





*“The Academies are...  
a statement of great hope  
in the power of good education,  
and an investment in the development  
of the best minds who will enable  
future generations to take charge  
of their own destinies.”*

His Highness The Aga Khan, Maputo, Mozambique, 25 June 2004

## *The Aga Khan Academy Maputo*

The Aga Khan Academy Maputo is a non-profit school and part of a global network of day and residential schools. It provides exceptional students from all backgrounds across Mozambique and the world with an education of the highest international standard to prepare them for leadership, service and lifelong learning – and to succeed in a globally competitive world.

Admission to the Academy is based on merit, regardless of a student's socio-economic background or a family's ability to pay. Financial aid is available to enable access for students with demonstrated need. The Academy endeavours to meet the financial needs of each selected student.

The Academy is committed to excellence in all aspects of education. This commitment includes the academic and co-curricular programmes as well as the campus itself, which consists of state-of-the-art facilities. The Academy strives to create a balance between academic demands, sports, cultural activities and community life. Students are challenged to be intellectually inquisitive and socially conscious.



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## *History*

In 2000, His Highness the Aga Khan initiated the establishment of the Aga Khan Academies, an integrated network of schools committed to all-round excellence in education. The Academy in Maputo is the third campus, after Hyderabad (India) and Mombasa (Kenya), with Dhaka (Bangladesh) to open in August 2022. The Academies are part of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), which has been involved in education for over a century. Academy students and teachers enjoy opportunities for practical experience and learning enriched by the resources available to them through AKDN.



*Great teachers are the core of a great school more than any other factor.*



## *Academic Programme*

The Academy's curriculum is built on the framework of the International Baccalaureate (IB). The programme promotes academic rigour through themes designed to give students the skills to lead in their fields globally and locally by promoting international awareness, social responsibility, creativity and high ethical standards.

The Academy's programme is bilingual: English and Portuguese are both languages of instruction. In addition, students are encouraged to study a foreign language to develop their minds and foster an appreciation and respect for other nationalities, cultures and intellectual traditions. This is also strengthened through the Academies' Student Exchange Programme where Grade 9 students are offered the opportunity to spend a semester at another Academy in the network.

An Early Years programme at the Academy in Maputo welcomes children aged 3 to 5 years. It lays the foundations for a happy, balanced and healthy life, helping girls and boys from a young age to relate to others and manage life's ups and downs – and embrace new ideas and cultures.



*Students have the encouragement and space for reaching their potential, both in and out of the classroom.*



## *Faculty*

A talented, experienced and diverse team of educators has been selected from a global pool, including Mozambican nationals, some with international experience. A distinguishing feature of each Academy is its Professional Development Centre (PDC). Each PDC identifies and develops teachers – of the highest quality – who are committed to both the all-round development of young people and to their own professional growth.

The PDC at the Academy in Maputo was established in 2010 before the Academy opened and is in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Human Development in Mozambique, strengthening the Academy's commitment to supporting excellence in teaching.

Since beginning, the Academy's PDC has been collaborating with 16 public primary schools in Maputo to share best teaching practices with over 1,300 external educators. An 18-month Teacher Preparation Programme is also offered by the Academy, supporting local teachers to become certified International Baccalaureate teachers, with many joining the Academy community after graduating.



*The Academies are also committed to improving teaching practices and standards in the areas where they are situated.*



## *Residential Life*

On-campus living at the Academy complements and extends the academic experience. It includes a broad selection of activities and leadership opportunities to enhance students' learning and growth.

Students form bonds and friendships with roommates, peers, dorm parents and other faculty and staff from around the world, including Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Syria, Iran and more, deepening their overall growth and experience.

## *Student Life and Leadership*

The academic curriculum is complemented by artistic and cultural activities as well as athletic and community service initiatives. Through collaborating with community partners, students have engaged in various service projects, ranging from beach clean-ups and developing numeracy, literacy and technology based projects with partner schools. Students have also applied their knowledge of science to create a sustainable organic garden for their school community, with the aim of making the school self-sustaining.





