

BANANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.



A CAMBRIDGE BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
GRADES 1 -12

Chisamba, Lusaka.

www.bananischool.org



Introducing Banani School.

Banani School is a Baha'i Inspired School, which prides itself of its history of graduating young women who are known for the excellence of their character. While the school is guided by the Baha'i principles of the equality of men and women, the importance of education, the oneness of mankind and a commitment to service of one's community and fellow man, girls of all backgrounds are welcomed and indeed make up the majority of our students. Key to our success is an all-encompassing character development program which works with students, staff and families to build a firm foundation of dedication, determination, enthusiasm and integrity in all our girls. At Banani we believe that academic success must be underpinned by these and other virtues, if education is to be of value to the student and the world of humanity.

“I want a school for my daughter where she is valued and encouraged to strive for excellence in all things.”

At Banani we offer small class sizes in a safe rural environment, with a professional teaching staff and well-equipped classes and a full range of sporting facilities. Girls live together in grade based dorms, with a maximum of 2 students per room in grades 1 -9 and 3 per room in grades 10 – 13. Every Dorm has a 'mother' whose job it is to oversee the day to day well being of the girls, as well as a School Matron and Nurse who provide support and guidance to every student on a daily basis.

We follow the internationally accredited Cambridge Curriculum with a strong focus on the sciences and mathematics, enriched by a wide range of cocurricular activities including the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. Our students consistently gain the top bands of the IGCSE's and in 2019 our students achieved a92% pass at C grade or above and 80% of passes were B grade or above, making us one of the top achieving schools in Zambia.

From 2022 we will be offering AS and A levels to give even more options to students and a direct path to a wider range of international institutions. Over the last 25 years we have graduated over 550 students and have Alumni studying and working in a diverse range of fields all over the world including doctors, engineers, authors and entrepreneurs.

We invite you to find out more about the school and would be happy to answer any questions you may have or organize a tour in person or virtually.

School Fees and charges 2021 – All fees are charged in Kwacha and are not liable to change during the year. Fees also include all normal cocurricular activities including overnight excursions and Duke of Edinburgh trips.

Fees 2021	per Term ZMW	annual
Grades 1 – 4 Boarding*	ZMW 18,243	ZMW 54,729
Grade 5 – 7 Boarding IGCSE strand	ZMW 21,270	ZMW 63,810
Grade 8 – 9 Boarding IGCSE strand	ZMW 25,250	ZMW 75,750
Grade 10 – 12 Boarding IGCSE strand	ZMW 29,120	ZMW 87,360
Security Deposit (refundable on graduation of leaving with one terms notice).	ZMW 3,000	
Application Fees – All Grades		ZMW 150
Admission Fee – once off	ZMW 2,000	
Uniforms – Full set	ZMW 2,000	
OTHERS		
Book Levy – Annual Charge		ZMW 750
Building Levy – Annual charge		ZMW 2,000
Tuck Shop – Per term (optional)	ZMW 700 (maximum)	
End of Term Town Shuttle Lusaka	ZMW 250 per trip if required.	
End of Term Town Shuttle Ndola	ZMW 350 per trip if required.	
Duke of Edinburgh grades 10 -12 included in annual fee.		
Grade 8 & 9 National Parks excursions included in annual fee.		
Grade 7 overnight trip included in annual fee		
Day trips, most excursions and ISAZ events within Zambia included in annual fee		
* Grades 1 – 4 boarding participate in the ECZ curriculum and do not participate in ISAZ interschool sports events, but will participate in local interschool sports events. This fee also includes most extracurricular events/excursions.		

For more information and an application form contact the school on

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F.A.Q.s

1. What is the cut off mark for entry into Banani.

As we believe that education is a right for all students we base entry on a student's willingness to engage with her own learning and strive to live up to the Banani vision of developing excellence of character.

2. Why do you only take girls?

Banani School was established in 1993 in response to a lack of quality education for girls and while things have changed a great deal there is still a need for high quality education focused solely on the needs of young women.

3. Why do you focus on Science and Mathematics.

Banani's vision from its beginning was to give girls and young women the capacity to compete in fields they were frequently blocked out of for many reasons, including the assumption that girls were either not interested or not capable of achieving in them. Over the years our students have proved these assumptions false on many occasions and our graduates work in all fields of human endeavor.

4. As a boarding school how often do I get to see my child?

At Banani we run 3 terms per year from January to April, May to August and September to December. Between terms there are 4 weeks holiday and during term times there are at least 2 visiting Sundays where you are able to visit you daughter and spend the day with her. Grade 1 – 4 are able to enroll as fortnightly boarders if desired being picked up on Friday afternoons and returning to school Sunday afternoons. Students are also able to make Zoom calls on specified weekends if parents wish.

5. You say you are Baha'i Inspired. What does that mean and is my child required to be a Baha'i.

To be a Baha'i inspired school simply means that we base our values on Baha'i principles of equality, justice and unity. The Baha'i Faith has been present in Zambia since 1952 and during that time has been engaged in many social economic development projects aimed at increasing the wellbeing of all Zambians. Attendance at Banani does not require any student or staff member to be a Baha'i and all girls are welcome to practice their own faith and school events are always interfaith. Like any faith-based school students are expected to attend weekly devotional meetings, which are organized by the students and are multifaith in nature, and to attend important Baha'i celebrations but there is no expectation for them to become Baha'i, in fact a key teaching is that there should be no compunction in religion and Baha'is should consort with followers of all religions in a spirit of love and unity. Our students are encouraged to engage in prayer and reflection in whatever way they or their family prefer and we have students from a wide range of cultural and religious backgrounds living and studying together.

You can find out more information about the Baha'i faith at www.bahai.org or if you have any other questions you are free to contact the Principal directly on principal@bananischool.org