



2024-2025

SCHOOL ACTIVITY BROCHURE

Excursions and Activities Philosophy

The philosophy for school excursions and activities at Cambridge International Academy is to prioritize the holistic development of students in terms of their social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth. The planned excursions and activities are designed to add enriched learning experiences beyond the classroom, and to provide students at all grade levels the opportunity to explore, discover, and engage with the world around them.



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CAMBRIDGE MISSION STATEMENT



In planning different school excursions/activities, we consider the diversity and interests of our students. These excursions/activities are inclusive in that they allow opportunities for all students to participate; regardless of their abilities, interests, or background.

Safety is our top priority, and all excursions/activities are planned in advance and risk-assessed to ensure the wellbeing of students. There is supervision provided during the excursions/activities and appropriate behavior expectations are established and communicated clearly to students.

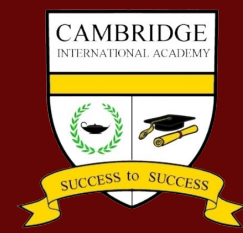
Additionally, the excursions are aligned with the curriculum learning objectives; providing relevant and meaningful experiences that reinforce classroom learning.

Overall, the philosophy for school excursions/activities is to prioritize student development, inclusivity, safety, and relevance to the curriculum. By providing diverse and engaging opportunities beyond the classroom, students can develop important life skills, broaden their horizons, and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

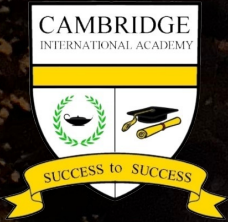




Excursion/Activity/Event	Month	Grade	Note
Orientation	August	Grades 1 to 8	New students only
BBQ Fundraising Event	September	Whole School	After school
Leadership Camp (meals included)	September	Whole School	Grade 7 to 12-overnight; Elementary-school day trip
Hiking	September	Whole School	Afternoon
Horseback Riding	October	Whole School	Afternoon
Thanksgiving Activities	October	Elementary half day, High school - during lunch	Afternoon
Halloween Activities	October	Elementary half day, High school - during lunch	Afternoon
Hiking	October	Whole School	Afternoon
Remembrance Day	November	Guest speaker to visit the school in the afternoon	Afternoon
Reptilia & Aspire Rock Climbing	November	Grades 1 to 6	Day Trip
Second City or Symphony	November	Grades 7 to 12	Day Trip
Open House	November	Student volunteers	Weekend



Winter Music Recital	December	Whole School	Afternoon
Holiday Activities - Last Day	December	Whole School	Morning - Half Day
Legoland	January	Grades 1 to 8	Day trip
Aga Khan Museum & Queens Park Guided Tours	January	Grades 9 to 12	Day trip
Skiing	February	Whole School	Day trip
Valentines Day Activities	February	Grades 1-8	Afternoon
Maple Syrup Farm	March	Whole School	Day trip
Grad Trip	March Break/May	Grade 8 and Grade 12	Week Trip
Easter Activities	March	Elementary half day, High school during lunch	Afternoon
Open House	March	Student Volunteers	Weekend
Tree Top Trekking	April	Whole School	Day trip
Spring Concert	April/May	Whole School	Afternoon
Canada's Wonderland	May	Whole School	Day trip
Hiking / Golf	May	Whole School	Afternoon
Graduation Ceremony & Dinner	June	Whole School	Afternoon
Picnic / Waterpark	June	Grades 1-8	Day Trip
Last Day of school	June	Grades 1-8	Half Day - Morning



OUR ACTIVITIES



Month of August:

Cambridge International Academy Orientation:

School orientation is an essential part of the transition process for new students and parents, and it helps set the tone for the rest of the academic year. By attending orientation, students and parents can ensure they are well-prepared and informed as they begin their new educational journey.

Month of September

Back-to-School BBQ: This event is held in September and is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher(s), learn about the curriculum and school policies, and ask any questions. It is also an opportunity for parents to learn about Cambridge International Academy's new programs or initiatives for the school year.

Leadership Camp:

The Glen Cedar Leadership Camp is a summer camp program that focuses on developing leadership skills in young people. Located in a natural setting, the camp offers a variety of activities and experiences designed to challenge campers and help them grow as leaders. Campers participate in team-building exercises, outdoor adventures, and leadership workshops, as well as community service projects. The camp is staffed by experienced counselors who act as role models and mentors. Overall, the Glen Cedar Leadership Camp provides an engaging and supportive environment for young people to develop the skills and confidence they need to become leaders and make a positive impact in their communities.





