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# SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

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# WHY LEGAE



## We Are World Renown for Academic Excellence

With over three decades of experience in moulding young minds, we stand at the forefront of private education. We can confidently say we are the choice school for Botswana by Batswana.

By us, your child will gain an internationally recognised certificate from Cambridge University, qualifying them for admission into any higher learning institution of their choice. They will be taught by Botswana's best educators, using tried and trusted teaching techniques that foster both academic and personal growth. Your child will enjoy a holistic education that develops them as individuals and lifelong learners, preparing them to excel in their future endeavours as global citizens.

***The choice  
school for  
Botswana  
by Batswana.***

# Welcome from The Principal's Desk

Welcome to Legae Academy, a truly special place for learners where they can enjoy learning. I have had the pleasure of leading Legae Academy for over 20 years. It has been an honour for me to be the head of one of the most successful secondary schools in Botswana. During my tenure, I have been floored by the endless academic and emotional growth in our learners. This experience has given me a great opportunity to see the children and young people overcoming challenges during their adolescence stage. It gives us an immense professional satisfaction that these young people become very confident and highly successful graduates fully qualified and ready to join top universities to pursue their dream careers.

This is no understatement given the impact of social media on young people's mental wellbeing in the aftermath of the pandemic. Our learners demonstrate extraordinary courage and integrity to rise about these new challenges. There is no greater joy than the friendly visit from a former student, or when they return as a parent to entrust their children with us.

I understand choosing the right school for your child can make one apprehensive, but I can assure you that with us, your child will find a home. That is what we are about – being your child's second home – hence the name 'Legae.' I trust that this prospectus will achieve exactly that. It will give you a glimpse of life at "LA," as our student says.

Thank you for your interest in our school, and we look forward to you joining our school community.



***your child's  
second home***



# How We Guarantee Excellence

## Through our values

Excellence starts with values. And we attribute our continued success to them, namely discipline, community and growth. Discipline is achieved through our code of conduct, which we instil in all our learners to achieve their dreams.

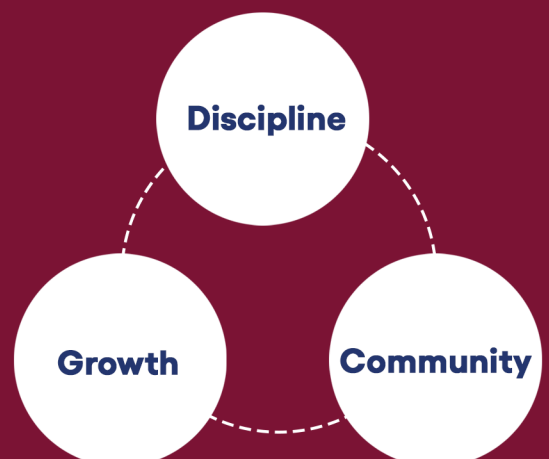
We foster a strong sense of community by partnering with parents and learners, creating a culture of collaboration and accountability. From our sporting and club activities to our community service, we ensure your child develops into a socially responsible citizen.

Our holistic curriculum supports growth, empowering learners emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. With pastoral care and co-curricular activities, we nurture well-rounded individuals ready to tackle the world's challenges.



Over the years, our commitment to excellence has produced exceptional results. For over a decade, we've celebrated a 100% pass rate, with a credit rate of over 99.5%. Since 2009, Cambridge has heralded our students with the prestigious Top in the World Award, making Botswana proud.

### OUR VALUES





# Who We Are

## Our Mission:

- To provide our learners with a holistic, world-class, internationally recognised education.
- To instil values that exude excellence.

## Our Vision:

- To cultivate model citizens who are responsible lifelong learners ready for tomorrow's problems.
- To create teaching spaces that encourage learning.

## Our Humble Beginnings

In the 1980s, a national crisis emerged. There was a severe shortage of quality English Medium schools across the country – especially in the capital city. Other than Thornhill and Northside, where else could working class Batswana school their children? Sure, there were government schools, but they only introduced English in Standard 4, which was to the child's disadvantage. English is the official language of the land, meaning that proficiency was essential to excel in the globalising job market.

