

# Haileybury Almaty

## Senior School Admission Information





**John Coles**  
Headmaster

Dear Parents,

This booklet provides a wide range of essential information about admission to Haileybury Almaty. We hope you find this helpful and informative.

If you have not visited Haileybury Almaty already, we warmly invite you to come and see what makes our school such a special place, and to be impressed by the vast array of activities and opportunities which await your child.

Open Morning Events are an ideal opportunity to explore all that we have to offer as well as meet the individuals who make Haileybury such a wonderful place to be – our pupils.

They will give you a true insight into life here as they take you on a guided tour of our excellent school. Our Heads of Faculty and Senior Staff will also be present to answer any specific questions you may have during our Open Morning Sessions.

In addition, we can arrange individual appointments which are tailored to your child's needs and their particular interests. Please just contact the Admissions Office and let us know the most convenient date and time for your visit and we will be happy to arrange this for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to Haileybury Almaty.

Yours sincerely

**Headmaster**

# Becoming a Haileyburian

Haileybury Almaty is a selective school, which seeks to admit those pupils with the aptitude, ability and personality who are most likely to thrive in and contribute to its diverse international community.

At Haileybury Almaty we pride ourselves on supporting your child to making the best possible progress and achieving academic results that reflect their full potential. Equally important, we believe, are the skills and attributes that will ensure they become well-rounded and successful citizens. We promote these Haileybury Habits in all of our teaching and encourage your child to be:

- Courageous - willing to face all challenges
- Inquisitive - constantly questioning and seeking answers
- Organised - prepared in every way
- Reflective - able to learn from all experiences
- Resourceful - able to find ways to overcome challenges
- Resilient - able to react positively to challenges.

Your child will also be encouraged to reflect upon and develop their Attitude to Learning (ATL).



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# Senior School Leadership Team



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Headmaster



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Kipling  
Housemaster



**Donald Scott**  
Senior School  
Head of Sixth Form

# Curriculum

## Senior School: Year 7 to Sixth Form

A very warm welcome to the Senior School, which is comprised of pupils aged 11 to 18 years. Like the rest of the school our mission is to provide our community with an educational experience which enables our pupils to fulfil their potential academically, physically, culturally and socially within a global and future context.

We demand high standards of academic endeavour and seek to develop pupils holistically. We do this through a balanced and challenging curriculum, complemented by broad-ranging pastoral care.

We follow the Haileybury Curriculum in Years 7-9, which incorporates the best curricula both from Britain and internationally, the IGCSE programme at Years 10-11, and A-levels in Years 12 and 13.

Haileybury Almaty Senior School is building on its current academic success of being in the top 100 independent performing schools in the UK and aims to establish itself as one of the top schools in the world.

In Senior School pupils in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 have lessons delivered by specialist teachers in: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, French, Geography, History, Kazakh, Kazakh History, Russian or Mandarin, Personal Development (PSHE), Physics and Physical Education.

Some pupils may start their IGCSE courses in English and Maths in Year 9 if their ability is suitable.



In Year 10 and Year 11 all pupils study IGCSEs. Pupils take 8 subjects in total, including English Language and Mathematics and two Sciences. Pupils may then choose from a selection of optional subjects, as listed below.

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English Language
- English Literature
- Economics
- French
- Geography
- History
- Kazakh Language
- Mandarin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Russian



### Sixth Form

In the Lower Sixth (Year 12) pupils then commence their study of the A Level courses. A pupil may choose 3 or 4 subjects for AS Level, and it is usual for pupils to take 3 full A Levels at the end of Senior Sixth (Year 13).

### A Level Subjects

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Mandarin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Further Mathematics
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Russian

The Sixth Form also include lessons and guidance for English examinations such as IELTS for pupils who are not native language speakers; this allows access to the best British and American Universities. They will also undertake non examined courses in Epistemology and Personal Development. All Kazakh pupils are also required by law to study non examined Kazakh Language and Culture.

*\*Please note subjects offered may be subject to change and dependent on demand.*

# Admissions procedure

We warmly invite prospective families to visit Haileybury Almaty to get a real impression of everyday life at our school. During term time you can meet staff and pupils at Open Morning Events. This is an ideal introduction to the school and your visit will include a tour with our pupils and an opportunity to meet the Headmaster and other key members of staff.

## **An individual visit**

Many families arrange an individual appointment after initially attending an Open Morning Event. This allows for further detailed questions to be raised, particular issues discussed or in order to meet specific members of staff.

Twenty to twenty two pupils per class in the Junior School and in the Senior School pupils are set by ability in Mathematics and Modern Languages. All other subjects are taught in mixed ability teaching groups.

