



Columbia Academy
VANCOUVER, CANADA



Columbia Academy is the only independent K-12 school in downtown Vancouver

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Principal's Message

Here at Columbia Academy we strive to provide a school where holding a high standard in education is paired with both a healthy environment and an enthusiastic school community. It is with this foundation that we are able to help students enter into the top ranked universities in Canada.



Our mission is to have each and every student see the world full of opportunities and live a successful, happy life after being a part of Columbia Academy. This mission reflects our belief that academic success is not the only thing students should cultivate at school. By engaging students with our school values of communication, happiness, compassion, integrity, responsibility, and resilience, we hope to prepare them to be leaders of tomorrow who love to give back to the community around them.

Our school offers a wide range of professional services in order to aid students in the goal of reaching top universities. Our small classroom setting creates an atmosphere that fosters student learning, and our teachers, staff, counselors, and administrators are professionals committed to seeing students reach their desired path. Beyond in-school learning, we also provide students with a variety of volunteer opportunities that allow them to know more about the local culture of Vancouver. These elements, together with our unique individual course planning service, make the dream of entering top universities a realistic goal for each student at Columbia Academy.

I extend my warmest welcome to you from all the staff of Columbia Academy. Our programs are designed to support individual learning styles and provide students with a rewarding educational experience. We are here to help enrich your learning experience, to provide you with a holistic education, and to support you in reaching all of your goals.

Sincerely,

Mark Jefferson

B.Ed. (UBC), M.Ed. (UBC), B.A. (UBC)

Principal, Columbia Academy

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self-discipline I self-improvement I volunteering I gratitude and happiness**



About Us

Founded in 2014 and situated in downtown Vancouver, Columbia Academy is celebrated for its dedication to academic excellence and holistic student development. Accredited by the BC Ministry of Education, our K-12 program emphasizes volunteer work, charitable activities, extracurricular clubs, and competitive events. Within our supportive environment, we inspire students to face challenges with resilience and empathy, fostering their success across academic, social, and emotional dimensions.



Our Values



Communication

A willingness to communicate with others, to have an open heart to communication, and to be willing to take suggestions and advice.



Compassion

Learn to be grateful, understand gratitude. Respect, care, and do our best to help others.



Resilience

Become someone with social and emotional resilience. Quickly rise from setbacks, maintaining a positive, proactive attitude and energy.



Responsibility

To be responsible for ourselves, others, and for society in both work and private life.



Happiness

Happiness is a habit. Maintaining positive energy and a optimistic mindset brings joy to those around us.



Integrity

To be a well-developed person who chooses to do the right thing in their personal and professional lives.

Our Statistic

100%

University Acceptance

90%

Accepted by World's Top 50 University

20+

Nationalities

Educational Mandate

The school's mission is to provide students with a loving, learning environment, with a primary focus on teaching them how to love and help others. The school exclusively offers the Happiness Education course, originating from Harvard University, which is also recognized by the BC Ministry of Education for credit. The course aims to teach students how to communicate, accept love, and spread love.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Excellent Academic Curriculum:** Offer a wide and in-depth curriculum covering various fields such as mathematics, science, humanities, arts, aiming to cultivate students' comprehensive qualities and academic abilities while meeting the requirements for admission to prestigious universities.
- **Rigorous Academic Assessment:** Implements regular exams and assessments to monitor and ensure academic progress and effectiveness.
- **Competitive Opportunities:** Facilitates participation in national and international competitions in mathematics, writing, and public speaking, with a history of outstanding results.
- **AP Courses:** Official AP exam center providing a range of AP courses for advanced academic preparation.
- **Focus on English Proficiency:** Emphasizes English writing and reading through daily assignments to improve proficiency.
- **Small Class Sizes:** Ensures personalized instruction and support for comprehensive student development.
- **Experienced Teaching Team:** Dedicated to delivering expert knowledge while nurturing student interests and innovation.
- **Personalized Tutoring:** Provides daily after-class assistance before and after regular classes for additional academic support.
- **School-Home Collaboration:** Maintains strong communication with parents to support student growth and development comprehensively. Monitors students' grades and attendance in real time for timely oversight and intervention.
- **Pathway to Top Universities:** Committed to preparing students for admission to world-renowned universities, including those in the top 50 globally.





