



Gems Akademia

International School
Thakurpukur, Kolkata



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Welcome Address

Dear Parents,

An education of the highest quality is the greatest gift that parents can give to their children. The next global generation will need exceptional academic and intellectual creativity to take on positions of leadership and address the many challenges that face our world. Given this, it is vitally important that the leading schools in the 21st Century provide a genuinely holistic international education to prepare learners for the responsibilities they will face in their lives.

The curriculum at Gems Akademia is tailored to meet the needs of today's learners and is sensitive to different learning styles. A plethora of academic and co-curricular activities offer the opportunity to all students to discover various facets of their personalities. Cultural programmes and observance of International and National days showcase their intellectual potential and intrinsic talent. At Gems Akademia, we believe that children need not always be taught to do things; instead, they should be encouraged to explore, discover and learn by reflection, under the caring guidance of teachers. We are pledged to fulfill the expectations of our parent community and set a benchmark that is unparalleled in the field of quality education.

I conclude my message with an invitation to visit the Gems Akademia campus located in the lap of greenery, where teaching and learning is simple and enjoyable, and most importantly, within the reach of students.

Warm Regards,

Lalit Bhutoria
Trustee & CEO

Welcome Address



Dear Parents,

We extend a very warm welcome with our prospectus, which is designed to give you a realistic sneak peek into the only Gems school in Eastern India. This unique brand value at once places GAIS at the pedagogical convergence of the global and the local – as the core values of ‘Leading through Innovation’, ‘Pursuing Excellence’, ‘Growing by Learning’ and ‘Global Citizenship’ are imparted here by personnel who are handpicked and dexterously trained in the best educational practices worldwide. The search for a complete schooling experience in Kolkata can only lead you to Gems Akademia International School.

A serene sprawling campus minutes away from the urban bustle greets a child at GAIS, providing a world of perfect balance between work ethos and vivacity of life on the greens, in an eco-friendly ambience. Our USPs are an enviable student-teacher ratio, and the deft blend of academics, aided by the most modern interactive props at all levels, with sports, physical activity and a selection of the performing arts.

We strive to empower our learners with the skills required to make sense of the diversities and the potentially confusing complexities of the world they step into. The division between global and local has become more blurred, at several levels. The Gais team with its teacher- guided technology, is equipped to foster today’s widening intellectual pursuits, blending the interactions with an awareness of the phenomena called LIFE out of campus, preparing today’s student for tomorrow’s world.

Parent Engagement forms an integral part of the ethos at GAIS, and interactions take place on a regular basis with the Senior Leadership Team of the school.

I sign off with the conviction that Gems Akademia International School will be the preferred destination for aspiring learners and dedicated professionals of the education sector alike.

Warm Regards,

Anit Arora
Director, Principal



The School

Gems Akademia International School is a K-12, co educational school, offering a choice between Residential, Weekly Boarding and Day Scholastic programmes. Established to make children well-rounded and self-dependent individuals, the school has been constructed on a sprawling campus with splendid infrastructural facilities in a tranquil and pollution-free environment. GAIS has been ranked as the No. 1 Day cum Boarding School in Kolkata in the EducationWorld India School Rankings, 2014, 2015 & 2016.

The entire gamut of activities in Gems Akademia reflects its objective of nurturing young children and making them responsible adults who can make a positive contribution to the world. A comprehensive academic and co-curricular programme, experienced faculty members, personal attention & care, and state-of-the-art infrastructure collectively ensure that the education a child receives at Gems Akademia International School, Kolkata is holistic and truly international.

Our Vision

To make our students well-rounded and self-dependent individuals, by inculcating in them a passion for life-long learning, compassion and respect for others and a set of requisite skills and qualities so that they can make a positive contribution to society.

Mission Statement

Gems Akademia International School will provide its students with a holistic education, imparted by caring and dedicated faculty members in a contemporary learning environment, by focusing on developing the cognitive, emotional, social, physical, creative and spiritual potential of every child.

The School Motto

The School's motto, "Ingenio et Labore", is a Latin phrase that means 'by natural ability and hard work'. Students at Gems Akademia International School will learn to recognize and respect their natural abilities, and will nurture them to reach their maximum potential through hard work and determination.

