Genesis
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## Unlocking Minds · Engaging Hands · Inspiring Hearts





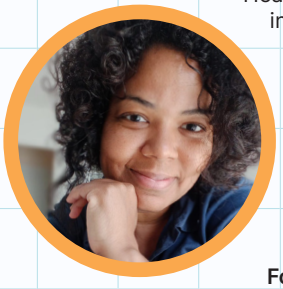
# A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering Genesis International School (GIS) as your family's future educational partner.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Beyond academic excellence, it is about finding a nurturing environment where every child is recognised, challenged and guided towards their full potential. This is the commitment we make every day to each of our pupils.

At GIS, we believe in a holistic education rooted in our vision: Unlocking Minds, Engaging Hands and Inspiring Hearts. Through this approach, we empower our pupils to become independent and analytical thinkers, individuals capable of transforming ideas into meaningful action, and principled citizens guided by integrity and kindness.



I warmly invite you to visit our school, meet our teaching team and discover for yourself what makes GIS truly distinctive. We would be honoured to accompany your family on this journey, helping your child discover their talents and flourish as a confident, responsible and inspiring member of society.

For the success and wellbeing of our pupils,

**Elaine COESLIER**
**Founder**



**Ages 3–14**
from nursery
to secondary school



**3 to 8 pupils**
per class



**Bilingual**
French-English school



**A human approach**
based on listening and kindness

# OUR IDENTITY

## An International School with Dual French and English Academic Pathways

Genesis International School (GIS) is **an independent private school** of Protestant inspiration, officially declared with the Bordeaux Education Authority.

We welcome pupils aged **3 to 14 years old** whose families share and support the values, educational vision and pedagogical approach of our school.

## A human-scale school

Total Capacity: 20 Pupils · **Classes of 3 to 8 Pupils** Depending on Age Group.

Far removed from the anonymity and pressure often associated with larger institutions, our intentionally small class sizes enable teachers to provide each pupil with **individual attention** and **personalised support**.

## A multilingual journey for a future without borders

GIS is a multilingual school: French and English are the primary languages of instruction for academic courses, supplemented by **Spanish and Chinese**.

## MISSION

To build an international community of responsible, fulfilled and engaged teachers and learners. We encourage every individual to embrace intellectual challenges, persevere through difficulties and make a positive contribution to society within a safe and stimulating environment.



### Unlocking Minds

Our pupils learn to move beyond assumptions and **become independent thinkers**. Every day, we encourage them to navigate complexity, compare perspectives and develop well-reasoned, evidence-based opinions.

### Engaging Hands

Knowledge finds its fullest expression through action. Through science, the arts, technology and practical learning, our pupils transform ideas into tangible achievements while developing **creativity, perseverance, initiative and practical understanding**.

### Inspiring Hearts

Education shapes character as much as intellect. Within our international environment, we cultivate **empathy, integrity, respect and responsibility**, inspiring the next generation of engaged global citizens.

# THE FIVE GIS PILLARS

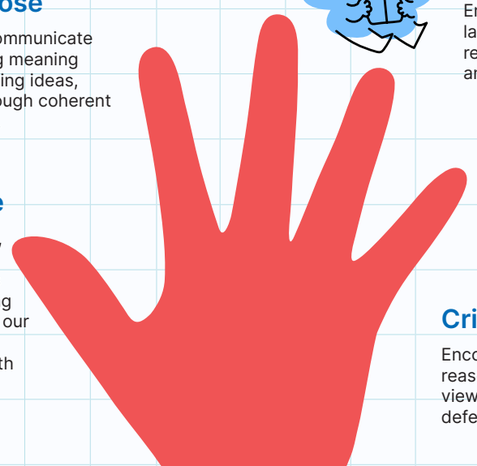


### Writing with Purpose

Developing the ability to communicate effectively in writing, giving meaning to what is read and conveying ideas, emotions and opinions through coherent and purposeful expression.

### Speaking with Confidence

A strong emphasis on articulate speech, attentive listening, concentration and effort in respect to communication. This focus is integrated into everyday learning and is supported by the example set by our teachers. As a result our pupils learn to express their thoughts and emotions with clarity and confidence.





### A Love of Reading

Encouraging pupils to embrace written language and appreciate its richness while rejecting shortcuts, excessive abbreviations and oversimplification.

### Mathematical Fluency

Developing confidence in calculation whether mentally, manually or digitally, while fostering the ability to assess the accuracy and coherence of results.



