence, and global mindset to thrive anywhere in the world.



Japan

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| • Hokkaido University | • Nagoya University of Commerce and Business | • Tohoku University |
| • Hosei University*2 | • Ritsumeikan University | • Tokyo Christian University |
| • International Christian University | • Shibaura Institute of technology | • Tokyo International University*6 University of Aizu*5 |
| • International College of Liberal Arts (iCLA) | • Soka University | • University of Tsukuba*2 |
| • Keio University*2 | • Sophia University*4 | • Waseda University*5 |

USA

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| • Boston University*2 | • Texas A&M University | • University of Manchester*5 |
| • California College of the Arts | • The New School - Parsons | • University of Texas, Austin |
| • Case Western Reserve University | • University of California, Davis | • University of Washington*2 |
| • Drexel University | • University of California San Diego | • University of Wisconsin Madison |
| • Pennsylvania State University*2 | • University of Colorado Boulder | • University of Bristol |
| • Pratt Institute | • University of Illinois Urbana Champaign*5 | • Virginia Tech University |
| • Purdue University*5 | • University of Illinois | • Penn State University |

UK

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| • Durham University*2 | • Queen Mary University | • University of Glasgow |
| • King's College London*3 | • Skyborne Airline Academy | • University of Nottingham*2 |
| • Lancaster University | • University of Edinburgh*2 | • University of Oxford |
| • Oxford Brookes University | • University College London*2 | • University of Southampton |
| • Queen's University Belfast | • University of Bristol*2 | • University of Warwick*2 |

Global

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| • University of New South Wales (Australia) | • York University (Canada) | • Presidency University, Banglore (India) |
| • University of British Columbia*4 (Canada) | • Manipal Institute of Technology (India) | • Vellore Institute of Technology (India) |
| • University of Toronto*3 (Canada) | • Manipal University (India) | |

English Language Support - AEP



All OWIS students benefit from our **immersive English environment**, international faculty, multicultural student body, and global student exchange programmes, helping them learn English faster and more comprehensively compared to in a purely academic setting.

But as part of our commitment to every student's success, OWIS offers an extensive **Academic English Preparation (AEP) programme** that supports aspiring students to improve their English skills. Students take these classes alongside mainstream classes until they are able to actively participate in an English-speaking classroom.

For students transferring from the traditional Japanese education system and joining us in April, we offer a dedicated **Transitional English Immersion Programme**. Through this full-day programme, learners strengthen their English skills for up to eight hours a day, helping them build confidence and readiness before the new academic year begins in August.



Parent-School Communication

Your child's teacher will communicate with you directly through the parent engagement platform **Toddle**, offering valuable insights into your child's progress and achievements. Messages can be easily translated within the app, ensuring smooth communication across languages. This seamless connection builds a strong support system and helps every student enjoy a rewarding learning journey.

We regularly share updates through our monthly **newsletters, social media channels, and school website**, so you are always kept in the loop with school activities and updates. If you have any questions or concerns, we are always just a message away.



Transition & Immersion Programmes



Our Transition and Immersion Programmes provide a smooth and nurturing pathway for children moving from local kindergartens or schools into the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP).

These short-term programmes focus on helping students **build confidence, develop English language foundations**, and become familiar with our inquiry-based approach – ensuring a successful start to their life at OWIS.

The Transition Class (April – July)

Designed for children who have completed Kindergarten on the Japanese academic calendar, our **Transition Class** is a full-day, one-term bridge into Grade 1 at OWIS Tsukuba.

Key Features

Language is the gateway to all learning at OWIS Tsukuba, and we prioritize literacy through research-backed practices such as:

- **Belonging & Independence:** Building friendships, routines, and classroom confidence.
- **Language & Literacy:** Foundational English through Readers and Writers Workshops, phonics, and playful communication.
- **Mathematical Thinking:** Exploring patterns, symmetry, time, and money through inquiry and real-life problem-solving.
- **Creative Expression:** Art, Music, PE, and Library sessions designed with visual and verbal language support.
- **Integrated Curriculum:** The programme follows two six-week inquiry units aligned with IB themes – Who We Are (identity, belonging, and classroom community) and How We Express Ourselves (communicating interests and talents through speech, art, and performance)

At the end of the term, families receive a **Readiness Profile** summarizing progress and next steps for Grade 1 – including recommendations for additional English support if beneficial.