The School Emblem

The School's Emblem exemplifies the School's vision, mission and motto. The design is inspired by that of a 'prism', a transparent optical element used to split light into its constituent colours.

On the surface, every child entering the School might appear similar, but our focus is on identifying and nurturing the uniqueness of every individual, on seeking out their constituent colours. Students are encouraged to discover their strengths, talents, interests and passion – all the elements that come together to define their individuality. Every child will leave Gems Akademia International School having explored the various facets of his/her inner potential to the fullest.

About the Founders

The School is the flagship project of Anand Education Trust, a not-for-profit organization set up in 2009 with the goal of providing quality education.

Holistic Learning at Gems Akademia

Gems Akademia International School offers a comprehensive learning programme that extends far beyond the confines of a classroom. Students have countless opportunities to assimilate knowledge, discover hidden talents, follow dreams and grow into well-rounded individuals. Through different facets of the residential, boarding and day scholastic programmes, a range of skills, attributes and values are built and nurtured in the students, to ensure their holistic development.

Skills	Attributes	Values
Analysis	Open Minded	Empathy
Synthesis	Creative	Dedication
Logic	Global Outlook	Humility
Reection	Team Spirit	Integrity
Presentation	Leadership	Respect
Communication	Condence	Tolerance

Every activity, both inside and outside the classroom, at Gems Akademia contributes towards the learning process in different, but equally meaningful ways. Children are strongly encouraged to participate in every aspect of school-life and receive support and guidance from experienced faculty members at all times.



Inside the classroom

- With a limited number of students in a class, every child receives the personal attention that he/she deserves and needs.
- A broad range of subject areas are taught to provide children with sufficient flexibility when choosing their area of specialization.
- Special emphasis is placed on learning of Indian and Foreign Languages.
- Exposures to national and international issues to increase students awareness.
- Innovative problem-solving techniques, questioning, and active participation in discussions are strongly encouraged to build curiosity and confidence.
- Unique teaching methods are used to make learning a fun, interactive and engaging process.
- A practical, or project-based approach to learning complements traditional and theoretical forms of knowledge building.
- Teachers are approachable and friendly, forming a parent-like association with every child. They encourage children to think, question and freely express themselves during lessons.



Outside the classroom

- Yoga, Meditation and Prayer form an integral part of the school curriculum so that students have a calm and unburdened mind.
- A mandatory co-curricular programme ensures that children step out of their comfort zones and endeavour to learn new skills.
- Celebrations of cultural festivals and historic occasions, both national and international, foster a spirit of togetherness amongst children.
- Inter-house and school-wide events are organized to inculcate a spirit of loyalty and healthy competition in the children and to showcase their talents.
- Eminent guests/personalities frequently visit the campus to hold meaningful interactions with students.
- Children are encouraged to initiate and manage student-run Clubs to bring together those with similar interests across academics, sports, arts and other areas.
- Excursions, field trips and off-campus activities are organized frequently to explore varied areas of interest.

Academic Curriculum

"Those who educate children well are more to be honoured than parents, for these only gave life, those the art of living well."
- Aristotle

We understand the tremendous impact that teachers have on a child's growth, development, and personality. To provide our students with an environment in which they can learn uninhibitedly, our teaching community comprises of an eclectic team of educators with extensive practical experience. All faculty members are equipped with professional teaching qualifications and have a deep understanding of their subjects and the curricula offered. The faculty at Gems Akademia receives regular in-house training to enhance their skills. They also periodically attend training sessions arranged by CIE & other reputed institutions like British Council to embrace new methodologies of teaching and use them to enhance the overall teaching-learning experience.

Gems Akademia offers students a choice between Cambridge Assessment International Examination (CAIE) and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE).



Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)

CAIE is a non-profit organization, and part of the University of Cambridge. It operates in over 160 countries across the globe, and was set up in 1998 to deliver high-quality, leading-edge qualifications that meet the ongoing demands of employers and educators around the world. CAIE programmes incorporate the best in international education and are constantly updated and extended in line with changing needs. Affiliated schools receive guidance for curriculum development and classroom teaching and learning.

