



SAFIA ABBASI SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES (2024-25)

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Safia Abbasi Scholarship

KIMS is thankful to the donors of Safia Abbasi Scholarship for a fully funded A Level programme at KIMS for deserving students with outstanding academic potential. Students enrolled in this programme will be taught along with other students at KIMS in the same classes who will be paying the full tuition fee.

The donor will cover the cost of the following on behalf of the students enrolled in this programme (terms and conditions apply):

- Tuition fee for the entire duration of the 2-year A Level programme
- Extra coaching to supplement school teaching and facilitate effective learning
- Tutorials for the development of soft skills
- 2 sets of uniform plus 1 blazer, 2 sweaters and 2 pairs of shoes per year
- Books, stationery and other resource materials (as found appropriate by the KIMS academic team)
- Transport (a shared facility with other students; pick & drop from main roads only)
- Hostel fee for out-of-city students (including boarding and lodging)
- Cambridge examination fee (not applicable for retake entries)
- SAT preparation and examination fee (one attempt only)
- Career counselling

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant demonstrates significant financial need, hindering his/her ability to pursue or continue education without support. Parents/guardians will be required to provide evidence of their income and assets. The scholarship team, consisting of representatives of KIMS as well as the donor, may visit the residence of the applicant to confirm their financial needs.
- The applicant exhibits a strong academic record, showing diligence and commitment towards studies. At least 7 A Grades in IGCSE/O Level including Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology (if Biology is studied at A Level) or 90% marks in Matric will be required.

- The applicant is recognized for good character, ethics and positive conduct in his/her educational institution and community. Regular attendance, adherence to deadlines, consistent good performance in class tests, quizzes, assignments and exams are some of the things expected of the applicant.
- The applicant shows a genuine desire and effort to improve through education and positively contribute to society.

Applications:

Along with the completely filled admission form, which is available online on our website (www.kims.edu.pk), and can also be acquired by visiting the school, the applicant should submit the following documents:

- Academic certificates
- Evidence of participation in any cocurricular activities
- Copy of B-Form / National Identity Card
- Copies of national identity cards of both parents
- FRC (Family Registration Certificate) with details of siblings, their education and fees etc. being paid for their education
- Copies of the last six months' utility bills of the residence of the applicant
- Ownership documents or rental deeds of the house/shop/office in use of the family of the applicant
- Bank statement for the last one year

Selection Process:

Shortlisted applicants will be required to appear for a written test and interview. Those who qualify this stage, i.e. written test and interview, may be expected to attend a 6-week long Foundation programme (to be held at KIMS during summer, preceding the beginning of formal classes in September). There will be an assessment at the end of this Foundation programme, including a written test and interview.

Please note that selection for the Foundation programme does not guarantee selection for the fully funded A Level programme.

The selection for the fully funded A Level programme will involve a holistic approach and be based on the following criteria:

For Matric Students:

- Matric Result: 70%
- Performance in the Foundation Programme i.e. formative assessment (class tests, assignments, attendance etc.): 15%
- Test and Interview i.e. summative assessment (after the Foundation programme): 15%

For O Level Students:

- O Level Result: 80%
- Test and Interview i.e. summative assessment (after the Foundation programme): 20%

O Level students may also be asked to attend the Foundation Programme that is actually meant for Matric students.

Subjects:

Students usually study 3 subjects at A Level. However, candidates in this programme will study 4 subjects, including 3 principal subjects and one language i.e. Urdu. Candidates can choose any of the following subject combinations for their 3 principal subjects:

- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics
- Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- Economics, Accounting, Mathematics

In exceptional cases, candidates may be allowed to take additional subjects, but they have to be from the list of the above-mentioned subjects. For example, candidates studying Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics may be allowed to study Computer Science as well. Similarly, those studying Physics, Chemistry and Biology may also be allowed to take Mathematics. The decision to allow additional subjects will be at the discretion of the KIMS academic team and the donor.

Assessments:

The first (internal) assessment will be based on the performance of the student throughout the first term i.e. September to December (attendance, discipline, class participation, performance in class tests and assignments etc.) and in the First Term exam. On the basis of this assessment (the performance in Urdu will be of limited value, as it is not a principal subject), students may be divided into three categories:

Category 1: Students scoring at least a B grade in all the principal subjects will be eligible to take Advanced Supplementary (AS) exams (external assessment) in these subjects in the summer exam series. On behalf of the donor, KIMS will be pleased to pay the Cambridge exam fee for these students. These students will also qualify for fully sponsored preparatory SAT classes, which will be held during the summer holidays.

