



PARADIS
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



A CREATIVE-INNOVATIVE SCHOOL FOR THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Mission

Paradis International College seeks the harmonious development of children's personality through a holistic approach. We take action on all the sides of the educational process and center on the theory of multiple intelligences. Connecting the educational project with the needs of the modern society, we support the education of children who will become adults capable of managing their emotional and material needs and contribute in turn to the development of their entire community.

Values

I. Dedication

Paradis International College was born out of a dedication to children, a desire to be present for them, to guide them towards self-understanding, to raise their self-esteem, and support them in becoming the best versions of themselves. Dedication, therefore, is our power to offer our skills, resources, and best assets to children so that they achieve their desires and fulfill their potential.

2. Creativity / Innovation

Paradis International College is a nurturing environment for students and teachers alike. We make a sustained effort to engage and train the minds of all its actors: those who can bring new perspectives and challenging ideas into the educational process, those who can generate thoughts and solutions adapted to today's society, and thus those who can become a source of satisfaction, sparkle and self-fulfilment.

3. Leadership

Paradis International College has an organizational culture defined as "leading without controlling" a principle that means forging a new pathway, having the courage to see the world with one's own eyes, acting with integrity, and feeling responsible toward yourself and others while also allowing yourself to be guided by a higher purpose, one that lies beyond yourself.

4. Authenticity

At **Paradis International College**, students and teachers cultivate self-awareness through reflection, introspection, and positive challenges. In this way, they become successful in moving beyond the superficial and building a life-world of obligations to others and to themselves.

5. Excellence

At **Paradis International College**, excellence is the highest step in the process of becoming. Students have the potential to be excellent in their own way, and we encourage them to develop in their chosen direction.



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years of dedication
for excellence

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school
for life

80

dedicated
teachers

570

curious
students



The Principles of Paradis Educational Community



All students are encouraged to develop all sides of their personality and bring added value to the community.



All students are guided to reach their maximum potential and to make the right decisions about their future.



All students have the right to grow in an environment that grants them trust and develops their self-esteem.



It is important that **all students** stand up for their beliefs.



It is important that **all students** learn the meaning of tolerance, cooperation, teamwork and the power of **Togetherness**.



The Founder's Foreword

I used to dream of a school that would educate a new generation of leaders, beautiful people, who would generate beauty through the mere manifestation of their personality and bring meaning to the new society, a school where you learn to lead yourself before leading others.

We have created an educational environment in which the focus of **active learning** is centred on the child as a whole while being constantly concerned with nurturing their curiosity to get to know and explore the world, with the happiness, motivation and harmonious development of their personality.

Paradis International College is a place where children come with joy, a school that nurtures critical and lateral thinking, imagination, autonomy, creativity and the power of finding Your Inner Self.

Today, I am happy to be able to offer a transformational educational process that is deeply rooted in inspirational ideas about creating a stimulating environment for children and teachers. This process is aided by real-life learning experiences that help to shape many of the character traits our students need in order to reach their potential and fulfill their dreams.

Today, in **Paradis**, there is a community of teachers, curious thinkers and passionate dreamers who strongly believe that a better world requires not only courageous action and bold thinking, but also unconventional wisdom.

At **Paradis International College**, we teach children that their inner force is the mechanism that helps them turn their dreams into reality and that the greatness of human beings lies in their humility, in the ability to understand their own limitations and to be humble, all the while revealing a big soul and a bright mind.

At **Paradis International College** we teach children Mathematics, but also psycho-emotional Mathematics which shows us that when we divide, we actually multiply, when we learn to subtract, we can only gain, and when we learn to give, we practically receive.

I hope that, soon, I will be able to welcome you to **Paradis** and I look forward to writing together pages of the story that will be fondly shared with others over the years. Because the story of our becoming will be about **Home**, about friendship, about self-confidence, about the courage to dream big and to fulfil your highest dreams!

Teacher,
Oana Mihaela Albu



Why *Paradis International College?*



We offer interactive learning programmes where students learn skills which help them fit into a changing world, preparing them to compete and succeed in rigorous academic environments.



We make sure our students benefit from international experiences that expand their horizons towards multiculturalism and diversity.



We are a community that promotes traditional Romanian values, that cares about the joy of feeling Romanian and that maintains authentic traditions.



We offer continuity through a complete educational process, from kindergarten to high-school, providing a learning environment that is both continuous and familiar, but also one in which students form and develop healthy, long-term friendships.



The English Language is studied in accordance with the requirements of the British curriculum, our students being constantly supported in the learning process at native speaker levels.



We offer vocational counselling and support in choosing the academic path and preparing the admission files for universities from our country and from all over the world.





