



HILLEL ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you are considering Hillel Academy for your child's education.

Hillel Academy, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/ AdvanceED in the United States (SACS), was founded in 1969 by the Jewish community of Jamaica as a non-denominational, independent, co-educational, multi-cultural school with a programme comparable to other international schools worldwide.

The School educates Jamaican students as well as the families of the international and business community who are seeking high standards and an international focus for children in the age range 3 – 18 years. Hillel Academy, offers an academically integrated Jamaican-British-American curriculum and an extensive Extracurricular Activities Programme, both sporting and non-sporting. If you would like to meet with the Principals or arrange a tour of the school, please telephone to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

We welcome applications from families of all nationalities who share our philosophy and aims. While we accept students of a wide range of ability, our curriculum is challenging and our expectations are high. Therefore, Hillel Academy accepts students only on the basis that our curriculum can meet their needs, and that they will benefit from our educational programme. For further information on our entrance requirements please consult the Admissions Procedure overleaf.

Applications for both immediate and future admission are considered at any time throughout the year. If there is no space available at the time of application, the student's name will be placed on a waiting list for the appropriate grade level. This list will be carefully reviewed as openings become available. Parents who wish to withdraw their application should advise the school of their decision.

Yours sincerely,

Peggy Bleyberg
Director





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Admission Procedure

A Registration Form must be completed and submitted, together with the Registration Fee of J\$7,000, for the attention of the Admissions and Business Support Department in the Main Office. Please note that the completion of the Registration Form is the first step in seeking admission to Hillel Academy. It does not guarantee that a place will be offered.

Kindergarten 1 and 2

Children entering Kindergarten One (for 3- 4 year olds) must have had their third birthday on or before August 31st of the year in which they start school. Those seeking admission to our Kindergarten 1 and 2 classes for the following September will be invited to spend part of a day at school for informal group activities during the months of March - May preceding the admission date. Parents will be informed of the date at least two weeks in advance. The children's general social maturity and adaptability within a group, large/fine motor skills and age-appropriate readiness skills for numeracy and literacy will be observed.

Grades 1-6

Older children seeking admission to the Prep School will be assessed at age-appropriate levels in English and Mathematics on an individual basis. These assessments can be arranged at any time throughout the year. We also encourage a visiting day when prospective students are invited to spend a day at Hillel.

Grade 7

Students seeking admission from another school to our Grade 7 classes in the High School will be invited to our Information Evening and will be required to sit an Entrance Examination in English, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning, showing evidence that our curriculum can meet their needs, and that they will benefit from our challenging educational programme. This examination will be held in April or May.

Grade 8 - 11

All other students seeking admission to the High School will be assessed at age-appropriate level in English and Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning on an individual basis. These assessments can be arranged at any time throughout the year. Following the successful completion of the tests, and the presentation of three years of school records, a date will be set for the student and his/her parents to be interviewed by the Principal. We also encourage a visiting day when prospective students are invited to spend a day at Hillel.

Sixth Form

Students seeking admission to the Sixth Form will be invited to our International Baccalaureate Information Evening. Prospective students must attend an interview and must satisfy the Admissions Panel that they have the proven ability to study successfully at this advanced level. School records for at least three years are required, as are any external examination results (CXC, IGCSE etc).

The Admissions Committee

The Admissions Committee meets to make the final decisions, taking into consideration our restrictions on class size and the availability of space in the relevant year group. Upon the successful completion of all entrance requirements a written offer of a place will be made.

Parents, or their representative companies, have seven (7) days in which to accept this offer of a place and to make payment of the non-refundable New Student Enrolment Fee, currently US\$1,500 for new students, US\$750 for new IB students and US\$3,500 for foreign students.

The School reserves the right to adjust the fees at any time without prior notice.

