

Haven of Peace Academy

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Information pack

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Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC)

HOPAC is a Christian school admitting students aged from 5 to 18+years. It is situated on a twelve acre campus overlooking the Indian Ocean. Our school began with five missionary families praying about the educational needs of their children. As they prayed, God gave them a common vision – to see a Christian school established in Dar. In September 1994 the vision became a reality and the school opened in Oyster Bay with 47 students and 4 teachers.

From the start the school wanted to share the blessing of high quality education within a Christian environment with Tanzanians and other expatriates who valued the ethos of Haven of Peace Academy. The number of students steadily grew and in September 2001 HOPAC moved to the larger campus in the Kunduchi Beach area.

We now have 300 students on campus from over 30 nationalities. Whilst the children of missionaries have a priority for admission, other children may be admitted provided that their standard of English is proficient. All children are expected to participate fully in the curriculum and activities of the school.

Our teachers are also international but mainly from the USA and Europe. They are all evangelical Christians and most come to work in the school supported financially by their home churches and missions.



Why choose HOPAC?

- We offer a distinctly Christian education. Our aim is to nurture in our students a Biblical worldview that enables them to understand all knowledge in its relationship to God. We encourage students to love and serve God in every aspect of their lives.
- We have well-qualified, dedicated teachers who seek to love, serve and teach the students as a ministry to the Lord Jesus Christ. In return students are expected to respect and obey the staff.
- We offer a challenging curriculum that meets western academic standards. We have achieved excellent results in our final international examinations.
- Our beautiful spacious campus provides a wonderful learning environment for our students. The school has a well-resourced Library, 3 Science laboratories, Art Room and a 24 station Computer room. Sports facilities include a full sized football pitch, basketball court, volleyball pitch and a 25-metre swimming pool.

What we believe in:

Mission statement

The mission of Haven of Peace Academy is to provide an excellent, Christ-centred, international education that meets western academic standards and equips students to live out a biblical worldview in all areas of life to the glory of God.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe in the verbal plenary inspiration of the Bible, its inerrancy in the original documents, and its supreme authority in faith, life and doctrine.
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who, in the fullness of time, was begotten by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary, thereby taking upon Himself human nature and becoming God-man so that lost men might be redeemed through His substitutionary death and shed blood.
4. We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

Philosophy

The Educational Philosophy of Haven of Peace Academy is founded in the authoritative inspired Word of God, the Bible. Created in God's image, man's purpose is to glorify God in all of life's aspects. Man is a sinner by nature and choice. He can glorify or know God only by choosing God's free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, thereby committing his life to the Lordship of Christ.

Because each child is created in God's image for a unique and useful purpose, each needs to be trained in Godly character. A child has physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual needs. Haven of Peace Academy seeks to give each student, through a broad range of activities, the opportunity to pursue personal growth in these areas. An inherent and important part of our philosophy is to cultivate in each student a sense of personal worth and an understanding and value of others, especially those different from themselves.

We believe parents have God-given responsibility to train their children. Haven of Peace Academy functions as an agent for parents as loving, capable Christian teachers work closely with them in every phase of the student's development. Both parties co-operate to create a dynamic, learning environment.

In conclusion, our goal is for each student to develop a personal faith in Christ and a Christ-like character; to excel in areas of personal ability and to prepare for Christian service in the world community.

Admissions Policy

Criteria

Children of all nationalities and religious affiliations are eligible to apply for admission to the school. All instruction is in English therefore students will be assessed in language competency to ensure that no student faces an insurmountable barrier to success.

The following categories will be given priority in respective order:

1. children of expatriate evangelical missionaries
2. children of evangelical Christian workers
3. children of practising Christian families

Siblings of currently enrolled students will be given special consideration.

Application Procedure

HOPAC will be hosting Open House sessions for you to find out more about the school. There are very few spaces each year in grades apart from Kindergarten and Grade 11.

- Those applying for Grade 11 are invited on Tues Jan 26th 2010 at 2.30pm
- Parents of students applying for the Kindergarten class are invited to come on Thursday, Jan 28th 2010 at 2.30pm.

To apply for admission, please complete the application form and return it to the School Office together with a copy of your child's passport or birth certificate. We will receive applications at any time but the deadline for the next school year is **March 1st 2010**

During March students will be interviewed and assessed. If you are called for assessment, there is a non-refundable assessment fee of Tsh 40,000/- (K-G5) and 60,000/- (G6-12).