Month of October:

Thanksgiving Tea Party:

The Thanksgiving Tea Party is a festive event where students, teachers, and families gather to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. This event often includes a tea party where guests enjoy traditional Thanksgiving treats like pumpkin pie and apple cider, as well as fun activities such as Thanksgiving crafts and games.

Horseback riding:

Students are provided lessons in horseback riding and learn the basics of how to control of the horse's movements including its speed and direction. Students also learn about how groomers care for this beautiful animal.

Halloween:

Students and teachers often dress up in costumes, and Halloween-themed activities and games are organized. This event may include a Halloween parade, a haunted house, and a pumpkin-carving contest.



Month of November:

Remembrance Day:

Remembrance day is observed to honor the members of the Canadian armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty. Cambridge staff and students attend a local Remembrance Day service and guest speakers from the armed forces are invited to the school to speak. Students also create art projects and deliver presentations commemorating this solemn day.

Open House:

Open House is an event where current, future, and interested parents and community members are invited to visit the school, meet teachers and staff, and learn more about the school's programs and policies.

Reptilia & Aspire Rock Climbing:

Rock climbing is an activity that is physically and mentally demanding and helps build strength, endurance, agility and balance. Students have the opportunity to engage in this activity in a safe and fun environment ensuring an active and fun-filled day.

Second City Training Centre (Drama Workshop):

Second City is a comedy theater company that offers training in improv and sketch comedy. This trip is offered as a drama workshop to students. The training center provides students with opportunities to engage with live performances, explore the elements of creative writing and storytelling, and develop media literacy skills by examining the role of comedy in media and its impact on society.





Month of December:

Music Recital & Multicultural Fair:

This is a schoolwide event that celebrates the diversity of the school community. Students showcase their musical talents playing instruments and/or singing. These events provide a platform for students to develop their musical skills and gain confidence and comfort performing for a live audience of their friends and families.

Spirit Week:

Spirit Week is a week-long celebration of school spirit, where students and staff dress up in themed costumes or clothing and participate in fun activities and games.

Month of January:

Legoland:

Legoland is a theme park dedicated to the Lego toy brand. This trip is offered to students in grades 1 to 6 as a fun day out. Legoland can provide students with a fun and engaging way to learn about design, engineering, and creativity.

The Aga Khan Museum

Located in North York, this museum celebrates Islamic art and architecture from Spain, North Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and China. Special exhibitions and performances provide students exposure to historical civilizations within the Islamic diaspora. This museum aligns well with the Ontario curriculum in the subjects of social studies, history, geography, and art.



Ontario Legislative Assembly - Queens Park:

This historic building features guided tours and educational programs related to democracy, government, and citizenship. It aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of social studies, civics, and citizenship education, providing opportunities for students to learn about the structure and function of government, the history of Ontario and Canada, and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

Month of February:

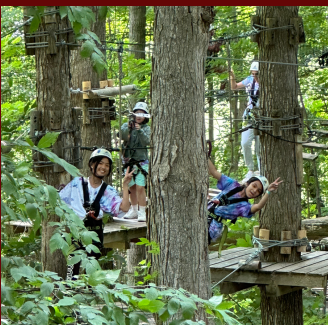
Valentines Day:

Valentines day is a day everyone within the school community takes the time to celebrate each other with love and respect. Students and teachers partake in half-day activities organized by the student council, accompanied with delicious snacks. Heart-shaped treats are especially abundant on this day!

Skiing & Snowboarding:

Lakeridge offers a variety of runs that cater to skiers of all abilities, including beginners. Students at Cambridge will have the opportunity to explore the resort and try new runs as they progress in their skiing abilities. Learning to ski aligns with the physical education curriculum which includes a focus on developing physical fitness and movement skills.





Month of March:

Maple Syrup Farm:

With maple syrup being a symbol of Canadian identity, we believe it is important for our students to understand the process of maple syrup production and its role in the Canadian economy. This trip provides students with necessary knowledge and information on how vital the maple syrup industry is to us as Canadians.

Month of April:

Hiking:

This is a day of outdoor activities and games that promote physical fitness and teamwork. After a 5-7km hike, students participate in a variety of events such as relay races, tug-of-war, and obstacle courses. This event provides a fun break from the academic routine and encourages students to stay active and healthy. The school offers hiking as an afternoon activity once a month as weather permits.

Spring Concert:

The Spring Concert is an event where students get to showcase their talents and creativity. Students perform musical acts, dances, skits, and other entertaining performances. Students use this fun and exciting event to express themselves and share their passions and talents with their peers and families. Outstanding student performances are sometimes recognized with prizes.

