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Vision

Pioneering education to serve and help shape a better world.

Our vision for Wellington College International Pune is to offer a world class education, coupling excellence in academic achievement to a progressive holistic outlook. We aim to embrace the Wellington College values of Courage, Respect, Kindness, Integrity and Responsibility, of pertinence to both our international and Indian roots, embedding them in every facet of school life and shaping the global outlook of all our pupils.

Our vision leverages upon the illustrious history of Wellington College UK and seeks to capture remarkable Wellingtonian attributes and connect them to the invigorating host culture. It is an exciting educational marriage, a fusion of UK practices to the enticing Maharashtra landscape, and we aim to embrace the very best virtues of both cultures.

As pioneers in our field, our role is to imbue the pupils with the skills and knowledge to achieve their personal and professional ambitions, as well as a sense of responsibility to serve in becoming drivers of change in global centres of influence for generations to come.



Mission

Our purpose is shaped by cultural ambition, the overriding determination to create an inclusive and wholly progressive community of learners.

Attaining a dynamic school culture, with kindness, empathy and resilience to the fore, will always be a driving motivation for Wellington College International Pune. We cultivate an inspirational and aspirational learning community, with all pupils striving to optimise outstanding digital and technological opportunities, benefitting from partnerships within the Pune IT Hub. Our role is to continually enhance this culture of expectation and ambition, facilitating pupils to achieve their academic dreams and realise their full potential.

Our inspirational educational provision is mirrored beyond the classroom too. We are motivated by the world around us and we aim, on our environmentally sustainable campus, to provide a safe haven for learning experiences, where enrichment abounds for pupils in both the classroom and outside learning spaces. This is a hallmark of a Wellington education and is coupled to our focus on service, on giving back to the community. We wish to empower all pupils in this respect, with our first-class facilities also providing remarkable opportunities in performing and creative arts, in tandem with a superb range of sporting activities.

Wellington College International Pune offers bright, ambitious and globally-minded pupils an education that is inspiring, transformative, and impactful. We wish to nourish the pastoral development and wellbeing of all in the Wellington community, providing an environment for young learners to grow and develop. Joining a growing partnership of Wellington schools, in the UK, China, Thailand and now India, our pupils, parents and colleagues are active members of a vibrant international community; we are all united in our pursuit of global excellence and cultivating a rich seam of outstanding young learners.

Wellington College International Pune



WCI Pune is the eighth school in the Wellington College International family and the first of several planned for India. It benefits from a strong partnership and collaboration with Wellington College UK and Wellington College schools in China and Thailand.

WCI Pune is a coeducational day school, intended for 800 pupils between the ages of 2-18. The school is established on a campus designed by MICA, an award-winning and leading British architectural firm.

The School opened in September 2023 and follows the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and the English National Curriculum, for which Wellington College is regarded as one of the leading schools in the UK.

Nestled at the banks of the Mula-Mutha river in Pune at Wagholi, Wellington College enjoys a lush, serene, and inspiring campus. It also has proximity to the Pune airport, prominent hospitality, residential and retail developments.

History and Heritage

Wellington College is one of the world's leading co-educational day and boarding schools. Set in 400 acres of beautiful parkland in Berkshire, England, it delivers an inspirational education to 1,100 pupils aged 13-18 years.

Wellington College was granted its Royal Charter in December 1853, with Queen Victoria laying the foundation stone in 1856. It is the national memorial to Britain's most distinguished military leader, the Duke of Wellington, who was described by Queen Victoria as 'the greatest Englishman that has ever lived'. Few schools possess such a rich heritage and such a close relationship with the Royal Family. Today, the College is renowned for being an outward-facing school with a strong international perspective.



Year 1856
Queen Victoria lays the Foundation Stone for
The Wellington College UK

Why Wellington?

Choosing the right education for your child will have a defining impact on their professional success, and personal fulfilment and wellbeing. Wellington College International Pune is a school like no other. We develop a culture of unerring ambition and aspiration rooted in our values, and embracing our International and Indian cultural heritage - that will realise the full potential of each individual pupil.



Our school is founded by Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, a prominent figure in Indian education, in partnership with Wellington College. Having already established high quality education institutes, including the outstanding Unison World School, Mr. Aggarwal saw in Wellington a new approach and quality which he dedicated to bring to India.

Wellington College is a leading British independent school with a distinguished heritage, founded on a clear purpose to be pioneering in education (to help shape a better world). One of the top schools globally for IB DP, Wellington is equally distinctive in its excellence across sports and the arts, and is a world leader in wellbeing.