Our founder, Violet Hamilton, responded to the crisis with a small school in Mogoditshane. Inspired by her upbringing among the Bangwato, the school took on traditional values to guide teaching and learning: *Ngwana mongwe le mongwe ke wa rona*. Every Child is Yours. Legae Primary was conceived with the sole mission of ensuring that all children - irrespective of creed, colour and clan - are entitled to a quality and affordable English education. Although the crisis was addressed, it was not completely resolved. As you might imagine, where would all these children go afterwards? To high school, right? But how? In the 1980s, Maruapula was the only private secondary school in the country, and foreign owned, at that. Government schools presented an option, but there were only so many 'good' ones for a growing population, and they lacked the competitive-edge and global outlook that private schools offered. In sum, Botswana needed more schools. Gaborone needed more schools, locally owned and managed. **#PushaBW**





# The Global Teaching Crisis Continues

In 1992, Legae Academy was founded under the leadership of Mrs. Hamilton and Dr. Robinson.

With just 50 students, 4 teachers, and 3 classes in a dusty Phase 2 compound, we began our journey of moulding tomorrow's minds. Today, with over 700 students, 60 teachers, and 26 SMART classrooms, we proudly stand as Botswana's choice school.

The Ministry of Education has recognised our achievements, describing us in 1998 as "well poised for efficiency and productivity" and praising our "good organisational structure" in 2004 for delivering excellence.

Ironically, the crisis remains. Although there are more schools, there is less learning happening. Basic literacy and numeracy skills are plummeting, a phenomenon the World Bank calls a "global teaching crisis." Botswana is no exception. The rise of low-cost tuition centres posing as "home schools" reflects the growing demand for quality teaching. It's why you are considering private schooling. It's why you are reading this prospectus.

This crisis collides with the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The world your child will enter is rapidly evolving, with many of today's jobs disappearing as digital technologies reshape industries. English, the global lingua franca, dominates all major industries: research, education, finance, technology, and business. Now more than ever, your child needs a holistic, quality English education to succeed in this competitive economy.

Tomorrow's workforce requires more than a certificate—it demands critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and innovators. Will your child be ready for this volatile job market? Are you choosing the right school?

**We do our research for your benefit. Our top in the world students come from top in the world teachers.**

**The question remains...  
Will you join us?**







# Educational Philosophy

**We are a traditional school following a progressive curriculum**

## **What do we mean by this?**

In education, there's an ongoing debate between traditional and progressive teaching methods. Traditional schooling focuses on academic achievement and values like discipline and respect, while progressive schooling emphasises student-centred, experiential learning to build confidence and foster individual growth.

At Legae, we understand the importance of both approaches and blend them to create a balanced schooling experience. We know what works and stand by our pedagogical approach to provide the best for your child.

By the end of their time, your child will leave Legae Academy as a globally minded, morally upright successful learner.



## International General Certificate of Secondary Education

We offer the world's most sought-after international qualification for learners ages 14-16: The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE). Desired by higher education institutions and employers across the world, IGCSE serves as evidence of academic excellence, meeting the same standards as England's national school leavers qualification.

For over 30 years, this curriculum has empowered thousands of learners by stimulating their thinking, diversifying their skills and developing their character. With over 70 subjects available, offered at Core and Extended Level, your child's needs and ability level are accommodated.

At Legae Academy, your child will specialise in any number of these subjects:

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| • Accounting                            | • French as a Foreign Language             |
| • Art and Design                        | • Geography                                |
| • Agriculture                           | • History                                  |
| • Biology                               | • Information and Communication Technology |
| • Business Studies                      | • Mathematics                              |
| • Chemistry                             | • Mathematics (Additional)                 |
| • Computer Science                      | • Music*                                   |
| • English as a First or Second Language | • Physics                                  |
| • English Literature                    | • Setswana                                 |
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In taking any one of these subjects, we guarantee that your child will develop knowledge, understanding and skills in:

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| • Subject content  | • Flexibility and responsiveness to change |
| • Applying knowledge and understanding to new as well as familiar situations | • Working and communicating in English     |
| • Intellectual enquiry   | • Influencing outcomes                     |
|  | • Cultural awareness                       |

Schools worldwide have been involved in the development of this curriculum. The syllabuses have international outlook but retain its local relevance. They have been created specifically for an international student body and avoid cultural bias.

As a registered Oxford, Cambridge and Royal Society of the Arts Examination Centre, your child has everything they need all in one place. Most students write their final examinations at the end of Form 5, specifically the October-November session, but in special circumstances, students can write in the May-June session.

\*Music – we only offer music independently through external Trinity College music examinations, but our music department supports candidates.

## Cambridge's Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced (A) Level Programme

Cambridge's Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced (A) Level programme gives your child the competitive edge for admission into their dream university.