We count on the advantages of digital education (with the help of tools such as: the interactive board, VR glasses, 3D printers and classrooms with modern computers), offering, in this way, a holistic learning experience. We believe in the idea that technology does not replace the traditional learning materials, but completes them in the attempt to reach a deep understanding of the subject.



We place the greatest value on physical activities as well as on arts education to shape students' character through team spirit, healthy life principles and by educating a taste for beauty.



We promote a healthy use of technology and digital awareness and we value human connections and respect.



Accreditations

Paradis International College is:



accredited by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Pre-university Education
for preschool, primary, secondary and high school levels
www.aracip.eu



accredited by Cambridge International Examinations
for primary, secondary and high school levels
www.cie.org



accredited by the Association of British Schools Overseas
for preschool, primary, secondary and high school levels
www.aobso.uk



registered in the *Special Register of Education Provider Organisations* (*Registrul Special al Organizațiilor Furnizoare de Educație*), which organizes, on the territory of Romania, educational activities that correspond to an educational system from another country
www.aracip.eu/categorii-documente/info-unitati-invatamant-registre



Affiliations



Round Square

www.roundsquare.org



Leader in Me

www.leaderinme.org



Council of British International Schools

www.cobis.org.uk



ECDL Accredited Testing Centre

www.ecdl.ro



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CENTRU DE TESTARE
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Paradis International College has been a Global Member of Round Square since 2020. Round Square is an international network of 200 international schools, spread over 50 countries and six continents, and united by similar ideals:



internationalism



democracy



environmentalism



adventure



leadership



service

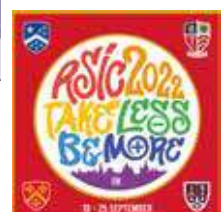
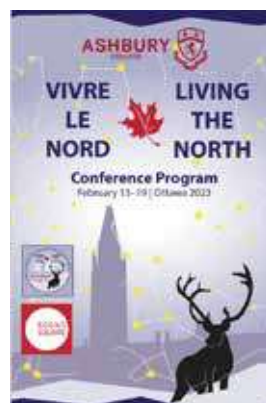


This network connects and collaborates with the common goal of offering international programmes meant to cultivate the students' sense of global citizenship and self-confidence. Being aware that the most powerful life lessons come from hands-on experiences, the Round Square schools join their forces in order to create programmes, courses and initiatives that can develop one's character through applied learning, connect students with their peers in other countries and bring the outside world into the classroom through the RS Network.



The relationships we have developed within this global network of schools allow us to offer our students many opportunities to participate in conferences and exchanges around the world:

1. *The Round Square International Conference*, October 2019, The Emerald Heights International School, Indore, India
2. *The Round Square Virtual Conference: Future Insights: A Propulsion into the Future of Jobs*, June 2021, Paradis International College, Iași, Romania
3. *The Round Square International Conference - Take Less: Be More*, September 2022, Oxford, UK
4. *Bridges Across Time and Culture*, February 2023, visiting delegation from the High School of Kogakuin University, Japan
5. *The Round Square International Conference, Living the North*, February 2023, Ottawa, Canada
6. *The Round Square International Conference The - New Africa*, October 2023, Kenya
7. *The Round Square International Conference - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*, April 2024, Landheim Ammersee, Germany
8. *The Round Square International Conference - A Bushcraft Odyssey*, May-June 2024, The Samworth Church Academy, UK
9. *The Round Square International Conference: A Mountain of Science*, June 2024, Paradis International College, Iași, Romania



The Leader in Me™

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THE PROGRAMME

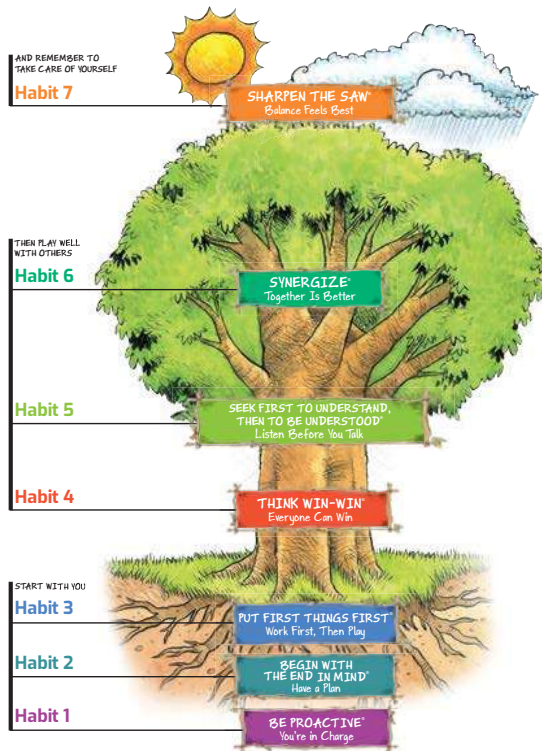
THE LEADER IN ME

The *Leader in Me* project, which we started implementing in September 2019, is based on Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and on his programme that allows students to change their paradigm, to make the right choices in life and that helps them to get ready for a society that is in perpetual change.