CAIE's various programmes are well conceived and aim to develop essential skills in students. At Akademia, we offer the following CIE programmes:

- Cambridge IGCSE is offered in Grade 9-10. The world's most popular curriculum for this age group, it encourages learner-centered and enquiry-based approaches to learning. Students can choose from a wide and diverse range of subjects.
- Cambridge International AS/A Levels is offered in Grade 11-12. It provides excellent preparation for university education. Students take AS Level Exams in Grade 11, and A Level Exams in Grade 12, and can either follow a broad course of study or specialize in a particular area.

For more information on CAIE, please visit: www.cie.org.uk

Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE)

CISCE was established in 1958 by the University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate. Their curriculum is designed in accordance with the Council's requirements and emphasizes on a broad range of subject areas. Students are required to sit for external sets of examinations in Grade 10 and 12.

- Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Examination has been designed to provide a set of exams for students in Grade 10 in a course of general education. All candidates are required to sit for exams in seven subjects.
- Indian School Certificate (ISC) Examination is taken by students in Grade 12 after a two year course of studies in their specific area of interest. Candidates are required to sit for exams in six subjects.

For more information on CISCE, please visit: www.cisce.org

Co-Curricular Programme

Several skills and qualities that are instrumental to a child's holistic development are learnt outside the classroom. Gems Akademia International School has a mandatory co-curricular programme that fully supports a child's learning process. The programme has five modules, each of which comprise of several activities for different age groups. All students at Akademia pursue different activities under each of the modules, based on their interests.



Sports and Games

Besides nurturing their athletic talents, this module inculcates a spirit of healthy competition and team work in students. Qualified trainers and coaches monitor the progress of every child, to ensure that they learn, and excel at a wide range of sports and games.

Outdoor Activities: Athletics, Swimming, Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Kho-kho

Indoor Activities: Badminton, Chess, Table Tennis,

Physical Education: Aerobics, Martial Arts, Yoga



Performing Arts

This module allows students to discover and nurture a creative spirit while learning. An involvement in Performance Arts helps students to increase academic discipline and provides them with a medium for self-expression.

Music: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Piano, Singing, Bagpipe

Dance: Indian, Western

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Creative Interests

Pursuing hobbies and interests is a great way to enhance one's personality and discover hidden talents. The diverse mix of activities under this module ensures that every child finds something that is of interest to him/her.

Calligraphy, Clay Modelling, Drawing, Gardening, Origami, Painting, Pottery



Personality Development

The importance of inter-personal and communication skills cannot be undermined in today's competitive world. These need to be instilled in a person at a young age as it gets harder to acquire them as we grow older. The offerings under this module prepare students to handle challenging social and professional situations with confidence.

Debate, Elocution, Etiquette Building, Presentation Skills, Public Speaking, Reading



Service Initiatives

In addition to becoming knowledgeable individuals, it is crucial for children to become responsible adults. Under this module, students are encouraged to put others' interests before their own and get involved in selfless service for the benefit of those around them.

Community Service, Environmental Protection, Library Assistance, News Board Management, School Magazine





Boarding Life

Sending their child to a boarding school is one of the toughest decisions for parents to make. After all, who else can understand and care for them like parents do? The worries are natural, but once parents visit our school and experience the unique environment that is protective and attentive like home and at the same time gives children space to grow; they'll know that they have made the right choice. The time spent by a student at Gems Akademia is not just the gathering of memories for a lifetime, but also a genuine cycle of growth: physical, mental and spiritual.