Why Columbia Academy High School?

University Planning

Personalized university planning to help you reach your dream universities.

Scholarship

School scholarships to recognize students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to their academic work and volunteering.

Happiness Course

Adapted from the Harvard University curriculum to promote a happier life for students.

University Acceptance:



Canada

- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Queen's University
- Alberta University
- Western University
- Simon Fraser University
- Waterloo University
- University of Victoria



United States of America

- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- New York University (NYU)



United Kingdom

- London School of Economics and Political Science
- University College London
- King's College London



Diverse Extra-Curricular Offerings

Volunteer Opportunities

Students have volunteered hundreds of hours of community service with local charities.

Math Competition

A teacher-led math competition club is held every week to help students prepare for national and international math competitions.

Club Activities

Music / Peer- tutoring/
Volunteering/Application Class/ Student Council / Football/ Dance/ Math competition / Newsletter letter club and many more.

School Events

Summer cruise / trips to Cypress Mountain / Christmas dinner / Talent Show / Museum and Art Galley visits / International Culture Day and many more.

OUR SERVICES

Homestay Service

Living with a host family is a great way to immerse yourself in Canadian life. Students needing homestay services must apply at least three weeks prior, complete the form in detail, and submit it to the school for host family arrangements.

After school tutoring

Free tutoring and assistance are provided by teachers for students both before the first class and after the last class each day.

Custodianship Service

In compliance with British Columbia law, any minor under the age of 19 living in the province must be under the care of their parents or legal guardians. If guardians are not available, we will assist you in finding suitable legal guardians.

MSP/ Private Insurance

All international students studying in Canada are required to have either private medical insurance or valid MSP government-provided medical coverage during their stay.



Our Programs

**In CA high school is divided into two parts:
8th to 9th grade & 10th to 12th grade.**

Each grade level requires students to take 8 courses.

**Students in 8th to 9th grade are required to take the
following courses.**

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical and Health Education (PE)
- Music Education
- Career Education
- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies
- Second Language

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Grade 10-12

The high school curriculum in CA is specifically designed to prepare students for admission to prestigious universities. It not only meets the graduation requirements of British Columbia but also aligns with the admission criteria of various top universities. Students are required to take specific subjects to meet the academic requirements of their desired universities.

REQUIRED COURSES

- English 10
- Mathematics 10
- Social Studies 10
- Science 10
- Physical and Health
- Education 10
- Career Life Education 10
- Arts and Applied Skill 10
- English Language Arts 11
- English First People 11
- Social Studies 11
- Pre-calculus 11
- Physics 11
- Chemistry 11
- Anatomy and Physiology 11
- BA Personal Awareness 12
- English Studies 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Career Life Connections 12

ELECTIVES

- Calculus 12
- Foreign Language 12
- Anatomy and Physiology 12
- Chemistry 12
- Physics 12
- Economics 12
- 20th Century World History 12
- Human Geography 12
- AP Statistics
- AP World History
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP Calculus
- AP Chemistry
- AP United States History

Columbia Academy is fully bonded and certified by the British Columbia Ministry of Education, which guarantees protection to students under regulations of the British Columbia Ministry of Education.

Please visit the school website at www.ColumbiaAcademy.ca for Columbia Academy's full details regarding school bonding and refund policy.



Admission Process

Step 1: Submission of an Official Transcripts

Students must submit report cards or an official transcript spanning the last two years.

Step 2: Interviews

Applicants need to have an interview with the admissions officer of CA. International students need to send a self-introduction video to the school.

