



ABOUT THE SCHOOL



The first school in Vadodara to be affiliated with the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE).

Offering holistic education from Nursery to Class 12.

'Vidya' (Knowledge) is a term deeply rooted in Indian philosophy and spirituality. It goes beyond the conventional notion of education and embodies an integrated approach to learning that includes not only academics but also wisdom, ethical values, and personal growth.

With this profound understanding of the essence of 'Vidya', Nalanda Knowledge Foundation, a registered not-for-profit organisation, established Nalanda International School as a co-educational day school in 2004, in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Spread on a huge campus with acres of green, beautiful landscapes, the school provides a conducive environment comprising four buildings with child-friendly architecture for children of all ages to learn, imbibe, enjoy and evolve.

Our Values

Hard Work	Discipline	Punctuality
Respect for Elders	Positive Thinking	Dynamism
Compassion	Courage	Excellence

Students learn through modern tools and methodology, such as digital learning platforms, interactive classrooms, and online resources to ensure they have the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the digital age.

Nalanda offers students **progressive education** that emphasises learning, critical thinking, and creativity to cultivate independent thinkers who can adapt to a rapidly changing world and contribute positively to the society. At the same time, it is **rooted in values** – values that are core to Indian culture or sanskars. This unique confluence enables and empowers our students to be world citizens.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As we commemorate the culmination of 20 years, it is imperative to reflect on the journey we have traversed together. 'Vidya,' a cornerstone of Indian philosophy and spirituality, has been our guiding light.

At Nalanda International School, our mission has always been to nurture students by strengthening their cultural roots and enabling them to realise their utmost potential.

While I am happy with the developments in infrastructure and student strength, I am also thankful for what has remained intact – our philosophies, values, and rules that were in place when we started, continue even after 20 years. Some of the basic philosophies of Nalanda, like simplicity, punctuality, and discipline have been instrumental in changing the lives of many of our students.

In the last two decades, the world has seen remarkable transformations. Today, we are in an era of rapid growth and widespread use of AI, digital technology, the internet, and ICT. These advances have significantly altered lifestyles and job roles.

At Nalanda, we understand this. Our skilled and seasoned educators stay abreast with the latest developments to continuously innovate our curriculum, pedagogy, systems, and practices. They assist us in preparing students for the future.

While Nalanda has earned many laurels in its constant pursuit of educational excellence, we see these as milestones and do not dwell upon them. We challenge ourselves daily to ensure our students thrive in the years ahead.



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Mayur Patel
Chairman

EDUCATION AT NALANDA

Personalised Participative Purpose-driven

Nalanda International School focuses on an integrated approach to learning that recognises the individuality of each child, engages them actively in the learning process, and empowers them to discover and pursue their unique passions.

This approach enables students to be prepared to navigate the complexities of the modern world with confidence.

We have the curriculum, learning tools, and theories in place to provide a well-rounded and effective educational experience.





The CISCE Advantage

Nalanda International School follows the ICSE (Class 10) and ISC (10+2) curriculum as prescribed by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE). This offers numerous benefits to the students.

Offers holistic learning with diverse subject options, enabling students to select the right subject combination at the college level

Prioritises English proficiency for effective communication in academia and career

Encourages appreciation for culture and creativity through literature and arts

Promotes overall development with a mix of academic rigour and co-curricular activities

Cultivates intellectual curiosity and adaptability for lifelong learning

A practical approach to learning ensures real-life application of concepts, thereby developing deep understanding and encouraging students to do research

Enhances in-depth knowledge of concepts, giving students an edge in competitive exams

Provides comprehensive evaluation through continuous assessment and practical exams

Develops essential skills for higher education and professional success

Offers opportunities worldwide with international recognition

At Nalanda, we ensure that our students get the best of the CISCE curriculum's inherent advantages. We offer a continuum of learning experiences, catering to students at various stages of development and academic levels.

Better Strategies for Board Excellence

Students appear for two Board exams ICSE (Class 10) and ISC (Class 12). Our various programmes ensure that learning is thorough during these crucial years.

Once the entire curriculum has been covered, we train students through our Question Banks Programme that provides a wide range of questions and trains students on not only giving the right answer but also presenting it correctly. Continual exposure to this practice builds their confidence. Students are also trained to solve the Board papers of the previous years. Regular feedback given by educators on these programmes prepares the child for the Boards.

