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A World-Ready Education

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Ardingly Astana





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A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDING HEADMASTER

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The world our children are entering is one of extraordinary complexity and possibility. The skills that will matter most — intellectual confidence, independent thinking, resilience, and genuine empathy cannot be measured by examination results alone. They are cultivated over years, through exceptional teaching, rich experiences, and the depth of relationships a school enables.

At Ardingly Astana, we have built a school around this belief. Drawing on the 165-year heritage of Ardingly College, we bring its finest qualities to a new generation of pupils growing up in Kazakhstan.

Our class sizes are carefully designed to ensure that every child is truly known and supported as an individual.

Our teachers are not only highly qualified, but inspired — valuing curiosity above compliance and dedicating themselves to helping each pupil discover their full potential.

Academic excellence is taken seriously, yet it is never the sole focus. Pupils enjoy a breadth of opportunities — in sport, the arts, leadership, and community — because we know that character is formed beyond the classroom.

Ardingly Astana is a school for pupils ready to be challenged, supported, and inspired. I warmly invite you to be part of our founding community.

Darren Jones

Founding Headmaster, Ardingly Astana



Ardingly Astana



Ardingly College, UK
Founded 1858

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Over 165 Years

of British Educational Heritage

Founded in 1858, Ardingly College is one of Britain's leading co-educational independent schools, educating more than 1,050 pupils aged 2 to 18 in the heart of the Sussex countryside.

For over 165 years, the College has been guided by a clear belief that the finest education brings together academic excellence and the development of character. Ardingly consistently ranks among the UK's most distinguished schools, with outstanding results across A Level, IB and BTEC pathways.

85% of all results

are achieved at top grade levels, with an average IB score of 40.1 in 2025- placing Ardingly among the top 5 IB schools in the UK and the top 10 globally, out of more than 5,600 IB World Schools.

Importantly, 99% of pupils

confirm their university places on results day, progressing to leading universities worldwide.

University Destinations



University
of Exeter

UNIVERSITY
OF WARWICK



University of
BRISTOL



Durham
University

Imperial College
London



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE



The Week

*"Best Preparation for Life"
Award (2024)*

Independent Schools of the Year

"Best for Pupil Careers"

Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health Award

165+

*Years of British
Educational Heritage*

40.1

*Average IB Score,
Ardingly UK (2025)*

Top 10

*IB Schools Globally
(5,600+ IB World Schools)*

160+

*Countries Trust
the Cambridge Curriculum*

Ardingly Astana

opened its doors in September 2024 as Kazakhstan's first branch of Ardingly College.



Rooted in the traditions of a leading British school, we offer a world-class international education based on the Cambridge International programme, enriched by the academic approach and know-how of Ardingly College. The school provides a seamless pathway for pupils aged 5 to 18, from Primary through to A Level, with the launch of our Sixth Form planned for 2028.

From the earliest years, pupils follow a structured academic journey that nurtures intellectual curiosity, integrity, independence and leadership. A personalised approach, combined with highly qualified international teachers, ensures that every child is known, supported and challenged in line with their individual strengths and ambitions- preparing them to be academically ambitious, personally confident and truly world-ready.

In September 2026, the school will relocate to its purpose-built campus, offering world-class facilities designed to support both academic and co-curricular excellence. Located in one of Astana's most vibrant districts, just 15 minutes from Expo, Independence Square and the international airport, the campus will further be enhanced by the introduction of boarding from 2028, creating a fully immersive educational experience within a dynamic international environment.



