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# SCHOOL BACKGROUND

*HKUGA College is one of Hong Kong's leading co-educational secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme of the Education Bureau, and a tight-knit community of over 1100 students nestled in the verdant hills of Wong Chuk Hang.*

*Established in 2006 by the Hong Kong University Graduates Association Education Foundation of alumni and esteemed members of society, HKUGA College is a through-train school together with our HKUGA Primary School. We place particular emphasis on wellbeing and future-ready education, and provide a worldly and inspiring learning environment for students to lead flourishing lives long after they have left our school.*

*HKUGA College aims to provide a holistic education in a predominantly English environment in which students can discover the joy of learning through hard work, perseverance and creativity. By offering care, encouragement and positive reinforcement, the College helps students develop the capacity for empathy and become responsible, compassionate, inquiring, linguistically competent, knowledgeable and globally-minded people who contribute to the community.*

# VISION AND MISSION

# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

*"Welcome to HKUGA College: Together we Thrive!"*

***Wellbeing and Human-Centric Care at the Heart of HKUGA College***

*HKUGA College is a community where academic excellence, personal growth and wellbeing thrive together. We believe that young people flourish when they feel known, supported, and challenged — and when school life strengthens both the mind and the heart.*

*Our approach is intentionally human-centric. In a world shaped by rapid technological change and artificial intelligence, we prepare students with future-ready skills: adaptiveness, digital literacy, and critical thinking. At the same time, we hold firmly that technology must never diminish the essence of human care. Values, empathy, and genuine relationships remain at the core of how we teach, lead, and walk alongside every student.*

*This commitment is embodied in our Holistic Student Development framework, led at the highest level of the school. It brings together pastoral care, student leadership, and whole-person growth so that support across campus works as one. Central to this work is student agency: we invite students to shape their own school experience, co-create activities, and lead initiatives. Active participation in campus life, co-curricular learning, and peer networks builds social connection, purpose, and the resilience needed for a fast-changing world.*

*Families joining our community can expect three interconnected strengths:*

- ***Student agency and mental wellness*** *— Student voice and meaningful engagement that strengthen belonging and protect mental health.*
- ***Whole-school pastoral support*** *— Wellbeing programs, peer mentorship, and close partnership with parents, so care extends across school and home.*
- ***Human-centric AI and future competencies*** *— Learning that equips students to navigate technological change with judgment, creativity, and enduring human values.*

*Grounded in wellbeing and guided by who we are as people, HKUGA College students are empowered to embrace new opportunities and lead fulfilling lives to serve the community and beyond.*

"A SCHOOL DRIVEN BY POSITIVE PURPOSE"

# ABOUT US

# FOUR CORNERSTONES

*The College's core guiding principles lie in the firm foundation of our four cornerstones:*

**THE INTEGRATION OF**

*Passion and Professionalism*

*The School and the Community*

*Eastern and Western Cultures*

*The School and the Family*

***Teacher and Support Staff Profile***

*With our 10:1 student-teacher ratio, students are always given the time and space to think independently and participate actively. Our professional faculty is always ready to engage and inspire. In fact, they are more than teachers with impressive credentials; they are mentors from diverse backgrounds who offer help and fresh ideas to our community. Equally important is our trilingual-biliterate programme that focuses on English across all subjects, as well as Putonghua and Cantonese for Chinese Language and Chinese History classes.*

***Through-train Education***

*As a through-train school implemented with Positive Education, we aspire to help students to naturally progress from primary to secondary education and beyond. Our curriculum is designed to engage students and ensure that they will enjoy a smooth and welcoming transition from primary to secondary school life.*

"FEELING GOOD ABOUT SELF AND THE COMMUNITY - NURTURING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS"

*"FORGING FUTURE LEADERS AND CITIZENS"*

***Our Aims: Future-Oriented Skills***

*HKUGA College is more than just a school; it's a dynamic hub where future leaders are cultivated and inspired. Our innovative curriculum equips students with essential* ***Future-Oriented Skills*** *for thriving in the 21st century.*

# OUR EDUCATION

***(A) Nurturing Entrepreneurial Minds and Digital Literacy***

*At College, we foster a culture of creativity, risk-taking, and entrepreneurial spirit. We empower students to become innovative thinkers and successful entrepreneurs. By embedding Design Thinking principles in curriculum, we equip them with the tools to identify problems, generate innovative solutions, and bring their ideas to life.*