Our strategic training and focused programmes have ensured 100% results regularly in the ICSE and ISC exams. In the past, a number of our students have scored full marks in various subjects in both Class 10 and Class 12 Board examinations, while some have stood first at the State level.



The Educational Journey

By providing education across different age groups, we offer a cohesive and integrated approach to learning, ensuring that students receive support and guidance throughout their educational journey.

Pre School



Young learners start their educational journey with a focus on foundational skills and socialisation. Our play-way method followed in Nursery, Jr. KG, Sr. KG of learning focuses on both the conceptual and emotional development of the child. This unique method of learning can be customised as per the child's interests and requirements.

Development of practical life skills – from language and numeracy to gross and fine motor skills

Hands-on learning experience to enhance analytical and critical thinking

Open classrooms: outdoor learning through field trips

Junior School

Junior School marks the beginning of formal education, where students of Classes 1 to 4 build upon their foundational skills and embark on a journey of discovery. Through a diverse range of subjects, students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

Blend of textbook knowledge and real-life experiences

Concept building of science and math through role-play

Preparing students for advanced coursework



Middle School

Middle School is a transformative phase where students of Classes 5 to 8 deepen their understanding of core subjects and expand their academic and extra-curricular horizons.

Introduction to research-based project learning

Emphasis on both sports and academics

Cultivation of essential life skills and real-world application of learned concepts



Senior School

The Senior School equips students of Classes 9 to 12 with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to excel in Board Examinations and pursue their academic and career goals beyond school.

Preparing students for the outside world

Industry exposure through field trips, labs and computer facilities

Fostering critical thinking and problem-solving abilities



Learning Tools and Theories

Knowledge evolves constantly, requiring us to stay current and relevant. At Nalanda, we employ innovative learning and theories to prepare students ahead of time for the changing world.

Our talented and experienced educators continuously innovate curriculum, pedagogy, systems, and practices for effectively preparing our students to thrive in this evolving world. By using the power of technology and cutting-edge learning tools they help build a dynamic educational environment. Some of the key technological developments at Nalanda include:

Digital Learning

Digital learning empowers students with the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to thrive in today's dynamic world. Nalanda goes above and beyond in preparing students to be digitally fluent in a technology-driven world. Computer Studies, with hands-on exposure to the computer lab and structured practical sessions, is introduced in Class 1 itself. It is offered as a subject till Class 8 and as an elective from Classes 9 to 12. The school also teaches courses in coding and AI, to enable students with practical life skills. We also have 3D-interactive classrooms, to supplement learning. Our digital education includes Robotics, Electronics, 3D printing, augmented and virtual reality and design thinking.

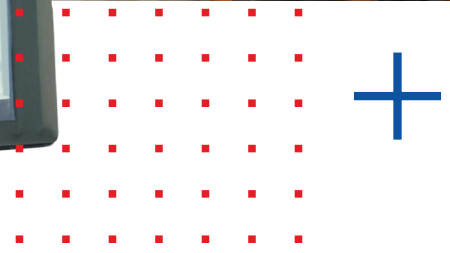


Smart Boards

Smart Boards blend traditional methods of teaching with modern digital tools to bring the best of both worlds together. At Nalanda, we create a dynamic learning environment that engages students in extraordinary ways. Educators are well-trained in the use of Smart Boards and offer excellent class learning with the help of these tools.

Library

Nalanda has three age-appropriate libraries where students explore a world of knowledge and imagination. With a vast collection of books, resources, and digital materials, students can embark on literary adventures, conduct research, and cultivate a lifelong love for reading and learning.



Open Classrooms - The Gurukul Concept

In conventional classrooms, windows provided students with only a glimpse of the outside world. At Nalanda, nature creates a dynamic and inspiring backdrop for learning. Students are taught in open classrooms much as in the ancient Gurukul way, as a refreshing departure from traditional learning environments.



LIFE AT
NALANDA

Acres of Unbridled Joy

The serene and green campus reflects the energy and liveliness students bring every day. Each corner of the campus buzzes with life, echoing the students' laughter, creativity, and enthusiasm. This mix of peace and energy helps students flourish.

The Campus

In the right environment, even the most challenging subjects become interesting. Nalanda school campus acts as a catalyst for the all-round excellence of students. Meticulously designed to inspire greatness and nurture success, the architecture prioritises safety and comfort, providing students with a secure and inviting atmosphere for learning and socialising. Timeless brick-and-mortar structure adds charm, while natural ventilation ensures a cool ambience, enhancing the overall experience for the occupants.