Immersion in English & Inquiry

For students joining from Japanese-medium schools or new to English, OWIS Tsukuba offers **in-class immersion and language scaffolds** at every grade level:

- Visual supports, modelled talk, and sentence frames to aid comprehension.
- Small-group phonics and vocabulary sessions linked to class themes.
- Bilingual peer and teacher support to build confidence and fluency.

Students who need extra help may also join our **AEP programme** pull-out sessions, which reinforce reading, writing, and speaking skills until full participation in mainstream classes is achieved.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of their Transition or Immersion experience, students are able to:

- Participate confidently in English-medium inquiry lessons.
- Apply literacy and numeracy skills to real-world contexts.
- Express ideas creatively through art, music, and play.
- Demonstrate independence, collaboration, and curiosity in daily routines.
- Feel a strong sense of belonging in our international community.

At OWIS Tsukuba, every child transitions into international learning with confidence, curiosity, and joy – ready to thrive in Grade 1 and beyond.

OWIS Japan Parent Testimonials



Jeremy Carlson

Parent of Early Childhood
and Primary School Students

“ I really like the teachers here, they are always smiling and are really kind, and it’s great to see that they hold a lot of our family’s values. My kids also seem to really enjoy their teacher’s mentorship style. My children have started the PYP curriculum and are learning lots of things that I wish I had learned as a kid. My child loves the gardening classes, the school pet and anything to do with nature. We love to see that the education is very tangible and hands-on. ”

“ OWIS’s legacy and big brand presence were a focal point for us. Our son has really enjoyed the strong exposure to science, and today, I saw his presentation on economics. He knows so much more about economics than even I do, and he is just 10 years old! ”



Rahul Kaushik

Parent of Early Childhood
and Primary School Students



Akiko Matsuo

Parent of a Primary
School Student

“ Thanks to Hallen, we truly feel that enrolling in this school was a great decision. The The Unit Of Inquiry and presentation-based lessons, which are not available in Japanese schools, are excellent. Also, by interacting with children from various countries on a daily basis, he is receiving positive stimulation and absorbing a wide range of perspectives, which we believe is enriching his outlook on life. ”

“ Each day we have been greeted by teachers with warm smiles and genuine kindness - this left a deep impression on us. What touched us even more is how many teachers already remembered my son Eric & Ethan’s names. Their home room teachers, Ms Mariko & Ms Michelle, have offered consistent encouragement and recognition, which has deeply reassured both our children and us as parents. We truly believe they will continue to thrive with this kind of support. ”



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Parent of Early Childhood
and Primary School Students