Tree Top Trekking:

Tree Top Trekking is an exciting outdoor activity that involves navigating through a series of aerial obstacle courses and zip lines. It is a fun and challenging way for students to test their physical and mental limits while also enjoying the beauty of nature from this unique perspective.



Easter Activities:

Easter activities at school are a great way for students to get into the holiday spirit and enjoy fun and creative activities. Students decorate Easter eggs and engage in Easter egg hunts. Overall, Easter activities provide a fun and engaging way for students to celebrate this holiday together and participate in activities that promote teamwork and creativity.

Month of May:

Canada's Wonderland Music Performance:

Canada's Wonderland is a popular amusement park which hosts various music events and performances. Cambridge music students participate annually in this event. The park features a variety of thrill rides, roller coasters, water attractions, and family-friendly rides and activities. Band members perform in the morning followed by a fun afternoon partaking in rides and attractions.

Golf:

Deer Creek offers a range of amenities for students to enjoy, including a driving range, putting green, and pro shop. The club also offers lessons and clinics for students who want to improve their golf game. Deer Creek provides an excellent opportunity for students to engage in a fun and challenging sport while enjoying the great outdoors.





Month of June:

Graduation Ceremony & Dinner:

Graduation is a major milestone for students, marking the end of their elementary or high school education. Graduation ceremonies include speeches, awards, and the presentation of diplomas. Family and friends gather to celebrate the achievements of the graduates and wish them well on their future endeavours.

Graduation Trip:

The graduation trip is a popular tradition where graduates travel together to celebrate their accomplishments. Possible trip destinations include Niagara Falls, Quebec City, Montreal, Toronto, a three-day excursion at a cottage, or another student choice. The trip is planned and organized by the Graduation Committee. Graduation destinations and activities are age-appropriate for the respective grades.

Lake Ontario Waterfront Picnic:

The waterfront is a wonderful destination for a fun and educational afternoon for students. It offers a range of outdoor activities that help students learn more about the natural world while having a great time. Whether it's strolling along the waterfront trail, playing at the park playground, or splashing in the splashpad, there's something for everyone. The waterfront is also a great spot for a picnic. With its stunning views and peaceful atmosphere, this is an excellent way for your child to relax, connect with nature, and learn more about local ecosystems.





Other School Excursions:

Salmon Migration Run:

The Salmon Migration Run is a natural phenomenon that occurs every year when salmon swim upstream from the ocean to their spawning grounds in rivers and streams. This annual migration is a crucial part of the salmon life cycle and plays an important role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. The Salmon Migration Run is often celebrated with festivals and events that highlight the natural beauty and ecological importance of this incredible phenomenon. The run can provide opportunities for students to learn about ecosystems, environmental change, and sustainability, as well as the role of salmon in aquatic ecosystems.

Hiking:

Hiking is a popular outdoor activity that involves guided walks on natural trails or other natural landscapes. It is a great way for our students to connect with nature, get some exercise, and enjoy the scenery. Students will challenge themselves moving from easier walks to more challenging treks.

ROM:

The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is a museum of art, culture, and natural history located in downtown Toronto. It is one of the largest museums in North America and houses an extensive collection of artifacts and specimens from around the world. The museum's collections include everything from dinosaur fossils and ancient civilizations to contemporary art and design. The Royal Ontario Museum contains exhibits and artifacts related to many topics covered in the Ontario curriculum, including biology, geology, history, and art. A trip to the ROM supplements classroom learning and enhances students' understanding of these subjects.





Science Centre:

The Science Centre is an educational facility dedicated to promoting science education and inspiring curiosity about the natural world. The Science Centre features interactive exhibits, educational programs, and hands-on activities designed to engage students of all ages. The Science Centre covers a wide range of scientific topics, from biology and physics to astronomy and geology; all of which are specifically aligned with the Ontario Curriculum.

Ripley's Aquarium:

Ripley's Aquarium is a large indoor facility located in downtown Toronto. It features a variety of exhibits and interactive displays showcasing marine life from around the world, including over 16,000 animals representing over 450 species. The aquarium aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of science, biology, environmental science, and geography. Students can engage with interactive exhibits and learn about aquatic organisms, their biology and behavior, and their roles in aquatic ecosystems. The aquarium provides opportunities to explore environmental issues related to water conservation, pollution, and climate change. The trip can help students develop their scientific thinking, observational skills, and understanding of ecological systems.