Haileybury Almaty is sympathetic towards applications from siblings in order that, where this is their wish, parents may have their sons and daughters educated at the same school. Within this general statement, it remains important that siblings are able to both cope with and meet the requirements of an academically selective school. Entry is by competitive examination using an online Verbal, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning Assessment. The entrance examination takes place during certain dates as indicated by school. All applicants are interviewed by a Senior School Leader and interviews are arranged on or near to the day of the assessment. In assessing applications, a judgement is made as to the individual candidate's potential. The report and reference from the Head



of their current school is taken into account as are other talents, for instance in the areas of music, art and sport. Overseas candidates may be permitted to sit the papers at their current school or an alternative venue such as offices of the British Council. Final decision on acceptance is made on successfully passing our entrance examinations, a successful interview at Haileybury Almaty and a positive report and reference from the candidate's current school.

#### **Year 7-9, 11+ entry**

Entry into Year 7-9 is dependent upon spaces being available. Entry is by the schools assessment in Mathematics, English, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning, together with a positive report and reference from the candidate's current school and an interview at with a Senior School Leader.



#### **Year 10, 14+ entry**

The entry criteria, is similar to that of Year 7-9 entry but age appropriate.

#### **Year 11**

The school does not accept applicants to the Year 11 other than those pupils who have already completed the first year of an IGCSE programme. In such cases acceptance to the school will be dependent on the applicant's existing courses mapping successfully to the school's Fifths timetable. Entrance will then be subject to the same criteria as those applied to Years 2-10.

#### **Lower Sixth (Year 12) – 16+ entry**

Candidates are welcome to apply for entry to the Haileybury Almaty Sixth Form to study the A Levels programme. Candidates are requested to provide a school report to the Admissions upon initial enquiry. Examinations are taken at Haileybury Almaty in March-May of the year prior to entry; candidates will be interviewed and tested in English, Mathematics and Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning. For Lower Sixth (Year 12) pupils, places may be conditional upon IGCSE or equivalent results when announced.



# Admission Policy

Haileybury Almaty is an academically selective school. All pupils must meet the academic criteria and the likelihood of succeeding academically and individually at Haileybury Almaty is the primary consideration when admitting pupils to the school.

See the table below for year groups and ages.

Year Group	Age of Pupil as of 31 August in year of proposed entry
Year 7	11 yrs
Year 8	12 yrs
Year 9	13 yrs
Year 10	14 yrs
Lower Sixth (Year 12)	16 yrs

## Acceptance

Announcement of entrance test results is usually within 1 working week of the assessments. In order to accept the offer of a place at the start of the next academic year, the next term or for immediate entry in exceptional circumstances, parents should complete and return the Acceptance Pack make payment of a guarantee fee to the school accounts office during the period as advised by the Admissions. Should the guarantee fee (as appropriate) not be paid by the published deadline the school has the right to offer the place to the next pupil on the waiting list.

## Unsuccessful Applications

Parents of applicants who are not successful in gaining a place will receive a letter of rejection, but may contact the Admissions Office for further details about why the application was unsuccessful. The Admissions Office will ask parents of applicants, who are not successful in gaining a place, or in being invited for assessment, if they would like their child to be considered for entry in the following year. The parents must inform the Admissions Office in writing by the deadlines stated in the Admissions timeline, their application will be carried over to the following year. Under these circumstances, there is no need to pay a further Application Fee. Failure to inform the Admissions Office by the appropriate deadline will result in their child's name being withdrawn from our lists.



# Scholarships

To enable young people to gain a place at an overseas university Haileybury Almaty offers scholarships in the Senior School.

The majority of these are for 15/16year old young people who will have the opportunity to begin a Sixth Form programme of studies including A Levels.

A Levels are valued across the world including in the USA and give access to world class universities. These scholarships are open to students who are citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and have a solid list of academic achievements. They should be interested in following a British curriculum and the study of the most popular British qualification: Advanced Level General Certificates of Education (GCEs), better known as the A Level, which allows entry to the best universities in the UK and around the world. A Level graduates are accepted and highly regarded by American, European, Canadian and Australian universities and universities around the world.



A good level of English is not required, as we provide excellent support in learning the language to any successful candidates.

The advantages of a Haileybury Almaty education include:

- A British education devoted to academic excellence and holistic education
- An education in a modern school with first class teaching and facilities
- Remission up to 100% on the cost of schooling dependent on financial means
- Intensive support in learning English
- Personalised support and guidance through the process of entering universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Europe and the rest of the world.

Educational scholarship covers the following expenses:

- Tuition fee
- The cost of individual teaching materials
- The cost of international exams.