Notice of the admission decision is given during April. Overseas applicants are assessed and admitted on a case by case basis.

Age of entry and placement

Kindergarten Students must be 5 years of age by Aug 31st of the year in which they start school. Transfer students will usually be placed according to their age but educational background and our own assessment tests may determine the class he/she enters. The usual time for admission is at the beginning of the school year (late August). Exceptions are sometimes made for students to start in January. The table below shows HOPAC grades with the equivalent USA / UK year:

Age	HOPAC	UK	USA	
5-6	Kindergarten	Year 1	Kindergarten	Primary school
6-7	Grade 1	Year 2	Grade 1	
7-8	Grade 2	Year 3	Grade 2	
8-9	Grade 3	Year 4	Grade 3	
9-10	Grade 4	Year 5	Grade 4	
10-11	Grade 5	Year 6	Grade 5	
11-12	Grade 6	Year 7	Grade 6	Secondary school
12-13	Grade 7	Year 8	Grade 7	
13-14	Grade 8	Year 9	Grade 8	
14-15	Grade 9	Year 10	Grade 9	
15-16	Grade 10	Year 11	Grade 10	
16-17	Grade 11	Year 12	Grade 11	
17-18	Grade 12	Year 13	Grade 12	

The Kindergarten class at HOPAC

Located in a large purpose built classroom, Kindergarten offers a structured and enjoyable start to school life. It is staffed by a qualified teacher and a teaching assistant. They combine formal instruction with learning through play to equip the children with all the necessary social, physical and learning skills. The classroom has a wide range of equipment for hands-on learning. The children also use the computer room and school library. School hours are the same as the rest of the school 7.30am – 2.00pm.

The Primary school at HOPAC

We base our teaching on the Cambridge International Primary Programme. Most subjects are taught by the class teacher. Where available, a specialist teaches Art, Music, Computers and Physical Education.

English – We use textbooks published in the USA and UK. We have a well-structured scheme incorporating the main elements of the English language. Reading is fundamental and a strong feature of teaching in the lower years. We use a strong phonic basis that is effective in producing quality reading and also good spelling and writing skills.

Mathematics – Our emphasis is on basic numeracy, practical activities and the application of skills. We use hands-on apparatus to help the children learn new concepts and experience the process of investigation and discovery.

Topic work – Science, History and Geography are taught in a thematic way that emphasizes the interrelation of different subjects. We believe in the value of regular educational visits to places of interest.

Bible – We believe God is the author of all learning and seek to learn His ways as we study every subject. We also have specific lessons each week when we learn what He has revealed through His Word, the Bible.

Other curriculum areas – We teach Swahili, Music and Art, Information Technology and Physical Education including swimming.

Primary School Uniform

HOPAC has adopted a simple dress code.

- Light blue polo shirt with the school logo and dark blue shorts, skorts or trousers (pants)
- For Sports a school navy blue T-shirt and blue shorts. Sports shoes are essential.
- Navy blue Baseball cap/hat for break-times and sports lessons.
- Shoes or sandals should have buckles, velcro or tie-on fastenings (no flip-flops).

All these items, except the shoes are available in our school shop.

The Secondary school at HOPAC

School hours are from 7.30am – 2.05pm. The daily timetable begins with registration for students led by a home-room tutor who is responsible for their pastoral and administrative care.

Grades 6 - 8

The curriculum in the first 3 years of secondary school is intended to offer students a broad programme whilst also laying the foundation for success in IGCSE courses in Grade 9 and 10.

Subjects offered:

English	Mathematics	Science	Bible
History	Geography	Community service	Creative Arts
Information Technology		Physical Education	French

Grades 9 – 10 International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Students prepare for IGCSE in Grade 9 and 10 with final exams in May of Grade 10. IGCSE is examined by the Cambridge International Examinations Board. It parallels GCSE examinations in the UK but it is designed for international students. It has world-wide recognition as an academic qualification.

Subjects examined this school year will be:

English Language	Mathematics	History	German/French
English Literature	Coordinated Science	Geography	

In addition, students take non-examined courses in Bible and Physical Education or Creative Arts. They will also have Service Learning Opportunities, in which every student should participate. A number of students also prepare for examinations in their mother-tongue. Grades 9 and 10 offer a complete 2-year course so we do not admit students to grade 10 except in exceptional circumstances.

