



Concord College International School Malaysia

Information for Applicants

About Concord College UK

Concord College is England's premier co-educational international boarding school set in the heart of the Shropshire countryside, around 9 miles from Shrewsbury and 14 miles from Telford and with 572 students aged 13-19. Girls and boys between the ages of 13 and 19 enjoy fabulous facilities on our safe and beautiful 73-acre campus set in the heart of the English countryside. The main campus comprises a combination of historic and modern buildings, beautiful parkland, formal gardens and sports fields. Students achieve the highest standards and have a superb track record in gaining entry to top universities in the UK and around the world. Concord takes care to nurture the individuality of students to develop their self-confidence, encouraging all to understand the needs of others and to respect the values of the Concord community.

Academic achievements

The College is highly academic and students consistently achieve excellent 'A' level results. In 2022 48.6% of students achieved A*, 81.3% A*/A and 92.6% A*- B.

Concord History

Concord College was established in 1949 through the vision of Mr Frank Bell to promote international understanding by bringing together students from across the world. Formerly situated in Tonbridge Wells, it moved to its present site in 1973 to provide room for expansion and in 1983 it became a charitable trust. 80 countries are represented by the alumni.

As an independent boarding school, the College is a member of the Independent Schools Council, the Boarding Schools Association and the Society of Heads. Over the years Concord has invested in extensive capital developments to improve facilities to provide the highest standards in education, pastoral care and extra-curricular activities. Since 2005 the College has increased student numbers from 300 boarders and 30 day students to 500 boarders and 100 day students.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Concord College International School Malaysia prioritises its role and responsibility in caring for the welfare of students and recognises its statutory duties to pass on concerns and to work with other agencies in the field of safeguarding children. Whilst adhering to Malaysian regulations for child protection, the College also strives to meet the Five Outcomes of the government publication, “Every Child Matters” in helping its students to achieve their full potential in terms of: Staying Safe; Being Healthy; Enjoying & Achieving; Making a Positive Contribution; Achieving Economic Wellbeing.

Concord College International School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Child protection screening is undertaken, which includes checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Living in Malaysia

Living in Malaysia offers a captivating blend of diverse cultures, stunning landscapes, and a thriving economy. As an expatriate in this Southeast Asian gem, you'll find yourself immersed in a harmonious mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian, and indigenous traditions. Malaysia's modern cities, such as Kuala Lumpur, offer a vibrant urban lifestyle, while its lush rainforests and pristine beaches provide ample opportunities for outdoor adventures.

English is widely spoken, which simplifies communication, and the healthcare system is of high quality. What's more, Malaysia's rich culinary scene is a fun journey for foodies, with a variety of flavours to enjoy from street markets to fine dining restaurants. Whether you're here for work or leisure, Malaysia's warmth and cultural diversity will make you feel right at home.



Culture

Bahasa Melayu and English are the most commonly spoken languages in Malaysia with Mandarin Chinese, Tamil and other Asian languages being popularly spoken. In addition to the variety of languages spoken, a range of food from different cultures can be easily accessed in Malaysia. One has access, particularly in Kuala Lumpur to a selection of international food including restaurants and supermarkets that sell western items and brands.

Malaysia is a predominately Muslim nation while other groups including Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and practitioners of Chinese indigenous religions coexist peacefully in the country. It is important to respect the customs of Malaysia which include being mindful that some may not be comfortable shaking hands with the opposite gender and opting to bow with the hand to the heart as a formal greeting.

Cost of living and accommodation

The cost of living is relatively affordable, making it an attractive destination for expats. Housing is reasonable and there are many options in terms of where to live and types of accommodation. Residences with gym and swimming pool facilities are popular for expatriates. Condominiums, apartments, semi-detached, terraced houses and large detached bungalows are available to rent with rental prices being more expensive closer to the Kuala Lumpur city centre.

It is worth noting that rental accommodation will be listed as furnished or unfurnished. Depending on the landlord, unfurnished properties may not include kitchen units or curtains. The initial duration for a standard rental agreement is 2 years which requires a refundable security deposit of 2 months' rent and an additional deposit for utilities.

Expatriates new to Malaysia are often amazed at how inexpensive supplies and services are especially when compared to Europe – though there are times when it is necessary to remember that Malaysia is a developing country. Most expatriates choose to bank with HSBC due to the ease of accessing and transferring money to their home countries.



Transportation

Most expatriates choose to travel by car as a convenient mode of transportation. Options for car transport include using the ride app Grab, renting or purchasing a car. Other types of transport such as bus and train are available but are not as accessible outside of the Kuala Lumpur city centre.

Concord College International School Malaysia is conveniently located 15 minutes from KLIA airport making it very easy to access budget airlines for weekend trips to beach destinations in Malaysia and across Southeast Asia with Langkawi and Thailand being popular destinations due to proximity.