To take part in testing, the candidate shall:

- Fill in the application form
- Provide documents relating to the family's financial means
- Pass entrance test in English, Maths and selected subjects.

\* To obtain a scholarship the candidate must be a citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who has reached the age of 16 at the beginning of A Level education.

*Shyngys (Leaver 2019) has received an offer from Peterhouse, Cambridge to read Mathematics. He is a recipient of Haileybury Almaty Senior School scholarship.*

# English Academy

This is designed for pupils who need intensive English language support when they join the school. The goal is to prepare them to learn in mainstream classes as quickly as possible. The English Academy allows them to be full members of our school community and take part in school life whilst benefiting from an individual programme of study.

English Academy teachers deliver personalised English programmes, individualised support and feedback while small groups create a highly supportive and focused learning environment.

Expectations are high in the English Academy; therefore, pupils are strongly encouraged to demonstrate excellence, commitment and an outstanding attitude to learning.

Many of our pupils are working in English as an additional language and the School offers special support as required. The School's EAL department sees to the needs of each such pupil. Attendance in the English Academy is a prerequisite for some applicants, so that they do not struggle with the curriculum and are fully supported to achieve exam success.

The School also provides a special programme for scholars who join the school later in the Senior School and who require more intensive language support.



# House System



The House system is at the centre of Haileybury Almaty's pastoral structure. We have 4 Houses and they are named after 4 distinguished Haileyburians: Attlee, Bartle Frere, Edmonstone and Kipling.

Houses afford the pupil a smaller, closer community within the School, and broaden the range of activities and support available to the pupils. Each House is headed by a Housemaster or Housemistress who leads a team of House Tutors.

House	Housemaster/Mistress	House colour
Attlee	Giles Whittaker	Yellow
Bartle Frere	Liam Streat	Red
Edmonstone	Henry Wilkinson	Dark Blue
Kipling	Joshua Liversidge	Green

# The School Day

Arrival and Breakfast (Dining Hall)	7.30 – 8.00
House Tutor Time	8.00 – 8.30
Lesson 1	8.30 – 9.30
Lesson 2	9.30 – 10.30
Break	10.30 – 11:00
Lesson 3	11.00 – 11.30
Lesson 4	11.30 – 12.30
Break	12.30 – 13.00
Lunch	13.00 – 13.30
Lesson 5	13.30 – 14.30
Lesson 6	14.30 – 15.30
CCA (Monday – Thursday)	15.30 – 16.30

# Fees

<b>Registration fee</b>	37 000 KZT is paid before entrance tests
<b>Guarantee fee</b>	365 000 KZT (refundable) is paid after pupils admission

Year Group	Annual Fee
Years 7-9	8 604 300 KZT
Years 10-11 (IGCSE)	9 810 500 KZT
Years 12-13 (A-Level)	9 810 500 KZT

Tuition fees are paid in 3 tranches.

- 1st tranche before 22 August 2019 — 43%
- 2nd tranche before 6 December 2019 — 26%
- 3rd tranche before 6 March 2020 — 31%



# Frequently Asked Questions

## *When can I visit the school?*

Families are warmly invited to attend one of our Open Morning Sessions which take place during the academic year. Please reserve a place online or contact the Admissions Office. You are also welcome to make an individual appointment to see the school by calling the Admissions Office. Appointments are usually booked around one to four weeks in advance.

**<http://haileybury.kz/en/almaty/admissions>**

## *How many children will be in my child's class?*

The maximum class size at Haileybury is 22 pupils.

## *How do I choose a House?*

Historical or sibling connections are taken into consideration when House places are allocated.

## *Do parents get involved at Haileybury?*

Contact between parents, tutors and Housemasters or Housemistresses is not only welcome but essential for the wellbeing of every pupil; parents are always encouraged to support school performances, sports matches, concerts and special events.

## *Will I like the food at Haileybury Almaty?*

School catering provides an outstanding quality and variety of meals for pupils. There really is something for everyone, everyday, three times per day. The exceptional menu of freshly cooked food always includes hot and cold options, vegetarian meals, and wide-ranging salad bar. Desserts are also served and fresh fruit is always available. Special dietary requirements are also catered for.

## *Is there a Haileybury Parents Association?*

The Haileybury Parents Association (HPA) works seamlessly with the school in organising various functions from formal balls to casual quiz nights.

Its main aim is creating opportunities and environments for every parent to get as much as wish to.

For more information on how the HPA works please refer to Parents' Communication Guide on Firefly.



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# Educating future leaders

*You can book a tour on the web-site:*

<http://www.haileybury.kz/en/almaty/admissions>

*Contact us:*

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