



Kodaikanal International School

A school the world needs



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the world needs:**

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Education with a **Global** Perspective

For over a century, Kodaikanal International School (KIS) has been at the forefront of holistic education, nurturing graduates who can face life far beyond the classroom. Our vision is clear — *We strive to be a school the world needs: Our graduates will be transformative leaders, caring humans and thoughtful ambassadors for a just, sustainable and peaceful world.*

KIS's most significant asset is its vibrant community, bringing together an assortment of cultures, faiths, and experiences from every corner of the world. Entrenched in a comprehensive educational system centered on the the individual, the school's commitment to quality education, global diversity, and a continuous learning, empowers its students to be citizens of the world. Amplifying this enriching experience is the breathtaking beauty of Kodaikanal, where our community thrives amidst nature at an altitude of 7000 feet.



480+
Students



19
Nationalities



129
Staff
Members



1:6
Student-Staff
Ratio

Crafting Global Citizens through the IB and KIS Diploma Programs

At Kodaikanal International School (KIS), education goes beyond academics—it's about nurturing responsible, compassionate global citizens. With a focus on both academic excellence and personal development, KIS offers four graduation pathways to suit each student's unique goals and provide the flexibility.

1. International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP)

As India's first IB school, KIS has maintained an outstanding 40-year track record, with students consistently exceeding global averages. The IB DP develops critical thinking, research, and creativity, preparing students for top universities worldwide.

2. KIS Diploma

Accredited by the Middle States Association and recognized globally, the KIS Diploma ensures students receive a well-rounded education. Beyond core subjects, students complete courses in community service, fine arts, and practical skills, fostering personal growth.

3. Combination of IB DP Certificates and KIS Diploma

This flexible option lets students blend select IB DP Certificates with the KIS Diploma, offering a tailored education that opens doors to global opportunities.

4. International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)

The IBCP combines academic rigour with career-focused learning, in partnership with institutions like SUMAS and SCAD. It's ideal for students looking to specialize in fields like sustainability or the arts, with a direct path to university or the workforce.

No matter which path they choose, KIS students are supported by a passionate team and a community that values creativity and diversity, empowering them to become global changemakers.



The KIS Difference

The school leverages its unique location at 7,000 feet in the Palani Hills to provide students with an exceptional environmental experience, contribute to the local community, and embark on extraordinary adventures. The international community at KIS allows students to develop a range of music skills and excel in sports. Through multi-disciplinary foreign exchange programs, conferences, and competitions, our students engage in diverse national and international experiences.

Since 1991, hiking and camping have been staples at KIS, offering students a break from routine and an opportunity to explore the natural beauty of the Western Ghats at our 100-acre off-campus property. Activities include rafting, canoeing, swimming, archery, ziplining, and climbing.

KIS welcomes students from diverse academic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Our strong support system enhances education for those with learning difficulties, promoting independence through tailored approaches. Student-focused programs aid in time management, organization, and study skills.

Extracurricular activities encourage students to positively impact the local community and sustain the environment, blending classroom learning with community initiatives that promote personal growth, civic awareness, and a progressive global outlook aligned with the KIS vision and mission.

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IRINA

KIS is something out of this world. As an International Baccalaureate student, I've been immersed not only in rigorous academics but also in a wealth of **ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**. This is a school that prioritizes well-rounded development, offering many extra-curricular activities for every passion and interest.

But it doesn't stop there. KIS truly brings education to life with its adventure-filled hiking trips and a vibrant multicultural environment that fosters **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**. The friendships and cultural insights I've gained here are priceless.

KIS is more than a school; it's a **TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY**.

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Class of 2025
Russia

Over 100 years of Music Tradition

The KIS Music program, the largest department on campus, is a cornerstone of our institution, boasting over a century of tradition and excellence. Music is integral to our academic curriculum from Grade 5, and we offer IB Music, including music theory, as one of the subjects in the Diploma Programme. Supported by over 50 pianos and dedicated practice rooms, our program nurtures talent and deepens appreciation for music within our community.

We prepare students annually for the Royal Schools of Music (RSM, London) exams in both Practical and Theory. Since 1980, KIS has also served as the South India examination center for RSM, facilitating in-house examinations for our students.