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Wellington College International



Wellington College International (WCI) supports its partner schools with shared values and passion for delivering a 'Wellington' education, establishing world-class schools in premium locations. WCI schools are genuinely outstanding and distinctively Wellington, offering opportunities for pupil and teacher exchanges with Wellington UK, in addition to the sharing of best practices throughout the family of schools.

All Wellington schools are regarded as leading institutions in their region, attaining prestigious international accreditation at the earliest opportunity, and securing superb academic results. The core partnership with Wellington College UK is pivotal for every school and Wellington College International Pune embraces this authentic relationship, leveraging upon the outstanding quality of education exhibited across the network of schools.

Wellington College International China

There is currently a family of six schools in China with WCC, located in Shanghai, Hangzhou, Tianjin, and Nantong. Three are international schools, open to international students, and three are bilingual Chinese schools open to Chinese nationals. All the schools have bespoke, premium campuses with world-class facilities, and deliver a holistic Wellington education with excellent academic outcomes.

Wellington College International Bangkok

WCI Bangkok opened in 2018, operating on a high-quality and forward-thinking campus that supports the very best in holistic education. In a competitive market, the school is growing strongly and is already recognised for its outstanding achievements.

Wellington College International Pune is intended to be the first of several schools planned across India in partnership with the Unison Group.

Wellington College S.I.M. aims to provide the best of British education framed in a uniquely whole-person-whole-world setting in diverse **Singapore, Indonesia** and **Malaysia**. Their first school will open in **Jakarta** in January 2025, extending the exciting Wellington family still further.



Wellington College International Shanghai, China



Wellington College International Tianjin, China



Wellington College International Hangzhou, China



Wellington College Nantong, China



Wellington College International Bangkok, Thailand



Wellington College International Pune

The campus has been designed by award-winning British architects to ensure the creation of excellent indoor and outdoor spaces. Our focus is the creation of collaborative spaces, bespoke Learning Villages, and outdoor learning spaces that are conducive to maximising our pupils' intellectual and physical growth.

The architectural marvel of the grand staircase surrounded by the arches, the bridge and the tower highlights the expanse of the majestic campus.

We aim to receive the 'Platinum Rating Green Building' and 'Health and Wellbeing' certifications from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

The Early Years is specially designed to facilitate a rich child-centred programme which equips our children with the skills and knowledge to represent their ideas and reflect on their learning. Early Years studios are 60sqms each, equipped with ensuite washrooms, and are connected via Learning Villages. The result is a sophisticated real-world environment that leads children seamlessly from the Early Years to an education in Junior School.



The Junior School has a Science Lab, a dedicated Technology Hub, Harkness Room and a Library. For the musically inclined, we have ample space to facilitate and encourage the younger children at our Music Centre. This block also has wonderful facilities for Creative and Performing Arts, with a dedicated Multi-Purpose Hall and large activity rooms.

The Senior School will house learning studios, a dedicated Design and Technology Centre, Science Centre, and other specialist learning spaces.

We will also have an Arts Centre for Performing and Fine Arts with a dedicated Arts Gallery and a Black Box Theatre.

In addition to the 370-seat auditorium, there will be a central Multi-Purpose Hall for Indoor Sports, Assemblies, and Examinations.

The Central Dining Hall, with separate seating for the Junior and the Senior Schools and a specifically appointed dining hall for the Early Years, is designed as per HICAAP standards. Menus crafted by qualified nutritionists and chefs, aim to incorporate taste, health and nutrition into each meal catering to diverse taste buds. The indoor temperature-controlled, half-Olympic sized swimming pool meets FINA standards, further strengthening our commitment to excellence in all endeavours.

The campus is under electronic surveillance with carefully designed security lines at each entry and exit point.



Academic Life

WCI Pune offers the English Early Years Foundation Stage framework, equivalent to Nursery and Kindergarten (KG 2-3), followed by the English National Curriculum as a basis for the core subjects. There is also a Pre-Nursery programme for pupils aged 2-3.

The curriculum is designed to be suitably enhanced and with consideration of the cultural context and the needs of our pupils. Teaching in the Early Years and Junior School, the latter equivalent to Grades 2-5 in India, is delivered by exceptional internationally trained teachers with specialist teachers in Sports and the Performing Arts for example. Subject specialists are introduced in the Junior School.

The Senior School commences with the English National Curriculum for Grades 6-8 (Years 7 to 9), followed by the IGCSE for Grades 9 and 10 (Years 10 and 11).

We intend to offer the IBDP from August 2025, for Grade 11 (Year 12) students. Our pupils receive bespoke university counselling, preparing them for application to world-class courses (in the USA and UK for example) and future career paths.