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Preparing every pupil

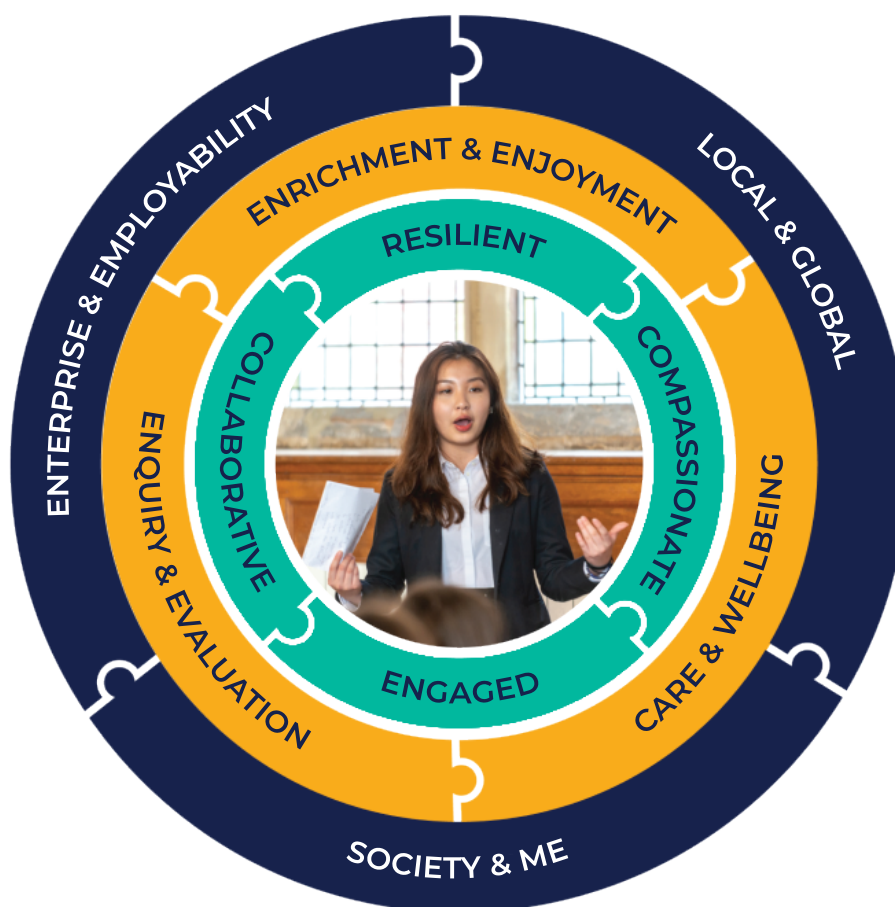
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OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

A World Ready Education

At Ardingly Astana, we prepare pupils not only for examinations but for life. True readiness means cultivating curiosity, resilience, empathy, and the confidence to think independently and act with integrity.

The world our pupils are entering is evolving at an unprecedented pace. Technology, global challenges and shifting social realities are reshaping how we live, learn and work. Academic success is important, but it is only part of the story. At Ardingly Astana, World-Ready learning is at the heart of everything we do, ensuring that education extends far beyond the classroom and examinations. Our pupils develop knowledge, character, and transferable skills that equip them to thrive academically, socially, and personally in a connected, dynamic world, while maintaining a strong sense of identity and respect for their cultural heritage. This balanced approach ensures that pupils grow into globally minded individuals who remain confident in who they are and where they come from.



By the time they graduate, our pupils are not only academically accomplished — they are prepared to lead, adapt, and contribute to the world with purpose, compassion, and confidence.

Enquiry & Evaluation

Nurturing critical thinking, the careful weighing of evidence, and the ability to communicate ideas with confidence and precision.

Enrichment & Enjoyment

Through sport, creative arts, music, drama, and co-curricular life, every pupil discovers passions that energise and motivate them beyond the classroom.

Care & Wellbeing

Learning thrives when pupils feel safe, valued, and supported. Emotional wellbeing, resilience, and personal growth are central to school life.

Enterprise & Employability

Collaboration, problem-solving, leadership, and entrepreneurial thinking are woven into every aspect of the school experience.

Society & Me

Pupils explore social and ethical issues, forming balanced perspectives and developing empathy and civic responsibility.

Local & Global

Thinking globally while staying connected to local culture, through community engagement, international collaboration, and a strong appreciation of Kazakhstan's heritage and values.