Currently, about 5.000 schools in over 55 countries are implementing the programme, which is aimed at pre-university education and equips students with essential personal and life leadership skills.



The 7 Habits Tree



THE PROGRAMME

CHARACTER

Paradis International College has launched **CHARACTER**, the personal development program designed to support children in exploring and developing their potential in a safe and nurturing environment. This program aims to foster strong and authentic characters by emphasizing the following:

- the discovery and nurturing of talents,
- the overcoming of limits,
- the creation of team spirit and initiative.

Through active involvement in all sections, students will have the opportunity to build the foundation for success and character development.

The **CHARACTER** programme is structured into 4 sections as follows:

1. Discovering Talent

In this section, students will be encouraged to explore and develop their personal talents and skills. Through activities such as piano, guitar, drums, singing, art, robotics, programming, reading, etc., they will discover new passions and skills. This part of the programme aims to promote initiative and courage in self-expression, thus facilitating the development of a strong and authentic character.

2. Reaching Heights

In this section, students are challenged to push their physical and mental limits through experiences of adventure and exploration of their surroundings. Experiences in school and survival camps, as well as various outdoor activities, build self-confidence, resilience, team spirit and tenacity when facing challenges.

3. Pushing Boundaries

Physical activity is not only essential for physical health but also for character development. Through sports activities at school like swimming, football, basketball, mini-handball, martial arts, students are helped to develop perseverance, discipline and stamina. Through active involvement in these activities, they will develop team spirit and learn the importance of collaboration and mutual support.

4. Leaders of the Future with Initiative

In this section, the students will be encouraged to get involved in their community and become leaders of positive change. Through volunteering and community service projects, they will learn to apply their skills and values to contribute to the betterment of society. This experience will help them develop initiative, empathy and social responsibility, preparing them for leadership roles in the future.



Module 1
LEARNING
(7-10 years)



Module 2
BELIEVING
(11-14 years)



Module 1
SUCCEEDING
(15-18 years)



Paradis International College Curriculum

Our students benefit from the most efficient learning techniques both inside and outside the classroom.

Experiential learning

Interdisciplinarity

**Training both cerebral hemispheres of the brain
by solving complex study or life problems**

Stimulating and themed environment

Mindfulness techniques

Learning in concrete life situations





Paradis International College is a school where each student is important.

The teaching process is based on identifying the potential and academic aspirations of each student, knowing that success depends on deeply understanding those aspirations and potentials.

Our teaching techniques promote self-reflection, which encourages students to become aware of their own learning journey.

Paradis International College stimulates and challenges its students, providing the perfect environment necessary for them to reach their maximum potential. We offer a consistent and balanced academic curriculum, but also a varied co-curricular programme, which together ensure the students' development on all levels (academic, spiritual, cultural and physical) and prepare them for the responsibilities and experiences of an adult.



Romanian Curriculum

PRESCHOOL LEVEL

- ✓ Cognitive development
- ✓ Socio-emotional development
- ✓ Health, hygiene and physical development
- ✓ Language and communication development
- ✓ Learning skills and abilities development



PRIMARY LEVEL

- ✓ Romanian Language and Literature
- ✓ Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- ✓ English Language (intensive, 5 hours/ week)
- ✓ German Language / French Language (2 hours/ week)
- ✓ History (4th grade)
- ✓ Geography (4th grade)
- ✓ Civics
- ✓ Personal Development
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ Play and Movement (3rd and 4th grades)
- ✓ Visual Arts and Practical Skills
- ✓ Music and Movement
- ✓ School-based curriculum (fun Maths 1 hour/ week)
- ✓ Programme meant to support 4th grade students for secondary entrance exams



Paradis International College has been a Cambridge preparation and assessment centre for more than 10 years and organizes language exams for all levels, from primary-level students, who take Young Learners Exams (Pre-A1 Starters, A1 Movers, A2 Flyers) to secondary-level students (A2 Key, B1 Preliminary – PET, B2 First – FCE) and high school students who take the IELTS exam. **These exams are internationally recognized and help students gain the success they need at prestigious universities and in various international projects.** Also, these certificates may be equivalent to the language proficiency tests for admission in high schools with bilingual or intensive programmes and for bacalaureate.



SECONDARY LEVEL

- ✓ Romanian Language and Literature
- ✓ English Language (intensive)
- ✓ German Language
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ History
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Visual Arts
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Information and Communication Technology
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ Counselling and Personal Development
- ✓ School-based curriculum
- ✓ Programme meant to support 8th grade students for National Evaluation exams



HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

- ✓ Romanian Language and Literature
- ✓ English Language
- ✓ German Language
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ History
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Logics
- ✓ Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Visual Education
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ Information and Communication Technology
- ✓ IT
- ✓ Career orientation
- ✓ Programme for preparing for baccalaureate



At primary and secondary levels, we add to the Romanian curriculum school subjects studied in Cambridge curriculum (English, Maths, Science).

