

## Curriculum Overview

At The Cuddle School, and The Grit Heights Secondary School, Abuja, we embrace the academic excellence and flexibility of the Cambridge International curriculum, renowned worldwide for its rigour, relevance, and adaptability. Our curriculum is designed to empower students with a breadth of knowledge, critical thinking skills, and the versatility needed to thrive in an ever-changing global landscape.

With a team of highly qualified educators and a nurturing learning environment, TCSA and TGHSSA offers students the opportunity to excel academically while also developing essential life skills such as communication, collaboration, and resilience. Our commitment to personalized learning ensures that each student receives the support and guidance they need to reach their full potential.

With a focus on innovation, diversity, and inclusivity, we aim to cultivate well-rounded individuals who are not only prepared for the challenges of tomorrow but also inspired to make a positive difference in the world.

We start with the Early Years Foundation Stage or EYFS for short. This takes younger children from 18 months old through their early years and prepares them with the necessary skills for the Primary curriculum.

Our students move seamlessly into Cambridge Lower Primary, sometimes known as Keystage 1 at the age of 5. The Primary curriculum builds in complexity both in learning style and content, culminating in the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Exam in Year 6.

Year 7 is the start of the Secondary curriculum where subjects are more defined and specialised, much in the same way IGCSE studies are.

In summary, the Cambridge Assessment International Examination curriculum prepares students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning.

## EYFS

### Primary

### Secondary

## The Cuddle School Abujas' Early Years Foundation Stage

Our Early Years classrooms are alive with bustle, excitement and the purposeful chatter that goes hand-in-hand with active learning. At The Cuddle School Abuja, we are very proud to be able to offer a unique and meaningful start to children's learning, which is genuinely built on their individual experiences and own level of understanding. We encourage enthusiastic, creative and independent learners who will go on to love each and every stage of their schooling.

Led by qualified and knowledgeable staff, our Early Years classes lay firm foundations for children in safe, secure and exciting learning environments. Happy children are ready to learn through their own play and play with others, through adult modelling and guided learning and direct teaching.

Why Choose The Cuddle School Abuja Early Years?

- For children from 18 months – 5 years in our bespoke Pre-Playgroup, Playgroup, Nursery and Reception classrooms
- Experienced, highly trained and inspiring staff team
- Maximum of 7:1 staff-to-child ratio.
- Excellent relationships with parents and an open-door policy
- Outstanding facilities – each year group has its own exciting outdoor play area; the well-resourced classrooms are linked to provide endless opportunities for your child to explore.
- Continuous provision as well as daily planned activities such as music, PE, phonics, literacy, and maths.
- Access to wider school facilities – Sports Halls and field, Forest School area and more.

At The Cuddle School Abuja, we follow the British Early Years and Foundation stage Curriculum which sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old.

The Cuddle School Abuja- Primary

At The Cuddle School Abuja, we aim to foster an exciting, caring and compassionate learning environment, in which all learners thrive. Our Primary curriculum supports every child to achieve their potential and make consistent progress. We focus on experiential, active learning, offering the highest standard of education in an aspirational educational environment. Every child at TCSA is valued, supported and challenged as an individual and provided with an exceptional range of opportunities to explore and develop their strengths.

Why Choose The Cuddle School Abuja Primary?

- Exceptional teaching from dedicated, enthusiastic, talented and inspiring staff; each Primary class has a qualified British curriculum-trained teacher and teaching assistant.
- A creative connected curriculum that covers a wide range of subjects and experiences.
- Specialist teachers for PE, Music, French, Art, Computing, Coding and Robotics
- Outstanding facilities include basketball court, tennis courts, an adventure playground, music and Science labs, and well-stocked libraries.
- Experiential, active learning so every lesson feels like an adventure.
- A wide range of extracurricular activities.
- Outstanding pastoral care and relationships with parents

## Our Curriculum

At The Cuddle School Abuja we follow the British Cambridge Primary Curriculum; a leading international education program designed for young learners aged 5 to 11 years. It is used in primary schools globally to provide a comprehensive and engaging educational experience. The curriculum is based on the values of the University of Cambridge and incorporates best global practices in education.

Our curriculum covers a range of subjects, which include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing
- Coding and Robotics
- P.E. (Physical Education)
- Art
- Music
- French
- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Global Perspectives (incorporating History and Geography)
- Nigerian Studies

Assessment: The curriculum employs internationally benchmarked assessments to measure student progress and achievement. There are two main types of assessments within the Cambridge Primary framework:

The Cuddle School Abuja

Key Stage

Curriculum

Assessment

Year 1

Key Stage 1

Cambridge Primary Curriculum

Teacher Assessment

Year 2

**Key Stage 1**

Cambridge Primary Curriculum

Teacher Assessment

Year 3

**Key Stage 2**

Cambridge Primary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

Year 4

**Key Stage 2**

Cambridge Primary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

Year 5

**Key Stage 2**

Cambridge Primary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

Year 6

**Key Stage 2**

Cambridge Primary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

Cambridge Checkpoint Exam

Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Tests: These are assessments that are typically marked within the school. They help teachers track students' progress and understanding of the curriculum's learning objectives.