ACADEMIC PATHWAY

The Cambridge pathway from Primary to A Level

At Ardingly Astana, we deliver an international education shaped by the Cambridge International programme and enriched by the academic approach of Ardingly College. From the earliest years through Sixth Form, pupils develop strong academic foundations, critical thinking and the confidence to thrive at leading universities and beyond.

AGES 5–11
Primary School
Cambridge Primary

AGES 11–14
Lower Secondary
Cambridge Lower Secondary

AGES 14–16
Upper Secondary
Cambridge IGCSE

AGES 16–18
Sixth Form
Cambridge AS & A Level

Years 1–6 | Ages 5–11
Primary School

Children engage with a broad, balanced curriculum through play-based and enquiry-led learning, building strong foundations in literacy, numeracy and science. At Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6 | Ages 7–11), pupils begin to think more analytically, taking greater responsibility for their own learning. By Year 6, every child is a confident learner — academically secure and fully prepared for the transition to Cambridge Lower Secondary.

Years 7–9 | Ages 11–14
Lower Secondary

Pupils explore subjects in greater depth through specialist teaching and project-based learning. A broad and balanced curriculum — English, Mathematics, Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Arts and Computing — develops independence, critical thinking and collaboration. By the end of Year 9, pupils are academically confident and ready to begin IGCSE study.

Years 10–11 | Ages 14–16
Cambridge IGCSE

The world's most widely taken international qualification for pupils aged 14–16, recognised globally as a benchmark of academic achievement. Pupils specialise in chosen subjects while maintaining breadth across core disciplines. Rigorous assessment through examinations, coursework, practicals and oral elements develops the depth and precision required for Sixth Form success. Graded A* to G.

Years 12–13 | Ages 16–18
Cambridge A Level

Regarded as the gold standard of pre-university qualifications, A Levels enable genuine subject mastery and prepare pupils for competitive degree courses worldwide — including medicine, engineering, law, business and the humanities. Pupils typically specialise in three subjects, supported by personalised academic mentoring and dedicated university guidance. Accepted by more than 950 institutions globally.

English as an Additional Language (EAL):

Dedicated support is available for all pupils who require additional assistance in accessing the English-medium curriculum, with targeted sessions to build academic language and confidence.

PASTORAL CARE & WELLBEING

Known, Valued, Supported

At Ardingly Astana, pastoral care lies at the heart of education. Pupils achieve their full potential when they feel secure, known, and understood. Our structured pastoral system ensures that every child is supported in both academic progress and personal development.

Pastoral Care



A Community of Care

Class sizes enable teachers to understand each pupil's individual strengths and needs. Homeroom Teachers build strong, lasting relationships with their pupils, guiding both wellbeing and learning, and serving as a trusted link between home and school.

Pastoral care at Ardingly Astana is both proactive and holistic. From the earliest years, pupils are supported in developing resilience, self-awareness, and positive relationships. PSHE is integrated across the curriculum, fostering reflection, empathy, and thoughtful decision-making at every stage.



Health & Wellbeing

Pupil health is a central priority. Our on-site medical room is staffed by a qualified school nurse, providing daily care, first aid, and ongoing health support. Pupils also have access to a school psychologist, offering professional and confidential guidance, ensuring that every child is supported in their wellbeing.



School Council

At Ardingly Astana, pupils are encouraged to take an active role in school life. Elected School Council representatives work collaboratively with staff to shape initiatives, enhance the school environment, and develop leadership, responsibility, and teamwork.

Our Values

Engagement

Approaching learning with curiosity, openness, and a willingness to participate fully.

Compassion

Showing understanding, acting with kindness, and contributing positively to the community.

Resilience

Embracing challenge, learning from setbacks, and developing determination.

Collaboration

Working effectively with others, contributing ideas, and leading when it matters.

The House System

A Sense of Belonging

From the moment they join the school, pupils become members of one of four Houses, fostering a strong sense of belonging, shared identity, and lasting friendships across year groups. Named after distinguished Kazakhstani figures, each House reflects the values and qualities that define our community.