Step 3: Applying

To submit an application to CA and pay the registration fee, if the student is under the age of nineteen, the application form must be filled out by parents or legal guardians. When completing the application form, please indicate the university and major you intend to apply for.

Step 4: Paying tuition fee

After receiving the tuition payment notice, students are required to pay tuition fees and related charges.

Step 5: Letter of Acceptance

After reviewing the students' application documents, the school will issue a letter acceptance letters to qualified students.

Step 6: Applying for Visa

Once the school receives the tuition fees, it will issue a formal letter of acceptance along with a receipt for the tuition payment, which students can use to apply for a student visa.

Step 7: English proficiency test

Upon arrival at the school, students will participate in an entrance English proficiency test. Course placement will be determined based on the results of the English proficiency test.

Mathematics Competitions

The school has a long-standing practice of preparing and guiding students for national and international competitions in mathematics competitions. Our students consistently excel in these competitions, which significantly enhances their college applications.

Power Round Honorable Mention (Top 25%)

- 010 The Calculus Crusaders
- 011 Square
- 014 PHS Team
- 017 ASDAN 25
- 028 MMS Team
- 029 mixed
- 034 explosive vegetables
- 037 Utah Canyonlands
- 044 Harker Delta
- 048 AC Matrix
- 049 Columbia Academy
- 050 ASDAN 12
- 060 AMSE Warriors2
- 061 IS Sailing Group

The CA team achieved excellent results, ranking in the top 25% globally at the Stanford International Mathematics Competition, which had representatives from over 300 schools worldwide.

Best in Grade 12 or Cégep

Gold Award:	Kiran Sun St. George's School, (Vancouver, BC)
Silver Award:	Tristan Yan-Klassen Eric Hamber Secondary, (Vancouver, BC)
Bronze Award:	Elvis Chen Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)



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Gold Award:	Tristan Yan-Klassen Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Silver Award:	Anthony Lu Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Bronze Award:	Jason Huang Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Honourable Mentions:	Elvis Chen Columbia Academy, Vancouver, BC Illia Namin Columbia Academy, Vancouver, BC

Our student, Elvis, achieved an outstanding result, ranking in the top three nationally in the Canadian Open Mathematical Challenge and Canadian Lynx Mathematical Competition.

Best in Grade 11

Gold Award:	Kaden Zhu Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Silver Award:	Eilia Keshavarzi Columbia Academy, Vancouver, BC
Bronze Award:	Audrey Wei Crofton House School, Vancouver, BC
Honourable Mentions:	Celeste Cao Crofton House School, Vancouver, BC

Along with Elvis, our grade 11 students Eilia and Illia achieved excellent results, ranking in the top five nationally in the Canadian Lynx Mathematical Competition.

UBC Competitions



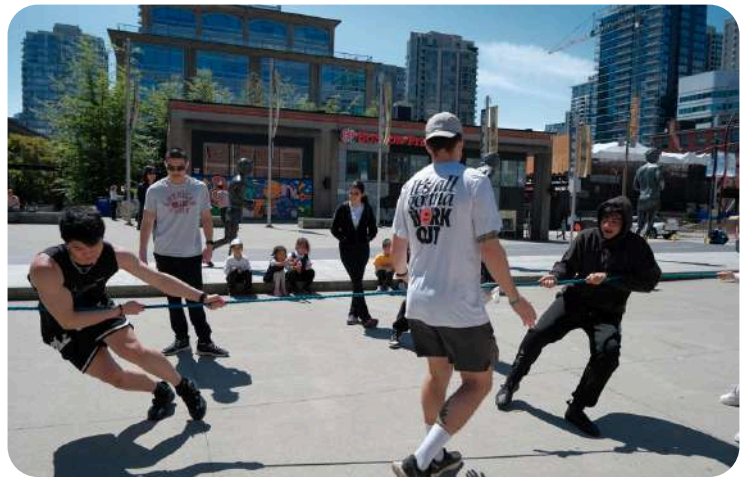
CA students participate in competitions at UBC and achieve success, including 2023 when the school came second in the project competition.