At KIS, we offer a variety of programs, including Orchestral Strings, Symphonic Band, Choir, Guitar Program, and Carnatic Music.



KIS Center for Environment and Humanity

We seek, through our education programs, to expand the younger generation's understanding and appreciation of their relationship with the natural environment. As an educational institution that strives to be *a school the world needs*, we view our students as changemakers who possess the knowledge and compassion required to safeguard our planet. We enable them to see themselves as part of nature and to think critically about the impact of individual and collective actions on the environment.

Located in the Palani Hills—a biodiversity hotspot in the southern Western Ghats—our Center for Environment and Humanity (CEH) is dedicated to fostering environmental awareness and action in Kodaikanal and its surrounding communities. The Center engages our students, local schools, local residents, visitors, and decision-makers in understanding the unique ecology of the Palani Hills, the threats it faces, and the sustainability practices essential for environmental protection. It offers experiential learning programs, research opportunities, and leads community-driven conservation projects aimed at developing practical solutions to pressing environmental issues.



Kodaikanal International School

**Center for
Environment
and Humanity**



A Community Spanning Geographies and Generations



For over a century, Kodaikanal International School has established itself as a pillar of academic excellence. Nestled in the safe and beautiful surroundings of Kodaikanal, our school not only offers a rigorous academic curriculum but also fosters an inclusive international community life. Our exceptional staff, characterized by their passion for education, sets us apart in the landscape of international schools.



129
Staff Members



79
Academic
Staff Members



71
Master's
Degree

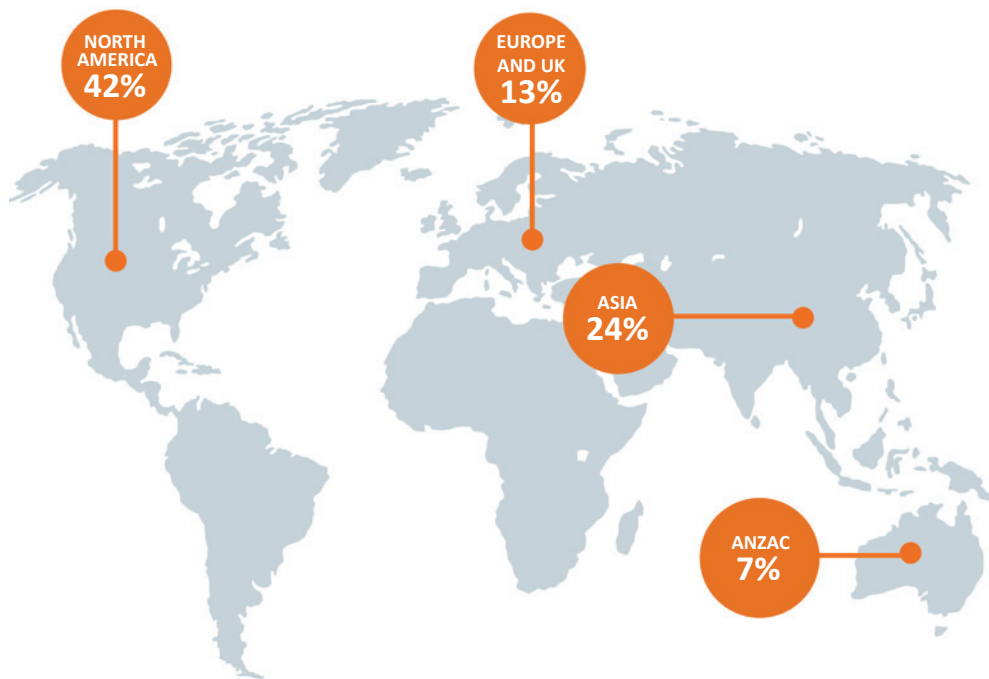
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9
PhDs



18
Nationalities
Represented
by Staff Members



KIS College Destinations



14% GAP YEAR

Class of 2024: Top College Acceptances

USA

- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Williams College, Massachusetts
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Northeastern University
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Northwestern University
- Pratt Institute
- New York University
- Georgetown University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- University of Washington, Seattle
- Purdue University
- Vassar College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- Boston University
- University of California
- Hamilton College
- University of Colorado, Boulder

