

FAQ's

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Q.1 Which type of clothing does your school have? (civil/uniform)

The school has a uniform, which is worn not everyday, but on special occasions or when there is a formal event in the school or outside. Otherwise, on an everyday basis, there is no uniform. Comfortable clothes, in which all school activities could be done are worn by the students.

They change for games in the afternoons.

Q.2 What sports facilities does the school have?

Football, basketball, table-tennis, badminton/shuttle and cricket of course are played regularly. We are starting from this term golf, for those who are interested, twice a week at the local golf club. Tennis may also be introduced similarly, in association with a club's facilities.

Q.3 What are the school timings, what are the timings for co-curricular activities?

From morning 6 onwards...till you sleep around 9:30 pm, there is something or the other happening, with time for yourself too. See website for the daily schedule – www.bluemountainsschool.com.

Q.4 What are the subjects and languages taught in the school?

Languages:

English I, English as Second Language, English Literature, Hindi, Tamil (hopefully from this term)

Sciences:

Biology, Physics, Chemistry,

Mathematics

Social Sciences:

History, Geography, Environmental Science

Computers:

ICT (for O level) & AICT (for A level, approx two years after doing O level exam)

PT/Games

Music

Piano, Guitar, Keyboard (optional)

Outdoors

Treks, walking cycling – over weekends

Q.5 When and how many tests are held in the year?

Usually at the end of the term, assessments are held for the student and teacher to review for themselves, what has been done. In between, not too many tests for Elementary and Middle School; perhaps once a month or when the teacher and the children decide they need to do one.

But we look at the effort each child is making, through the week and look at the assignments and work done everyday, every week, every month.

Q.6 Are there any holidays?

We work for four months and have two months as vacation. In between, in the four months that you are in school, your family could visit you during the last weekend of every month. This is optional. You could go home or they could come and spend time with you in Ooty, Nilgiris or nearby. Some children stay back in the school and some activities are planned for them. During the weekends, some outing or the other is organised – treks, walks, pocket money, having lunch or dinner out...

Sunday, is a time to have a thorough clean-up from head to toe! And tidy the dorm too.

Q.7 What is the marking systems, grades or ranking?

We have marks for the formative tests; marks and grades for the summative tests at the end of the term.
No ranks.

Q.8 In the school is there an arrangement of laptops/ computers , internet access etc., for studies?

We have a work station where you could the PCs for internet access, with written permission from your subject teacher. Laptops are there and used too, for presentations and to work on projects.

Q.9 What are the arrangements for food?

The school is vegetarian, with eggs being served. During weekends or outings, one could have non-vegetarian food, when we go out.

A glass of milk at 7 am, Breakfast at 8 am, fruit around 10:30, lunch at 12:45, tea at 4:30, dinner at 7 pm are the timings. A variety of food is served, usually rice for lunch and chappatis for dinner. Also pasta, noodles...

Q.10 What are the extra-curricular activities?

PT and sports; singing and music; quiz, presentations, debates; Council meetings; treks; visits to local places of interest

Q.11 During the boarding are we allowed get are stuffs, such as mobiles , ipads etc

You could bring a music player, which you could use during the weekends, from Fri evening to Mon morning before breakfast.

Q.12 After school hours what is the plan, us (students)?

There is open time between tea and dinner in the evenings. After dinner, there is an hour of prep, where you do your home-work or assignments individually, in the class.

Q.13 How many times am I allowed to meet my father?

You could talk to your father or other family members, once a week over the 'phone. We allot a time slot for you during a week day. At the end of every month, you could meet your family, over the last weekend.

Q.14 Will there be education / adventure trips in India/ abroad?

Yes, there are short excursions and overnight trips over the term and one long excursion in a year. Last term, the students and teachers went to Vishakapatnam (see website) and we are hoping to go to a democratic conference in the U.S in July-August 2013

Q15 How do the students stay – in separate rooms or common hall?

Children stay in a dorm, with a group of other children who are around their age. There are usually around twelve to fifteen in a room. Seniors, who are preparing for examinations, sometimes stay three or four to a room. An adult, the dorm-in-charge stays in the adjacent room.