



WELLINGTON
COLLEGE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
BANGKOK

Welcome To
Wellington College Bangkok

Our VALUES

KINDNESS COURAGE INTEGRITY
RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT

At Wellington, values shape everything that we do, every day. They are part of every lesson, every conversation, every game. They provide continuity from year to year, and we are proud to walk in the footsteps of Wellingtonians before us.

The pioneering Wellington education, steeped in these values, prepares students to serve, and help shape the world of tomorrow.

INSPIRED

INTELLECTUAL

INCLUSIVE

INDEPENDENT

INDIVIDUAL



Welcome from The Master

A flourishing school is a place *where people flourish*. Where students discover new knowledge, experience new understanding, and develop new skills – and where they genuinely enjoy the process. Where adults are the models for young people's values, relationships and behaviour. Where the environment complements and enhances every element of school life: it is open, welcoming, calming, lively, comfortable, exciting, beautiful, complex.

And I'm delighted to welcome you to this flourishing school.

Wellington is driven by strong values. This has always been true, ever since our founder, Queen Victoria, opened the College to its first students in 1859. Today, those values – Courage, Kindness, Respect, Integrity and Responsibility – underpin every action and decision, and are infused into how we learn, and how we live.

Every Wellingtonian also has an overarching purpose: to become more Inspired, more Intellectual, more Independent, more Individual, more Inclusive. That's who we are, and who we are becoming, day by day.

I expect extraordinary academic results – of course – but, equally, I expect extraordinary *everything*.

To be honest, I don't really want you to read this. I want you to come and visit Bangkok's most beautiful campus, and experience it instead. You will find a school designed for excellent learning, and a great deal more besides. Most of all, as you walk around, you will see *life*. My job is to make it the very best *life*, for your child, for you – for everyone.

Christopher Nicholls
Founding Master

The Wellington Heritage



Our School has a very proud history, which stretches back over 160 years. The Wellington College was founded in 1853 in the English county of Berkshire, by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, to commemorate Arthur Wellesley, The first Duke of Wellington. The School was intended to support the children of soldiers killed in war, many of them orphans.

Under its first Master, Edward White Benson, Wellington very quickly established itself as a successful and prestigious learning environment, a boarding school highly sought after by many parents across England and the world.

The school's boarding Houses were named for significant friends and associations of the Duke; today, we have eighteen of them, spread across our expansive 450-acre grounds. Wellington is also, notably, home to the chapel and cloisters, which honour former students killed in two World Wars.

Wellington College in England provides an unrivalled learning experience for its students and serves as an inspiration to all who visit.



The Wellington Family

Here in Bangkok, we are part of a very special family. Our mother School in the UK was the first, but there are now a number more Wellingtons around the world.

Wellington College China has been established for more than a decade, with outstanding international schools in Tianjin, Shanghai and Hangzhou. Wellington College Bangkok joined the family in 2018, bringing the Wellington ethos, values and name to this amazing, bustling city. In September 2023, Wellington College India will open its doors in Pune.

The benefits of being part of such a family are huge. We share resources and ideas. We visit each other's schools for training and professional development. We organize exchange programmes and Summer Schools for our students in other Wellington Colleges. We are a staunchly independent school – yet, at the same time, proud to say “We are Wellington, and this is our family.”

Early Years

The Wellington College Bangkok learning journey begins in the **Early Years**. Children aged between 2 and 4 are eligible to join our Early Years programme in either Pre-Nursery, Nursery or Reception.

Here, children follow the **English Early Years Curriculum**, the initial focus of which is the child's personal, social and emotional development, their physical development as well as their communication and language development. Learning is facilitated and enabled by our highly skilled and passionate teachers, further enhanced by the inspiring and purposeful environments that they create. Not only do all classrooms enjoy direct, free-flow access to the outdoors, they also open into to our extraordinary central **learning studios**, where the magical world of childhood never ends!

The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's development and learning. Children feel safe, relaxed and happy in our school — playing, exploring and learning with great enjoyment.