### Critical Thinking

Encouraging pupils to identify patterns of reasoning, analyse information, compare viewpoints, form independent opinions and defend them with sound arguments.

# THE GIS PRIMARY AND LOWER SECONDARY PROGRAMME

## SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN FRENCH

French is the language of instruction for the French Core Curriculum subjects, as well as technological and scientific studies:

- French Language and Literature
- French History
- Geography of France
- Problem Solving
- Geometry and Mathematical Vocabulary
- Physical Education (PE)
- Technology, Robotics and Coding



## SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

All other academic disciplines are taught in English as part of the international programme, including:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Music
- Arts



## ACADEMIC FRAMEWORKS



- **Cours Sainte-Anne** for the French curriculum
- **Cambridge International Curriculum** for the English curriculum (using British textbooks)
- **Innovamat (maths that make you think):** the very first pilot site for this programme in English in France
- **Engineering Mondays:** robotics, programming, and science
- **Mandarin Chinese (YCT & HSK):** progressive learning from Grade 1 to Middle School based on international standards (Youth Chinese Test from Grade 1 to Grade 4, then Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi from Grade 5 to Middle School) to officially certify the language skills of all our students.

# KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

### Bilingualism & Language Mastery

Developing the ability to read, write, understand and speak fluently in academic, social and international contexts.

### Digital Literacy & Coding

Understanding how technology works, acquiring practical programming skills and learning how digital applications are created.



### Initiative & Collaboration

Learning to work as part of a team, lead collaborative projects, express original ideas and take age-appropriate responsibilities.

### Robotics & Computational Thinking

Fostering technical creativity and problem-solving approaches through mechanical construction and an understanding of human-robot interaction.

### Critical Thinking & Ethical Reasoning

Learning to analyse arguments, challenge assumptions and evaluate ethical implications through the course “Philosophy and Faith: What Do You Think?”

### Global Awareness & Intercultural Competence

Cultivating curiosity about others and developing an understanding of different cultural perspectives.

### Resilience & Self-Management

Building independence, learning effective time management, approaching assessments with confidence and developing emotional strength in the face of challenges.

# LIVING AND GROWING AT GIS

## AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM DEDICATED TO FAMILIES

Our pupils learn through an international faculty composed of native French, English, Spanish and Chinese-speaking teachers.

This unique multicultural immersion fosters genuine global awareness and supports the natural acquisition of languages.

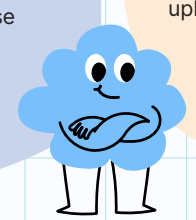
Selected for their academic expertise and international experience, our teachers guide each child with passion, high standards and genuine care.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Worn by all pupils, the school uniform simplifies daily life for families while establishing a meaningful routine.

By putting on their uniform, children fully embrace the academic environment.

This dress code naturally encourages respect, responsibility and distinction, reflecting the values upheld by GIS.



## ENHANCED HOMEWORK TIME WITHIN THE SCHOOL DAY



We believe that a successful day of learning should conclude with a period of constructive consolidation. Homework time is therefore integrated directly into the school day for three essential reasons:

- **Equal Opportunity:** Every pupil benefits from the supportive presence of a teacher to overcome challenges.
- **Cognitive Effectiveness:** Reviewing and practising immediately after lessons helps reinforce new learning.
- **Peaceful Family Life:** School remains the place for academic effort, while home becomes a space for well-deserved rest and family connection.

## A SCHOOL INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN VALUES

TRANSMISSION
"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6

GROWTH
"And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." — Luke 2:40

GIS draws upon Christian values to provide pupils with enduring moral foundations. At the same time, our school remains fully open and welcoming to all families, regardless of background or faith.

## ADMISSION & LANGUAGE INTEGRATION



Admission is open to pupils from all linguistic backgrounds.

Children who are beginners in either French or English are welcomed with support tailored to their individual needs. To ensure a smooth and successful integration, our personalised approach may include additional language support:

- **FLE (French as a Foreign Language):** For non-French-speaking pupils.
- **ESL (English as a Second Language):** For non-English-speaking pupils.

## PATHWAYS AFTER LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION

Thanks to the strength of their academic preparation and the study skills developed throughout their schooling, Genesis International School pupils are well equipped to continue their education in:

- **International English-speaking secondary schools**, following the British curriculum or preparing for the International Baccalaureate (IB);
- **French-English bilingual secondary schools**, including programmes offering International Sections or the French International Baccalaureate (BFI).

# ADMISSIONS · SCHOOL VISITS · EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

We are available to answer your questions and support you throughout every stage of the admissions process.



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