

# The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa

## School Profile

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### Community

Bordering the Indian Ocean, Mombasa is the second largest city in Kenya and is the largest port in East Africa. Mombasa's population of approximately 800,000 includes immigrants from the Middle East, India, and Europe. Tourism, importing and exporting are the major drivers of this eclectic city that is rich in diversity and culture.

Student selection is based solely on merit and judged on demonstrated academic performance and overall potential. The school has a generous financial aid program with 25% of senior school students benefitting from this investment in their future. Our student body consists of students from a diverse range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

### School Information

The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa is part of the Aga Khan Development Network and is an IB World School, and the first of a planned integrated international network of Aga Khan Academies dedicated to providing access to high quality education. The Mombasa Academy has recently been joined in the network by Academies in Hyderabad, India and Maputo, Mozambique. The schools are dedicated to expanding access to education of an international standard of excellence to exceptional young men and women regardless of their ability to pay. Envisaged in Africa, South and Central Asia and the Middle East, the Aga Khan Academies foundational values include pluralism, meritocracy and civil society. The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa opened in September 2003 as a day school, and expanded to include a residential program in 2009.

The Academy offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Curriculum from Primary Years Program through the Middle Years Program to the Diploma Program and provides a rich opportunity for both teachers and students alike to grow both professionally and personally.

### Statistics

The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa Diploma students have consistently performed above the IB World Average.

| Graduating Class | AKA, M IB Average | IB World Average | Class Size |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| 2014             | 32.9              | 29.7             | 56         |
| 2013             | 31.4              | 29.8             | 66         |
| 2012             | 31.2              | 29.6             | 36         |
| 2011             | 30                | 29.6             | 29         |
| 2010             | 33                | 29.5             | 35         |
| 2009             | 33                | 29.5             | 23         |

## Academy Students

The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa aims to graduate students who are intellectually gifted, talented, and well rounded. The class of 2014-2015 will be the ninth class to graduate from the Academy's IB Diploma program.

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| <b>Students in Diploma Programme 2 (yr.12)</b>  | 71 |
| <b>Students in Diploma Programme 1 (yr. 11)</b> | 63 |

Our students come from different nationalities, religious beliefs, and economic backgrounds. While the majority of our day students reside in Mombasa, our residential population comes from all over East Africa and the world including India, Madagascar, Tajikistan, Tanzania, and Uganda. Our institution values such diversity and it is actively integrated within the curriculum as we have a substantial number of international teachers hailing from Canada, Mauritius, Romania, Tajikistan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

The school offers a comprehensive athletics program bolstered by world-class facilities with three regulation basketball courts, a 50 meter swimming pool, an astroturf field, and squash courts. Students take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities from Model United Nations and International Science Competitions, to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

## Curriculum

The curriculum at The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa is based on the philosophy and practice of the International Baccalaureate, an activity-based and inquiry-driven learning approach.

Our curriculum incorporates the facets of the IB learner profile inside and outside of the classroom through both our Academic and Enrichment programs which encourage our students to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open minded, caring, risk takers, balanced, and reflective. Students are required to take 6 subjects- 3 at the Higher Level and 3 at the Standard Level. Additionally, students must take Theory of Knowledge and complete a 4,000 word Extended Essay on a topic of their choice.

*The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa offers the following IB subjects:*

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| English HL/SL            | Environmental Systems |
| Swahili B HL/ SL         | Biology HL/SL         |
| Math Studies, Math HL/SL | Chemistry HL/SL       |
| Economics HL/SL          | Physics HL/SL         |
| Geography HL/SL          | Visual Art HL         |
| History HL/ SL           | Theatre Arts HL/SL    |
| Swahili A HL/ SL         | French B HL/SL        |
| Psychology SL            | ITGS HL/SL            |

## Our students have received acceptances from the following institutions (2007-2014):

### **Australia**

Curtin University  
University of Melbourne

### **Canada**

McGill University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo

### **Egypt**

Al- Azhar University  
American University of Cairo

### **Germany**

Karlshoch-schule -  
International University  
University of Duisburg-  
Essen

### **Kenya**

Jomo Kenyatta University  
University of Nairobi

### **Netherlands**

The Hague University  
University of Groningen

### **South Africa**

University of Cape Town

### **Qatar**

Georgetown School of  
Foreign Service

### **United Arab Emirates**

New York University,  
Abu Dhabi

### **United Kingdom**

Cardiff University  
University of Bath  
University of  
Birmingham  
University College  
London  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds  
University of Liverpool  
University of  
Manchester  
University of Reading  
University of St.  
Andrews

### **United States**

Berklee School of  
Music  
Columbia University  
Dartmouth College  
Grinnell College  
MIT  
Northwestern  
Stanford University  
UCLA  
University of  
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