Highlights

- We at Gems Akademia believe every child possesses special intelligence, which he/she exhibits in either academics or sports or co-curricular activities. Every child in the school boarding is given additional help in academics under the supervision of teacher.
- A teacher is assigned as a 'mentor' for every 10 children as a guardian away from home. Apart from teachers, Gems Akademia has trained counselors to provide students with guidance for personal, academic and career related issues.
- Each floor of the Boarding House is supervised by an experienced residential House Parent. They counsel students on real life issues, besides their academic concerns. The professional counselors and other resident faculty members and staff complete the pastoral team.
- The school has a special system of monitoring each child's progress in sports. The progress of each child is meticulously recorded and monitored periodically to assess the progress of each individual. The quarterly and annual reports of each child's activity, performance and achievements are updated and posted on the website so that the parents can keep a track of their child's activities in sports and academics.
- Phone facilities and internet connectivity are provided to enable effective communication opportunities for our students. These state-of-the-art facilities are installed to ensure that the line of communication between parents and students is constant and stable.
- A neat and tidy school attire facilitates learning, besides inculcating a habit of being well-dressed and presentable.
- Common Rooms are equipped with cable TV, Chess, Carom boards and other indoor games besides ample space for socializing.
- Yoga, meditation and an overall influence of Indian spirituality provide the much needed food for the soul. Human values, strength of character and virtuous conduct are assimilated by students, just as a sapling would soak up warm sunlight.
- The students unwind with movie shows during weekends that are carefully selected by the school committee.
- The School celebrates various festivals of our culture. Every care is taken to provide joyous and festive moods for various celebrations like Raksha Bandhan, Independence Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Onam, Krishna Janmashtami, Ramzan, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Christmas, New Year and Pongal. The underlying thread is Universal brotherhood and Unity in Diversity. We aim to teach our students that Religion is not differential; it is a Unifying cord, a reason for celebration.
- Dorm Nights are celebrated in the boys and girls dorms. Students exhibit their talent in mono-acting, singing, dancing, acting etc. The dorm nights are organised by the students themselves under the guidance of matrons / wardens. Thus they learn to take up the responsibility of organising events in a disciplined and orderly manner.
- Gems Akademia has a sterile, hygienic, vegetarian refectory with specialist chefs catering to the nutritional needs of the students. Students are served an assortment of dishes – Pan Indian, Chinese, Italian, Mexican & other Continental Cuisines. Non-vegetarian students may also subscribe to a non-vegetarian dinner arranged separately by a catering agency twice a week at a nearby facility.
- The Health Centre comprises of well qualified doctors & nurses along with a consultation room, and separate male & female wards. The School also has a tie-up with nearby hospitals for emergency.
- Laundry Services, including steam washing, drying and pressing in sanitized conditions, are extended to the students.
- A reliable security system with professional security personnel, a completely fenced campus, 24/7 guard duty and watch dogs are in place to safeguard the sprawling campus.
- A Softener Plant and Reverse Osmosis Plant help in providing safe and non-contaminated water to the residents on campus.
- The residents at Gems Akademia enjoy a 24 hour uninterrupted power supply with Generator back-up. We aim to make the schooling experience safe, secure, purposeful and fun. The stress-free & nurturing environment at Gems Akademia creates the right ambience for both study and leisure.

Facilities at Gems Akademia

The sprawling Gems Akademia campus strikes a balance between modern facilities and natural surroundings, creating an atmosphere that is ideal for students to learn, explore, and grow in perfect harmony with nature. The academic, co-curricular and ancillary zones are purpose-built with state-of-the-art infrastructure and a broad range of provisions. Buildings are air-conditioned and fitted with elevators/ramps to make the school user friendly.

Academic Zone

- Spacious (550 sq. ft. each) and innovatively designed classrooms, with internet connectivity, interactive boards and projector screens
- Suite of separate laboratories to encourage experiential learning
- Well-stocked Library to facilitate independent research and learning
- Learning Lounges for students to hold group discussions or carry out self-study

Co-Curricular Zone

- Playing and practice grounds for cricket and football
- Courts for badminton, basketball, tennis and volleyball
- Multi-lane running track for athletics training
- Games Halls for table tennis, billiards, chess, martial arts and other indoor games
- Olympic-standard swimming pool
- Suite of rooms for music and dance, equipped with superior sound and light systems
- Art Studios for drawing, painting and other artistic interests

Ancillary Zone

- Dining hall with modern cooking facilities built to high safety and hygiene standards
- Outdoor Plaza for students to relax and socialize
- Administrative Block with faculty rooms and offices
- Continuous IT support

Amenities

A great amount of effort goes into taking care of a child's school-related requirements. To make things as convenient as possible for parents as well as children, Gems Akademia provides a range of amenities at the school campus:

- **Counseling:** Gems Akademia's expert team of Counselors work with students, parents and teachers, to create a strong support system for the children. Counselors will not only help students when things go wrong, but also work with them pro-actively to minimize the chances of things going wrong.
- **Meals:** The food provided to students is well-planned, high-quality and well-balanced such that it provides adequate nutrition and nourishment to students.
- **Bookstore/Tailor:** All course material, stationery and uniforms can be collected at the campus stores.
- **Transport:** A bus/shuttle pick up and drop service is available for all Day Scholars.
- **Wellness Centre:** Medical help is available throughout school hours. The School conducts bi-annual health checks for all students, on campus.