Category 2: Students scoring at least a B grade in a few subjects and lower grades in others will be eligible to take the AS exam only in subjects in which they have scored at least a B grade. The exam entry fee for only the applicable subjects will be sponsored by the donor.

Category 3: Candidates scoring C or lower grades will not be allowed to take AS exams. However, they will continue to study in the programme and will take the promotion exams held at KIMS (internal assessment) in June of the 1st year instead.

Students of category 2 and 3 might be required to take AS revision classes in the summer holidays.

Promotion to the 2nd Year of the Programme:

The decision of promotion to the second year will be based on the overall performance and conduct of the students during the first year as well as their First Term exam, AS exams and/or promotion exam results. The criteria used for the determination of promotion grades is given below:

- AS / Promotion exam result: 70%
- First Term exam result: 15%
- Overall conduct of the students based on attendance, discipline, class participation, performance in class tests etc.: 15%

The following point-based system will be used for the decision to promote students to the 2nd year or remove them from the programme. Students scoring a minimum of 12 points will be promoted to the 2nd year, whereas those scoring less than 12 points will be removed from the programme.

Grades *	Points Awarded
A*	6
A	5
B	4
C	3
D	2
E	1
U	0

* The grade in A Level Urdu will not be considered for this point-based system. For students studying more than 3 principal subjects (e.g. Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics & Biology), the grades of only 3 subjects with better grades will be considered.

October/November Cambridge International Exam Series:

In exceptional cases, students may be allowed to take AS exams in the October/November exam series. Such a decision will be made by a committee consisting of members both from KIMS and the donor.

2nd Year Education:

While formal classes for the second year of A Level (A2) will begin in August, there may be some additional classes and tutorials in June and July for students needing reinforcement. These will be in addition to the routine tutorials and additional classes planned throughout the year, and will be particularly vital for students belonging to categories 2 and 3 mentioned above. These additional classes and tutorials will be at the discretion of the management, however, if held, attending them will be compulsory for students.

On the basis of the performance of the students in the First Term exams of the 2nd year and those taken previously, students will be awarded grades, using the following formula:

- 1st Year internal promotion exam and/or AS exam result: 60%
- 2nd Year First Term exam result: 30%
- Overall conduct of the students based on attendance, discipline, class participation, performance in class tests etc.: 10%

On the basis of this criteria, students will be divided into three categories:

Category 1: Students scoring B grades or above will be allowed to take the Cambridge exams of all A Level subjects in the summer exam series (2nd year) and their exam entries will be sponsored by the donor.

Category 2: Students scoring at least a B grade in some subjects will be allowed to appear only in those A Level subjects in the summer exam series. The Cambridge exam entry fee will be sponsored by the donor. For the remaining subjects, i.e. those in which they have scored lower than a B grade, they will take internal exams in June, and on the basis of their performance in this exam, their entries for Cambridge International exams can be sponsored for a future exam series.

Category 3: Students scoring C or lower grades will not be allowed to take A Level exams in the summer exam series. They will take internal exams in June, and on the basis of their performance in this exam, their exam entries for Cambridge International exams can be sponsored for a future exam series. They may also be allowed to repeat the 2nd year of A Level, which means, they would be completing A Level in 3 years.

Time Table for the 2024-26 Batch:

Submission of applications begins: May 2024

Deadline for applications: 30 June 2024

Tests and interviews: May/June 2024

Publication of the list of selected candidates for the Foundation programme: 5 July 2024

Foundation programme: 8 July to 16 August 2024

Assessment of the Foundation programme: 20 August 2024

List of selected candidates for the fully funded A Level programme: 23 August 2024

Start of A Level classes: 27 August 2024

1st Year First Term exams begin: 7 January 2025

Submission of Cambridge exam entries: January 2025

AS exams: May/June 2025

Promotion exam: June 2025

SAT preparation classes (only for category 1 students) OR AS revision classes (for category 2 and 3 students): 25 June to 01 August 2025

A2 classes begin: 05 August 2025

SAT: August or October 2025

AS Cambridge International Exams (for selected students): October/November 2025

2nd Year First Term exams: January 2026

Submission of Cambridge exam entries for A Level: January 2026

A Level Cambridge exams: May/June 2026

2-year Assessment for students not allowed to take A Level Cambridge exams: June 2026

Focal Person for the Programme:

All queries regarding this programme should be referred to:

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