Class sizes are small and the excellent ratio of teachers to children means that every child has the focus and attention that they need. Positive relationships built between adults and children are essential to success; teachers observe and assess students, guiding their experiences to ensure that every individual is supported and challenged in the best way. As a result, our students develop a strong foundational understanding of literacy and mathematics, all while developing an increasingly sophisticated understanding of the world.





Years 1 and 2

The transition from Early Years to Years 1 and 2 sees the style of learning develop naturally. The excitement of discovery is undiminished, and learning becomes deeper and more focused. We use the **English National Curriculum** as our foundation and, through it, develop a broad, rich and exciting Theme-based experience. This cross-curricular approach enables students to find connections in their learning, further deepening their understanding as well as enhancing their enjoyment.

Here, the Class Teacher oversees much of the curriculum and provides the excellent pastoral care for which Wellington is justifiably renowned. Specialist teachers generally lead Thai language, Mandarin, Music, Swimming and Physical Education. We encourage every child, right from the start, to develop a passion for learning through deliberate enquiry, critical thinking as well as, of course, creativity.



As with Early Years, class sizes are small, and each teacher is supported by Learning Assistants (ALTs) to ensure that every child can develop at the speed which is right for them.

YEARS 3 to 6

When you visit our Years 3 to 6 classrooms, be prepared to be amazed at the passion for learning everywhere. As they progress through these years, students are further challenged and inspired in their learning. Emphasis on academic excellence is coupled with an ongoing focus on depth and breadth of study, provided through a wide range of creative and cross-curricular experiences each school day.



All learning opportunities, whether academic, artistic or sporting, are valuable – that's *holistic* learning. Our students feel inspired each day, asking questions, challenging their teachers and peers and wanting to find out more. Opportunities to apply their learning across different contexts are essential in enabling the deep learning experience that is so important, setting our students up for success at both this stage of their education and beyond.

Everywhere there is rigorous, imaginative, creative teaching, and focused, independent, dynamic learning. The curriculum is based on the National Curriculum for England, enhanced to ensure relevant and interesting learning opportunities for every student.

All the time, students are becoming more and more independent in their learning and in their daily routines. We are preparing them for the next steps of their journey, when they transition into Senior School, the next exciting stage at Wellington College.

