



Ivy International School
Shimla



Life @ Ivy

- **Boarding**
- **Day School**

CBSE Affiliation No. 630232

**FINEST BOARDING....
IN THE LAP OF NATURE**





Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

A Good Educational Institution is one that helps the overall development of a child's body, mind and character. More so because education is a ceaseless peregrination. The path is filled with challenges and opportunities. The most important elemental droplets are the toddlers and the ever-so-loving-and-growing children, the "reason for our being". Time is a non-stop and constantly changing factor which influences all human endeavours and decisions.

In this era of supersonic globalization and artificial intelligence, school education can't afford to remain a slowly moving creature of the bygone century, if it has to equip the "tender learners" with all the wherewithal to face life head on.

Steering the momentum of the "present veracity" to address your concerns in the context of Ivy International School, let me tell you that your kids are in the hands of highly stable, experienced and erudite educators; be it classrooms, hostel dormitories, playground or anywhere else in the campus.

As a matter of valuable validation, let me assure you that we immensely value all the constructive suggestions that help us carry the bandwagon of meaningful education in the desired direction, following all the dictums and dictations of CBSE, to reach all the 'hopes' to their plausible conclusion. I would like to take this sacred opportunity to promise you all of my candid commitment to be the harbinger of all honest efforts from my team of talented teachers and sober support staff to fuel the engine of all round intellectual growth of all our charges who are your heart throbs.

With the above words, I hope I may leave you for the time being in the midst of a "beautiful spread of colours & culture... and words & wisdom" to guide your valuable decision to add the ethos and ethics of being an "Ivyan" in the lives of your wards.

Thanking you all, with the prayers from the bottom of my heart, for the heavenly showers of blessings.

With regards,

Chandresh Anju Chauhan
Principal

What Makes us Different

Our by-now-famous YOU uniqueness

Ivy International School offers a unique learning environment for those who are looking to combine academic excellence with a focus on personality development and communication skills. Our students receive their education in an international environment with a clear-cut focus on Gross and Fine Motor Skills.

Learning is much more powerful when it is multimodal. Our classrooms are equipped with interactive boards as they expand teaching possibilities beyond the capacities of their chalkboard predecessors and make learning a lot more fun. Children get to experience a whole new interactive learning environment which supports different learning styles.

We have pioneered in setting up the first Robotics Lab in Himachal Pradesh where children develop a range of cognitive and visual memory skills. Working in the Robotics Lab also gives children an opportunity to express themselves through creation of projects that can move and respond to environment through sensors, thus making them more confident.

Boarders get a ton of opportunities during and after school hours as they learn a lot spending time under the supervision and guidance of our school staff ; be it extra prep classes, sports coaching, personality development sessions etc.

From the first day of school, Ivyans are encouraged to think critically, engage analytically and express themselves creatively. We follow an activity-based learning curriculum wherein a five step experiential learning process is followed to help children get a better and broader grasp of the concepts.

Be **YOU** unique





Our Methodology...

Ivy International realises the importance of creating a unique and at the same time very eclectic approach to imparting education in this extremely competitive environment. CBSE curriculum, which we follow, is a proven national benchmark to focus on building adroit, imaginative inventors with strong personalities and fine communication skills.

The school follows child centred holistic curriculum that gives ample opportunities to students to polish their skills through an inquiry based constructive approach using hands-on activities followed by reflection and feedback.

Digital teaching and learning, group activities, interactive workbooks and other unconventional ways of teaching are an integral part of our curriculum. Whether it is the accessibility of our books on all digital devices (laptops, mobiles, tabs etc) or it is the availability of online assignments and assessment tools, we have made resources available to students and parents across devices which can be accessed at all points of time. They can learn and prepare themselves for exams through our travel-friendly service which helps the students learn and do away with the load to carry books along while on a trip or far from home.

Needless to say, we have taken a lot of load off parents' shoulders who find it difficult to contribute academically to their children's growing needs.

We also have an app-based School Information System to keep the parents connected with the school; be it routine activities like daily attendance sharing, home assignments, test schedules, meal plans etc or special announcements like transport delays, unscheduled holidays and other important notifications. This helps parents to keep themselves posted on the latest developments related to their wards and to keep themselves in sync with various other activities being conducted by the school.

We focus on providing a platform where every aspect of a child's personality is honed – like basic intelligence, motor skills, logical thinking, problem solving, observation power and so on. We strongly believe “The true purpose of education is to acquire Knowledge, not Grades.”

From skateboarding to table manners, personality development classes to career counselling sessions, we, at Ivy International School, aim to provide students with altogether new concepts in the field of education through latest teaching methodologies.