Grade 11 and 12 AS and A level examinations

For the final 2 years, the school offers a range of AS and A Level subjects, also examined by the Cambridge International Examinations Board. Most students will study 4 subjects at AS level in Grade 11, and then continue 3 of them to full A level in the second year. Other combinations are possible, according to the ability of the student and their needs for preparing for Higher Education. We hope to offer the following courses for Academic Year 2009-10 in Grade 11:

English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, French, Business Studies, Psychology, Art and Design

Alongside these examination courses, students take courses in Bible, Service Learning, Physical Education and Creative Arts.

Secondary School Uniform

Our aim is to be both smart and practical

- Mid-blue polo shirt with school logo for Grades 6 – 12
- Dark blue knee-length shorts, skirts or trousers (pants)
- For Sports, a school navy blue T-shirt and blue shorts. Sports shoes are essential.
- Shoes or sandals should be fastened (no flip-flops).

Most of these items are available in our school shop.

After-school activities

HOPAC enters teams for girls and boys football and basketball in the Dar Independent Schools League. There is a weekly swimming club for Primary and Secondary students with friendly swim-meets with other schools.

Children may stay for after-school activities on some days. There is a choice of Sports, crafts, drama and community service.

Calendar for 2009-2010

HOPAC operates a school year similar to that of Europe and North America beginning in August and continuing until the end of June. The school year is divided into three terms with a short break in the middle of each term.

Parents are especially requested to ensure that their children do not miss valuable time by late returns and early departures from school. All the dates below are inclusive.

Term 1	Monday Aug 24 Mon Oct 12 – Fri 16 Friday Dec 18	School opens Mid-term break School closes
Term 2	Wednesday Jan 6 Thurs Feb 25- Fri 26 Friday Mar 26	School opens Mid-term break School closes
Term 3	Monday April 12 Thurs May 20 – Fri 21 Friday June 18	School opens Mid-term break School closes

Fees Schedule

HOPAC charges fees to cover the full costs of school resources, administration costs and the salaries of the locally employed staff. Most of the teaching staff are volunteers, supported financially by Christians in their home countries. This factor enables the school to set fees at a lower rate than would otherwise be possible. The assessment fee and a contribution to the development of the school site are required for every child entering the school.

The fees stated are for the school year 2009-2010. Fees are amended annually.

Kindergarten - Grade 5:

Assessment fee	Tsh 40000/-
Development fee	\$1500
Tuition fee	\$4770

Grades 9 and 10:

Assessment fee	Tsh 60000/-
Development fee	\$1500
Tuition fee	\$5980

Grades 6 - 8:

Assessment fee	Tsh 60000/-
Development fee	\$1500
Tuition fee	\$5520

Grades 11 and 12

Assessment fee	Tsh 60000/-
Development fee	\$1500
Tuition fee	\$6550

Payment may be paid in one or two instalments.

For missionary families there is a reduction of up to 50% of the above fees. Parents should contact the Director to discuss eligibility.

Please note:

The assessment fee must be paid in cash at the school when the assessment takes place. All other payments in cash must be paid directly to the bank and one copy of the deposit given to the school. Payment of tuition fees is accepted only in US dollars.

Payments by cheque should be given to the accountant at the school. Details of the bank are as follows:

Bank Details for a Telegraphic/Wire/Direct Transfer

Account: **The Haven of Peace Academy**

Number: **8702020025500**

Bank: **Standard Chartered Bank**

Branch: **International House**

Address: **Garden Road, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

Swift Code: **SCBLTZTX**

Phone Number: **+255 22 2122160**

OR

Account: **The Haven of Peace Trust**

Number: **1091323**

Bank: **ECCU(Evangelical Christian Credit Union)United States**

Address: **P.O. Box 2400, Brea, CA 92822-2400, USA**

Routing Number: **322273379**

Phone Number: **+714 671 5700**

School Buses

A private bus company runs 5 school buses for journeys to and from school.
Parents should contact the School office to arrange for children to use this service.

Advance payment for each term is required by the bus company.

Bus Rates for 2008-9 (we do not have the charges for 2009-10 yet)

Between Kawe Junction and the City Centre:

For one child	205,000/- per term
For two children	400,000/- per term
For three children	600,000/- per term

Mbezi Area – between HOPAC and Kawe Junction

For one child	190,000/- per term
For two children	375,000/- per term
For three children	555,000/- per term

Please note:

- There will be no reduction for those who wish to use the bus in one direction only.
- The deposit should be made in Tanzanian shillings at:

Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited
International House branch
Account Number 0102020025502