



Middleton International School by EtonHouse will open a second campus for 1000 students in 2018

Singapore, December 2017 – Middleton International School (MIS) offers an affordable programme for expatriates in Singapore and will open a brand new campus in Tampines in May 2018, subject to regulatory approvals. The campus has a capacity of 1000 students.

Middleton is a part of the EtonHouse International Education Group and won the recent tender by Singapore Land Authority (SLA) and Economic Development Board (EDB) for the site located at 2 Tampines Street 92 S 528889. Previously, the site was occupied by ITE, Tampines and covers a land area of 291,996 square feet with a GFA of 154,208 square feet. The tender was launched on the 12th of October. The site consists of multiple classrooms of various sizes, 3 external hard courts and a field. The tender attracted applications from other international school providers in Singapore and elsewhere.

The MIS Tampines campus will offer levels from Nursery 2 to Grade 12 (3-18 years), thus offering a through train education pathway for international families. The pre-school will follow the EtonHouse Inquire-Think-Learn programme. The primary programme follows the Key Stages (UK Curriculum) for English and is inspired by Singapore MOE Mathematics, Science and Humanities. The programme is delivered in the context of the units of the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), which is the curriculum choice of international and national schools in over 1,800 schools in over 90 countries around the world.

The Middle School curriculum for grades 6 to 8 is specifically designed as a gateway, linking the in-depth knowledge, skills and understanding developed in the primary years to those in the intensive Cambridge IGCSE programme undertaken in grades 9 and 10.

In high school, MIS will offer the Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications.

The programme comes at affordable price points - the school fee for Primary (Grade 1 to 5) is \$15,000 per annum, the fee for Secondary (Grade 6-10) is \$17,250 and Grade 11 and 12 is \$19,837. These figures are all before GST. The fees are nearly half of that charged by other international schools in Singapore.

Middleton International School started in January 2017 with its first campus at Upper Bukit Timah in response to the strong demand for affordable international schools amongst expatriate parents. The campus very quickly reached full capacity and currently has a wait list in most levels.

The teaching staff consists of a mix of local and international teachers. This brings a diverse set of skills, competencies and experiences to the school. The new campus will also have a mix of local and international teachers and create more than 150 jobs over the years as it reaches its full capacity of 1000 students.

The environment will be a modern facility with a focus on design thinking and innovation to create learning spaces of the future. The school will also explore social issues such as environmental sustainability, to enhance social awareness and empower students to take on an active role. With outreach initiatives such as inter-school activities and events with the community, the school will focus on integration and collaboration with the local context to nurture social responsibility amongst students.

Mr. Ng Yi Xian, Executive Director of the EtonHouse International Education Group, who started Middleton in January this year shared his sentiments “It has been the realization of a dream, a passion I have nurtured over the years to make education affordable and accessible to everyone. It wasn’t easy given the high cost of operation for a private education provider. But we made it possible by developing economies of scale around our operations, sharing resources across our schools, running class sizes of 28 without compromising on the quality of education, outsourcing or collaborating with external vendors for sports facilities and hiring a mix of local and expatriate teachers. This new campus will make our programme even stronger with the wonderful sports and extra curricular facilities the campus has to offer. Given the overwhelming response to our first MIS campus where we were unable to accommodate all interested families, we are excited that the school in Tampines will enable us to expand our offering to meet the strong demand for good quality and affordable international education in Singapore”.

The school is accepting expressions of interest. Log on to www.middleton.edu.sg for more details.

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About EtonHouse

The EtonHouse International Education Group is headquartered in Singapore with more than 100 international schools spread across 12 countries.

Together these schools provide high quality education to over 12000 children globally. Over the last 22 years, EtonHouse has been at the forefront of international education offering innovative pre-schools and K-12 schools across Asia. In the early years, an inquiry based “Inquire-Think-Learn” curriculum, inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach is followed. EtonHouse International Schools offer the highly successful International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, the IGCSE qualification in the secondary level and IB Diploma in high school. The EtonHouse Group has won several accolades for its exemplary practice such as the “Outstanding Leader” and “Outstanding Teacher” awards conferred by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) in Singapore in 2011 and 2012. In 2014, the MSF presented EtonHouse with the “Outstanding Centre for Teaching and Learning” Award and the Early Childhood Innovation Award in 2015. The international IB K-12 school in Suzhou was voted as one of China’s best international schools by a research based firm founded by MIT Alumni.

The Group also works closely with the Government in Singapore and China. **In early 2014, EtonHouse was selected by the MSF in Singapore to be part of the Anchor Operator (AOP) Scheme to launch E-Bridge Pre-School**, providing high quality and affordable early childhood services for Singaporean families. EtonHouse schools in Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing were started at the invitation of the Jiangsu provincial government. **In late 2016, the EtonHouse Group launched Middleton International School**, an affordable schooling option for expatriate families.

To mark the 20th anniversary celebrations, EtonHouse launched an independent charity called the EtonHouse Community Fund to focus on improving lives of underprivileged children through education.

The Group is deeply committed to research and professional development and brought the first Reggio Children conference to Singapore. In 2013, EtonHouse became a member of the Reggio Children International Network and launched REACH (Reggio Emilia in Asia for children), the first organization to represent Reggio Children in Asia and continues to offer high quality professional development opportunities on a regular basis to further enhance its standards of practice.