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**Policy of the
Competition for a Grant to Study in Cambridge
Lower Secondary / Upper Secondary / A-Level classes
of the Galaxy International School
(for students of general education schools)**

Almaty, 2024

General Provisions

This Policy determines the procedure for holding the Competition for a full and partial grant for studying in **Cambridge Lower Secondary / Upper Secondary / A-Level classes** at Galaxy International School.

Mission: To enhance the educational and cognitive development of students across educational institutions.

Purpose: To discover and nurture exceptionally talented and gifted students, ensuring they receive the support and opportunities they need to excel.

Objectives:

- To encourage students from general education institutions to pursue their studies at Galaxy International School, presenting a unique pathway for academic and personal growth.
- To introduce participants to the Cambridge International Education System, providing them with a global perspective and rigorous academic standards designed to prepare them for success in a rapidly changing world.

1. Rules of participation

Students in the 6th, 8th, and 10th grades from general education schools in Kazakhstan are invited to participate in the competition.

The application deadline for participation is April 13, 2024.

Competition Registration:

- Applications can be registered through the following link:
<https://forms.gle/C2evxU6EL7Xkbov48>

Competition Format:

- The competition will be held offline.

Participant Requirements:

- Eligible for students in the 6th, 8th, and 10th grades.
- An advanced level of English is required.

Expenses:

- Participants are responsible for their own travel, meals, and accommodation expenses.

Competition Language:

- The competition will be conducted in English.

Examination Fee:

- The fee for the examination is 5,000 KZT.

2. Refund policy

2.1. Refund Eligibility:

- Refunds will only be considered for candidates who have paid the examination fee.
- Refund requests must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the payment date.

2.2. Non-Refundable Situations:

- The examination fee is non-refundable if the candidate voluntarily withdraws from the examination or fails to appear on the scheduled date.
- No refunds will be provided for late or incomplete applications.

2.3. Refund Process:

To request a refund, candidates must submit a written request via email to grant@galaxy.edu.kz, including the following details:

- Full Name
- Contact Information
- Payment Confirmation
- Bank account IBAN
- Reason for Refund Request
- The refund request will be reviewed, and a response will be provided within 14 business days.

2.4. Refund Amount:

- Refunds, if approved, will be processed for the original examination fee amount.
- Processing fees or administrative charges may be deducted from the refund amount.

2.5. Exceptional Circumstances:

- Refund requests due to exceptional circumstances, such as medical emergencies, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Relevant documentation may be required.

Contact Information:

- For refund inquiries or to submit a refund request, please contact us via grants@galaxy.edu.kz.

Policy Updates:

- This refund policy is subject to change. Any updates will be posted on our official website.

3. Grant conditions for studying at Galaxy International School

3.1. Full or partial grants are provided for studying at Galaxy International School for the specified periods:

- **For 6th-grade students:** from the beginning of the 1st term of the 2024-2025 academic year to the end of the 8th grade, with the opportunity to study for the Cambridge Lower-Secondary program.
- **For 8th-grade students:** from the beginning of the 1st term of the 2024-2025 academic year to the end of the 10th grade, with the opportunity to study the Cambridge Upper Secondary program.
- **For 10th-grade students:** from the beginning of the 1st term of the 2024-2025 academic year to the end of the 12th grade, with the opportunity to study the Cambridge Advanced Level (A-level).

Information about Cambridge International Curriculum Taught at Galaxy International School

Cambridge Lower Secondary:

- Age Group: Typically designed for students aged 11 to 14.
- Grade: Equivalent to Kazakhstani school grades 6-8.
- Curriculum: This stage builds on primary education and focuses on developing essential skills and knowledge across various subjects. It offers a flexible curriculum that provides a broad-based education.
- Subjects: Core subjects include English, Mathematics, and Science, supplemented by additional subjects such as Humanities, Languages, and the Arts.
- Assessment: The assessment is progressive, incorporating both written and practical assessments to measure a student's understanding and application of knowledge in English, Mathematics, and Science.

Cambridge Upper Secondary:

- Age Group: Geared towards students aged 14 to 16.
- Grade: Equivalent to Kazakhstani school grades 9-10.
- Curriculum: The Upper Secondary level builds on the foundation laid in the Lower Secondary stage, offering a more in-depth study of subjects. Students begin to specialize in specific areas of interest.
- Subjects: Core subjects remain significant, and students have the option to choose elective subjects to tailor their education. The curriculum prepares students for the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) examinations.
- Assessment: Assessment includes a combination of written exams, practical assessments, and coursework. The IGCSE examinations at the end of this stage are internationally recognized qualifications. At Galaxy International School, Mathematics and English are mandatory subjects, with students recommended to take extra three elective subjects.