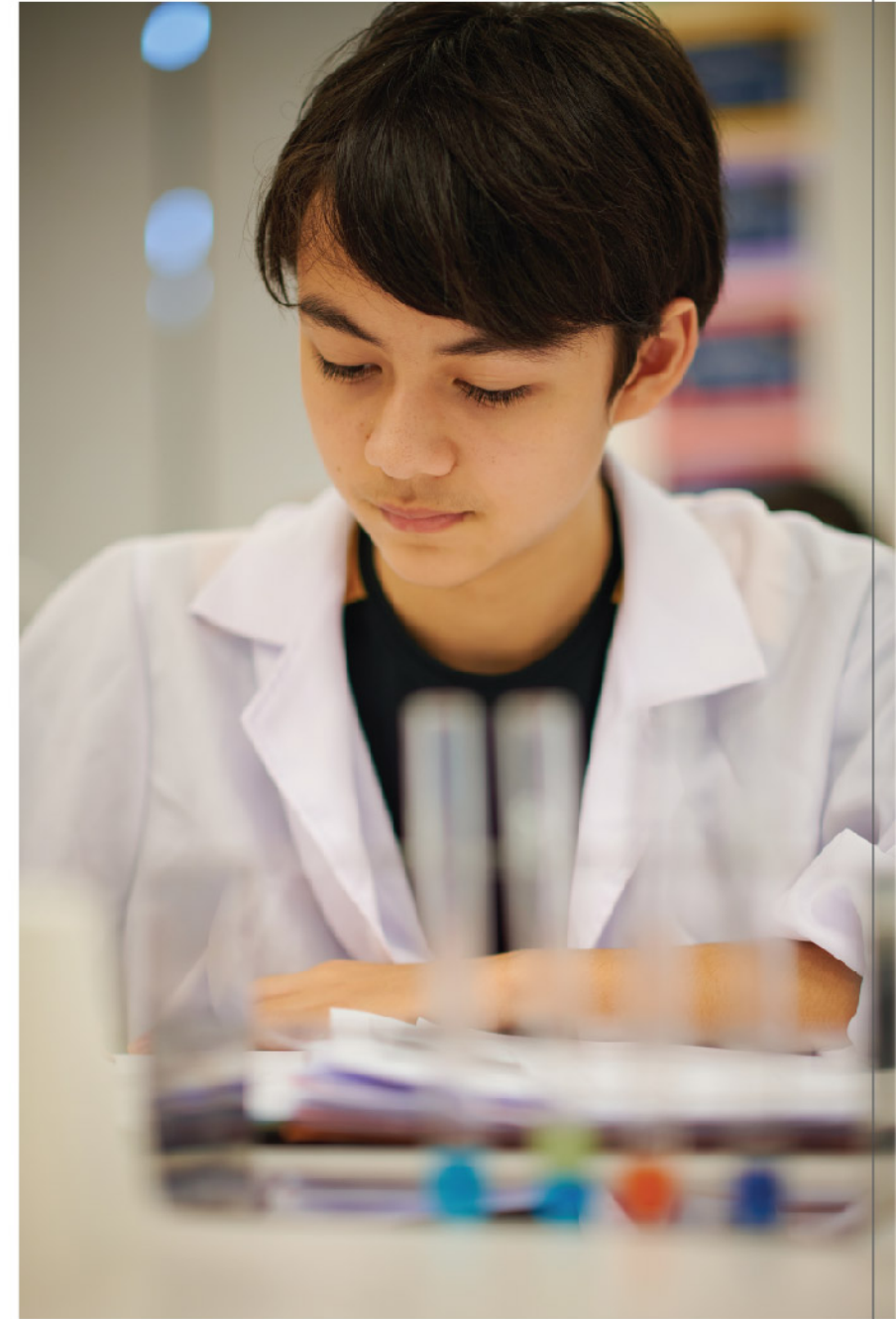


Senior School

Our Senior School welcomes students aged 11 to 18. Wellington College is a school keenly focused on academic achievement, looking always to inspire curiosity, creativity and compassion. We are here to enrich our students' lives with enjoyment and deep understanding of our global scientific, linguistic and cultural heritage.

Wellington College Bangkok empowers students with the knowledge, skills and independence of mind that will make them responsible and outstanding leaders of the future.

An extensive co-curricular Enrichment programme of sport and other activities is intertwined with classroom-based content to enrich and broaden the education we provide. On top of this, high-quality pastoral provision is central to the Wellington philosophy: Houses thrive as the fundamental units of support for each student, and a purposeful Wellbeing programme features strongly in the daily life of the School.





Curriculum

Years 7-9 are a crucial time between Junior School and the exam years. We continue to offer the English National Curriculum, adapted to the lives of a thriving international community. We strive for cultural relevance in all areas.

These years see our students develop independent study habits, moving between classrooms and learning how to plan their time and resources. Every teacher is a proper subject expert, and much emphasis is on students understanding where their passions lie in readiness for the selection of IGCSE and A-Level subjects further up the school.

Exams

IGCSE and A-levels

In Years 10 and 11 (age 14-16), students work towards external IGCSE examinations. We offer a mix of Compulsory subjects and Optional –

Everyone Studies

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Thai (Thai Nationals)

Options

- Design And Technology
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Art and Design
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- French
- Mandarin
- History
- Geography
- Economics



In the Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13, age 16-18) we will offer A-levels. The undoubted quality of these qualifications stands out across the world and success will give students access to the best English-speaking universities anywhere.

We prepare our students very carefully for the rich array of choices available in the world of further education. We benefit from long experience of extensive success across our family of schools and share access to their resources when it comes to advice and preparation. Wellington students have graduated from the world's finest institutions. Whether your child's ambition is to study in the UK, the US, Europe, or to remain in Asia, with its wealth of top-quality opportunities – we can support, guide and inspire every step of the way.

Senior School Houses

Each Senior School student spends part of every day with their small House Tutor Group, which includes students from all year groups. The House Tutor is responsible for the pastoral support and wellbeing of each child. The group is like a small family, where students mentor and support each other. Older children may assist and inspire younger ones (or vice versa) and there are many opportunities for group activities and challenges between House Tutor Groups.



