



Academic Year 2023-24 Calendar [Updated 2-15-23]

Our calendar follows the same outline as most international schools, with two notable differences. First, we have a system of **five terms**, as part of our emphasis on project-based learning. Each term is 6 weeks long and focuses on two main academic projects. Second, we integrate **outdoor expeditions** several times over the year, designed to foster connection with nature and provide an experiential focus for many academic learning experiences.

Aug 26, 2023	Arrival Day. Please arrive between 10am – 3pm. Parent and student orientation events will take place in the late afternoon and evening.
Aug 27, 2023	Opening Ceremony at 10am. Student orientation events in the afternoon.
Aug 28 – Sept 1, 2023	Opening Camping & Mountaineering Expedition
Sept 4, 2023	First day of Term 1
Oct 13, 2023	Last day of Term 1
Oct 14 – Oct 22, 2023	Autumn Break. Students return home or can participate in school-organized activities (at additional fee). Students expected back by 5:30pm on October 22.
Oct 23 – Oct 27, 2023	Autumn Outdoor Expedition
Oct 30, 2023	First day of Term 2
Nov 10, 2023	Student-Led Conferences (Virtual)
Dec 12, 2023	Last day of Term 2
Dec 13-14, 2023	Arts Intersession (a two-day special arts project). All students attending.
Dec 15, 2023	Open House: Culminating presentations, performances, art displays and more. All parents invited.
Dec 16, 2023 – Jan 7, 2024	Winter break. Dorms close Friday, December 15 evening and re-open on Sunday, January 7. Students expected back by 5:30pm on Jan 7.
Jan 8, 2024	First Day of Term 3
Feb 16, 2024	Last Day of Term 3
Feb 17-25, 2024	February Break. Students return home or can participate in school-organized activities (at additional fee). Students expected back by 5:30pm on February 25.
Feb 26 – Mar 1, 2024	Winter Outdoor Expedition
March 4, 2024	First Day of Term 4
March 15, 2024	Student-Led Conferences (Virtual)
Apr 12, 2024	Last Day of Term 4
April 13-21, 2024	Spring break. Dorms close Friday, April 13 evening and re-open on Sunday, April 21. For students not returning home, HIS will assist in organizing home stays or other educational programs. Students expected back by 5:30pm on April 21.
April 22-26, 2024	Spring Outdoor Expedition
April 29, 2024	First Day of Term 5
June 7, 2024	Last Day of Term 5
June 10-13, 2024	End-of-Year Camping Trip
June 15, 2024	Final Day & Step-Up Ceremony. All families invited. Students return home with families. Dorms close for the summer at 6pm.