Abay

Wisdom Through Reflection



Altynsarin

Education with Purpose



Al-Farabi

Pursuit of Understanding



Abylai Khan

Leadership with Courage





Every pupil

*is encouraged to explore their interests,
develop their talents, and carry their enthusiasm
beyond the classroom — and beyond school itself."*

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A Complete School Experience

Great schools are defined not only by what happens in classrooms, but by the full breadth of life they offer. **At Ardingly Astana**, a rich programme of sport, the arts, leadership, and community life enriches every pupil's education, shaping character, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.

Sport



Sport develops determination, teamwork, and the confidence to perform under pressure. Pupils take part in a wide range of activities, from football and swimming to athletics, building fitness, resilience, and competitive spirit.

Our purpose-built facilities include a 25-metre pool, sports halls, a running track and football pitches.

The Arts



Creativity is a form of intelligence. Through visual arts, music, drama, dance and design, pupils discover their voice, develop aesthetic awareness, and learn to think with originality and imagination. Our theatre, music rooms and specialist art studios provide the space to imagine, create and share.

Leadership



Leadership is shaped through meaningful experience.

Through the School Council, House roles and community initiatives, pupils develop initiative, responsibility and the confidence to lead with integrity. These experiences empower them to lead with clarity and purpose - in their own lives, at university and in the wider world.

Community



We believe that education carries a responsibility to the wider world. Pupils engage in local and global community projects, developing empathy, perspective and a genuine sense of purpose. A strong partnership with families further strengthens the sense of community across the school.

Co-Curricular Offer

Sports

Performing Arts

Music

STREAM Clubs

Debate Club

Languages

Creative Arts

Community Service

Leadership Programmes



OUR CAMPUS

Purpose-Built for Discovery and Excellence

Opening September 2026, Ardingly Astana's state-of-the-art campus has been designed to cultivate curiosity, creativity and excellence at every stage of a pupil's journey. Set in a vibrant area of Astana, just 15 minutes from Expo, Independence Square and the international airport.

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Hectares

1000

Pupil Capacity

25 m

Swimming Pool

AKORDA

PALACE OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

BOTANICAL GARDEN

EXPO



AL-FARABI AVE

ULY DALA AVE

SHERKHAN MURTAZA STREET

Every space has been thoughtfully designed to support how pupils learn, create and grow.

Modern Classrooms

Flexible learning environments and collaborative spaces designed to support innovation, independent study, and the full breadth of the Cambridge curriculum.

STREAM Laboratories

Specialist laboratories for Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics — designed for hands-on discovery and rigorous scientific enquiry.