*Meanwhile, our diverse range of entrepreneurial programs, including the Game Design Program and Design Thinking Course, provides students with practical scenarios and application experiences. We also integrate the Design Thinking principles into academic subjects, especially through the way of project learning, so as to build student awareness in a more thorough process.*

*Our framework trains students to strategically deploy AI for routine data organization and information processing. By delegating structural tasks to AI, students keep their full ownership over deep inquiry and critical analysis.*

***(B) Exploring interests***

*Through our S1-S2 CASTLE (Creative Arts, Sports, Technology, and Life Education) and S3 Modular Studies programs, we offer a personalized approach to learning. By giving students the autonomy to choose their subjects, we equip them with the tools to analyze global trends, interpret complex data, and drive innovation. This freedom of choice fosters the problem-solving skills necessary to lead in an ever-changing world.*

***(C) Cultivating Independent Thinkers***

*We promote independent thinking and multi-perspective awareness. Philosophical Inquiry is one of the key pedagogical approaches that encourage students to question assumptions, analyze evidence, and evaluate different viewpoints. By developing these skills, students become independent thinkers who can solve complex problems and make ethical decisions.*

***(D) A Commitment to Community and Chinese Culture***

*The school is dedicated to fostering global citizens with a strong sense of Chinese identity. We encourage students to engage in community service, develop cultural awareness, and understand the importance of giving back. Each year, students travel to China for immersive learning experiences with different focus. Through our programs, they learn to appreciate diversity, contribute to their local community, and become responsible Chinese citizens with care and a global perspective.*

# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

*Our curriculum features structured, form-based learning and international excursions that empower students to explore their own cultural identities in a global context. We also collaborate with the China Exploration & Research Society (CERS) and Higher Ground (Australia) to provide hands-on experience in nature conservation, wildlife research, and cultural heritage preservation at home and abroad. Such experiential learning opportunities complement our classroom learning and bring new values, knowledge, and skills to life as students engage in a sensitive and equitable manner.*

*Beyond the classroom, students' learning is deeply enhanced by subject-focused learning trips, such as the Geography learning trip in Korea and the English Literature trip in Europe, which bring academic theories to life through real-world application. To further broaden horizons, we organize University Exploration trips to prestigious academic hubs like the United Kingdom and Australia to help students envision their future pathways, alongside visits to our sister schools in Singapore and beyond to foster cross-cultural friendship and collaboration.*

**Our Approach: "4-I"**

*How we nurture our students with the above future-oriented skills is through the 4-I Approach, which has been a key pedagogical principle for quite some years. It stands for Individualised Learning, Inquisitive Mindset, Interactive Process and Innovative:*

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### Individualised Learning:

*The approach we use to give our students "individualised" learning exposure based on their personal interests and aptitudes. A great variety of tailor-made programmes are offered for students to choose from in their daily lessons, from a spectrum containing languages, STEAM, philosophy, community services, art, music, and athletic training.*

## Individualised

*Offering educational exposure and support based on students' individual needs*

### Inquisitive Mind:

*As mentioned, Philosophical Inquiry (PI) is a hallmark method for nurturing good thinking at HKUGA College. We implement PI in three ways:*

**Pedagogical Integration:**
*PI is integrated into various subjects in Junior Form, including English, Science, and Chinese. This allows students to apply philosophical thinking to different disciplines and deepen their understanding.*

**Life Education:**
*PI is used as a method to teach life education in pastoral lessons. This helps students develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a sense of empathy and compassion.*

**Standalone Philosophy Program:**
*We offer standalone philosophy programs in S3 to provide students with more in-depth exposure to philosophical concepts and methodologies.*

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## Inquisitive

*Cultivating the passion for learning and being an independent thinker*

3

### Interactive Process:

*We use strategies to promote active and collaborative learning, enhancing students' sense of agency in their education. By encouraging students to interact not only with peers but also with the community and nature, we provide opportunities for authentic experiences and deeper insights.*

## Interactive

*Learning through collaboration and peer critique*

### Innovative Venture:

*We build a foundation for effective learning by integrating Generative AI and digital tools into our pedagogy, emphasizing AI application and data literacy in the process of fostering innovation and creativity.*