Our Teachers

Wellington College teachers are subject to a highly selective process. Most are native English speakers who trained in the UK and have taught both at home and internationally. All Senior School teachers are subject experts, with experience of teaching all Senior School age groups and exam classes, who have had exceptional success in all that they have done before and here at Wellington.



They are true career teachers with an abiding passion for all that they do, inspiring students every moment of the school day. When students require challenge, they are challenged; when they need some extra support, they are fully supported.

We are proud of the loyalty of our teachers. They enjoy teaching at Wellington – and we enjoy having them here!

Support Systems

EAL

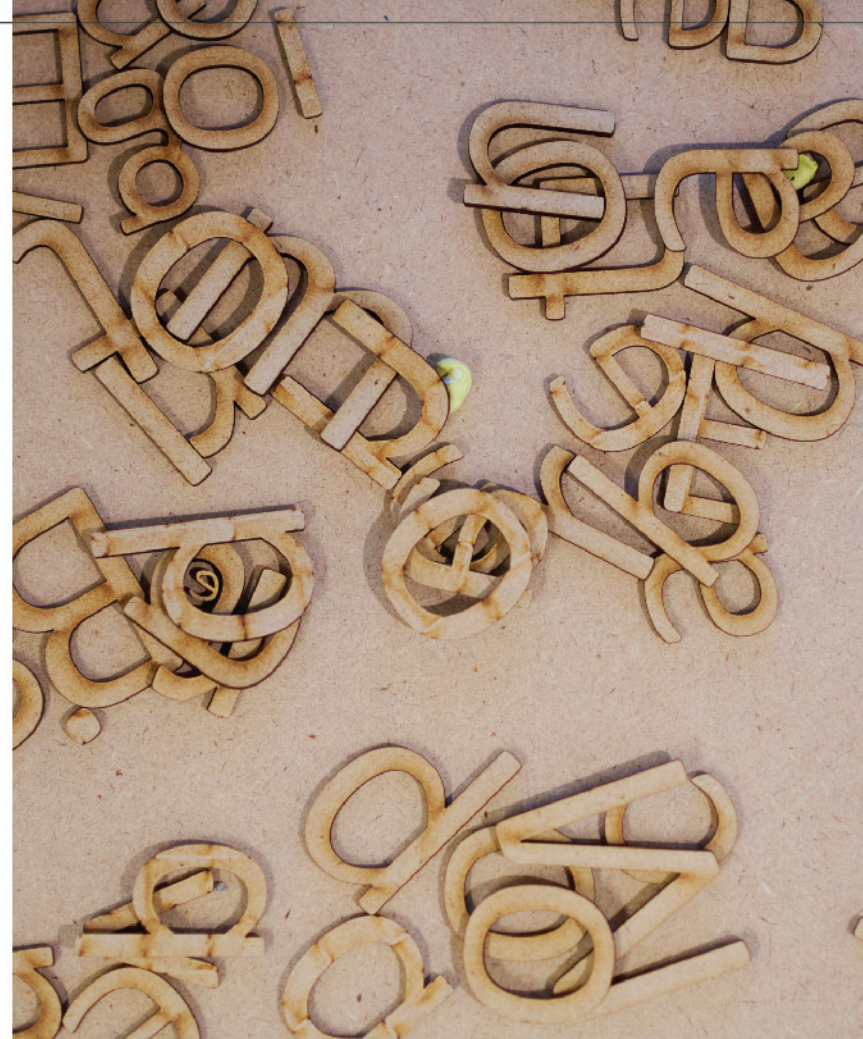
Here at Wellington, our comprehensive EAL department supports students of all ages. We are aware that some students who are not first-language English speakers may need extra support in written and spoken English at certain points throughout School. Many of our students start with us in Pre-Nursery; by Reception, most are speaking English like natives – no matter what their starting-point! Those who join us from other countries, or from Thai or Chinese-speaking schools, may also need support; we are ready for them! Our assessment process identifies specific needs and helps us understand whether we can support them. Support may be in the form of additional sessions, in-class work or small-group learning outside the lesson, as well as access to formal and conversational programmes.