If your child is looking to study in the US, your time at Legae can be applied as credit for up to one year of study in your chosen subject. If your child is considering the UK, your child's qualification will be a direct equivalent a UK national learner.

Your child can specialise in any four of these subjects for 1 year (AS-Level) or 2 years (A-Level):

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| • Accounting  | • Economics          |
| • Applied Information and Communication Technology (AICT) | • English Language   |
| • Biology   | • English Literature |
| • Business Studies  | • Geography          |
| • Chemistry   | • History            |
| • Computer Science  | • Mathematics        |
|   | • Physics            |
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In taking any one of these subjects, we guarantee that your child will develop knowledge, understanding and skills in:

- in-depth subject content
- learning to work independently
- applying knowledge and understanding to new as well as familiar situations
- handling and evaluating different types of information sources
- thinking logically and presenting ordered and coherent arguments and explanations
- studying and communicating in English

# Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards

## Your success is our pride!

In 2009, Cambridge Assessment International Education introduced the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards, which all candidates – including ours - are eligible for. These prestigious awards recognise and celebrate the success of extraordinary learners around the world. There are four categories: Top in the World, Top in the Country, Best Across and High Achievement.

Since its inception, without fail, our students have been receiving these prestigious awards. This is no ordinary feat. Our students are competing with over 10,000 schools in more than 160 countries, so it is an incredible achievement to win a Cambridge Top in the World Award. First-world countries such as the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are among these numbers, which further illustrates our point. Our education is truly world-class.

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### Top In The World

As the word suggest, 'Top in the World' means that the student attained the highest mark in their subject across the world. These are some of our most recent winners.



**Ayanda Boko**  
A Level Economics  
(2023)



**Sreejith Udiyanloor**  
AS Level Mathematics  
(2019)



**Om Parikh**  
A Level Accounting  
A Level Mathematics  
(2019)

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### Top In Botswana

As the word suggest, 'Top in Botswana' means that the student attained the highest mark in their subject in the country. These are some of our most recent winners.



**Tlotlo Mosalakatane**  
AS Level Biology  
(2023)



**Shraddha Basu**  
IGCSE Economics  
(2023)



**Taonga Ndolo**  
A Level Physics  
(2023)



# Testimonials

**Don't just take it from us,  
hear what our alumni have to say:**



I had the privilege of being a Legae Primary and Academy student, graduating in 2008 with 3A\*, 4As and 1B. I still hold these grades dear to me today because they remind me of the hard work the school instilled in me. It gave me the confidence to believe that I can achieve great success so long as I commit my best efforts.

**Anesu Dumba (2008)**

studied BCom in Finance at the University of Botswana and now works there as a full-time internal auditor whilst completing his ACCA examination.



Legae Academy provided an exceptional foundation, setting me up for success far beyond the classroom. Nurturing my passion, I was supported in turning ideas into impactful initiatives such as the Astronomy Club. Legae prepared me to excel globally, equipping me to participate in the International Math Olympiad in 2021 and 2022. These experiences, combined with the work ethic fostered, have paved the way for access to expansive opportunities for transformative, purposeful contributions.

**Achael Gupta (2023)**

currently studies Mechatronics Engineering at the University of Cape Town.



As a recent graduate of Mechanical Engineering from the Swinburne University of Technology in Malaysia, I am eternally grateful for the academic patronage I received from my A-level teachers in the years of 2014 and 2015. The rigorous material coupled with concise instruction from the teachers gave me the confidence to tackle and atomize complex scientific and mathematical scenarios. This was an excellent foundation to prepare me for the demands of my course.

**Chelward Brown (2015)**



I am grateful for my time at LA. Opened the doors to pursue my dream course of study abroad.

**Reobameng Lefhoko (2020)**

studies BSc (Hons) in Astrophysics at the University of St Andrews, Scotland.



What I miss most about Legae is my teachers, many of whom I'm still in contact with. Not only did they help with shaping my academic persona, but they also provided me with invaluable life lessons. The latter came in multiple forms, be it through my involvement in extra-curricular activities, serving a single detention and acting as Deputy Head Boy, these all contributed to my character today.

**Bogosi Ntsatsi Shashane (2012)**

studied a BSc in Actuarial Science at The London School of Economics and MSc in Statistics at Imperial College London.



# What Else Do We Offer

## Sports

At Legae, we value sports. Not only does it improve your child's mental and physical wellbeing, but it also builds community through teamwork and encourages discipline through training. That is why we encourage participation in sports above all else.