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## Innovative

*Harnessing AI and digital tools to optimize learning*

# International Advanced Level (IAL)

***Introduction to IAL - Paving Alternate Pathways for Future Success***

*At HKUGA College, we offer diverse pathways for student development, preparing them for the challenges of the 21st century. S5 students can choose between the DSE and Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Levels (IAL), both globally recognized and conducive to admission at prestigious universities.*

*Students in the IAL program will stay actively involved in school life, including extracurricular activities, leadership roles, pastoral lessons, assemblies, and school trips.*

Pearson Edexcel

***Empower your Future with IAL***

*The Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Levels (IAL) program is designed to facilitate academic success through:*

- **MODULAR STRUCTURE:** 4-6 MODULES PER SUBJECT
- **2-YEAR PROGRAM WITH 4 EXAMINATION WINDOWS**
- **SMOOTH TRANSITION FROM LOCAL CURRICULUM TO IAL**
- **LOCAL AND GLOBAL RECOGNITION BY UNIVERSITIES**
- **ALLOW FOCUSED WORK IN 4 STRONG SUBJECTS**

***Modular Structure:*** *Engage with 4 to 6 modules per subject for a deep, focused understanding.*

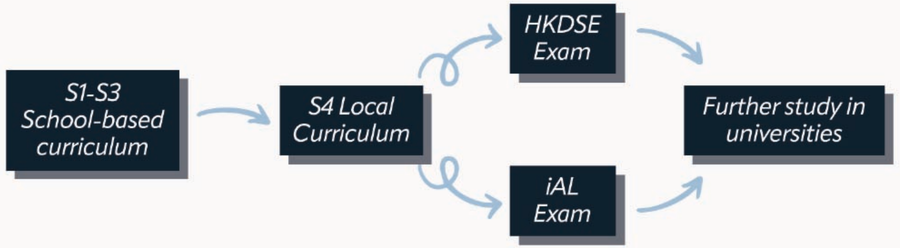
***Two-Year Program:*** *Spread your exams across two years with four exam windows, providing flexibility in assessment.*

***Global Recognition:*** *IAL qualifications are accepted locally and internationally, opening doors to top universities worldwide.*

***Strength-Based Focus:*** *Concentrate on four subjects where you excel, enhancing engagement and performance.*



*We guarantee a seamless transition from the local curriculum to IAL, supported by our dedicated faculty and resources.*




***Subject Combinations Available for IAL at HKUGA College***

*1. English*
*2. Chinese*
*3. Citizenship & Social Development*
*4. Physical Education*

**COMPULSORY SUBJECTS**

**ELECTIVE SUBJECTS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| -Chemistry | OR | -Chemistry |
| -Biology | | -Biology |
| -Physics | | -Economics |
| -Mathematics | | -Mathematics |

From 2025-26

***IAL Pearson Subject Specifications***

*You may check out this official website of Pearson to learn more about the curriculum offered in IAL for different subjects.*

***IAL Curriculum at HKUGA College***

*For a quick glance of the IAL curriculum at our school, check out our curriculum handbooks for the subjects offered!*

***STEAM Education***

*STEAM education is a cornerstone of our learning journey. We strive to provide rich, real-world experiences that empower students to analyse complex global issues, foster an innovative mindset, and think critically and creatively.*

*Our structured 3-tier framework—STEAM for All, STEAM for Talents, and STEAM for Elites—ensures every learner has the opportunity to excel. By actively integrating artificial intelligence (AI) across the curriculum, this approach enhances foundational STEAM and digital literacy for all students while offering advanced pathways for those with specialized interests and skills to extend their learning beyond standard boundaries.*

*Through STEAM Learning Activities, national competitions, university research partnerships, and different exchange programs, students are equipped to embrace futuristic technologies, unleash their full potential, and drive meaningful innovation.*



## "UNDERSTANDING AND SUSTAINING SELF AND THE COMMUNITY - PROMOTING POSITIVE HEALTH AND EMOTIONS"

***Sports Teams***

*Our sports teams participate in a wide variety of internal and inter-school competitions, including track and field, swimming, table tennis, basketball, and more. Supported by expert coaching, we welcome all passionate students looking to hone their skills. In an environment driven by high standards, we build student confidence and resilience through athletics.*