Teachers establish debate and public speaking clubs for students, helping them improve their speaking skills and leading them to participate in UBC debate and public speaking competitions.



SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Large Dining Hall: Featuring a spacious dining area, offering students a pleasant dining environment.
- Music Room: Offers space for music learning and practice, equipped with musical instruments and equipment.
- Library: Rich library resources supporting students' reading and research.
- First Aid Room: Equipped with professional medical facilities and First-Aid trained personnel, ensuring students' health and safety.



PHYSICAL FITNESS TRAINING AND SPORTS FACILITIES

We prioritize students' physical fitness training and provide professional sports teachers along with high-quality sports facilities, including:

- ✓ **Large Dance Studio:** We provide our students with a spacious dancing room that supports physical training, yoga, dance, and martial arts activities.
- ✓ **Outdoor Plaza:** The school features a spacious outdoor plaza that offers students a dedicated area for relaxation and physical activities. This expansive plaza in front of the school is perfect for engaging in skipping rope, physical training, and badminton activities.
- ✓ **Nearby Professional Sports Facilities:** The area around the school is equipped with several professional courts for basketball, soccer, and tennis, allowing students to actively engage in various sports and events.
- ✓ **The school hosts two major sporting events each year,** featuring a wide range of athletic activities.
- ✓ **Students will engage in a 15-minute group exercise** each day after the second-period class to improve physical fitness and encourage health.



CREATIVE ARTS & MUSIC

- **Multiple Instrument Learning**

In grades 8-9, students learn to play two instruments, including the ukulele, guitar, and piano. The school offers a high-quality environment for music education, with professional music classrooms with dedicated music teachers and grand pianos.

- **Vocal Training and Choir**

Our professional music teachers provide guidance in instrumental and vocal training and organize choir. This helps to nurture musical talent and expressiveness, offering students a platform for performance.

- **Dance and Performance Courses**

The school offers dance and performance courses as part of its extracurricular activities to enhance artistic skills and cultivate a strong foundation in the arts.

- **Charity Performances**

Students are given numerous opportunities to participate in charity performances, fostering a sense of philanthropy and raising social awareness.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The school has a long-standing tradition of involving students in various charitable activities to nurture their sense of social responsibility and philanthropy. Over the years, we have initiated numerous charity projects and humbled by the gratitude received. Our projects have included building schools in Uganda, donating during the COVID pandemic, contributing to earthquake relief efforts in Turkey, fundraising for the Lytton town fire, making annual donations to the Canadian Legion's Poppy Appeal, participating in the Terry Fox Run, and providing food donations to the Food Bank. Through these efforts, we aim to instill in our students a deep commitment to caring for others and giving back to society. Additionally, the school actively encourages students to engage in charity work and support the local community. We have built a school in Africa free of charge, improving educational opportunities for local students. During the COVID pandemic, students raised CAD 5,900, which was donated to the local St. Paul's Foundation to aid in the fight against the pandemic.



A Classrooms For Africa Project
Hope Junior School
Lugazi District, Uganda
2019
Classroom constructed with funds provided by
Columbia Academy
Vancouver, Canada



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Alongside its strong academic focus, CA also places great importance on student volunteer activities. The school has dedicated teachers who organize and coordinate various high-quality volunteer opportunities for students.

Students actively engage in numerous large-scale volunteer events in Vancouver, including the annual Canada Day celebrations, the Children's Marathon, the Vancouver International Children's Festival, the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, the Vancouver Marathon, the Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival, the Vancouver Music Festival, the Christmas Parade, traditional Christmas tree sales, and more.