The framework plan for high school level, **theoretical studies in Science, specialization Natural Science, bilingual - English**, allows us to build a timetable that includes enough classes both from sciences and humanities, thus giving students the possibility to choose any university major at the end of high school.

Cambridge Curriculum

Cambridge Upper Secondary

Cambridge IGCSE (9th and 10th grades)

Mandatory:

- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ First Language English
- ✓ Science Co-ordinated
(Chemistry, Biology, Physics)
- ✓ Second Language
(French, German, Spanish)

Three more subjects at their choice:

- ✓ History
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Computer Science
- ✓ Romanian
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Sociology
- ✓ Business Studies
- ✓ Art & Design
- ✓ Global Perspectives

Cambridge Advanced

Cambridge International AS (11th grade)

- ✓ Pure Mathematics
Probability and Statistics
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Business
- ✓ English Language
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ German
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Media Studies
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Computer Science
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Spanish

Cambridge International A2 (12th grade)

- ✓ Pure Mathematics
Probability and Statistics /
Mechanics
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ German
- ✓ English Language
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Computer Science
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Spanish

* For Cambridge Advanced (AS and A2 together means A Level), students only choose the subjects that are necessary for their university entrance and that are to be thoroughly studied in the 7 to 8 classes per week of each of the 3 or 4 subjects that they choose.

Results of the first class of Paradis high schoolers:



Cambridge International School



graduated



had at least one
A or A* grade



got grades of
B and C



“The A Level exams were a great opportunity to become directly involved in and responsible for my education, while having, at the same time, all the support from the Paradis teachers. The fact that we had the chance to choose what subjects we want for our final exams motivated me and made me feel excited about the teaching classes, the subjects being interesting and thoroughly studied.”

Andreia Albu, 2022 graduate, International Teacher Education for Primary Schools student, NHL Stenden University



“At Paradis I had the possibility to experiment a wide variety of activities, which helped me develop my personal talents and discover new passions. Paradis makes me think of freedom, being the place where I was encouraged to express myself openly, to discover myself, to step out of my comfort zone, to notice everything from all angles and, simply put, to try.”

Briana Corlăţan, 2023 graduate

Co-curricular activities

At **Paradis International College** we firmly believe that education is completed by academic activities as well as by co-curricular learning opportunities. Each student has his or her own passions and goals and we work with each child to help them discover the activities that they enjoy the most.

Our complex programme of activities, events, camps and trips give students the chance to discover areas of interest that they can explore and enjoy and that can guarantee their development on all levels (academic, spiritual, cultural and physical) and prepare them for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Academic

- Performance clubs in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Romanian Language
- Architecture
- Astronomy
- Robotics and Programming
- Chess

Leadership

- MUN – Model United Nations
- Leader In Me
- Debate
- Paradis Media Academy

Arts

- Guitar
- Piano
- Drums
- Canto
- Choir
- Band
- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Theatre

Sport

- Basketball
- Football
- Handball
- Taekwondo
- Aikido
- Swimming



STEM

At **Paradis International College**, we teach students to think creatively and innovatively, to look for opportunities where others see problems - in a way that is sure to make them prepared for the challenges of the future.

STEM is an educational concept that is based on the process of formation and education of the pupils and students in four main areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, by using an applied multidisciplinary approach.

At **Paradis International College** we involve students in a large variety of STEM activities - from experiments, clubs, participations in conferences, competitions and scientific events, internships, to the VR Prisms project and "Nikola Tesla" Interactive Science Festival.

For the study of the STEM subjects, our students benefit from modern labs and from the facilities offered by "Nikola Tesla" Science Lab. In the new campus, there are **8 fully equipped labs** (two for each of the subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, IT) and one **Mechanics Lab**.



“Nikola Tesla” Festival

The annual "Nikola Tesla" Interactive Science Festival has been organized by Paradis International College since 2017. The festival has as its main objective the creation of a context where children explore their natural environment through experiential and interdisciplinary learning, where theory blends with practice, and which leads to the improvement of our students' skills of operationalization and transmission of scientific reasoning.

Over the years, during the festival, students have presented experiments and scientific works for all ages (from a toothpaste for elephants, water flames, magnetic magic, cosmic musical chords, sensory gardens, pulley systems, 3D printing to electric circuits, projects focused on green energy, hydrogen vehicles, the ECG smart device for the classification and prediction of possible cardiovascular diseases associated with arrhythmia and many others).