Sporting activities take place in the afternoons from Monday to Friday. We have two sessions, one from 14:40- 15:30 and another from 14:30-16:30. When our facilities aren't in use, our students are welcome to use them for practice or for fun, especially after a long day. Here is list of what your child could participate in:

- Athletics \*
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- Football
- Karate
- Netball
- Rugby
- Softball
- Swimming \*
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball

( \* seasonal sports)

**Sports at Legae doesn't stop there! We give all our students a chance to participate through our inter-house sporting competitions.**

**Our houses –**

**Elephant, Lion, Buffalo and Rhino – compete annually in either athletics or ball sports.**

**Among our students, it is source of excitement that creates a great atmosphere of camaraderie, as they cheer on their friends.**





# Clubs

**Learning doesn't only happen in the classroom**



It happens whenever inquisitive minds meet, and we, at Legae, make room for it. As studies show, participation in club activities develop important skills like critical thinking and problem solving. It also allows learners to discover their hidden talents and build confidence in their interests. In fact, some of our clubs are so committed to developing your child's gifts that we arrange local and international trips. These excursions are always a highlight and breadth of fresh air for students amid their term time studies.

- **Art Club**
- **Astronomy Club**
- **Bible Club**
- **Debate Club**
- **Environmental and Young Scientist Club**
- **French Club**
- **Interact and & Cultural Exchange Club**
- **Marimba Band**
- **Maths Club**
- **Physics Club**
- **Prayer Group**
- **Scrabble Club**
- **Setswana Club**
- **Traditional Dance**
- **Yearbook Club**

We value community and are proud to partner with and fundraise for local charities. We also have student-led support groups that work with underperforming government school to help their learners with their studies.

These are a few initiatives your child can make a difference in:

- **ARC**
- **Cheshire Foundation**
- **Community Service**
- **Nkoyaphiri Project**
- **Tswaragano Community Service**



# Co-Curricular Activities

## The things you wish you learned at school

Part of our effort in providing your child with a holistic education is evident in our avant-garde curriculum. Our aim is to develop your child into a well-rounded individual with the skills to excel in the modern world. We do this by exposing your child to expertise they would not normally gain in class but need after it. Accordingly, we are proud to present our rotational co-curricular activities specifically designed for Form 1s and 2s.

We teach and enable learning experiences in the following subject areas:

- **AI and Coding**
- **Car Maintenance**
- **Civics Education**
- **Cyber Security**
- **Dance and Movement**
- **Drama**
- **Financial Literacy**
- **First Aid Training**
- **Household Maintenance**
- **Mental Wellness**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Social Etiquette**





# Your Child's Next Home

## Our facilities



- **SMART Classrooms**
- **A-Level Study Centre**
- **Art Studios**
- **Computer Laboratories**
- **Music Room**
- **Science Laboratories**
- **Agricultural Plots**
- **Library**
- **Lockers**
- **24/7 Security Services**
- **School Hall**
- **3 Tuckshops**



### Our Sport Facilities

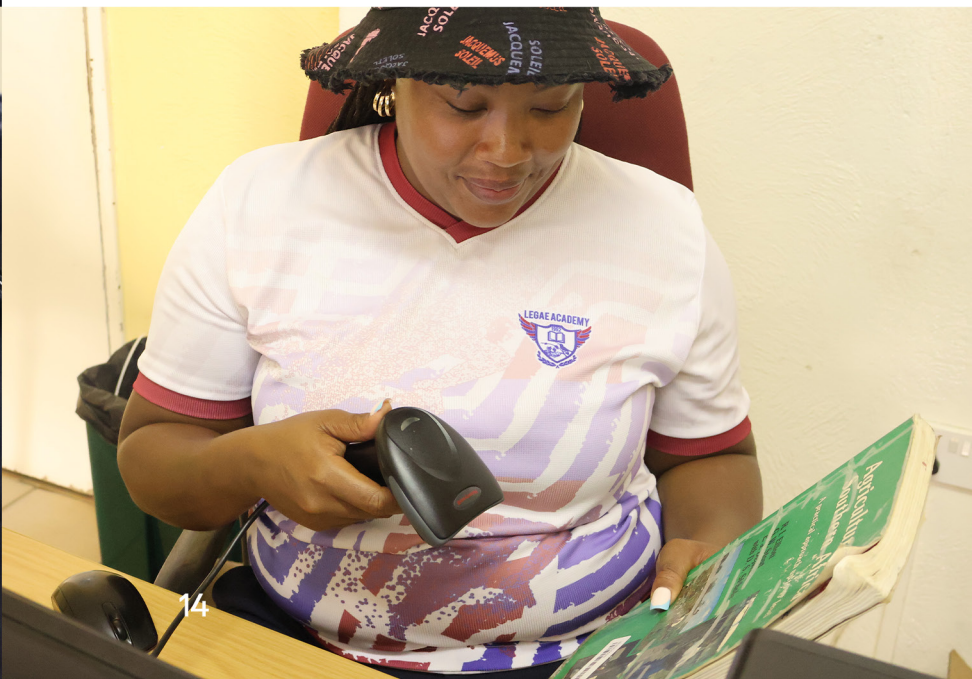
- 3 Outdoor Multipurpose Courts
- 2 Cricket Batting Cages
- 1 Grassed Field with Rugby and Football polls
- 1 Half Olympic Size Swimming Pool
- 1 Long Jump Track
- Changing rooms and Showers for Boys and Girls