Pastoral care and support for the younger pupils are focused on by everyone in the teaching teams, from class teachers to teaching assistants, and support staff.

Pupils are proud of their House identities, House names being one of many connections with Wellington College UK. Indeed, high-quality pastoral provision is central to the Wellington philosophy with a thriving House system and a purposeful Wellbeing Programme features in all Wellington schools.

In line with Wellington College UK, an extensive Co-Curricular Programme of Sports and other After-School Activities will be provided to enrich and broaden the education offered.



Wellbeing

Wellington College UK introduced its course in happiness and wellbeing in 2006, making it the first school in the UK to do so. Nearly two decades later, Wellington schools remain steadfast in their commitment to nurturing the flourishing and excellence of the young individuals under our care.

The Wellbeing Programme at Wellington is rooted in Virtue Ethics, emphasizing the development of habits, skills, and virtues that over time, and with the right guidance, encourage the pursuit of the good: both for ourselves and others.

The College's pioneering curriculum empowers all pupils to thrive as individuals in our ever-evolving global, political, and economic landscape. Internationally recognized, it equips students with the Growth Mindset, resilience, and grit needed to navigate College life and prepares them for a healthy, happy, and successful future beyond school.

Facilities

Swimming Pool

The half-Olympic swimming pool is designed to provide our pupils with an exceptional learning experience. The temperature-controlled, indoor swimming pool meets FINA standards, further strengthening our commitment

to excellence in all endeavours. This facility fosters physical wellbeing and confidence in our young learners, ensuring they have the best resources to learn and thrive.



Dining Hall

Our central Dining Hall is a vibrant space where our pupils come together to enjoy wholesome meals, build friendships, and recharge for their academic pursuits. The Dining Hall has separate seating for the Junior and Senior School pupils and is designed per HICAAP standards.

We place a high priority on the health and well-being of our pupils, ensuring that all meal options are as nutritious as they are delicious. Menus are meticulously designed by qualified nutritionists and expert chefs who integrate taste, health, and nutrition to cater to diverse palates.



Auditorium

Our 370-seater auditorium provides a versatile and dynamic space for hosting a wide range of events, from academic conferences and presentations to musical concerts and theatrical performances.

The auditorium offers ample room to accommodate audiences while maintaining an intimate atmosphere that fosters engagement and interaction. Equipped with modern audiovisual technology, the auditorium serves as a hub for creativity, sharing knowledge and inspiring audiences.



Soccer Field

Our world-class soccer field serves as a crucial centre for promoting physical activity, team spirit, and sportsmanship among students. The field not only offers

a dedicated space for pupils to engage in soccer matches and practices but also acts as a venue for fostering a sense of community and school pride.



Transportation

At Wellington College International Pune we offer our pupils transport to and from a pick-up point closest to the home address, as per admissions registration. The School manages a fleet of buses, all of which are air-conditioned and with adult supervision, and

comply with the required transport regulations. The GPS tracking technology offers numerous benefits for both parents and school administrators, allowing families to know the exact whereabouts of the children while they are commuting to and from school.



V & A

The V&A Café, standing for “Victoria and Albert”, is a signature space across all our Wellington College campuses. Parents and visitors can enjoy a wide selection of hot and cold meals, salads, sandwiches,

and cakes while taking in the beautiful view overlooking the lush green plains and the easy-flowing Mula Mutha river. The café is well-suited for families, with a children's menu, and it represents our commitment to providing our pupils and parents with a holistic and enriching experience.



College Life



Every Wellingtonian is involved in our imaginative and dynamic Arts Programme, which seeks to enrich their creative imagination and to make the very most of their artistic talent and potential. We aim to give every Wellingtonian a lifelong delight in the Arts.

Across Drama, Dance, Music, Creative Writing and Art & Design we offer pupils the opportunity to pursue their cultural passions both within the academic curriculum and, more importantly, through an incredibly diverse programme of annual events with opportunities to perform and highlight their learning and talent. Whether they are budding actors, singer-songwriters, designers, journalists, film-makers, musicians, authors, poets, singers, or dancers, every Wellingtonian is encouraged to engage with their creative selves so they can discover the beauty and joy to be found in the Arts.



To support excellence in sports, we have a range of world-class facilities at our disposal including:

- FINA standard Half Olympic indoor (temperature controlled) swimming pool
- Learners' Pool and Splash Pool for our youngest pupils
- World class multi-purpose playing field for football, hockey and cricket activities
- Central Multi-Purpose Hall for indoor sports
- The School will cater for a wide variety of sports – archery, badminton, basketball, cricket, fencing, football, gymnastics, lawn tennis, squash & volleyball

Alongside our excellent sporting facilities, Wellington's 370-seat theatre will host the grandest and most dynamic of dramatic productions or the most serious virtuoso recitals.