### *Sports*

*We believe sports foster unity and provide every member of our community with the chance to adopt a healthy lifestyle. This principle underpins our rapid growth and remarkable athletic achievements, which include stellar performances in inter-school competitions and a strong commitment to organizing local sports events. By cultivating a dynamic culture that promotes "sports for all," we view our competitive success and public recognition as a natural and rewarding result of our efforts.*

### *Music Programme*

*Music is an integral part of life at HKUGA College. Through our holistic curriculum—encompassing listening, composing, and performing—students refine their technical skills and build lasting confidence. Budding musicians also enjoy substantial subsidies for instrumental lessons throughout their school journey.*

### *International Recognition*

*Our music teams proudly represent the College on the global stage. Key international accolades include Gold Awards at the Singapore International Choral Festival and the Australian International Music Festival, alongside acclaimed performances at the prestigious Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna and the World Music Contest in the Netherlands.*

### *Local Excellence*

*This dedication to mastery extends to local competition. Highlights include our Symphonic Band's sustained success as Champion at the 77th and 78th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, consecutive Gold Awards at the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows (2024 Intermediate & 2025 Senior categories), and consistent top honors across major local events.*

### *Nurturing Lifelong Excellence*

*These continuous achievements reflect our students' unwavering commitment to artistic growth and ensemble excellence. Behind every performance lies countless hours of dedication, perseverance, and teamwork. Our music programme instills a deep sense of discipline and resilience, empowering students to overcome challenges, refine their craft, and carry a lifelong passion for creativity into all areas of their lives.*

### *Activities Toward Wellbeing*

*We engage students in a wide variety of activities and functions to develop their wellbeing and promote positive, health, emotions, relationships, meaning, engagement and accomplishment. These empower students to become high achievers as well as well-rounded people.*

"DOING GOOD THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE - ENCOURAGING POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT"

***Service Learning***

*Service learning is integral to nurturing informed, empathetic, and caring contributors to society. Through whole year-level service learning programmes centred on local poverty and sustainable development, our values-based curriculum cultivates deep empathy and a strong commitment to community care. Beyond local outreach, our students expand their horizons through overseas service trips tied to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Past initiatives have seen students build solar panels for under-resourced families in Africa, volunteer to teach in Mainland China, and lead impactful sustainability projects abroad. Whether participating in school-organised or self-directed service, students develop a powerful sense of agency as internationally minded citizens, gaining global awareness while learning to cherish their own circumstances.*

***Student Leadership***

*Students learn from being part of a team, working collaboratively and taking responsibility. Our leadership programme empowers young people by providing diverse opportunities to grow and flourish. All students can join groups such as the Student Council, Prefect Team, House Committees, Peer Counsellor Team, Charity Leaders Team and Class Committees. Beyond these formal roles, our school actively fosters student agency by encouraging them to initiate and run their own clubs and activities.*

*Career and Life Planning*

*From S1 to S6, much work is done to prepare students for life beyond school, including informative subject counselling, the exploration of career paths and exposure to tertiary institutions. We have also organised our own university fairs, inviting representatives from different Universities in Hong Kong and overseas to share their career information, first-hand, with our students. Work visits of different scales were also organised for students to broaden their experiences. We are truly proud to have alumni across various fields return to share their career paths and mentor our students. Through these initiatives, we aim to help all students to develop a life-long love of learning, a deep sense of self-worth and a desire to make a difference as responsible global citizens.*



# RECENT INITIATIVES

*Sister Schools*

*Through our cherished network of sister schools across Mainland China and Singapore, HKUGA College fosters deep cultural and academic exchanges that cultivate meaningful, lasting connections. Partnering with Shanghai Tianjiabing High School, Yinzhou Tongji High School, Foshan No. 10 Middle School, and Dunman High School (Singapore), we create vibrant platforms for youth leadership and cross-cultural immersion. From interactive group sessions focusing on Sustainable Development Goals to engaging presentations showcasing rich local heritage—such as Singapore's multicultural identities—students learn, collaborate, and grow side-by-side. These enriching exchanges enhance their academic horizons while building genuine cross-border friendships as future global citizens.*

