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Dr. Graham's Homes



Estd. 1900

The School That Cares



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DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES - VISION

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THE VISION FOR DR GRAHAM'S HOMES

To see Dr. Graham's Homes as one of the best schools in India while maintaining its unique ethos as a school that cares by providing all children with the best standard of education and training for life. We will achieve this through our agreed 'Mission Statement'.

Our Mission Statement

To provide a safe and secure environment in which children can be nurtured and provided with an all-round value oriented education irrespective of caste, creed or economic status by giving emphasis to academic achievement which is a primary criterion in today's context. Where appropriate to provide a vocational training to suit individual need. To provide children with advice and counsel in choosing their careers and provide assistance if necessary.

To continue Daddy Graham's vision and dreams of caring for needy children including those with learning and behavioural difficulties and to inculcate values in children.

To provide sponsorship for children in need.

To ensure that our mission is achieved through skilled and qualified and dedicated staff.



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DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES – KALIMPONG

FOUNDED – 1900

LOCATION :

Surely the Himalayan foothills is amongst the most beautiful spots in the world, lying on a high spur which runs down the Deolo Hill and overlooking the town of Kalimpong to the South is the picturesque 501 acre campus of Dr. Graham's Homes situated at an elevation of some 1400 metres above sea level. To the North and lying in a great arc are the borders of Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim all dominated by the spectacular Kanchenjunga massif, the world's third highest mountain.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND :

Till the turn of the century, the present attractively planned estate was little more than a barren hillside. It was on this bare slope that the Founder Rev. John Anderson Graham, planted the seed of an idea which was soon to flourish as the "Children's city of the Himalayas". Graham was a man with an abundance of human love, he possessed all the foresight and energy to match. His heart went out to a group of destitute Eurasian children he found on the surrounding tea gardens. These were needy children with little in their background to commend them and with even less hope for the future. It was with this thought in mind and the vision and enthusiasm of a born pioneer, that Graham of Kalimpong took into his care six of these children, the date,



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DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES - LOCATION & HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

September 24th, 1900 – a day that has meant almost everything to thousands of children who have since passed through the portals of these Homes.

It was from very humble beginnings indeed that Dr. Graham embarked on the project of constructing and developing the large complex, which so proudly bears his name. Even today, a century later the reason for the founding of the Homes is still relevant.

THE HOMES TODAY:

- a) **SCHOOL :** The School is an Anglo-Indian School, co-educational and a recognized Indian School Certificate (ISC-XII) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE-X) Examination School. Science, Commerce and the Arts Streams are offered at both the ICSE and ISC level.

In addition to organised games like Cricket, Table Tennis, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Swimming, Athletics, Volleyball, other activities also include N.C.C., Scouts, Guides, Debating, Elocution, Choir, Music, Band, Dramatics and a wide selection of Hobbies.



The Quest for Excellence is a new initiative offering the boys and girls training in different fields of sports, modern languages as part of an extended curriculum linking leisure with learning.

- b) **Boarding Section :** The unique feature of





the Homes is perhaps the boarding facilities. Children stay in cottages which house 35-40 children. There are 21 cottages



dotted over the hillside – each looked after by two house parents. It is the intention that the atmosphere in these cottages is 'homely' as opposed to the impersonal dormitories one finds in most boarding schools.

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- c) Other Departments : We have our own workshop to maintain the 70 buildings, a clothing department which supplies uniforms and linen, a general stores, a bakery which supplies freshly-baked bread and confectionery and a 25 acre farm which supplies milk, butter, cheese and vegetables for the children's requirements.

The Steele Memorial Centre looks after the health of the students and staff, while the Brenchley Memorial Dispensary does the same for our service staff.



DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES - ADMISSIONS

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Very few seats exist in any class, and applications will be processed as and when vacancies arise. For these regular vacancies children are required to appear for an interview and/or for an entrance test usually held between October to January, and for which a special fee is charged.