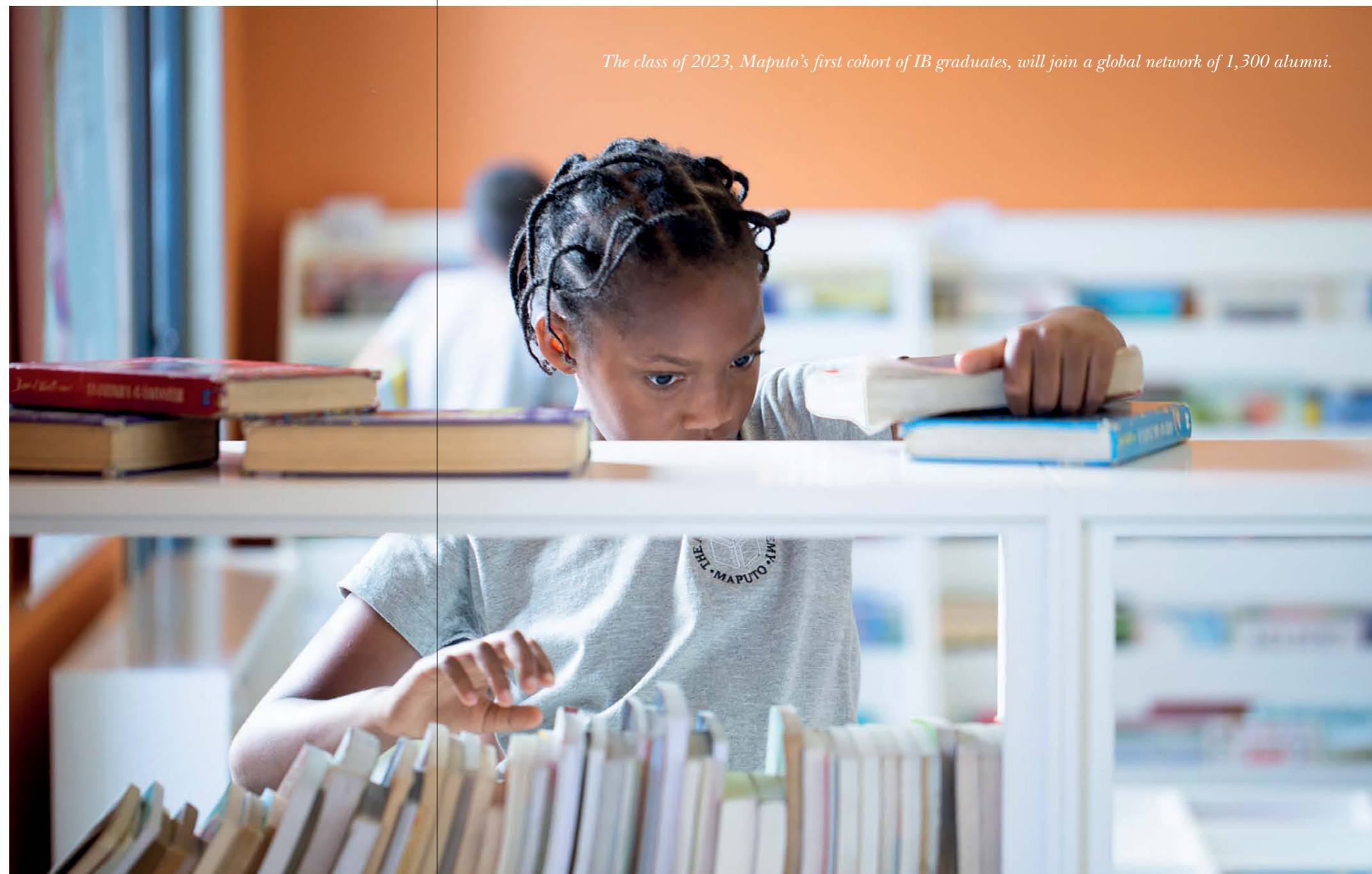
## Graduates

The Academies aim to create ethical leaders who have a strong sense of civic responsibility and who will go on to the best universities in the world and pursue careers of their choice. With multilingual abilities, they will move fluidly within both global and local contexts. They will become leaders in the governments and institutions of civil society in their own countries, in international organisations and in academic, economic and artistic institutions that create positive change in our world.

Between 2016 and 2021, universities awarded Academy students over US\$ 63 million in scholarships. In addition, the Academies have partnerships with universities, enabling students to benefit from scholarships and summer programmes. Partners include the University of Northern British Columbia, Concordia University, Ryerson University, the University of Victoria, Huron University and the University of Alberta.

The Aga Khan Academy Maputo will graduate its first International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme class in 2023. Graduates will join a network of over 1,300 alumni who not only keep in touch with their peers and teachers but engage in various professional and mentorship programmes for alumni and current students to help them become leaders within their own communities and beyond.

*The class of 2023, Maputo's first cohort of IB graduates, will join a global network of 1,300 alumni.*







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