Campus Life

We strongly believe in helping the students be the most they can be. Life at Ivy International School is rich in experiences that will help your kids learn in a stimulating and supportive environment. Therefore we create an environment to develop every child's intellectual, social, physical, artistic, emotional and creative potentials. The utilisation of technology enhances the outcomes for our students and we aim to amplify the provision and potent use of the same within and after school hours. We also lay great emphasis on the development of social and communication skills, and endeavour to deliver various programmes to help develop these life skills.

- Digital Interactive Smart Classes
- Online Curriculum
- Online Assessments/ Assignments
- Robotics Lab
- Wooden Skating Rink
- Dance/Music/Art & Craft/ Eco. Club
- Dramatics Classes
- In-house Lunch
- Activity-based Curriculum
- Yoga and Meditation
- Personality Development Sessions
- English Language Lab
- Low Student Teacher Ratio
- Well-equipped Library
- Stage Activities
- Individual Classroom Lockers
- Sports Lockers
- Karate Classes
- Student-Parent Information App





Library

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. If your reading habits centre around Facebook posts and Tweets and if you're one of the billions who don't make reading a regular habit, you might be missing out on various benefits of such an intellectually stimulating experience which only "human mammals" have been endowed with. We strongly believe that reading is not just about cramming course-related material but also helps in stress reduction, vocabulary expansion, sharpening of memory and being in the tranquil company of one's own soul, experiencing various different influences in consonance with one's views of life and how to add values during the silent sojourn with the "printed, seemingly silent co-travellers". We have a well-stocked library with a vibrant ambience that encourages children to venture into the world of books to stoke the flames of learning which they enjoy and so, they retain.

*"Where reading resides regularly,
knowledge may afford some peace n rest."*



Auditorium

The concept of Auditorium can be defined as the imminent answer to the age-old need of "audibility with decorum". Keeping in mind the eternal need to hone and polish, promote and protect, add value and validate the "speaker in the youth as well as the youth in the speaker", the school management had decided at the conception and inception level to provide the learners with a "sacred stage" to erase hesitation and add extra zing to their tentative voices to strengthen their efforts to grow into confident beings in the years to come. The school auditorium is the nerve centre for all the Inter Clan and other co-curricular activities, meetings and workshops.





Activity Clubs

Being active is always better than not

We sculpt our learners in ways all unique and for this reason we have categorised our activity clubs so that students get a better exposure to perform tasks of diverse nature. We believe that a child can find his forte in future only when he is provided with varied fields of art and creativity in the present. Each student is a piece of art himself and needs to put forth his talents as learning is not always all about academics and scores.

A variety of clubs have been organized to provide fun, excitement and joy of self- expression through music, art & craft, dance, Quiz & drama, etc. The innate talent of all students is nurtured, providing plausible platforms through different activities/clubs - music, painting, dramatics, ecology, dance, public speaking and art & craft.

Friday is marked as the day for multifarious activities namely poetry recitation, GK quiz, singing, declamation, extempore, etc. The main concern is to discover the latent talent and boost up their confidence so that the children may shed their stage fear and hesitation.

Our principal purpose of constituting various Activity Clubs is to familiarise students with Essential Life Skills such as goal setting, teamwork, time management, problem solving, analytical thinking, leadership and public speaking etc. Thus, we provide our students with a platform where they learn how to overcome the challenges of their life of today, and gear up to combat and conquer their competition-and-merit-driven world tomorrow.





CLAN CONCEPT

Similarity is a myth...for difference is the ultimate Truth.....

We at Ivy International School have done away with the “run of the mill” practice of House System. We have put in place Clan Concept, a unique way of management of the students, for the students and by the students. It is a three dimensional approach in the development of a child. Clan System is the age-old method of controlling, maintaining and developing individuals in a family through different means, like authority, responsibility, care, fellow feeling, attention & guidance and not just competing with/against each other.

The four clans at Ivy International School are :

- Bavarian
- Spartan
- Utopian
- Venetian

All Clans have Clan Heads and Vice Heads, comprising clan members from each class/section, selected through an equal division of students from every grade, starting from Grade 1. Each clan member gets the opportunity to be a Mentor, a Mentee and a Best Buddy in a cyclic manner.

Systems in Place..... to Win Life's Race.....





Strings & Beats Our Musical Band

Soliloquy of singers, mellifluousness of music, strain of strings and brouhaha of beats... all signal towards one and only singularity and that is "music is the soul and palpitation" of life and more so in an educational institution with a difference like ours where we make it a pertinent persistence to scout and hone talents, and also continue with the general processes to encourage all to come forward to move with the flow.

'Strings & Beats', our musical band, has proved to be the rage among music lovers across the state with an array of spell-binding performances at different levels including the one at **Shimla Summer Festival 2018**. Thus the vocal vivacity and glocal instrumentalism, both have become the hallmark of the band in the land of cross-cultural confluence.