Admission Tests are held as per the undermentioned schedule.



a) Class – Upper Kindergarten to Class - V : Children will be interviewed in the School Office and general questions asked to ascertain the aptitude and ability of the child. Elementary written work may form a part of the testing procedure.



b) Classes – VI – VIII : Very few vacancies exist in these classes. In case of vacancies children are tested in English and Mathematics.

Admission to Class - XI, will be accepted by the



school from the month of December for admission to the following year. Provisional Admission can be granted on the strength of Class – IX and Half-yearly and Final mark sheet for Class – X. Class – XI teaching will begin in April.



Interviews of ALL short-listed candidates is compulsory when deciding suitability for admission. both parents are to accompany their child/children at the time of the interview

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Those candidates who are residents of Kalimpong, Darjeeling District and adjacent areas will be interviewed in the School Office.



Those candidates who are residents of Kolkata and adjacent areas may choose to be interviewed at the Birkmyre Hostel, 4, Middleton Row, Kolkata – 71, or at Kalimpong.

Admission into Dr. Graham's Homes implies a willingness on

the part of both the student and the parents to adhere to all the rules and regulations of the institution.



DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES - ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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ISC

1. The following subjects are compulsory for all three streams
English
Environmental Education
Second Language
History, Civics & Geography
2. The following subjects are specific to the streams mention below:
 - A. Science:
 - Group II
 - Mathematics
 - Science
(Physics, Chemistry & Biology)
 - Group III – Computer Application

- B. Commerce:
 - Group II
 - Mathematics
 - Commercial Studies
 - Group III –
 - Economic Application
- C. Humanities:
 - Group II
 - Environmental Science
 - Economics
 - Group III – 1. Art
 - 2. Technical Drawing
 - 3. Home Science
 - 4. Physical Education



Second Languages offered are:

1. Hindi 2. Bengali 3. Nepali 4. Tibetan 5. Dzongkha 6. Lusai
7. Khasi 8. Thai



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English
Environmental Education

2. The following subjects are offered under the given stream:

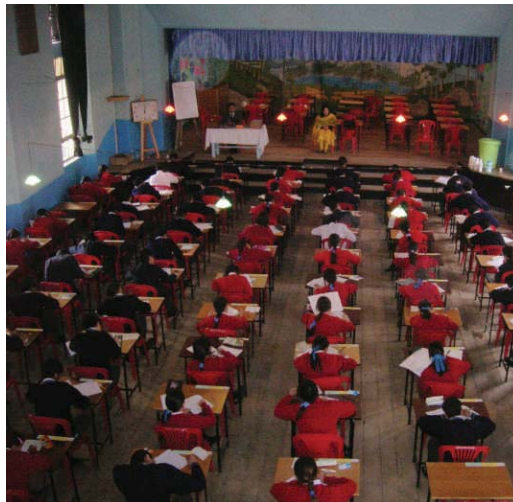
A. Science:
Physics,
Chemistry,
Biology,
Mathematics and
Additional Subject

B. Commerce:
Economics
Commerce
Accounts
Mathematics
Additional Subject

C. Humanities :
Economics
History,
Geography
Political Science
Additional Subject

Additional Subjects offered are:

1. Hindi 2. Bengali 3. Nepali 4. Tibetan 5. Dzongkha
6. Home Science 7. Art 8. P.Ed.



DR. GRAHAM'S HOMES - GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE :

1. In the year of admission to UKG, the student must have completed 5 years of age on 1st January and an upward sliding scale is used accordingly for all other classes.
2. Out-stationed children will not be accepted as day pupils.
3. The School will be happy to assist foreign students to complete the necessary formalities such as a student visas, registration, etc., to permit their stay in Kalimpong.
4. Only candidates who have obtained "Student Visas", or a visa for a period of five (5) years, can be admitted to the Homes.
5. The School cannot be held responsible for any lapse on this account by the student and the parent/guardian.





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