



Teaching of Kazakh at Haileybury Astana

At Haileybury we have a strong commitment to the teaching of Kazakh and value the importance of understanding about

Kazakh literature, culture,
history and geography.

We teach this not only through formal lessons, but also in creative exciting ways which involve many hours of contact time but in ways which pupils will become excited and interested in the rich heritage we have all around us here.





In the Junior school pupils have dedicated lessons either two or three times a week, and in Senior School there is similar provision. In Year 8 we run a module of work exploring the role of Kazakhstan in the United Nations and the growth of Tourism as a focus for the future. We also offer a wide range of extra experiences.

These include:

Independence Day Celebrations – 16th December

This week long series of celebrations culminates in a whole school assembly and we ensure this happens in the final weeks of the winter term.

Kazakh Concert in summer (lower junior school)

Younger children will show parents their knowledge of Kazakh at the end of the year.

Nauryz Celebrations – Spring

For this we have another whole week of celebrations with House competitions on Kazakh themes including song, dance, games and Kazakh traditions.

Junior school Kazakh Performance (older junior school)

There will be a school production in Kazakh.



Teachers Day, Language Day
(22nd September)

Unity Day (1st May)

Includes special events run by our Kazakh Department as we celebrate unity between the different nationalities here in Astana.

For Victory Day (9th May)

Our pupils lay flowers at the war memorial and also go and visit local veterans to bring them food and presents.

We also have a 'Haileybury's Got Talent' day and Ms and Mr Haileybury event for senior school when pupils show a range of traditional Kazakh and international performance work.

Haileybury Astana also joins with other schools in COASH for competitions in Kazakh particularly celebrating Abay Kunanbayev's birthday.





Kazakh experience days

We also run a range of Kazakh Experience Days – these take place within the school House system and a range of experiences are offered which can include:

- Visit to Alzhyr – the gulag for women
- Visit to Karlag gulag
- Possible 2 day visit to Abylai Khan's house
– the leader who united the Kazakhs as their King
- Visits to Kazakh museums and venues in Astana
- Building a Yurt in school

In the summer we run a three day residential event for all pupils in the Senior School which involves:

- Horse riding
- Working with eagles
- Kazakh games and customs
- Sleeping in Yurts



Testing

Our testing systems are linked to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. We have devised a new system with resources to grade pupils at three different levels as they progress in Kazakh:

- Starters
- Movers
- Flyers

At Year II we are developing materials with KazTest for an exam at B1 level for our pupils.