For each edition of the festival, we were delighted to welcome the visit of leaders in science that inspire the entire community: Alexandru Mironov - professor, writer and producer of radio-TV science shows, Cătălin Beldea - astronomer, Dr. Bogdan Iliescu - neurosurgeon, Cristian Presură - physicist, Vladimir Martinuș - mathematician, Silviu Gurlui - physicist, Adrian Stoica - NASA expert, Mark Miodownic - professor at UCL, Emily Penn - environmental activist, Bettina Hohman - clinical psychologist, Rachael Livermore - astrophysicist.





“Studying art at Paradis International College is similar to a trip towards discovering one’s artistic skills, as it offers new perspectives on this passion. The school subject Arts & Design offers academic as well as personal opportunities and it contributes to the shaping of the artistic identity of each student. At the same time, the painting and drawing workshops from the secondary years can cultivate a passion for arts, which, later on, through work and dedication, can turn into new career perspectives for students.”

Daria Neamțu, 11th grade

Arts

The goal of **Paradis International College** is to offer all the children who walk through our doors an arts education. This means understanding and appreciating arts and art projects and activities. Students take at least one arts activity at our school which will help them succeed in their preferred artistic field.



The skills students gain through art disciplines, activities, and clubs have positive long term effects, making a lasting contribution to one's complete education: students will have improved scores, will make stronger career decisions, and will become better rounded individuals.

Whether it is painting, drawing or ceramics, learning to play a musical instrument, performing in bands or choirs, theatrical performances or making designs with the help of 3D printers, there are so many opportunities for artistic expression in our school.



Visual Arts



The Visual Arts Club emphasizes a wide array of techniques and topics that allow students to find individual strengths and talents. This in turn leads to the steady growth of the club with students that have varying degrees of experience and diverse skills.



Paradis Music School

Almost half of our students of all ages take part in **Paradis Music School** activities, in a lively atmosphere that offers endless opportunities for self-assertion and performance. We inspire children to enjoy music as much inside classrooms as in show rooms or other unconventional places.

In the new campus, **Paradis Music School** benefits from **12 work spaces** for individual singing or musical instrument lessons and **4 rooms** for band or small-group lessons. There is also a **room fully equipped with musical instruments**, with an integrated concept of a classroom that incorporates a band space that will be used for group lessons.

At **Paradis Music School**, 10 teachers join forces, teaching individual lessons on piano, guitar (classical, electric and bass), drums, singing and coordinating the school's 5 bands and the Paradis choir.



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Dance

This activity is deeply loved and valued by the entire **Paradis** community and is a part of every celebration at the school. Throughout their school years, students experience diverse dance styles and traditions (contemporary, can-can, Egyptian, rock'n'roll, Bollywood, tribal, Spanish, country, Greek, traditional Romanian dances), under the guidance of their class teachers.



We take pride in the fact that **Paradis International College** students have taken the traditional "Călușarii" dance all around the world.

In the new campus, there is a special studio fully equipped for dancing activities.



Performance Art

Building self-confidence, learning how to handle emotions, and performing on stage all require hard work and diligence, and here at Paradis, we encourage students to embrace acting, one of the best ways to achieve performing skills.

The new **Paradis International College** campus benefits from a Festivity Hall with 200 seats, professional technical facilities (stage, stage lights, sound system, backstage, dressing room) and it is the place where children have the possibility to integrate and present the experiences accumulated in their drama, music and arts classes.



Volunteering and community service

As our students understand the importance of volunteering and community service in their day-to-day life, they become more empathetic, better communicators and stronger problem solvers. This way, they become aware that individual and collective efforts can transform communities and make the world a better place.

Volunteering and community service represent an integral part of the co-curricular activities at **Paradis International College**, students being encouraged to get involved in multiple activities: tutoring younger students, visits at centres for elderly persons, ecology activities (*Let's do it, Paradis!, Paradis Forest*), supporting other education centres by providing equipment classrooms and supplying libraries (*Give stories – Dăruiește povești*), fund-raisings for different causes (*Day of Doing Good - Zi de bine, The Gift of Giving - Dar din Dar, Christmas Charity Fair*, and so on).



Tansa

- A Fantasy Place



Tansa – A Fantasy Place represents a very dear project for the **Paradis** community and an important way in which we honour traditional Romanian values.

This project had as its main objective the revitalization of the cultural and craft domain from Tansa area, a place that is representative for the authentic values of Moldavia. We could achieve this through: the design and arrangement of a village museum in the old post office building, the rehabilitation of a 100-year-old house using traditional materials in order to preserve the architecture and interior style specific to the area; as well as by bringing back to the socio-collective attention the most important craft of the village, the one that made the place famous – pottery.

During the four editions of **Tansa Volunteering School**, our students had the opportunity to bear witness to the stories of local people and about the museum pieces they collected - real lessons about the history of the Romanian village - and they understood that the language, the land and the traditions of our ancestors are part of each and every one of us.