CANADA

- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia
- University of York

THE UNITED KINGDOM

- King's College London
- UCL
- The University of Edinburgh
- University of Warwick
- University of St Andrews
- Queen Mary University of London

INDIA

- Ashoka University
- FLAME University
- Krea University
- O.P Jindal Global University
- Whistling Woods International
- Manipal University

Other Notable Schools

- The University of Melbourne
- Singapore Management University



Class of 2024: Over \$6 Million in Scholarships Secured

Our Class of 2024 has secured over \$6 million in merit scholarships and grants. Two full scholarships were awarded to different students: one for the University of Texas at Dallas, covering tuition, room, and board, and another for Hult, providing a 100% tuition waiver valued at \$56,200 per year.

Top scholarships

 BATES TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$75,396	 UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$47,000	 HULT TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$56,200
 WILLIAMS TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$71,470	 DENISON TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$45,000	 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - DALLAS TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: 100%
 KENYON TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$63,401	 WASHINGTON AND LEE TOTAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$51,000	



Kodaikanal International School strives to maintain relations and connections with and amongst its 'global family.' As a School we seek to create lifelong relationship with every Alumni in order to advance in our mission of lifetime connectedness and networking between the School and Alumni and between the Alumni themselves.



8500+
Alumni
World Wide



Alumni in
80
Countries



Class of 2024
110
Graduates

Notable Alumni

- **Gauman Menon** (Class of 1984) is one of India's leading experts on infectious disease modelling. He holds the title of Professor of Theoretical Physics and Computational Biology and serves as the Director of the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability at Ashoka University.
- **Schauna Chauhan** (Class of 1995) is recognized as a leading businesswoman in India. She currently serves as the CEO of Parle Agro, a pioneering company in the Indian beverage industry.
- **Valerie Newson Guarnieri** (Class of 1984) serves as the Deputy Executive Director for Programme and Policy Development at the World Food Programme (WFP). In 2020, the WFP was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat world hunger, and Valerie played a pivotal role in the organization during this recognition.
- **Kai Bird** (Class of 1969) is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and columnist, renowned for his biographies of political figures. Christopher Nolan's movie *Oppenheimer* was adapted from the award-winning book *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*, co-authored by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin.
- **Chris Van Hollen** (Class of 1977) is currently serving as the US Senator for Maryland. Before his tenure in the Senate, he was elected and served in the House of Representatives.
- **Anushka Mehrotra** (Class of 2011) is a distinguished screenwriter, celebrated for her exceptional talent with accolades from both the Screenwriters Association of India and the Filmfare OTT Awards. She contributed her expertise as part of the writing team for the television series *Mumbai 26/11* available on Amazon Prime.



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BHOOMIKA

When I joined KIS, I honestly didn't anticipate the **PROFOUND IMPACT** it would have on me. The daily serene views were just the beginning. Paired with the robust IB programme, I've truly come into my own here. This experience has been **ENRICHING** in ways I couldn't have imagined, and I am deeply grateful for the growth and memories I've gathered along the way.

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Class of 2024
India



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JUYONG

At KIS, teachers really listen to us. They **UNDERSTAND OUR STRENGTHS**, and help us learn in our own way. Plus, there's so much to do outside of class! With sports like basketball, football, badminton, and volleyball, we get to explore and develop our talents. It's not just about the books here, we **GROW AS INDIVIDUALS** too.

