

DPS STS SCHOOL DHAKA

A Decade of Excellence in Bangladesh

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DPS STS School Dhaka was established by STS Group, one of the high-ranking corporate houses in Bangladesh, with a vision to provide globally benchmarked quality education. It is a school set up in collaboration with the internationally renowned Delhi Public School Society (DPSS), an institution which has grown to over 200 schools in 13 countries since 1949. Since its inception in 2009, DPS STS School Dhaka has concentrated on bringing innovation in teaching and learning systems, focusing on the diverse aspects of education.

To ensure a global standard in education, the school follows the entire set of Cambridge International Curriculum from Primary School to Grade 12. Students appear for Cambridge Checkpoint Examinations after completion of Grade 5 and Grade 8. After completing Grade 10, students sit for the Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations. They appear for the Cambridge AS and A Level examinations after completing Grades 11 and 12 respectively. DPS STS School Dhaka is a Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) affiliated school.

DPS STS School is also a partner school of the British Council Dhaka. Both the campuses of the school are British Council affiliated venues for Cambridge and Edexcel exams. It is a venue for Cambridge Teachers training as well. Additionally, it is also an IELTS exam venue for its students. The school is concerned with benefiting the pupils and engages with the local curriculum – offering study materials to Grades 1 to 10 which covers Mathematics, Bangla, Information Technology, and Bangladesh Studies.

Co-curricular activities are an important part of the school years where students can get the best opportunities to explore new ideas and activities. DPS STS School excels in this area: the school conducts musical, art and dance competitions regularly. Students take part in various inter-school programmes as well. Alongside cultural activities, the school also organises several kinds of sporting events such as cricket, football, chess, swimming, basketball, volleyball, badminton, karate and gymnastics. Students from the school regularly share the winning podium in sports and other extracurricular events across Dhaka.

DPS STS School Dhaka also runs various clubs and holds educational trips. As part of learning beyond the book, a class of 35 students from Grade 6 to 10 made a memorable study tour to the NASA - Kennedy Space Centre in Orlando, USA in 2011, the first Bangladeshi school to visit there.

One of the school's hallmarks is the dedicated Pastoral Care unit. Students' wellbeing is a top

priority of DPS STS School, and the Pastoral Care unit exclusively caters to the child's social, emotional, moral, and cognitive development. Trained counsellors record the personal qualities of students through proficient application of scientific and statistical processes. This is facilitated with the instruments that are available at the school – clubs, activities, volunteer programmes, sports, arts, and other competitions.

The school not only ensures that students' transition into global citizens and international contributors, but also that they serve their community, country, and the environment. Students participate in different kinds of community service programmes that the school organises with a passion for the benefit of the community. The school encourages awareness and has many community service-based activities like tree plantation programmes, fire safety workshops, distribution of winter clothes, books, stationery items, and other materials to the underprivileged. One of the major initiatives is the "DPS STS Education for Human Greatness" where DPS STS students provide free education to spread the light of literacy among the underprivileged. The Social and Welfare Club of the school regularly arrange cleanliness programmes like "Clean Dhaka Campaign" and "Save the Earth". The school also has an awareness-raising club "TEAM" (Teaching Ethics, Awareness, and Morality) to raise cognizance within the school on issues prevalent in our society.

DPS STS School Dhaka has been offering the Duke of Edinburgh International Award Programme to the Students of Grade 8 to 12 since 2014, and so far, 559 students have enrolled in various levels of the award from the institution. They have been certified by the Duke of Edinburgh International Award Programme Bangladesh in Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels.

DPS STS School provides award-winning online education through its virtual classroom programmes. The school conducts regular live classes for all students, supervised by experienced teachers who give individual attention to all participants. These online classes, which consist of regular activities, assignments and feedback, utilise contemporary technology and make learning an exciting and interactive process. At DPS STS, online learning comprises different educational strategies that are aimed to facilitate children's inherent curiosity. The school provides augmented reality tools, virtual labs, breakout rooms, state-of-the-art assessment tools etc. The school is concerned with focusing on every student

as a unique and an individual learner, and thus, online classes are designed to let their unique personalities shine. DPS STS School Dhaka has also organised a host of various online activities, which include music, art, dance and sports activities regularly. These exciting events push the boundaries for what a virtual class can be, and students enjoy learning through creativity while collaborating and competing with one another. For the school's excellence in creating online programmes, exceptional strategic thinking, development in e-learning and uninterrupted shift to virtual classes, DPS STS School Dhaka has been awarded the prestigious "Online Learning Strategy Award" in the internationally renowned BETT MEA Awards 2020.

The institution has obtained remarkable achievements in the arena of academic excellence since its formation. Scholars from the school represented Bangladesh at the World Scholar's Cup (WSC) Beijing Global Rounds 2019. They have made their way to the Tournament of Champions, which is the final round of this worldwide programme, held at Yale University, USA. The school is well known for its career and college counselling – where the school offers extensive services, all senior students receive personalised attention from their guidance counsellors. DPS STS student advocates work closely with students and parents to assist in choosing careers, subject selection, internships, summer programmes, university admission processes and to sharpen students' soft skills. Many DPS STS graduates enrol in renowned Bachelor's programmes globally.

As a befitting stamp to the school's outstanding academic focus, students from the school regularly get recognised as world toppers in various subjects. The noteworthy achievements are: Outstanding Cambridge Learners Award, Cambridge Assessment Education Award, Cambridge Award for International AS Level (top in the World; top in the Country), IGCSE (top in the World; top in the Country), The Daily Star Award (IGCSE, A Level), O Level (top in the Country) and so on.

Recognising the excellence of DPS STS School's academic standards, a number of prestigious universities from USA, Canada, UK, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Australia and more have offered a range of scholarships for the school's students. It is for these many reasons DPS STS School has covered much ground in the field of education and instruction in Bangladesh. It is the vision of DPS STS School to be the best for its students and to be the leader in modern education in Bangladesh and beyond.