Ivy International School prides itself on having the only musical band in the state to have a **Sub Junior Section** comprising students from Grade 2, 3 and 4 trying their hands on Guitar, Drums, Keyboard, Conga and other musical instruments.



In-house Dining

(Good food leads to good mood)

Growing up healthy in today's time is an arduous act. With the advent of packed, junk and other so-called convenient food, our kids live in pretty confusing times. Through our in-house dining facility we provide nutritious food for all and try to inculcate healthy food habits so that they grow up physically mighty and mentally alert and agile. Along with providing healthy & hearty meals, table manners and eating etiquettes are also instilled in the children on an ongoing basis. Lunch menu comprises a fairly balanced diet with a mix of North Indian, South Indian, Continental and Chinese cuisine.

We make it a point to share the monthly menu well in advance with parents to ensure that they are well aware about the meal plan to be served on a particular day so that our studied policy of fairness and openness with our stakeholders may move smoothly.





Transport

Movement is the life of all learning. If one would have to learn, one must be accommodating enough to move towards the availability and source of knowledge and knowhow, using the "modes of transport" available.

And, so, we have left no stone unturned to be as supportive as possible to provide the best transport facility, comprising a fleet of buses to cater to the demands of Shimla city and its suburbs. For the utmost care of the students availing the school transport facility, we have well trained attendants, first-aid boxes and a designated teacher till the last child is dropped. All children wear an I-card which bears details of his/her individual bus route, and the big enchilada is the Almanac issued to the children that lists the details of the escorts/guardians who would drop and receive them at/from their respective transport point. All the buses and routes are well monitored through GPS system to ensure safety and well-being of students. We also have SMS-based information system to keep parents posted in case of unavoidable delays in transport.

Parents are requested to kindly check in advance about the availability of transport at their respective points before seeking admission for their ward(s). No request shall be entertained to extend/alter a particular route.

Transport facility is subject to availability of seats. Transport Application forms may be obtained from the School after confirmation of admission.





JUNIOR WING

The palpitation of the proposal called schooling.....

In kindergarten, children explore and learn through play, real life experiences and teacher-guided activities. Choices with open-ended play materials such as sand, blocks, clay, etc. are available to support creativity, exploration and problem solving. Learning is facilitated with “hands on” activities planned to meet the educational goals. Self-expression is supported through art, music and drama in an English-rich environment. In preschool classes children develop lifelong skills as they learn to work and play together as valued members of their classroom community, knowing constantly, even sub-consciously/unconsciously.

Ivy International Kindergarten Programme Features:

- ▶ LSRW approach for perfect development
- ▶ Individual attention
- ▶ Comprehensive kindergarten learning programme
- ▶ Strong focus on Gross and Fine Motor Skills
- ▶ Regular teacher-parent communication
- ▶ Regular updates of activities to keep the parents informed
- ▶ Comprehensive analysis and reporting on individual child





SPORTS @ IVY

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"

Sports and games have an enormous importance in the lives of students in general and committed players in particular who get the constant honing that the mind and body are inseparable. Sports activities not only refresh and strengthen the body, but activate and enhance the performance of the mind as well.

At Ivy International School, we strive for excellence in sports, and hence we have commissioned the services of sterling coaches who guide them as to how to take up the gauntlet in any competition, and beat the opposition by dint of skills and sportsmanship. We have a wide range of indoor and outdoor sports activities in order that all students of the school may enjoy and unwind themselves by choosing to take part in sports and games of their choice. Keeping this in mind, the following are some of the sports facilities offered to the students at Ivy:

Outdoor sports: Football, Cricket, Athletics, Volleyball, Softball, Kabaddi

Indoor sports: Badminton, Skating, Skateboarding, Shooting, Trampolining, Table Tennis, Chess, Karate

Boarding

Finest boarding..... in the lap of nature

Spread over a large area with a huge playground and vast indoor sports facilities with a picturesque and beautiful forest of deodar, pine and other conifers, Ivy International School offers co-educational boarding opportunities to Indian and foreign students and provides a copacetic ambience of learning to all of its students so as to make them compete with others in every sphere of competition.

Our boarding offers a full fledged programme to support long distance pupils as well as more flexible boarding options to students from not-so-far areas.

Once the students are enrolled in the hostel, they enter into their new world of increased learning opportunities, be it academics,, extra curricular or co curricular activities.

It is important to have an infrastructure which builds a secure and conducive environment. Ivy's student driven infrastructure not only encourages learning but also gives equal importance to the physical and mental well being of the students.

One of the key considerations while joining Ivy is whether to be a day pupil or a boarder. And the choice is even greater than that with many boarding options from a Day Boarder to a Full Boarder.