Learning Support

Our Learning Support team are here to assist students who have additional needs – academic, physical or emotional. It is important that we understand the background to all our students' individual needs so we can assess the levels of support required. We prefer to do this before we offer a place, as we want every student to thrive at Wellington and to ensure that every class is balanced.

Teaching Assistants (ALTs)

Our classroom assistants provide fantastic back up to our teachers and are key parts of the classroom dynamic. They work with individual students, lead group activities, help with preparation and clear up. In short – they are invaluable!



Homework, Enrichment and Prep

Across the School, students have daily Prep sessions. Prep, timetabled in school hours, allows them to start or complete their homework (also called 'Prep'). In Junior School, this allows us to send only reading home each day, so children can otherwise use their leisure time to relax. In Senior School, as they progress through the years, students have a lot more work – but a Prep session allows them to consult with teachers and peers as they start the work, so they are prepared and any anxiety is calmed. We do things this way this to support student wellbeing and time management, and to minimise unnecessary stress.

Enrichment allows students to do something completely different as part of the timetable. Students choose group activities which add fun and variety to the day. Sessions are teacher-led and may include

- Sports and games (team or individual)
- Arts and Crafts
- Service and Volunteering
- Languages
- Practical Skills
- Music and Performance
- Wellbeing and Stress Management



Sport at Wellington

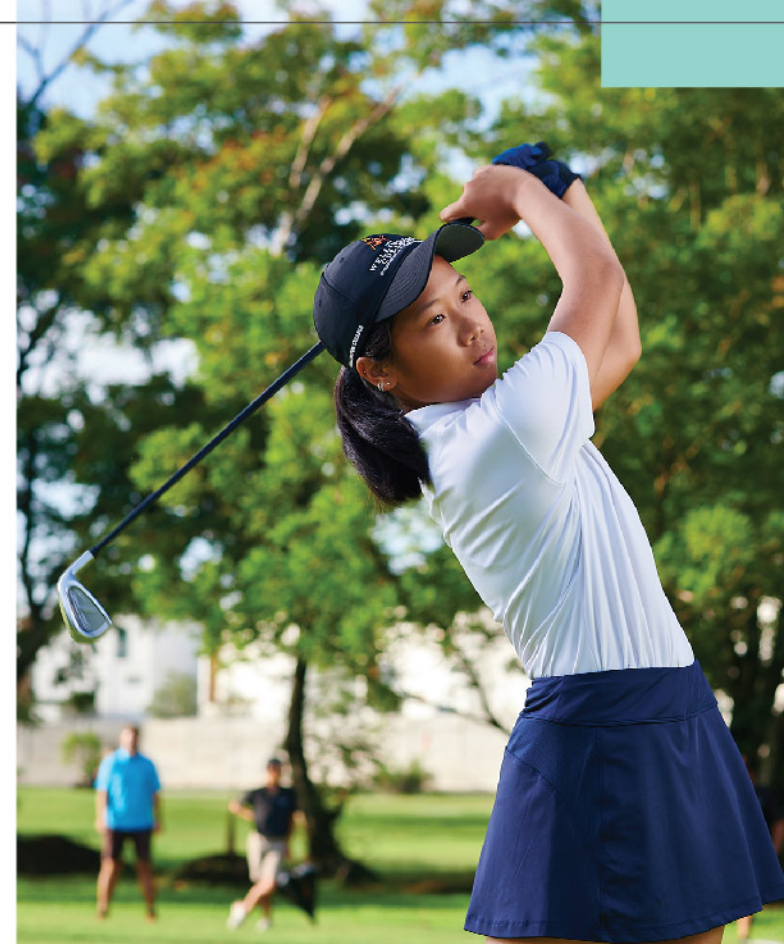


PE

Every child at Wellington College Bangkok benefits from regular PE lessons from a highly experienced, enthusiastic team of teachers. It is a valuable part of the curriculum because

- It improves 'physical literacy'
- It builds self-esteem and confidence
- It aids in stress reduction
- It provides a platform for success
- It strengthens and develops peer relationships

PE lessons challenge every student, offering a wide variety of skills and disciplines. As students learn what works best for them, they go on to find their own passions, which can be explored and developed in teams and squads, or through extracurricular sessions.