The school was awarded the internationally acclaimed 'LEAF' Award, i.e., the Leading European Architect's Forum Award, in 2006 for its Environment-Friendly Architecture.



Comprehensive Security

From the moment children leave for school until they return home, every parent is concerned about the safety and well-being of their child.

To alleviate parental concerns, Nalanda has taken proactive measures by implementing rigorous protocols, vigilant supervision and regular communication. We use technology to create a secure environment where students learn, grow, and thrive confidently.

Safety & Security

The Nalanda campus is under CCTV surveillance. With this comprehensive coverage, we uphold security and vigilance across the campus and GPS providing students a safe and monitored environment. Buses are also covered by CCTV surveillance and GPS.

Better Communication & Ease of Use

Nalanda's advanced ERP System offers digital facilities including fee payment and secure communication. The system includes an app that links the school, students, and parents. It enables sharing of updates, announcements, and reminders to keep everyone informed.



Nurturing Game-changers

Nalanda provides infrastructure and organises sports activities to shape students' growth and well-being, making them physically fit and mentally resilient.

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Sports and extracurricular activities provide children with a rich array of experiences and opportunities to develop their skills, values, and attributes essential for effective leadership. By participating in these activities, children cultivate the qualities and mindset necessary to lead with confidence, integrity, and compassion in their future endeavours.

Sports Activities

At Nalanda, academics and sports are intertwined, forming a crucial part of our identity and ethos. Indoor games enhance cognitive abilities, encourage physical activity, and nurture creativity in a safe environment.

Many of our students have made their mark in sports at the School, District, State and National levels.

Indoor Games

Indoor games like Table-Tennis, Chess, Carrom and others improve cognitive abilities like problem-solving and critical thinking. It also encourages physical activity and caters to diverse interests, nurturing creativity, and imagination.

Outdoor Games

Engaging in outdoor games like Football, Volleyball and Basketball improves the fitness of our students. These games also offer a break from routine and improve resilience and problem-solving skills in a natural setting, leading to the holistic growth of children.



Nalanda ignites a passion for sports among children by encouraging every student to participate and excel, promoting holistic development and physical well-being.

Creative Activities

At Nalanda, we nurture the inherent curiosity and imagination of children. Our students are exposed to a range of Extracurricular Activities like music, dance, dramatics, woodwork, art and craft to express themselves artistically and creatively. These sessions, taken by qualified professionals in respective fields, ensure the holistic development of children. Some of the key creative activities that students at Nalanda perform include:

Dramatics

Students take the centre stage in this activity at Nalanda. From brainstorming ideas to collaborating with peers and bringing the creative vision together in a story, students do everything. Participating in school skits helps them improve their communication skills, enhance confidence, strengthen teamwork abilities, and creative problem-solving mindset, all of which are valuable assets for children in their future endeavours.

Wood Work

Students learn to turn wood into art through a step-by-step process in the wood workshop. This approach ensures that students receive a well-rounded education in wood work, covering all aspects of the craft from beginning to end. All students from Class 5 onwards use the well-equipped, professionally managed Wood Workshop.

Art

The Art Rooms in school serve as canvases where students paint their educational journey with colours of creativity, imagination, and self-expression. Students at Nalanda have the freedom to explore and experiment with various artistic mediums, techniques, and ideas.

Kitchen Garden

Kitchen gardening brings out two important skills in students – patience, as students wait for plants to grow, and problem-solving skills, as they address challenges like pests. Through hands-on engagement, children also learn about healthy eating habits and gain nutritional education. Gardening further encourages environmental awareness, instilling responsibility for conservation.





At Nalanda, music is an integral part of the curriculum to encourage children's creative expression, unlock their full potential, and set the stage for continuous learning and growth.

Events

Ensuring that fun remains fundamental to the educational journey, Nalanda organises various school events where students can showcase their talents. From celebrating festivals to organising cultural performances like dance and music recitals, folk arts, sports tournaments and social service initiatives, we engage students to create memorable experiences and excitement. We emphasise 100% participation in school events and activities.

Annual Concerts

The Nalanda annual school concerts are cherished for years to come. The process of brainstorming, practising, and performing in front of an audience instils lasting memories and confidence in our students.

Field Trips and Nature Camps

Nalanda arranges field trips every year to industries, blood banks, hospitals, banks, old-age homes, NGOs, temples and so on. These trips, which include academic or cultural activities, supplement classroom learning. They are more effective for students in learning and retaining. They also add a new, real-life dimension to the textbook curriculum. Students also attend Nature Camps where they live in tents or cottages; thereby providing the required life skills and attitudes.