Our classrooms and learning areas are designed to the highest specifications for quality of learning. The Early Years and the Junior School, housed in the Primary School block, have a dedicated outdoor activity area with each learning space, that provides meaningful outdoor experiences to support the physical and cognitive development of our young pupils.

Similarly, the Senior School facilities will be of the highest standards:

- Learning studios
- Design and Technology Centre
- Robotics Lab
- Innovation Lab
- Science Centre
- Dedicated Senior Library
- Arts Centre (with Gallery & Black Box Theatre)



The school site is an outstanding example of twenty-first-century educational design, with Wellington's 5Is – **Inspired, Intellectual, Independent, Individual, Inclusive** – at the heart of every element.

Education at all levels is a partnership between teachers, parents, and pupils, whereby the learning processes initiated at school are maintained and encouraged at home. Education involves developing the right work values and practices, with parents playing a vital, if not definitive, role. Good habits at home will inevitably be translated into good habits, whether academic, social, or disciplinary, at school.

We encourage parents to be in regular contact with academic leaders, tutors, and teachers. Frequent reporting and updates from tutors ensure that parents can monitor their child's academic progress to their complete satisfaction.

Having such a detailed involvement of parents is our real strength. We welcome their expertise, understand the ambitions they have for their children, and take our responsibility seriously.



University Pathway



As a top academic school, we will expect our pupils to go on to the very best placements in higher education: Oxford, Cambridge, other leading UK universities, top medical and dental schools, preeminent art and drama schools, and Ivy League and other outstanding institutions in the USA.

As Year 12 (Grade 11) opens from August 2025, pupils will undergo a full university induction programme and have the opportunity to attend various higher education-focused events. These events will be attended by the vast majority of the leading universities, providing pupils with the opportunity to speak directly with admissions tutors. Specific times will also be dedicated to university preparation and campus visits.





Wellingtonians will also be supported in their career aspirations by our Careers and Higher Education Department, which will oversee work placements, careers lectures, university fairs, and gap year opportunities. Due to the strength of the global Wellington network, we are also able to fit Sixth Formers' career aspirations with relevant Old Wellingtonians and parents across all sectors, who can offer valuable advice, support and even work experience.

Wellington College UK has a long and distinguished reputation of supporting pupils globally in gaining admissions to the best universities in the world, including Oxbridge and Ivy League. Due to close links across the Wellington family of Schools, The Wellington College UK university counselling team, along with the reputation of the School itself, has further ensured that pupils from all of our international Schools reach their university of choice – wherever in the world they may be or aspire to go to.



Year So Far...



Welly Boots Festival

The Welly Boots Festival in February 2024 was an unforgettable adventure for children and parents alike. From splashing in mud puddles to creating art and exploring the wonders of nature, children embraced the joy of getting dirty, wet, and wonderfully messy.

This unique event brought to life the magic of the natural world, igniting curiosity and adventure in the hearts of our little explorers aged 2 - 8. With engaging, hands-on activities, everyone had the chance to unplug, enjoy, and celebrate the freedom of the great outdoors.



Music, Arts and Drama Festival



In March 2024 WCI Pune celebrated its first-ever Music, Arts, and Dance Festival. This combination of workshops, exhibitions, concerts, and performances was the culmination of outstanding practice and preparation by students, staff, and guest artists. It got rolling right away with the Junior Years Arts workshop. After being introduced to the works of Henri Matisse, students had the chance to explore the use of colour and form as well as the fundamentals of Fauvism. Focusing on exploration over theory the workshop gave a hands-on experience and personal understanding of the principles covered. Early Years started off with an endearing dance and music display. Senior years got their chance to explore Visual Arts with photography, giving us their view of the school and events of the Arts Festival.



Literary Festival

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (D.E.A.R.)



The Literary Festival, in April 2024, was dedicated to the celebration of World Book Day. Pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and walked the ramp for a Cosparade. The main event of the day was the “Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)” session, where the audience paused their daily routines for thirty minutes to immerse themselves in the pages of their favourite books. It was a wonderful experience for everyone. This was followed by a competition that involved the Senior School pupils Cos Carnival: Bringing Fiction to Life, where the pupils spoke about the characters they were dressed as. They all were truly immersed in their characters.





Thereafter, we also celebrated the 460th birth anniversary of the Bard William Shakespeare, with a short presentation about his life and works followed by a cake-cutting ceremony. There was more in store for the seniors as a workshop was conducted called “Present Like a Pro: Enhance Your Presentation Skills”. Pupils got an opportunity to understand the nuances of a good presentation and the skills that they require to develop to be good speakers. They thoroughly enjoyed the session and had many takeaways which would help them in other walks of their lives.