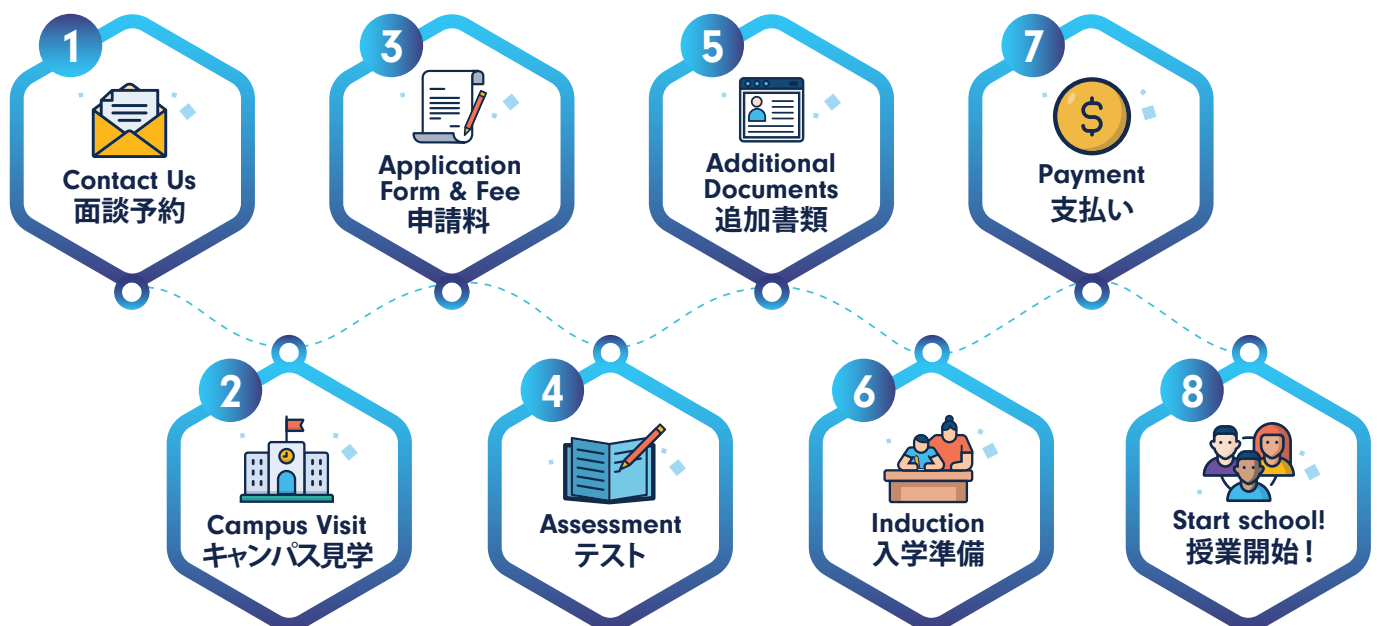
Admission Process



The academic year at OWIS Tsukuba begins in the last week of August and concludes in the last week of July. Prospective students can apply for admission at any point during the school year.

Step-by-Step Admissions Process at OWIS Tsukuba:

- 1. Contact us:** Reach out to us by email at admtsk.owisnrt@globalschools.com and schedule an appointment with our friendly admission counsellor. Make sure they know you are interested in enrolling.
- 2. Campus visit:** Visit the campus for a personal tour of our school, get your questions answered, and discuss the admissions process. We can also assist you with the admissions form, payment process, and child assessment while you are there.
- 3. Application form & Initial fees:** Visit <https://owis.myglobalschool.org/modules/gadm/RegisterForm> to submit an online application form on our website. The admissions counsellor will send you a payment link by email to pay for the application and registration fees.
- 4. Aptitude Assessment:** This short aptitude assessment is designed to determine whether students from Kindergarten and above are placed in our Academic English Preparation (AEP) programme or regular classes, as well as their academic ability and behaviour.
- 5. Additional Documents:** Send the teacher evaluation, last year's school year report, doctor's certificate of health, OWIS Personal Information Form, and OWIS Health and Diet Form to admtsk.owisnrt@globalschools.com or by paper to 1400 Kunimatsu, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 300-4354, Japan.
- 6. Induction:** Collect textbooks, uniforms, school IDs, Lunch Plans Form, and Bus Application Form.
- 7. Fee Payment:** Meet with the finance department to make the first payment: <https://owis.org/jp/osaka/school-fees/>
- 8. Start School!!**