Night Outs

It is more than just fun, thrill, and excitement when students stay at school for an entire day and night, peel vegetables, cook food (under supervision) and sleep under the stars. Staying away from home teaches them self-management and makes them more confident. Students at Nalanda look forward to this leisure time with friends and educators once a year.



ROLE OF THE PARENT

Parents as Partners

Nalanda believes in forging a close partnership with parents – one where they are informed about their child's syllabus, strengths, and areas of improvement. This collaboration enables an environment more conducive to holistic growth and development.

Career Counselling

The career counselling process at Nalanda helps students explore, evaluate, and make informed decisions about their career paths in consultation with parents. It encompasses various aspects such as assessing interests, skills, values, and personality traits, as well as exploring educational and occupational options.

Parents' Workshops

Parents are an integral part of the Nalanda fraternity. We do not remember them only during the start and end of an academic session; they are our constant companions, who support us in the crucial development of their child. The workshops organised by Nalanda help address parental concerns about academics.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Our Ambassadors to the World

Nalanda's global alumni network reflects the school's legacy, embodying our tradition of excellence and intellectual pursuit. These alumni are making their mark as successful professionals, entrepreneurs, and leaders in various industries. They stand as living testaments to the quality of education we provide and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Nalanda by serving as ambassadors and mentors, carrying forward the spirit of our school into the wider world.



My two major takeaways from Nalanda are curiosity and discipline. Nalanda introduces their students to many diverse activities, fields and competitions. For me, this ignited a passion for learning and exploring new options. Today, venturing into the unknown is exciting, not scary. This attitude has been a contributing factor in my fulfilling academic journey in the Netherlands as well as LSC, London. My fondest memory of school is the yearly Theatre competition - Abhivyakti. We put in a collective effort and ended up making a short play in Class 8, which turned out to be wonderful and passionate. We were always given space to express our creativity. Those were the days!

Meet Shah
Batch of 2017



Nalanda has played a pivotal role in shaping who I am today - the freedom provided to express ourselves, whether right or wrong; the encouragement to voice our opinions; our teachers acting as guides who would help us understand and navigate the nuances of our perspectives - are attributes that would stay with me always. The combination of the rigorous ICSE curriculum and the school's strong emphasis on co-curricular and extra-curricular activities taught us from a young age that there is no substitute for hard work. This lesson continues to be invaluable in my professional life, having pursued degrees in India and abroad in Law. Inter-house competitions were my favourite part of school, sometimes resulting in intense altercations even with closest friends. But once the competition ended, we'd go back to being friends! My fondest memory, without a doubt, is when we all lifted the Inter-House Championship Trophy for the first time for Jal House in December 2012!

Shivdutt Trivedi
Batch of 2014



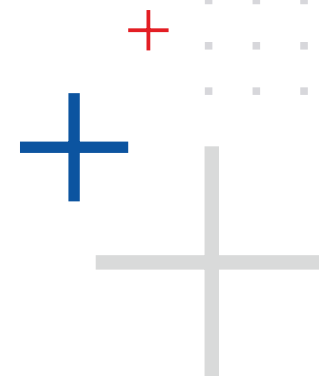
Nalanda has instilled in me a profound sense of discipline, encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone and explore all my talents. It has also emphasised the importance of setting clear goals and highlighted the value of interpersonal relationships. These values I hold dear even today as a chef and restaurant owner. While Nalanda has always been more academically focused, for me, it's always been the extracurricular activities that have given me the confidence to be myself. I was given many opportunities to perform on stage and would enjoy drama and role-play sessions.

Anoushka Arora
Batch of 2013



The people of Nalanda have always shown empathy and kindness towards me - essential (but easily forgettable) human attributes which I strive to replicate on a day-to-day basis. Whilst emphasising on academics and personal discipline in general, Nalanda ensured that I continuously pushed myself to explore new avenues, think out-of-the-box, be accountable and ethical and always be "on the journey of learning" - lessons that have immensely helped (and will continue to help) me professionally as a lawyer. When I think of Nalanda, I recollect and cherish the treasured memories I have with and of my friends and teachers. The pride and humility of serving on the Student Council, along with the unmatched thrill of participating in various sports and extracurricular activities, are unforgettable aspects of my experience.

Dhruv Patel
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