Science Week

From the 21st to the 24th of May, our school transformed into a hub of scientific exploration and innovation as we celebrated Science Week. The event was packed with engaging activities and events that captivated the imagination of both students and teachers. Our Science Week commenced with an inspiring opening ceremony where we distributed plantable pencils to all students and teachers. As a sustainable school, we are committed to fostering environmental stewardship.



One of the most anticipated events was the Science Debate Competition. Students passionately argued on the scientific topic of 'electric vehicles', showcasing their critical thinking and public speaking skills. The festival also involved science quizzes and robotics workshops.

Science Week was a resounding success, filled with moments of learning, discovery, and inspiration. We look forward to more such enriching experiences in the future as we continue to nurture the scientific spirit in our school community.



Year Group/Grade Equivalent Chart



- Please find below the age criteria and the grade equivalent chart for reference. The age cut off will be as of 1st August of the current year.

| Wellington College International Pune | India | USA | Age upon entry |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Pre-Nursery | Play Group | - | 2 Years |
| Nursery | Pre-Nursery/ EY 1 | - | 3 Years |
| Reception Class | Junior Kg / EY 2 | - | 4 Years |
| Year 1 | Senior Kg / EY 3 | Kindergarten | 5 Years |
| Year 2 | Class 1 | Grade 1 | 6 Years |
| Year 3 | Class 2 | Grade 2 | 7 Years |
| Year 4 | Class 3 | Grade 3 | 8 Years |
| Year 5 | Class 4 | Grade 4 | 9 Years |
| Year 6 | Class 5 | Grade 5 | 10 Years |
| Year 7 | Class 6 | Grade 6 | 11 Years |
| Year 8 | Class 7 | Grade 7 | 12 Years |
| Year 9 | Class 8 | Grade 8 | 13 Years |
| Year 10 | Class 9 | Grade 9 | 14 Years |
| Year 11 | Class 10 | Grade 10 | 15 Years |
| Year 12 | Class 11 | Grade 11 | 16 Years |
| Year 13 | Class 12 | Grade 12 | 17 Years |



Admissions

Wellington is an academic school, that believes in a well-rounded education. Selection for entry is not limited to academic criteria; consideration is also meted out to the character, interest, talent, and personality of every applicant. The Admissions process has been carefully designed to identify the academic potential of all candidates, as well as allow them to show us their inherent aspirations.

We are a selective school, welcoming boys and girls who have a desire and ability to thrive academically, have an enthusiasm for the Arts, Music, Sports, and Service, and have real potential to become intellectual, inspired, and independent learners. We want our pupils to have the desire and ability to contribute broadly across the curriculum, so they can develop fully as individuals.

Successful candidates will also possess the personality and character for life in a busy school environment by showing traits such as independence, resilience, and inclusivity.

Broadly defined, our selection criteria are based on the following important characteristics:

- An international outlook and a desire to be a global citizen in the future;

- A willingness to work hard with a positive attitude towards learning;
- A desire to take full advantage of the opportunities on offer at Wellington and a commitment to making a positive contribution to the wider Wellington Community;
- An inspiration to fulfil and live by the Wellington values.

At Wellington College we understand that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. We know that the only way to get a true feel for a school's ethos and the atmosphere is by meeting our welcoming staff and academic leadership team.

We welcome applications from families all year round and our experienced and friendly Admissions Team is there to support and guide you through the process.

For academic year 2024- 2025, WCI Pune offers admissions from Pre-Nursery to Grade 9 (Year 10), encompassing the age range of 2-14 years.

From August 2024 our Year 10 (Grade 9) cohort will commence on the new Cambridge IGCSE courses. The intention is to introduce the IBDP curriculum to a new Year 12 (Grade 11) class from August 2025.

How to Apply

You can apply by completing the online form available on the School website

admissions.pune.wellingtoncollege.in

The website provides useful information about the prerequisites for applying to Wellington.

The Admissions process varies across the School and consists of an age-appropriate academic evaluation; an assessment of Mathematics and English;

consideration of past school reports and references; a review of co- curricular achievements; and an interview during which the pupil is expected to demonstrate a desire to attend Wellington and a willingness to participate in school life. Certain year groups will also sit the Online Oxford Placement Test (OOPT), which provides a benchmarked assessment of a pupil's level of English upon potential entry to the school.

In the Early Years, there is no formal assessment. For any further questions or queries, please feel free to contact the Admissions Office.

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