4 years - Tansa Volunteering School



Public Speaking

The activities dedicated to public speaking skills are a tradition at **Paradis International College** and they represent key points in our co-curricular programme. These events are meant for all age groups, from preschool to high school level, and they create the context in which students develop skills they will be using their whole lives: speaking confidently in front of a large audience, building arguments, speaking persuasively and sharing their opinions with others.

In kindergarten, for example, children take part in an activity where they present their passions to their classmates. Pupils from the second to fifth grade have the chance to practice their public speaking skills during the *Speaker's Corner* event, when they present their own opinions about a given topic (such as *freedom* or *leadership*).

From the sixth grade to high school, students participate in the Public Speaking competition, organised every year by English Speaking Union Romania, where participants give a speech on a given topic and they are scored on criteria such as intonation, non-verbal language and content.



DEBATE CLUB

The aim of this club is to support the development of the student's oratorical skills, persuasion, concision, active and critical listening, tolerance of opposing views and teamwork skills.

Each debate session is an opportunity for learning, improving their general knowledge and practicing one's analytical thinking.

Even though our Debate Club is still very young, we have already taken part in *Sir Winston Churchill European Debate Competition*.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES

The students from **Paradis International College** are excited to take part in Model United Nations Conferences both inside the country and abroad, which represents a practical exercise of their public speaking skills, research and use of English. From adopting the real resolutions of the United Nations to approaching current issues of the international community, the MUN conferences encourage high school students to think critically and rationally, to stay informed about major problems affecting the contemporary society and to express their ideas, in a coherent and persuasive way, in front of others. Our students have participated in many prestigious international conferences such as ENIMUN 2018, conference organized by Enka Schools Istanbul, November 2018, or CamMUN, Cambridge, December 2022.



Rediscover the City of Iași

Rediscover the City of Iași has been a beloved Paradis project since 2014. To promote our city and its surroundings in an innovative way, students from Paradis become mini guides for tourists (students and teachers from neighboring towns or guests from abroad), and introduce them to two tourist and historical paths: *The Way of the Grand Beginnings* and *The Way of the Hidden Treasures*. Traditionally organized by fifth graders, this event takes place every year and we are delighted that these tours can be offered in both Romanian and English.

This project offers our students the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills, the ability to analyse and synthesize information, the spirit of volunteering and active democracy, the students becoming aware of the importance of getting to know and to promote our city and developing their sense of belonging to a local community.



Paradis Media Academy



This is the club where middle and high school students have the opportunity to be creative and express their ideas and talent through media. In **Paradis Media Academy**, students make short film projects, learn communication techniques, diction, how to use photo-video equipment and editing software, make posters, interviews, reports. The members of this club produce **Radio Paradis**, they present, promote and report on school events.

At **Paradis Media Academy** we carry out activities to raise awareness of the negative impact that media can have on education and we turn this effect into a positive one. The development of media skills is done by using experiential and interactive work methods that stimulate critical thinking, metacognition, collaboration, tolerance and acceptance of variety.



Camps and Trips



From the first night far away from home in the upper kindergarten group to the multiple-week-long trips of our high-schoolers, our school's programme of camps, theme trips or survival schools widens our students' horizon, offers them a wide range of challenges and changes their view of themselves and of the world around them.

All these activities are organized by qualified and experienced staff members because **Paradis International College** puts the safety of children first.



Sport

At **Paradis International College** we focus on the health and well-being of each student. Therefore, we encourage students to get involved in sports activities, as they play a key role in long-term psycho-emotional and physical development.

Apart from physical education classes, about 60% of our students participate in handball, football, basketball, aikido and taekwondo clubs. The children are involved in inter-class sports competitions: at the primary level they have a football championship and, at middle and high school level, football and basketball ones.

The new **Paradis International College** campus benefits from a fully equipped sports hall, an indoor pool and two professional sport courts with night lighting system (one of them with artificial grass, quartz sand and rubber granules and another multisport field with tartan floor).

Furthermore, the new campus includes a well-being area, which will be used by students and teachers, with a fitness room and a sauna for halotherapy. These facilities will be managed by qualified staff in order to guarantee the safety of our students.



Even from primary years, our students have the opportunity to take part in international experiences that enrich and complete the curricular and co-curricular activities of our school. These focus on the experiential learning, in which our students get direct knowledge of the culture, language and traditions of the countries they visit.

