

PRESS RELEASE



**EtonHouse International School at Orchard receives its IB Diploma Authorisation
Launches scholarship worth \$700,000**

Singapore, May 2020 – EtonHouse International School is officially an authorised International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Diploma Programme (IB DP) which is offered at the Orchard campus.

From August 2020, EtonHouse’s Year 12 students studying at Orchard will commence the IB DP, a widely recognised and respected programme by universities worldwide.

The authorisation of EtonHouse Orchard’s IB Diploma Programme brings the total number of IB World Schools at EtonHouse to 10. This is a significant milestone for EtonHouse’s 25th year anniversary. It also makes the Orchard campus the first in Singapore to be authorised to run the IB DP programme, 2 years since it commenced operations. EtonHouse Suzhou in China is the first EtonHouse campus in the group to offer the programme.

After the authorisation visit, IB representatives commented “It takes a village to educate a child. Your school lives that. We could see the bond, the passion, the community.”

They added that “The school leadership has led the process well. You have come a long way in a short period of time. The school is very much on the right track. It is really good for the school to have such an experienced Principal and IB Diploma Coordinator, with such strong IB backgrounds, leading the school.”

Along with the IB authorisation, EtonHouse will also be launching a scholarship scheme for the IGCSE and IB Diploma Programme. This will include a total of 10 scholarships including heritage scholarships for existing EtonHouse students to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Group.

The scholarship grant fully covers application fees, capital levy and school fees throughout the duration of the course. This amounts to an estimated \$37,000 per year for the IB DP and \$35,000 for the IGCSE over 2 years to be renewed on a yearly basis. It amounts to a scholarship grant of more than \$700,000.

To maintain the scholarship, students are expected to exhibit exemplary behaviour, maintain a minimum predicted grade A for Cambridge IGCSE or a minimum 6 per subject at IB Diploma. They should also actively contribute to the school and the immediate community.

EtonHouse Orchard’s IB DP candidacy period formally began in September 2018, shortly after the school opened in the same year. EtonHouse Orchard is currently a candidate school for the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP).

Mr. Ng Yi Xian, Executive Director of the EtonHouse Group said, “I am very proud of what the school has achieved in a very short span of time. We offer a unique and modern approach in the K12 pathway in collaboration with our students who have helped design the school. It is our vision to shape the future through education and we hope with the academic scholarships we will be able to

reach out to more students who will benefit from this education. The first IGCSE results have been promising and I have no doubt that the school will continue to excel with the IB authorisation now in place”.

The IB DP was established to provide students with a balanced education, facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and to promote international understanding. Due to its international focus, holistic approach to education, and rigorous standards, the IB Diploma continues to gain popularity with governments, universities, schools, students, and parents.

To learn more, log on to www.ehis.edu.sg or e-mail enquiry@etonhouse.com.sg

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About EtonHouse

The EtonHouse International Education Group is headquartered in Singapore with more than 120 international schools in 12 countries.

Together these schools provide high-quality education to over 12,000 children globally. Over the last 25 years, EtonHouse has been at the forefront of international education offering innovative preschools 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 and the IGCSE qualification in the secondary level, and the 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 firm based in Washington DC 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 2017, the EtonHouse Group launched Middleton International School (MIS), an affordable schooling option for expatriate families. In the following year, MIS expanded to a brand new campus at Tampines with a capacity of more than 1,000 students.

To mark its 20th anniversary of providing high-quality education, EtonHouse launched EtonHouse Community Fund, an independent charity to focus on improving lives of underprivileged children through education under the umbrella ‘EtonHouse Gives Back’.

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 organisation 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.