Life at Gems Akademia

Located only a short distance away from the city, the School has been constructed on a sprawling site to the highest international standards. With its large open spaces and tranquil atmosphere, the School's campus provides an ideal setting for stimulating young minds to explore their potentials in perfect harmony with nature.

The school offers students a choice between residential, weekly boarding and day scholastic programmes. All the programmes at Gems Akademia facilitate comprehensive and continuous learning for its students. A child's collective needs are fulfilled at the school (academic, co-curricular, extra guidance, meals etc.) so that once the child returns home; there is ample time for relaxation with the family.

Each day's lesson-set at Gems Akademia comprises healthy mix between academic and co-curricular modules. Celebrations, competitions, excursions, field trips and events form an important part of the school calendar. A plethora of cultural festivals from across the world are celebrated with zest and bring together the entire Gems Akademia family (students, parents, teachers, and staff). At Gems Akademia we strive to incorporate a vast and varied range of celebrations and competitions to increase awareness amongst children, such as World Music Day, DEAR (Drop everything and Read), Mothers' Day, Fathers' & Grandparents' Day, Good Deeds Week, Nature Walk, Spellathon, Fun Week, Monsoon Week, Environment Week and many more.

Residential and Boarding programmes also allow students to learn in a sheltered environment where wardens and teachers understand the needs of each child and are familiar with their growth and progress. The Boarding houses are designed as homes, not hostels. Each storey, with comfortably furnished common rooms is equipped with cable TV and ample space for socializing. Each floor of the Boarding house is supervised by an experienced residential house-parent. Many other residential faculty members are involved in the monitoring of their academics, rest and recreation. They counsel students on real life issues besides their academic concerns. The professional counselors and other resident staff members complete the pastoral team.



Admissions

Gems Akademia International School welcomes students to an enriching and joyful learning experience. The Admission Procedure is completely transparent, and has been designed to ensure a suitable fit between what the parents and children expect from the School, and what the School in turn can offer to them.

Age Eligibility (at the time of entrance)

Admission will be granted to candidates only if they fulfill the age criteria mentioned below:

Grade	Nursery	KG 1	KG 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Age	2+	3+	4+	5+	6+	7+	8+	9+	10+	11+	12+	13+	14+	15+	16+

Admissions Process

Pre-Primary: Parents applying for Nursery, KG1 & KG2 will be required to fill out an Application Form. There will be no formal tests or interviews conducted on the child. Instead, the child will be observed in a group setting to assess his/her ability to interact in a school environment.

Grades 1 onwards: A simple, yet comprehensive three-stage admission process will be used:

- Initial Screening on the basis of an Application Form
 - Aptitude Test to determine the child's proficiency across different subject areas
 - Interaction with child and parents to assess the child's ability and eagerness to gain from the Gems Akademia experience
 - Successful applicants will be required to carry out certain other formalities to complete the admission process
- Parents/guardians can obtain the Application Form in the following ways:
- Collect from the School Campus – Bakrahat Road, Thakurpukur, P.O, Rasapunjia, Kolkata - 700104, India (Near Gems City) on payment of fees of Rs. 1,000/- in cash. Please retain receipt for future reference
 - Download from the School Website – www.gemsakademia.in (The fee of Rs. 1,000/- will need to be paid along with the Registration Fee at the School campus at the time of submission of the Application Form)



