



LADY ANDAL SCHOOL

Primary Years Programme

Middle Years Programme

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Diploma Programme

# Student Guide

Language Policy



# About The Student Guide

## Purpose of the Guide

This guide serves as an essential pathway and reference point for the entire school community. Its primary purpose is to clearly outline the school's vision, expectations and policies, ensuring all students understand their rights and responsibilities.

This guide provides crucial information on the school's expectation from the students on matters of the Language Policy.



# School Vision

We aim to create a holistic individual by providing a happy atmosphere for the child with an emphasis on individual academic brilliance and excellence on the field through games and athletics.

We help build cultural and social skills among our learning community which foster an environment that is conducive to the teaching and learning process.

# IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



## 1.1 Your Language Journey at Lady Andal School

**Our Core Belief: Everyone is a Language Teacher!**

We believe that because English is our language of instruction, every teacher you have is also a guide who helps you improve communication skills, no matter if you are in Science, Art, or Math.

### Honouring Your Mother Tongue

Your first language is a vital part of your identity. We have students who speak many different languages at home, and we celebrate that!

- Keep it strong! We encourage you and your family to keep reading, speaking, and enjoying your mother tongue at home.
- At School: We formally teach Tamil and Hindi to support our largest student groups and to help everyone feel connected to their culture

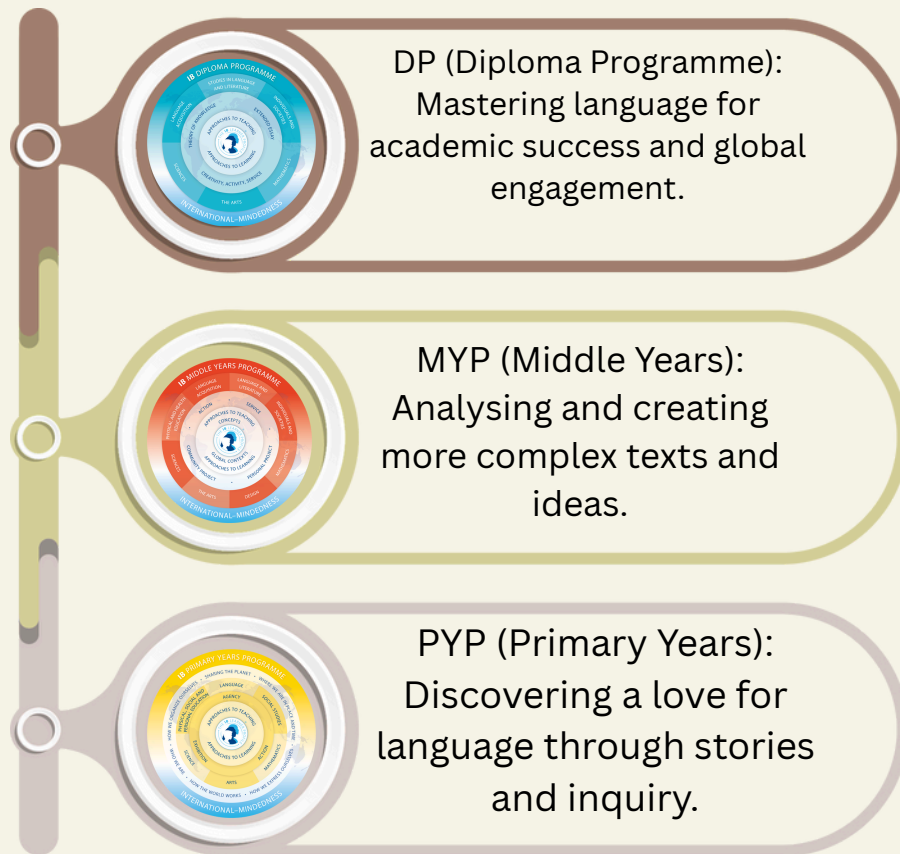


## 1.2 The Big Picture: IB Continuum

Your language journey grows with you through the three IB programmes:

- **PYP (Primary Years):** Discovering a love for language through stories and inquiry.
- **MYP (Middle Years):** Analysing and creating more complex texts and ideas.
- **DP (Diploma Programme):** Mastering language for academic success and global engagement

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## Language in the PYP and MYP

### 1.3 Primary Years Programme (PYP)

#### PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

- **How we learn:** We learn language best by using it in real - life situations! You will explore language through your Units of Inquiry.
- **What we learn:** We balance fun with skills, mixing reading, writing, listening, and speaking. You will also get special focus on grammar and usage.
- **Your Choices:**
  - **Language A:** English (the language of our school).
  - **Language B:** You will choose one additional language (Hindi, German, or Spanish).
  - **Language C:** Everyone learns Tamil to connect with our regional culture.

**Pro Tip:** In your final PYP year, you will do a **Language Carousel** to sample different languages before choosing which one to continue in the MYP.

## **MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)**

### **Language & Literature (English)**

You will read all kinds of texts - stories, articles, debates - and learn to analyse the choices writers make. You will also learn to organize and produce your own powerful writing and speaking.