In the 2022-2023 school year alone, 85 students from **Paradis** took part in many activities abroad: *the "Take Less and Be More" Round Square Conference* at Oxford University, Great Britain, *Cambridge Model United Nations (CamMUN)*, organized by Stephen Perse Foundation from Cambridge, Great Britain, *the Erasmus+ group mobility of students at Herlufsholm Skole* from Naestved, Denmark, *the "Living the North" Round Square Conference*, Ottawa, Canada, *the student exchange experience at Mayville High School*, Portsmouth, Great Britain, *the theme trip to London* and *the student exchange activity at High School of Kogakuin University, Japan*.

International Projects





Preparing for college applications

At **Paradis International College**, our students go through a long process of holistic self-knowledge and we support them at all times. Choosing the university and, later on, their career, is a priority; the students are guided throughout this process with their academic, psychological, and emotional needs in mind.

From the time of admission to high school, and then throughout schooling, we carry out detailed individual assessments, in which not only school psychologists and counsellors are involved, but also the teachers who guided the student until then.

When we advise students about choosing the universities to which they will apply, we take into account their skills and academic level, trying to find together the solution that will provide each future student with the optimal satisfaction of their intellectual and emotional needs.



The counselling and planification procedures intensify in the 11th and 12th grades, when our students receive personalized guidance in all the stages of the college application process:

- ✓ personality tests;
- ✓ research of career opportunities;
- ✓ internships and training courses;
- ✓ exploration of the study field and the analysis of the learning programmes of each academic specialization;
- ✓ gathering the necessary information regarding the atmosphere of the university they choose and the student life from those institutions – going beyond what can be found on official platforms;
- ✓ support during the process of writing the essays, cover letters or personal statements;
- ✓ getting letters of recommendation;
- ✓ organizing mock interviews;
- ✓ preparing and submitting the university applications and looking into the offers.



We work to create a network of partners in order to offer our students the possibility of having internships in the field of their interest so as to help them choose their university options.

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2022

- ✓ Delft University of Technology - Aerospace Engineering and Nanobiology - Joint Degree: Faculty of Applied Sciences (Delft University of Technology) & Erasmus School of Medicine (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- ✓ City, University of London - Law
- ✓ Eindhoven University of Technology - Mechanical Engineering
- ✓ NHL Stenden University, Meppel - International Teacher Education for Primary Schools (ITEPS)
- ✓ Rotterdam School of Management - Erasmus University Rotterdam International Business Administration
- ✓ University of Groningen - Economics and Business Economics
- ✓ University of Lille - Business Management

Five of these universities are in world's top 80 in the field chosen by our students.





Paradis International College Campus

The new campus, located on a 1.5 ha surface, is an outstanding integrated design in which the multitude of experiential spaces make up a highly stimulating environment, created to make all sides of the human personality interact.





















In this campus we will be able to offer educational services to approximately

1.000
students





-  56 classrooms
-  8 laboratories - 2 for each of the following subjects: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
-  12 work spaces for music, intended for individual instrument or singing lessons
-  4 rooms for band
-  1 room equipped with a variety of musical instruments, with an integrated concept of a classroom and a space for band
-  Library
-  16 rooms for individual work
-  Rooms for teachers, 6 offices and 4 teachers' rooms
-  Indoor pool with natural light
-  Dance studio
-  One Festivity hall with auditorium
-  A well-being area with a fitness room and a sauna for halotherapy
-  One Art Lab
-  One Cooking Lab
-  2 professional sport courts
-  Infirmary
-  Kitchen and two dining halls
-  Outdoor play and relaxation areas, one climbing wall

Alumni



“Being part of the first generation of Paradis International College students makes me think that I was blessed by fate: I grew up in an academic environment, with passionate teachers who inspired me and who showed me that studying is cool, that making mistakes is perfectly fine and that asking questions is essential in order to make progress. The fact that I followed the A level curriculum, a system in which the subjects chosen by the students are thoroughly studied, gave me a great start in the programme that I am following now. Starting my university studies, especially in a foreign country, was an enormous challenge, but, from an academic perspective, the fundamental request remained the same as in my high school years: to work hard. I understood that those basic competences related to text and scientific data analysis and essay writing, that I got in Paradis, are essential as they are applicable in any academic field. The teachers at Paradis taught me how to study independently and how to push my limits.”

Mălina Matricală, 2022 graduate, Nanobiology student,
Delft University & Erasmus School of Medicine



“For me, Paradis and the Cambridge curriculum represented the gate towards a prestigious university abroad, but also an opportunity to make sure that I stay on the path that I have chosen. I appreciate the most the teachers that have been by my side and helped me grow during the two high school years that I spent in Paradis.”

Teodora Mavriș, 2022 graduate, Business student,
University of Groningen

Alumni

“When I entered Paradis High School, I became a more outspoken person and I feel like the teachers have pushed me to reach my full potential. The effort that is put into making each lesson not only easy to understand, but also interactive is something to be admired. The teachers try their best to make sure each student knows what's going out in class and they are ready to answer any questions we might have. I also found it very useful that we did practical exercises during our classes as it helped me visualize and further comprehend the information learned in the book. I feel as though the teachers and staff in Paradis always have the students' best interest in mind, and it is something I truly appreciated during my 3 years of being a student there.”