Our Associations



**Cambridge Assessment
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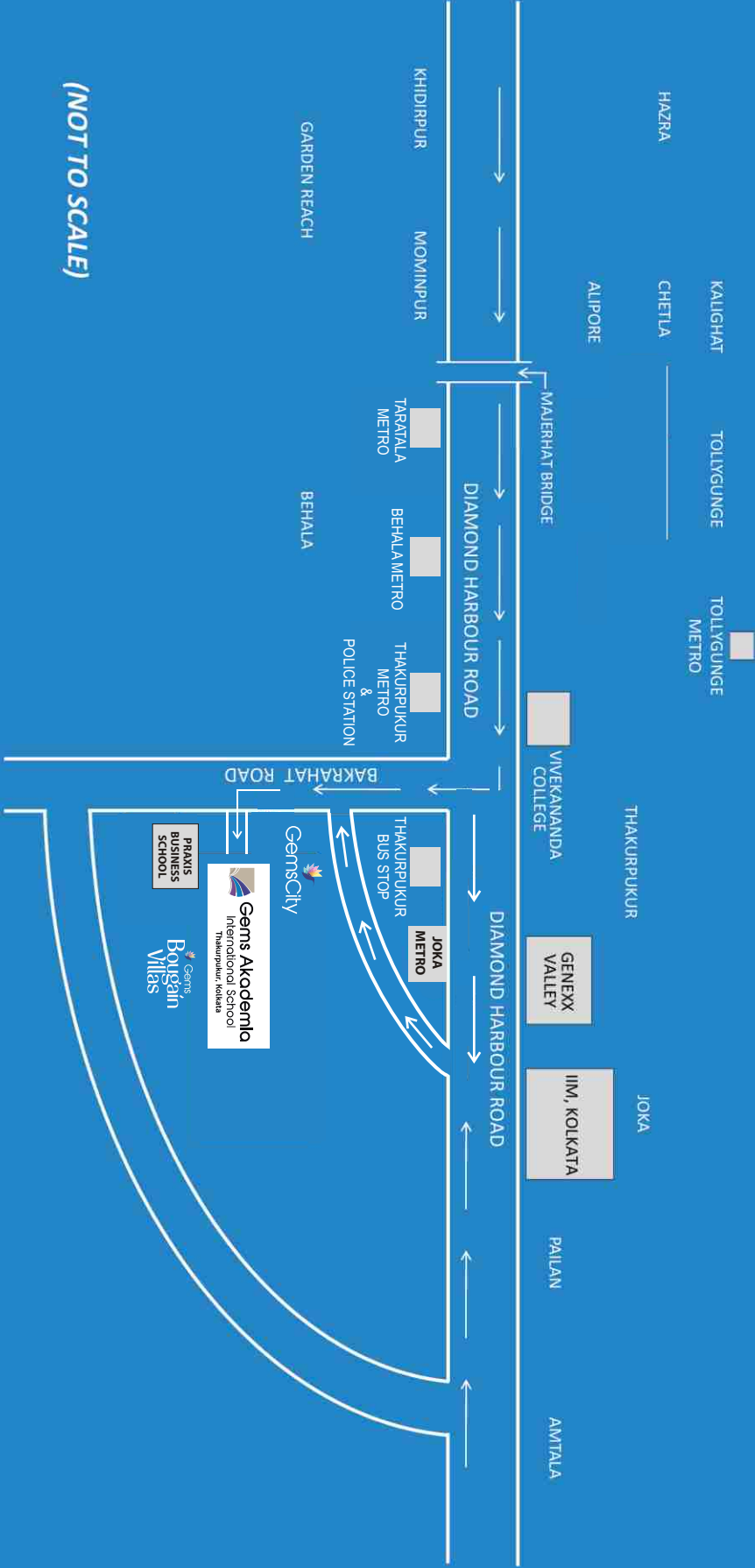
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Awards & Accolades

- Gems Akademia International School received the IKA- 2023 Award at Eldrok India K-12 Summit, kolkata for "Excellence in adopting Experiential and Practical Learning Pedagogy"
- Raj Narayan Sikder was declared Kolkata Topper for CAIE As and A Level in the year 2023
- Ranked 1st in Kolkata, 3rd in West Bengal and 55th in India, in the category of Day-cum-Boarding Schools by Education India School Rankings 2016.
- Ranked 1st in Kolkata, 3rd in West Bengal and 64th in India, in the category of Day-cum-Boarding Schools by Education India School Rankings 2015.
- Ranked 1st in Kolkata, 5th in West Bengal and 57th in India, in the category of Day-cum-Boarding Schools by Education India School Rankings 2014.
- British Council International School Award (2015-2018).
- The TTIS Ambuja Realty Award, Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Maintenance & Eco-Friendly Initiatives has been awarded to GAIS for three consecutive years.
- The ASSOCHAM Award for Remarkable Contribution in Facilitating Sports in 2014.
- ISO Accreditation • Ranked No.10 by 'Go Education' in the category of Day-cum-Boarding International School.
- Rated 4.3 stars out of 5 stars on Just Dial, based on parents' reviews.

Road Map



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