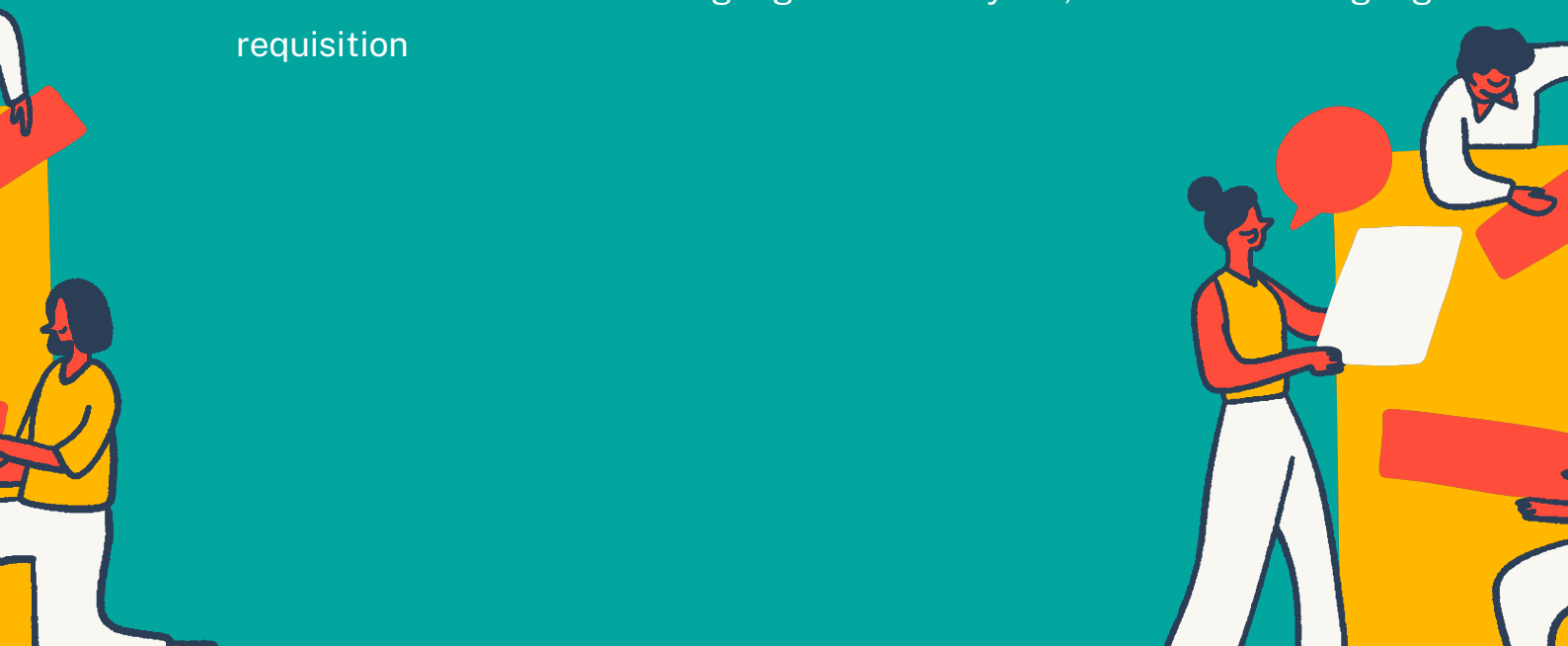
How you are assessment:

- Criterion A: Analysing - How well you understand the text.
- Criterion B: Organizing - How well you structure your ideas.
- Criterion C: Producing Text - Your creativity and connection with the audience.
- Criterion D: Using Language - Your accuracy and style.

### **Language Acquisition**

This is your chance to become skilled in another language! You can choose from Hindi, German, or Spanish.

- You learn in Phases (Emergent, Capable and Proficient), not just grade levels. You move up when you are ready!
- You are assessed on Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing.
- Tamil is also offered as a language C for everyone, for the state language requisition





## 1.4 Language in the DP

The DP is your chance to master language for university and beyond. You need to study two languages:

### Group 1: Studies in Language & Literature

- This is a deep study of the language that you know best.
- One main offering: English A: Language & Literature.

### Want to study a different language A?

You can opt for School-Supported Self-Taught (SSST).

This means:

- You study independently with a mentor from your school guiding you.
- **You will need to hire a qualified tutor.**
- It is a great way to earn a Bilingual Diploma!

### Group 2: Language Acquisition

This is your second language. You have options:

- Language B: (Hindi, German, or Spanish): For students with some previous experience. You can take it at Standard or Higher Level.
- Spanish ab initio: For true beginners and no experience in Spanish. A supportive option to start from scratch.







We are here to help! Struggling with academic English? We offer:

- Special support sessions after school.
- Help with essay structuring and vocabulary.
- Tools like graphic organizers to help you plan your writing.

### **Mother Tongue & Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**

- We continue to honour your roots. We offer Hindi in Group 2 and Tamil communicative classes twice a month.
- In TOK, we ask big questions about language: How does the language we speak change the way we think? Is what we know limited by our words?



## 2.1 Your Superpower Resource: The Library & Beyond

### The Library: Your Language Hub

Our library is more than just books - it is a launchpad for your ideas. We have over 10,000 books and resources in English, Hindi, Tamil, Spanish, and German.

What we offer you:

- A World of Reading: Fiction, no - fiction, graphic novels, magazines, and newspapers like the Robin Age and Times of India.
- Digital Resources: Access to the **Scholastic Digital Library** and the **British Council online**.
- Research Support: Need help for a project? Our librarian is there to help you find trustworthy information and build strong research skills.
- Fun Stuff! Get involved in:
  - Lit Arc and Author of the Month
  - Language Week Celebrations
  - Stories under the Banyan Tree and Author Visits
  - Book Clubs and reading challenges



## 2.2 Your Next Steps

- Explore: Spend time in the library and discover what you love to read.
- Participate: Join in on language events and competitions. They are fun and great for building skills.
- Ask Questions: Talk to your teachers, your librarian, and your academic counsellor about your language choices. They are here to help you make the best decision for your future.

**Remember: Your voice is powerful. Use it wisely, use it proudly, and use it to shape your world.**