Golf

Golf is a national passion here in Thailand and, at school level, Wellington College leads the way! We are close to a number of golf courses, and our Head of Golf spearheads a programme which supports everyone, from the freshest beginners to national champions already achieving international success. Whatever the level, we have an opportunity for students to learn new skills, practise and drill, play with friends and opponents – on courses across Thailand, or indoors with the professional simulators in our Golf Studio.

Swimming

With our 25-metre Short Course and 50-metre Olympic pools, every Wellingtonian gets the opportunity to swim regularly. Students take swimming lessons, with water games as well as structured skill-based learning, from a very early age.

Our aim is for every child to learn to love to swim, to feel safe in the water, and to enjoy it. Swimmers can join team squads, training before and after school. Swimming builds great camaraderie, as students hone their strokes, build their strength and stamina, and work together. We compete, and win, regularly in the pools of Bangkok and beyond.





...and Wellington Score!

We encourage all our students to enjoy competitive team sports such as Football, Netball, Basketball, Rugby and more. We play during the school day, in PE lessons or Games Afternoons, as well as in teams and squads, playing against other schools in leagues or against each other in House competition. We have a range of pitches and surfaces, including a professional-standard full-sized grass pitch as well as all-weather options across the campus. The imposing Sports Hall can accommodate many matches at once – and boasts substantial spectator seating to boot.



Sports

Sports regularly played at Wellington include

- Athletics
- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Rugby
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Tennis



Domestic and International Competition

There are many opportunities for our students to compete in Bangkok, Thailand and across Asia. We regularly organise friendlies and competitions with other British schools in Bangkok, and our teams are also part of specific international school leagues. Our membership of both FOBISIA and COBIS affords international opportunities for students across a number of disciplines. As our family grows, we will also continue to develop a range of exciting opportunities to compete with other Wellington Colleges across the world.



Further Opportunities

Wellington Extra

The school day does not end at 15.45 here at Wellington College Bangkok. We have an extensive Wellington Extra programme which allows our students to develop skills and passions and try new activities. We use internal and external providers for this programme and students may choose from an evolving range of sessions including

- Basketball
- Football
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Ballet
- Gymnastics
- Archery
- Swimming
- Golf
- Maths Squad
- Cookery
- Chess
- Language Learning
- Cricket
- Musical pursuits
- Robotics
- Popular dance
- Muay Thai
- Art and Design
- Technology



Music

Under our inspirational Director of Music and her passionate team, we encourage every student to develop their talents in weekly Music lessons and beyond. Children can elect to study an individual instrument with our talented instrumental teachers who will organise individual sessions throughout the day. They can teach to any level and develop as the student progresses through School.

We organize plays, performances, musicals and busking sessions – allowing children to develop their self confidence and performance skills.

Many of our students work towards ABRSM exams, and perform outside school as well. Wellington is proud of all our young musicians and we support them with time, opportunity, teaching and inspiration.



Duke of Edinburgh

In Year 10, all students enter the Bronze Award – involving an overnight expedition, volunteering and other commitments. This is followed by Silver and Gold in later years. Our experienced Team Leaders ensure sufficient practice and preparations – and the life skills gained are invaluable!



Visit
Our Incredible
Campus





Our campus is one of the finest in Bangkok and offers untold opportunities to our whole community – students, teachers, parents, staff and friends. Come and take a look and see for yourself

- Front Field – full size sports pitch and athletics track
- Junior School building with large classrooms and Learning Studios throughout
- Brand new state-of-the-art Senior School building
- Professional level Theatre seating 600+
- Drama studio
- Two extensive Libraries
- Sports Hall with Soft Play, Gym Suite, Golf Studio, Dance Studio and Gymnastics Room
- Two huge pools
- Tennis courts and marked pitches
- On site School Shop
- A lagoon and mature planted gardens



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