*Adventure-based Life Education (ABLE)*

*One of our school's major innovative initiatives, Adventure-based Life Education, engages students in the natural and cultural world around them. We nurture life skills, resilience, confidence, independence and perseverance through real-life experiences and field work. These are achieved as early as S1 and S2 through our highly popular ABLE: The First Step and The Balance and Beyond Adventure in Queensland and FACT (Forest Academy Cyclic Tasks), while we consistently seek to expand our scope of authentic learning activities.*

*All the initiatives above help broaden our students' horizons, enrich school life, and highlight the student agency and impact for both the local and international stages.*



# OUR AFFILIATION

"AT HKUGA COLLEGE, PARENTS AND ALUMNI WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL AND PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLES IN DEVELOPING THE INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL OF EACH STUDENT"

*Alumni Network*

*The HKUGA College community extends beyond our campus. Established in 2012 by our first graduating class, the HKUGA College Alumni Association connects graduates across Hong Kong and worldwide. As our alumni build their careers, they stay involved with our school—offering practical mentorship, sharing career insights, and supporting current students.*

*Collaboration with Parents*

*We actively encourage parents to connect with the school, as we believe that home-school cooperation is essential in creating a positive and stimulating learning environment. The HKUGA College Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), founded in the 2007–2008 academic year, plays a pivotal role in facilitating this partnership. Together, the PTA and the school share a unified vision and set of goals to nurture our future leaders. Through our joint commitment to life-long learning, both parents and teachers work side-by-side to model curiosity, growth, and resilience for our students.*

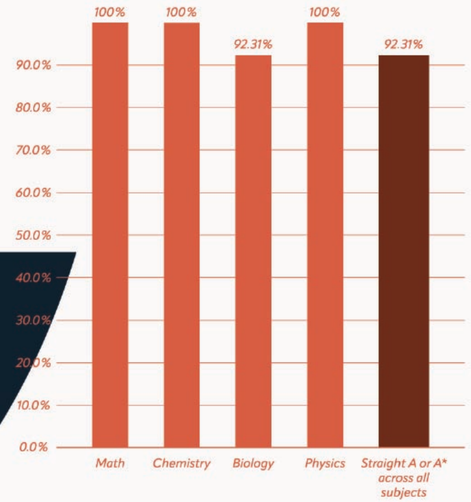
# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN JUST ONE DECADE, WITH MORE TO COME"

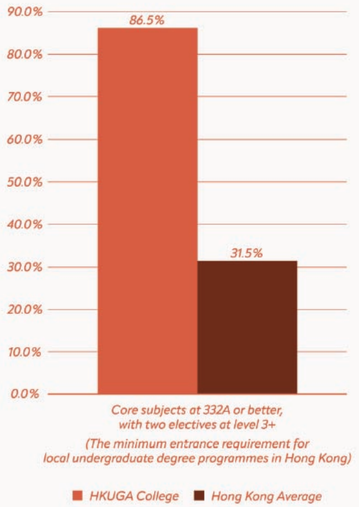
***Outstanding first iAL cohort:*** *strong 2026 results with a high percentage of students achieving top grade A or A* across all four subjects, as shown on right.*

*Our inaugural International A-Level cohort achieved an extraordinary 98.2% A*–A grades across all subjects in their final examinations. Highlighted by six top performers securing A* grades in all their subjects, 100% of our founding graduates successfully met their conditional offers for premier universities in Hong Kong and worldwide.*

***IAL Level Results** - August 2026*

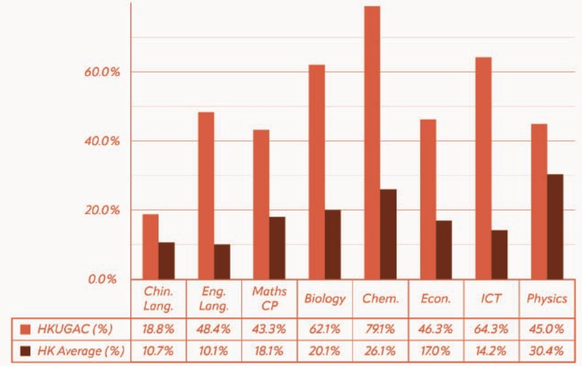



***2026 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination Results***
*Statistics Related to Core and Elective Subjects*