Other School Excursions (Cont'd):

Casa Loma (Grades 1 to 6):

Casa Loma is a historic castle located in Toronto, Canada. This trip is offered to students in grades 1 to 6 as an opportunity to learn about history and architecture. A trip to Casa Loma supplements classroom learning in social studies and history. The castle provides a glimpse into the architecture and lifestyle of early 20th-century Toronto.

Stratford (Shakespeare / Literature Play for grades 7 to 12-May):

Stratford is known for its annual Shakespeare/Literature Festival. This trip is offered to students in grades 7 to 12 as an opportunity to watch a play performed by professional actors. This trip aligns directly with the English Language Arts curriculum as students get the opportunity to see the literature they study in class come to life on stage.

Medieval Times (Grades 1 to 6):

Medieval Times is a dinner theater show featuring knights, jousting, and other medieval-themed entertainment. The show provides students with a fun and interactive way to learn about medieval history and culture, including knights, chivalry, and courtly life.

Pioneer Village (Grades 1 to 6):

Pioneer Village is a historic site located in northwest Toronto which showcases life in 19th-century Ontario. This trip is offered to students in grades 1 to 6 as an educational opportunity to learn about history and culture. A trip to Pioneer Village aligns with the social studies and history curriculum, providing students with a glimpse into the history and daily life of early European settlers.

Power Plant-Harbourfront Art Gallery (Grades 1 to 8):

The Power Plant is a contemporary art gallery located on the Toronto Harbourfront. This trip is offered to students in grades 1 to 8 as an educational opportunity to learn about contemporary art and culture. This trip aligns with the visual arts curriculum, and includes a focus on artistic analysis and interpretation.





Other School Excursions (Cont'd):

Fort York National Historic Site:

This historic site in downtown Toronto features exhibits and programs showcasing the history of Toronto and Canada during the War of 1812, as well as educational activities related to military history and heritage. It aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of history, social studies, and geography, providing opportunities for students to learn about the history of Toronto and Canada, the impact of war on Canadian society, and the physical and human geography of the region.



Canadian Automotive Museum:

This museum in Oshawa features exhibits and programs showcasing the history and technology of the automobile, as well as educational activities related to engineering and innovation. It aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math, providing opportunities for students to learn about the history and evolution of the automobile, the principles of engineering and design, and the role of innovation in shaping society.



Greenwood Conservation Area:

This park in Ajax features trails for hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing, as well as a pond and picnic areas. It aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of physical education, environmental science, and geography, providing opportunities for students to develop physical fitness, movement skills, and coordination, learn about ecosystems, environmental change, and sustainability, and explore physical and human geography.



Lynde Shores Conservation Area:

This park in Whitby features trails for hiking, wildlife viewing, and birdwatching, as well as a boardwalk and picnic areas. It aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of environmental science, biology, and geography, providing opportunities for students to learn about the natural environment, observe wildlife and ecosystems, and explore the physical and human geography of the region.



Rouge National Urban Park:

As one of the largest urban parks in North America, this park in the GTA features trails for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking, as well as historic sites and ecological restoration projects. It aligns with the Ontario curriculum in the areas of environmental science, geography, and history, providing opportunities for students to learn about the natural environment, observe wildlife and ecosystems, explore the physical and human geography of the region, and learn about the history of the area.



School Committees:

Yearbook:

The Yearbook Committee is responsible for creating a memorable and comprehensive record of the school year. This committee is tasked with designing and producing a yearbook that captures the highlights of the school year including class photos, individual portraits, and candid shots of school events and activities.

Newsletter:

The Newsletter Committee is responsible for producing a regular publication that keeps students, parents, and staff informed of school news and events. This committee collects and writes articles, designs the layout, and publishes digital and print copies every month.

Graduation:

The Graduation Committee is responsible for planning and organizing the school's graduation trip and prom. This committee works closely with the school administration and staff to ensure that the event is well-organized and memorable for the graduating class and their families. The Graduation Committee may be responsible for selecting guest speakers, choosing a theme, and arranging for decorations and music.

Student Council:

The Student Council is a group of student leaders who are elected to represent their peers and advocate for their interests. This committee is responsible for planning and organizing various school events and activities such as holiday events, spirit week, and community service projects. The Student Council may also be responsible for managing the school's student government budget and communicating with school administration regarding student concerns and suggestions.

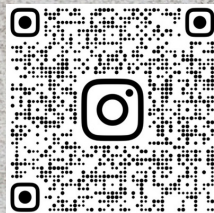


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