We assure you and stand committed to nurturing your ward in an environment par excellence, where they learn to excel themselves and outperform their competitors at the global level.





Boarding Options

1. FULL BOARDING – We do not admit students..... we adopt them. While we know that it isn't easy to leave the comfort and confines of homes, yet we can assure that the child gets the same warmth and care required to keep his/her emotional quotient alive. While living under strict rules and regulations of a hostel environment, we remain a little flexible in areas we feel important like frequent student-parent interactions, regular outings, celebrations of important festivals for all genre of students etc.

Not to mention keeping your ward away from the growing ill effects of televisions, mobile phones, video games and other distractors.

2. WEEK DAY BOARDING – For those parents who find it difficult to manage their wards in terms of discipline, regular school assignments, exam preparations etc and yet can't afford to stay completely away from them, we have a modest option called Weekday Boarding (Monday to Friday). Apt for working parents or parents who are not in a position to devote quality time to their kids, this option would come in handy. This way the child doesn't feel homesick and enjoys the best of both worlds.

This option also suits parents from Shimla city and upcountry (within a 2 hour distance) who can manage to pick and drop their wards on weekends.

Parents can collect their wards on Friday evening and lap up their weekends the way they wish and drop them back to School on Sunday evening. School may also provide limited transport facility to facilitate pick & drop, depending on the time schedules and availability of vehicles.

Introduced for the first time in any boarding school in Shimla, this concept is gaining a lot of popularity these days in major Indian metropolitan cities and boarding schools overseas.

***It is mandatory for the boarders to stay in the hostel so as to attend school in case a particular Saturday/Sunday is working.**



DORMITORIES

The Hilly Dorm Life

With separate dorms for Boys and Girls, and with large and comfortable beds, each dorm consists of hygienic showers and washrooms with 24 hour hot and cold water supply.

In case of power outages, the school has a complete power backup so as to keep the boarders' passion alive, and fuel their continued fire for the ongoing activities in an uninterrupted way.

There are separate lockers for boarders apart from regular wardrobes and are in addition to the classroom and sports lockers provided to all the students of the school. With wardens in the dorms, students will be under the continuous guidance and supervision at all times. Under the watchful eyes of wardens, in a clean and hygienic environment, students will be able to cope up with the domestic side of their school life and get to live independently and become responsible



COMMON ROOM

To meet uncommon interests

There is a common room for students where students can relax and unwind themselves after a hard day out. Be it watching a movie, playing Table Tennis, Carrom Board, Net Surfing, Chess or Flipping through the pages of available magazines and newspapers to keep themselves updated and aware of what all is happening around. In this way, they can spend some time to divert their mind and enjoy doing something extra other than academics.



DIVERSE MEAL MENU

Bon Appetit tout le monde..... for a healthy body and spirited mind

With a hygienic in-house dining facility, the students will be provided food full of required nutritional values through our vast menu comprising North Indian, South Indian, Chinese and Continental Cuisine. Just to ensure that children eat wholesome balanced diet. The monthly menu is shared with parents in advance so as to make them aware of their ward's eating schedules.





PREP/COACHING/REMEDIAL CLASSES

As it is said, children are like clay and we can sculpt and shape them for the best and this is exactly what we aim for. We have provisions of extra classes before and after school hours for the boarders. Be it Remedial Classes to make weaker students get a better hold on topics unclear or the Coaching Sessions to make the better ones become brilliant and more competitive. This being in addition to the daily Prep Classes to cope up with home assignments.

Right from early morning sessions to post-dinner classes, we have systematic and scheduled plans to keep the students academically growing so as to take out the last minute examination stress from their minds.



INFIRMARY

Ouch !!!! It hurts

If they fall sick, we just call in. We have a fully equipped infirmary with required beds and necessary first aid for emergencies. With a doctor-on-call and the most reputed hospital (IGMC, Shimla) just around 5 km away, medical relief is not very far from our campus.

Not to mention that a complete medical record will be maintained for each and every boarder which will be shared with the parents at regular intervals.



ROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCE

Your angel's safety is our utmost priority and therefore as a reassuring measure, to keep the students under constant vigil, we have a dedicated staff to keep an eye on their activities with guards and E Surveillance through CCTV cameras. They will be monitored at all times during and after school hours, not to mention surprise checks conducted at regular intervals.



BAKERY SHOP

All sorrows are less with bread

A mouth full of soft and freshly baked breads and buns topped with marmalades and jams is one what needs after a complete academic day. Crispy and crunchy bread sticks dipped in hot chocolate, garlic breads with pastas, pizzas and a variety of cakes, you name it and it will be there to be relished. Just sipping a hot cup of coffee in cold is a simmering experience in itself



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