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint: Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint monitors individual and group performance at the end of the Lower Secondary programme. These external tests are marked by Cambridge International to give you extra confidence in the feedback you receive and share with parents.

Feedback: Students who take the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint receive a statement of achievement and a diagnostic feedback report. This report offers insights into how a student has performed in

relation to the curriculum, their learning group, the entire program, and against students worldwide who have taken the tests.

### The Grit heights Secondary School Abuja - Secondary Curriculum

Secondary education at The Grit heights Secondary School Abuja is like no other, a school where talents are uncovered and individuality flourishes; where each child feels valued, included, and supported. From the first day in Year 7 to Graduation in Year 11, every child is supported to discover their brilliance. Students are provided with a range of opportunities to pursue their passion both in and out of the classroom. The campus is alive with students dedicated to the extensive co-curricular programme; from sports and the performing arts to academic enrichment, there is something for everyone. Our exceptional staff are skilled at pushing potential across all areas of school life. With a great passion for education, coupled with extensive professional development, we are committed to being a leader in providing innovative approaches that prepare learners for life beyond school. All of this is reinforced by a pastoral system that cares deeply for the holistic development of all students. Every child at The Grit Heights Secondary Schol, Abuja is known as an individual and is supported in their journey through the school. Our students are empowered to make positive decisions; they are ready to make a difference.

### Why Choose The Grit Heights Secondary Schol, Abuja Secondary?

- Exceptional teaching from dedicated, enthusiastic, talented, and inspiring staff
- Highly qualified, British curriculum-trained specialist subject teachers.
- A focus on preparation for Checkpoint in Year 9 and iGCSEs in Year 11.
- Our KS3 (Years 7-9) curriculum is broad and includes English, Maths, French, Science, History, Geography, ICT, Coding and Robotics, Global Art, Design & Technology, Drama, Music, PE, and more.
- From Key Stage 4 (Year 10) students can select from a wide range of IGCSEs from traditional subjects such as the three Sciences, Maths, English, and Music to more vocational subjects such as Business Studies, Environmental Management, and Accounting.

### Cambridge Secondary Curriculum

The Cambridge Secondary Curriculum is used in over 155 schools in over 50 countries worldwide. Cambridge Secondary Curriculum is jointly developed by the London-based Fieldwork Education and front-line educators from more than 100 international schools around the world, including the UK, the US, and Australia. It is an international course in the true sense. The Cambridge Secondary Curriculum is a concepts-based curriculum design that provides theme-based units featuring learning goals that outline the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed across all subjects as well as developing personal dispositions to help students become more internationally minded. The

Cambridge Secondary Curriculum promotes learner traits recognised as essential for future success. The full range of units covers adaptability, balance, belief, celebration, challenge, collaboration, communication, community, competition, consequences, courage, creativity, curiosity, development, discovery, entrepreneurship, identity, interpretation, justice, leadership, reflection, relationship, renewal, resilience, resolution, respect, responsibility, risk, structures, and tradition.

#### Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) Cambridge Lower Secondary

At The Grit Heights Secondary School, Abuja, we follow the British Cambridge Lower Secondary Curriculum; a leading international education program designed for students aged 11 to 14 years. Students have access to a personalised opportunity for high-quality preparation for life and further education. The curriculum is British-based, which gives students a chance to discover and accumulate knowledge and develop their skills in learning and managing life situations. Having a variety of ten different subjects, the main ones being English, Mathematics, and Science, students will have access to many opportunities to develop their creativity, personal touch, and – most importantly – knowledge, in a personalised, age-appropriate manner. The curriculum is based on the values of the University of Cambridge and incorporates best global practices in education.

Assessment: The curriculum employs internationally benchmarked assessments to measure student progress and achievement. There are two main types of assessments within the Cambridge Primary framework:

The Grit Heights Secondary School, Abuja

Key Stage

Curriculum

Assessment

Year 7

Key Stage 3

Cambridge Lower Secondary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

Year 8

Key Stage 3

Cambridge Lower Secondary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

Year 9

Key Stage 3

Cambridge Lower Secondary Curriculum

Cambridge Progression tests

## Cambridge Checkpoint Exam

### Year 10

Key Stage 4

IGCSE

Mock Examinations

### Year 11

Key Stage 4

IGCSE

IGCSE Examinations

**Cambridge Progression Tests:** These are internal assessments, set by Cambridge that help check your child's knowledge, skills, and understanding. Assessments are in the core subjects, English as a first or second language, mathematics, and science, progression tests are marked by teachers in your school and available for stages 7, 8, and 9.

**Cambridge Checkpoint:** This assessment takes place at the end of Year 9. It evaluates students' skills, knowledge, and understanding of English as a first or second language, Mathematics, and Science. These tests are marked by Cambridge examiners and provide an international benchmark of learner performance.

**Feedback:** Students who take the Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint receive a statement of achievement and a diagnostic feedback report. This report offers insights into how a student has performed in relation to the curriculum, their learning group, the entire program, and against students worldwide who have taken the tests.