OWIS Grades, Ages, & International Standards

OWIS学年・年齢・国際基準



| Grade in US, Canada, Australia 米・加・豪の学年 | Grade in UK 英国の学年 | Grade in Japan 日本の学年 | Age of Student (on Sept. 1 st) 生徒の年齢 (9月1日時点) | Grade at OWIS OWISの学年 |
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| Preschool/Pre-K | Reception | 保育園 / 幼稚園 (年少) Hoikuen/Yōchien | 3 Year Old | Early Childhood Education (EC) 2 |
| Preschool/Pre-K | Reception | 保育園 / 幼稚園 (年中) Hoikuen/Yōchien | 4 Year Old | Early Childhood Education (EC) 1 |
| Kindergarten | Year 1 | 保育園 / 幼稚園 (年長) Hoikuen/Yōchien | 5 Year Old | Kindergarten |
| Grade 1 | Year 2 | 小学1年生 Grade 1 | 6 Year Old | 1年生 Grade 1 |
| Grade 2 | Year 3 | 小学2年生 Grade 2 | 7 Year Old | 2年生 Grade 2 |
| Grade 3 | Year 4 | 小学3年生 Grade 3 | 8 Year Old | 3年生 Grade 3 |
| Grade 4 | Year 5 | 小学4年生 Grade 4 | 9 Year Old | 4年生 Grade 4 |
| Grade 5 | Year 6 | 小学5年生 Grade 5 | 10 Year Old | 5年生 Grade 5 |
| Grade 6 | Year 7 | 小学6年生 Grade 6 | 11 Year Old | 6年生 Grade 6 |
| Grade 7 | Year 8 | 中学1年生 Grade 7 | 12 Year Old | 7年生 Grade 7 |
| Grade 8 | Year 9 | 中学2年生 Grade 8 | 13 Year Old | 8年生 Grade 8 |
| Grade 9 | Year 10 | 中学3年生 Grade 9 | 14 Year Old | 9年生 Grade 9 |
| Grade 10 | Year 11 | 高校1年生 Grade 10 | 15 Year Old | 10年生 Grade 10 |
| Grade 11 | Year 12 | 高校2年生 Grade 11 | 16 Year Old | 11年生 Grade 11 |
| Grade 12 | Year 13 | 高校3年生 Grade 12 | 17 Year Old | 12年生 Grade 12 |

 Early Childhood / Pre-school
幼稚部

 Primary / Elementary
初等部

 Secondary
中等部

 Junior Secondary
中等部

 Senior Secondary
高等部

*OWIS will introduce at least one new grade every year up until grade 12. We aim to provide full Early Childhood to Grade 12 education by 2033.





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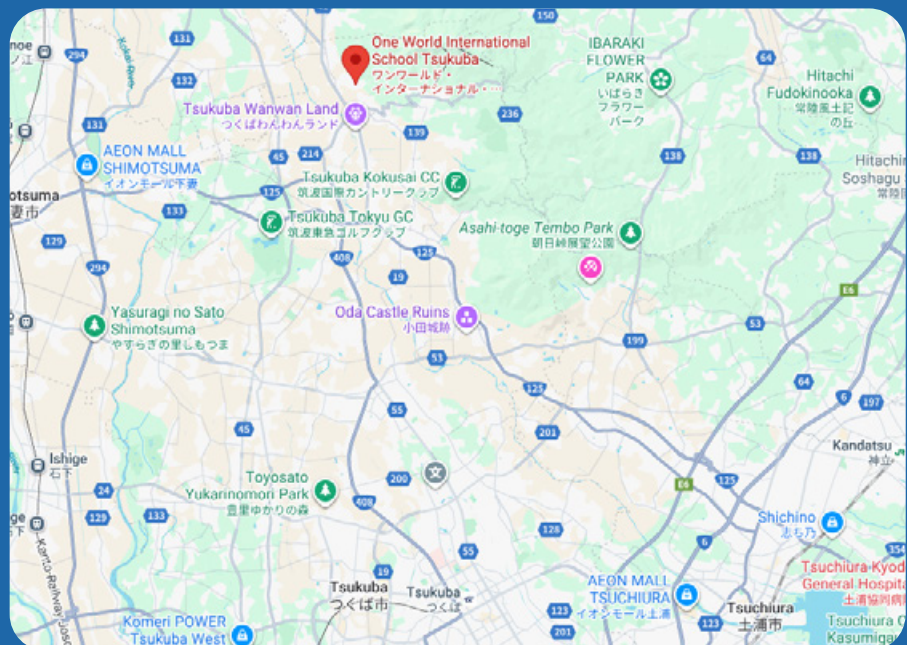
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Japan | Singapore | United Kingdom | South Korea | Saudi Arabia | UAE | Malaysia | Philippines | Cambodia | India | Thailand