Cambridge Advanced Level (A-level):

- Age Group: Typically for students aged 16 to 19.
- Grade: Equivalent to Kazakhstani school grades 11-12.
- Curriculum: The Advanced Level builds on the IGCSE and offers advanced, specialized study in chosen subjects. It serves as a preparatory stage for university education.
- Subjects: Students select a specific number of subjects to study in-depth, often focusing on areas of interest or future career goals. The curriculum is rigorous and fosters critical thinking.
- Assessment: Assessment primarily consists of written exams at the end of the course. Science subjects assessments include laboratory work. A-levels are highly esteemed globally and are commonly used as entry qualifications for universities.

3.2.1. Scholarship Coverage:

- Education fees
- Examination fees*
- Accommodation in school dormitories*

***Fee Adjustments Based on Discounts:**

- The coverage for examination and accommodation fees varies with the scholarship discount.
- Example: A student with a 70% discount pays only 30% of the examination and accommodation fees.

3.2.2. Scholarship exclusions

Please note that meals, transportation, and school uniforms are NOT INCLUDED in the scholarship.

3.3. Requirements for Students with Scholarships:

- Compliance with the internal regulations established by the school authorities.
- Maintain an average score of 85% or above in all subjects at the end of the education year.
- Mandatory completion of Cambridge Secondary Checkpoint, IGCSE, and A-level AS/A2 exams corresponding to the student's grade level.

3.4 Examination Requirements for Students with Scholarships:

- 6th-grade students continuing to the Cambridge Lower-Secondary program must take English, Mathematics, and Science at the end of the program in the Cambridge Secondary Checkpoint examination.
- 8th-grade students continuing in the Cambridge Upper Secondary program must take at least 4 subjects, including mandatory subjects in IGCSE examinations at the end of the program.
- 10th-grade students continuing in the Cambridge Advanced Level (A-level) program must take at least 3 subjects.

3.5. If the above mentioned requirements are not met, the School management reserves the right to cancel the scholarship.

4. Competition procedure

The Competition is held in two rounds:

4.1. 1st round - written exam in subjects:

- For **6th-grade students**: English, Mathematics, Science.
- For **8th-grade students**: English, Mathematics, Science.
- For **10th-grade students**: English, Mathematics; one additional subject from these subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, and History.

The past-papers from the previous year can be downloaded from the link [here](#).

According to the results of the first round, the students with the highest number of points pass to the second round.

4.2.1 2nd round - Interview in English

To participate in the second round, you must provide the following documents via the email grants@galaxy.edu.kz:

1. Certificate from the school
2. Transcripts:
 - o For 6 grades: from 5 to 6 grades
 - o For 8 grades: from 7 to 8 grade
 - o For 10 grades: from 9 to 10 grades
3. Certificates and diplomas confirming foreign language proficiency (if any), and recognitions of participation in competitions and Olympiads.

4.2.2 Name your documents in this order:

Surname_Name_DocumentName_Year_Organization(or name of competition)

Example: Iman_Ali_Transcript9thgrade_2022-2023_GalaxyInternationalSchool
 Mir_Fihaal_IELTScertificate_2024_BritishCouncil
 Aitzhan_Alibek_DiplomaOlympiad_2023_International Biology Olympiad

4.3. After the second round, the competition's winners will be determined.

4.4. Admission factors and their impact on decision making

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not considered
1st round examination results	x			
Grades, Academic GPA		x		
Extracurricular activities certificates and diplomas		x		
Written essay (1st round English)	x			
Interview		x		
Volunteer work certificate and diplomas			x	

4.5. There is no appeal in this competition. The results of the examination will not be discussed or reviewed after the competition.

5. Venue and timing

Address: Galaxy International School, microdistrict 4, building 9 (previously 74), Auezov district, Almaty City, Republic of Kazakhstan

Dates:

- 1st round - April 20, 2024
- 2nd round - May 18, 2024

6. Summing up and awarding the winners

Summing up and awarding is carried out by the Competition's organizing committee.

Amount of discount	Number of scholarships for 6th graders	Number of scholarships for 8th graders	Number of scholarships for 10th graders
100%		1	1
90%		1	1
80%		1	1
70%		1	1
60%		1	1
50%	4	1	1
40%	2	1	1
30%	2	1	1

Table 2. Amount and number of discount given by Galaxy International School*

*The school management reserves the right to award the grant and additional partial grants at its discretion.

Organizing Committee

Organizers:

Responsible person for the competition:

- Binazar Zhassulan

Coordinators of the competition:

- Abdualieva Gulim
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Additional information on organizing and holding the competition:

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Final Provisions

This Policy is approved by the Director of **Galaxy** International School.
The term of this Policy is the period of the Competition.