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Class of 2025
South Korea

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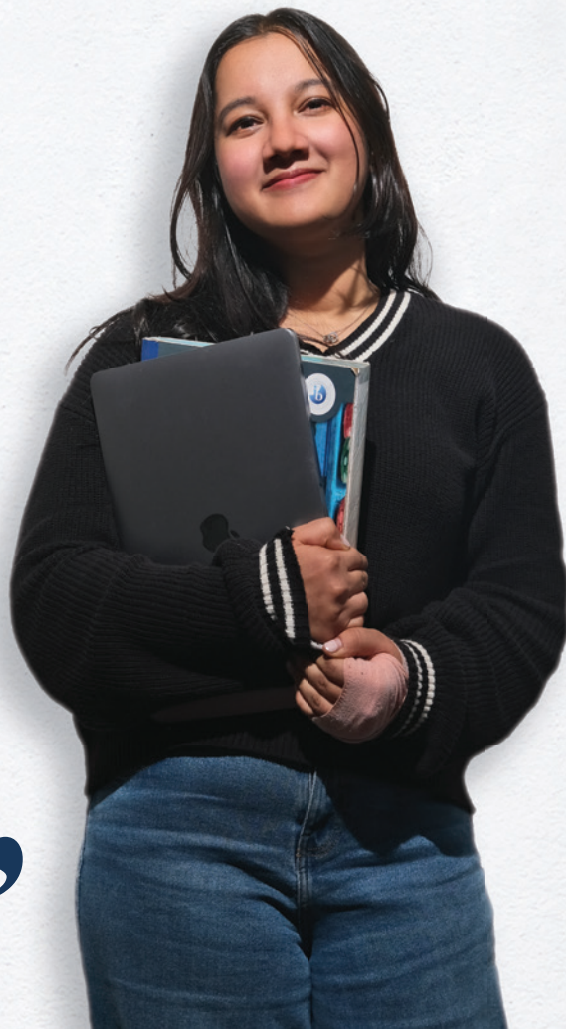
My time at KIS was nothing short of transformative. Beyond academic excellence, KIS fosters a culture of **CURIOSITY** and **UNDERSTANDING**. The supportive faculty encourages us to question and comprehend the relevance of knowledge in our lives.

The vibrant community embraces diverse cultures, and adventurous experiences like hiking forge lifelong friendships. KIS goes beyond the classroom, shaping us into independent, culturally aware individuals ready to conquer the world.

DIVYA

Class of 2024
India

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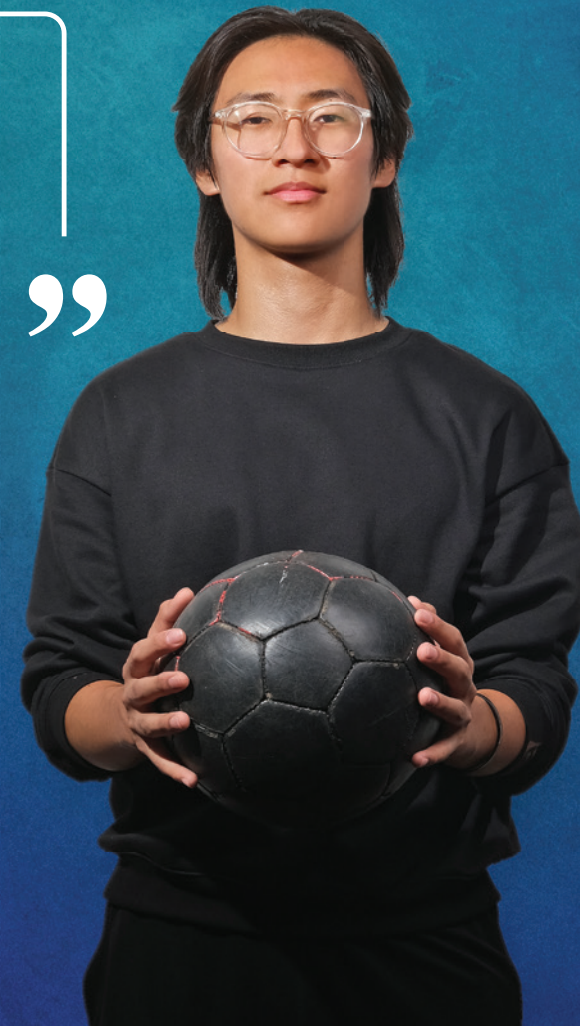
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KIS has surpassed the expectations of a traditional residential school, evolving into a home away from home for me. Fostering a warm, welcoming environment, it brings together a **COMMUNITY** of incredible individuals. The remarkable experiences it offers have been instrumental in shaping my **PERSONAL GROWTH**.

THEJA

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Class of 2024
India





A school for the **World**.
A school for the **Future**.



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If you have queries on admissions or would like to simply know more about KIS, please reach out to us at admissions@kis.in or (91) 93423 01123.

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