***HKDSE Achievements:*** *Our 2026 graduates achieved exceptional results, with 86.5% meeting university entrance requirements—far exceeding the Hong Kong average of 31.5%. In subjects like Chemistry, Mathematics Extended Part (M2), ICT, and Biology, over 60% of students earned Level 5 or above.*

***2026 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination Results***
*By Subject - Level 5 or above*

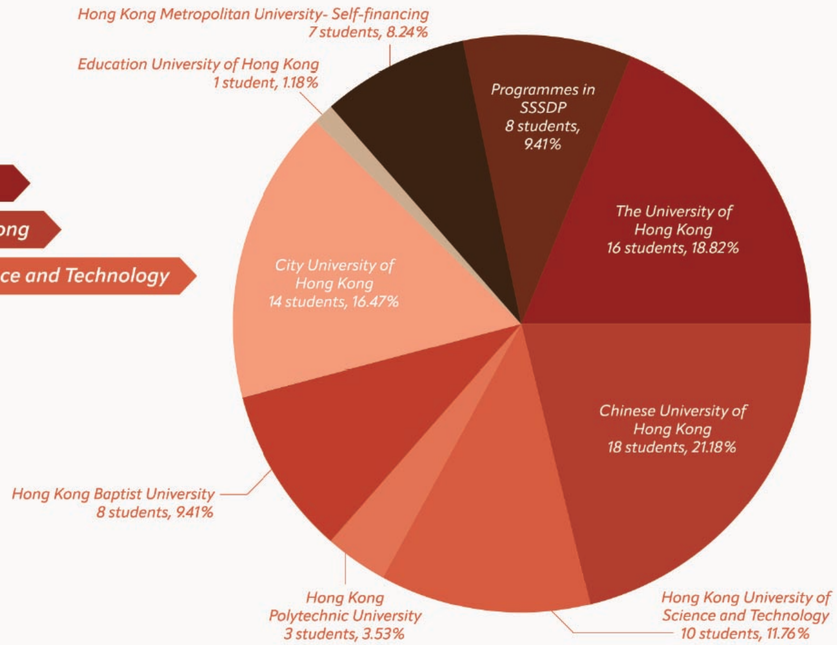



| | Chin. Lang. | Eng. Lang. | Maths CP | Biology | Chem. | Econ. | ICT | Physics |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HKUGAC (%) | 18.8% | 48.4% | 43.3% | 62.1% | 79.1% | 46.3% | 64.3% | 45.0% |
| HK Average (%) | 10.7% | 10.1% | 18.1% | 20.1% | 26.1% | 17.0% | 14.2% | 30.4% |

## *JUPAS Offers 2026*
*The Local Universities Admissions System in Hong Kong*

**52%**
*Received offer from*

- *The University of Hong Kong*
- *Chinese University of Hong Kong*
- *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*




### *University Admissions*

*Within a decade, the school has developed a strong track record of top university placements. Over the past three years, an average of 88% of our graduates were admitted to bachelor's degree programmes locally and overseas.*

*For our 2026 cohort, our graduates have already secured strong local tertiary offers through JUPAS, with 82.4% receiving offers from UGC-funded universities—led by The Chinese University of Hong Kong (21.2%), The University of Hong Kong (18.8%), and City University of Hong Kong (16.5%)—and an additional 17.6% securing placements in SSSDP and self-financing degree programmes. Our 2026 graduates also continue to receive placements across the United Kingdom, Australia, the United States, mainland China, and beyond.*



### *Elite Programmes*

- *21 students admitted to Medicine (HKU & CUHK) in 2025 and 2026*
- *Multiple offers in Dentistry, Law & Quantitative Finance*

### *World-renowned University Admission*

- *Peking University, Tsinghua University, University of Oxford*
- *University College London, Imperial College London, King's College London*
- *The London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Warwick, University of Bristol, The University of Edinburgh*

# ADMISSION

*We welcome students who share the College's educational philosophy and aspirations to join our community.*

*While the College does not provide on-campus boarding facilities, we can provide contact information for external agencies that offer residential boarding services.*

*For further details about admission procedures, financial assistance, scholarships, or boarding referrals, please visit our website:* ***www.hkugac.edu.hk***