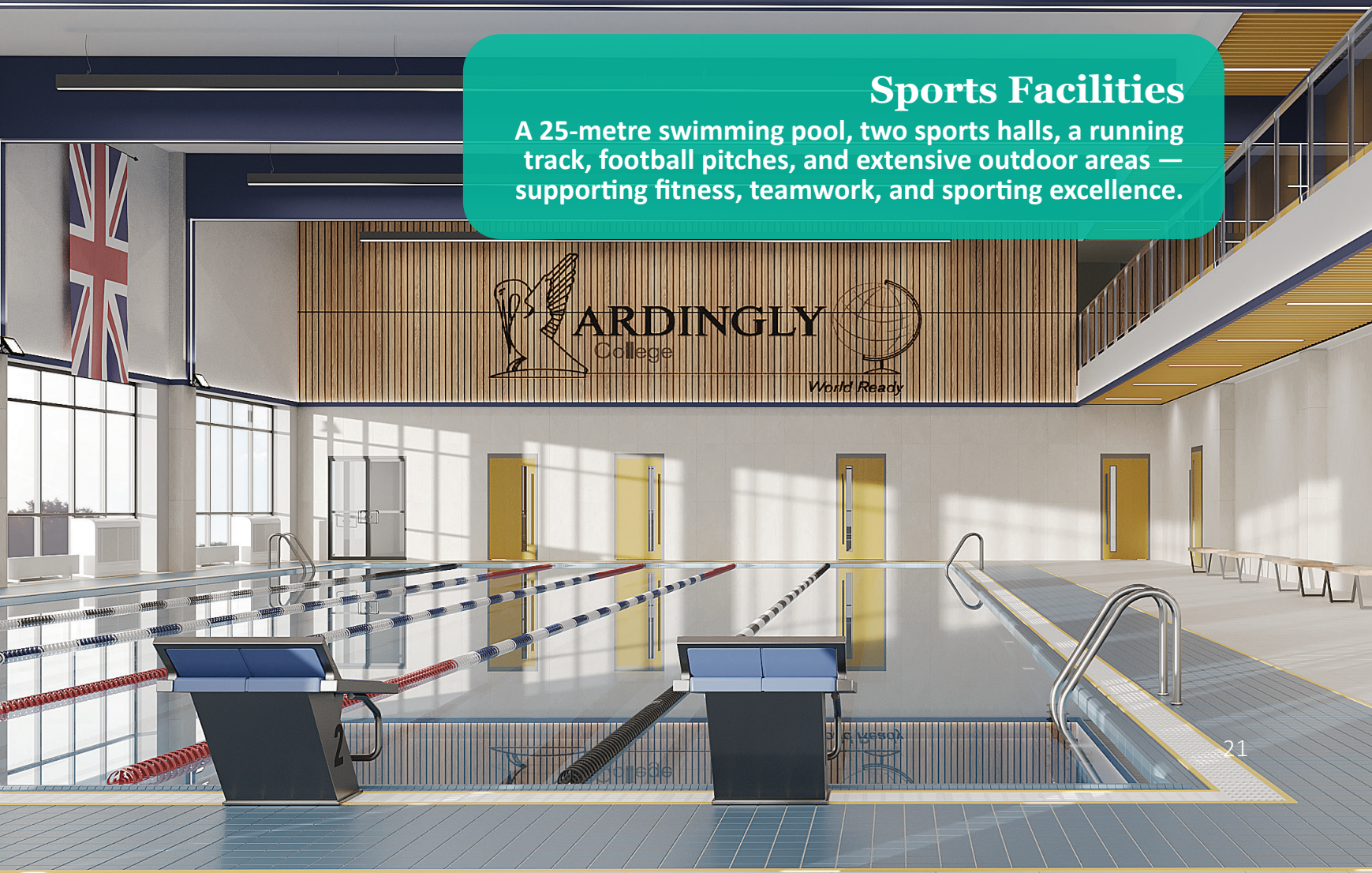
Arts & Design Studios

Dedicated studios for Fine Art, Fashion Design and Food & Nutrition, alongside a fully equipped theatre and specialist spaces for music and dance.



Sports Facilities

A 25-metre swimming pool, two sports halls, a running track, football pitches, and extensive outdoor areas — supporting fitness, teamwork, and sporting excellence.



Library & Research Centre

A contemporary library and research space designed to foster independent enquiry, academic reading, and a lifelong love of learning.



Outdoor Spaces

Landscaped gardens, play areas, and green zones offering space for physical activity, quiet reflection, and exploration — an essential part of a balanced education.



ADMISSIONS

Begin the Journey with Us.

Choosing Ardingly Astana means selecting a school where your child is genuinely known, fully supported, and inspired to thrive. We warmly invite you to discover what this experience entails — and to join our founding community.



1. Enquire

Complete our enquiry form or contact the Admissions Team for personalised guidance and answers to any questions about the school and curriculum.



2. Visit & Discover

We invite families to visit Ardingly Astana, meet our teachers, and experience the school community first-hand. Taster Days are also available.



3. Apply & Assess

Submit your application and complete the assessment process. Pupils aged 5–7 (Years 1–3) participate in a friendly, play-based meeting with the Psychologist and Founding Head, while those aged 8 and above (Year 4+) undertake academic assessments, including CAT4 and English Placement Test, followed by a formal interview with the Founding Headmaster.



4. Enrol & Join

Secure your child's place and become part of Ardingly Astana's founding community — a school built on 165 years of British heritage, and a future just beginning.

JOIN US

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Haywards Heath, West Sussex, England

**Bringing 165 Years
of British Educational Excellence to Kazakhstan**