Anna Maria Saade, 2022 graduate

“Paradis International College tremendously helped me discover my passions and the things I want to pursue in the future. I appreciate this high school because it offered me the opportunity to choose the subjects that are the most important for me, but also the way in which all the teachers approach the classes they teach: in a fun and enjoyable way. Paradis International College helped me gain self-confidence and the wish to know more, to learn more.”











Ilinca Ologesa, 2022 graduate, Business Management student,
University of Lille Business

Admission to High School

High school admission

Cambridge curriculum











-  Filling in the registration form and submitting the documents regarding the candidate's previous studies.
-  Meeting with the candidate and his or her parents for a tour of the school. During this meeting, the candidate will be offered information about the community and the educational principles of **Paradis International College**, as well as details about the curriculum and the co-curricular activities.
-  Interview with the admission committee in order to get to know the student's personality.
-  Testing the candidate's cognitive potential.
-  The submission of medical records on chronic conditions, allergies, special needs, etc.
-  Assessing the candidate's academic knowledge in:
 - **English Language: a)** the presentation of an internationally recognized language certificate (First Certificate in English at B2 or higher) or **b)** for the candidates that do not have a language certificate, there is an internal English Language exam, which consists of one oral and one written evaluation; in order to be admitted, the candidate needs to achieve an average score equivalent to the B2 level;
 - **Mathematics: a)** the presentation of an official document testifying a minimum of 8 (eight) at the National Evaluation for eighth graders or **b)** if the candidate did not take the national exam, there is an internal exam; in order to be admitted, the candidate needs to achieve a minimum of 8 (eight);
 - **Science:** when the candidate comes from another international school, he or she must submit a transcript to the secretary's office. If the candidate does not come from another international school, he/she will be tested from the area of science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). The candidate will be considered admitted if he or she obtains a minimum of 8 (eight).
-  The admission committee will offer an official answer in no more than 72 hours from the academic knowledge evaluation.
-  In the situation in which the candidate is admitted, a contract is signed and the entry fee is paid (which represents the fee for the first month of study).





High School Admission

Romanian curriculum, theoretical programme in Science, specialization Natural Sciences, bilingual - English

-  Filling in the registration form and submitting the documents related to the candidate's previous studies.
-  Meeting with the candidate and his or her parents for a tour of the school. During this meeting, the candidate will be offered information regarding the community and educational principles of **Paradis International College**, as well as details about the curriculum and the co-curricular activities.
-  Interview with the admission committee in order to get to know the student's personality.
-  Testing the candidate's cognitive potential.
-  The submission of medical records on chronic conditions, allergies, special needs, etc.
-  The presentation of an internationally recognized language proficiency certificate attesting the level of minimum A2. For the candidates who do not have a language proficiency certificate, there is an internal English Language exam, consisting of one oral and one written evaluation; to be declared admitted, the average of the two tests must certify the A2 language level.
-  The presentation of an official document testifying a minimum of 8 (eight) at the National Evaluation for eighth graders, for the case in which the candidate took this exam.
-  If the interview and the evaluation of the candidate's cognitive potential take place before the National Evaluation final grades are made public, the candidate will be evaluated through an internal exam in Mathematics and Romanian Language. The candidate that is awarded a minimum of 8 (eight) will be admitted. In the case in which, following these three evaluation steps, the candidate is admitted, he or she will receive an offer under the condition to pass the National Evaluation.
-  The admission committee will offer an official answer in no more than 72 hours from the academic knowledge assessment.
-  In the situation in which the candidate is admitted, a contract is signed and the entry fee is paid (which also represents the fee for the first month of study).

Excellence scholarship

Paradis International College awards an excellence scholarship every school year to a student with very good academic results and co-curricular interests (with potential for development).

This scholarship covers the annual tuition fee for the entire high school cycle and is addressed to 8th grade students from any educational institution in the country. If the committee decides to grant two scholarships in a year, each will cover half of the tuition fee.

To apply, applicants will fill in an application form, submit both previous education documents and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, an essay detailing why they are considered suitable for this scholarship, and proof of parents' income levels.

If the scholarship awarding committee considers them eligible, the student will be invited to go through the stages of the admission process (depending on the curriculum they choose), with the following mention: when being assessed (the internal examinations or at the national exams) they obtain a minimum grade of 9 (nine) in *Mathematics and Romanian Language and Literature*.



“The fact that I received a scholarship at Paradis International College gave me the possibility to follow the Cambridge curriculum, and this opportunity widened my horizon towards university studies anywhere I want - both in Romania and abroad.”

Rareş Varariu, 11th grade student



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