### Sick-Bay and SHE Officer

All children can see the nurse whenever they feel unwell, and the SHE officer readily responds to any medical emergencies. We are proud to share that most of our staff are trained First-Aid Responders, meaning your child is in good hands.

### Supplies Office

We provide your child with all necessary textbooks for lessons at no additional cost. These materials are available at our supplies office. However, students are liable to pay for any excessive damage or loss while in their possession.





# Admission Requirements

## How to enrol your child

### Admission:

For admission into Form 1, the following is required of applicants:

- ✓ Primary School Leaver Examination (PSLE) certificate or equivalent.
- ✓ A completed registration form
- ✓ P400 Registration Fee
- ✓ A passing grade on the entrance test
- ✓ A copy of your child's birth certificate
- ✓ The latest student report from your child's previous school
- ✓ A non-refundable single payment of the development levy

Fees are payable in advance. All payments should be made to our bursar's office at Legae Academy. They are due 3 days before the opening day of each term.

### Entrance Test:

Your child will sit for a combined paper of MATHS, ENGLISH AND SCIENCE.

It is a computer based, multiple choice paper.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS:

#### Admissions Officer:

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#### Bursar's Office:

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# How Should Your Child Dress

## Uniform Policy

School uniform is compulsory and should be worn with pride. All items of uniform must be kept in a good condition, otherwise replaced when necessary. Failure to adhere to uniform policy is a punishable offense under the code of conduct.

Pullovers, jackets, blazers, ties and headscarves are all optional attire worn appropriately to the season. However, they must be branded with the school logo.

### Boy's Uniform

**Shirts:** Only buttoned up sky blue short/long sleeve collared shirts are permitted.

**Trousers:** Only full-length grey long trousers are permitted.

**Socks:** Only grey socks are permitted.

**Shoes:** Only black flat shoes or sandals with black straps are permitted. Sandals can only be worn in Summer, and they must be worn with socks. Also, shoes must be of a school design, meaning no suede, "Allstars" or fashionable shoe of the variety.

### Girl's Uniform

**Shirts:** Only buttoned up sky blue short/long sleeve collared shirts are permitted.

**Skirts:** Only knee-length grey skirts are permitted. Skirts worn above the knee are prohibited.

**Trousers:** Only full-length grey long trousers are permitted. Skintight or frayed trousers are not permitted.

**Socks:** Only white socks are permitted.

**Shoes:** Only black flat shoes or sandals with black straps are permitted. Sandals can only be worn in summer, and they must be worn with socks. Also, shoes must be of a school design, meaning no suede, "Allstars" or fashionable shoe of the variety.

**Jewellery:** Boys are not permitted to wear jewellery. Girls, however, are allowed one set of earrings or studs, worn symmetrically. Bangles, bracelets, rings and the likes are not permitted.

**Cosmetics:** Nail polish, lipstick or any other type of cosmetics is not permitted.

**Hats and Headwear:** Hats must be navy blue without any branding (excluding the school's brand), worn outside of class only. Headscarves must be either maroon or black and worn solely for religious purposes after requesting permission from school authorities.





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Phakalane (16km/ approx. 30min)

Block 10 (7km/ approx. 15min)

Block 6,7,8,3 (6km/ approx. 10min)



Phase 4 / Block 5 (5km/ approx. 10min)

Tlokweng (12km/ approx. 30min)

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# LEGAE ACADEMY

*"Every Child is Yours"*

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