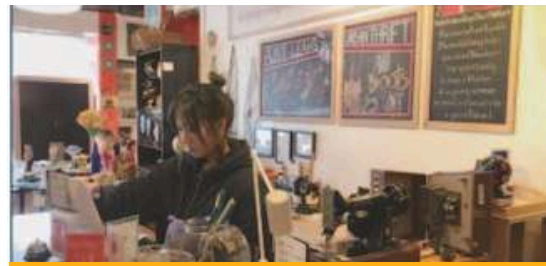
CA students volunteered at the Canada 150th Anniversary celebrations in Canada.



CA students volunteered at the Greater Vancouver food bank.



CA students volunteered for fundraising event on St. Patrick's Day.



A student volunteers at Aunt Leah's charity organization.



CA students volunteered at the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival.



CA students volunteered at the Vancouver Marathon.

CLUBS

The school encourages all students to create their own clubs based on their interests and hobbies. Student-created clubs include: business clubs, outdoor activity clubs, basketball clubs, charity clubs, mutual aid clubs, environmental clubs, dance clubs, drama clubs, music clubs, and more. Teachers also establish various clubs for students, including: debate clubs, volunteer clubs, math competition clubs, after-school tutoring clubs, guitar clubs, psychological counseling clubs and meditation clubs.



Meditation Club



Fitness Club



Music Club



Basketball Club



Volunteer Club



Peer Tutoring Club

SCHOOL EVENTS



Building a sense of community is vital to us at Columbia Academy. We offer a diverse range of events to enrich students' academic experiences and add excitement to their school life. Our events are tailored to the seasons. Throughout the year, teachers arrange field trips to cultural events and other notable destinations. Some events we have done in the past include: ski trips, boat cruise, Christmas Eve's dinner, Sports Day, International Culture Day.



PAST GRADUATES



Aaron

Canada

Accepted by the University of California, Berkeley, University College London, University of Toronto UTSG

I would like to say thank you to all the teachers and staff at CA for everything you've done for me. Thank you for the opportunities you've given me and for all the assistance you've provided me with throughout my journey to my dream university.



Raha P.

Iran

Accepted by the University of Toronto (\$100,000 Scholarship), UBC, UC Davis, UC San Diego

Thank you, CA, for providing me with this unforgettable opportunity and allowing me to meet such exceptional individuals during my learning journey. I will cherish this experience greatly. Since coming to CA, I have become more responsible, reliable, and determined. I have realized that life is not just about textbooks; maintaining a balance between personal life and academics is crucial.



Ali

Vietnam

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, University of Waterloo

Since I arrived in Canada, CA has been my second home. I have had many wonderful memories over the past two years, and CA has also shaped who I am today! I will miss you so much, CA! I wish you all the best, CA. Love you, CA.



Jenny

China

Accepted by the University of Toronto, UBC, Western University, Simon Fraser University, Parsons School of Design, School of Art Institution of Chicago and received over \$100,000 in scholarships.

From China to Canada, a flight of over 10 hours carries dreams and futures. During my two years at CA, I have experienced confusion and setbacks, but my ideals and beliefs have made me stronger. I am grateful for the companionship and support of teachers along the way, and for everything that has made me a better person. The journey continues, and I will never forget my original aspirations.



Yog

Italy

Accepted by the University of Toronto

CA has everything international students hope for: caring teachers, counselors, and classmates. Despite coming from different countries with different cultures and backgrounds, I was able to integrate well and quickly participate in various activities.



Jason

Canada

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Western University, and Simon Fraser University.

I have spent nearly two years of my academic life at CA, which has been a cradle of learning where everyone strives for their future. Here, I have grown a lot and have received offers from the universities of my dreams. The harder I work, the luckier I become. I wish everyone a bright future.



Anita

China

Accepted by the University College London, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia

During my time at CA, I have enjoyed delightful moments of learning. I am extremely grateful for the help, encouragement, and support from the teachers and friends who have accompanied me along the way. Without their encouragement and support, I wouldn't be who I am today, and I will always be thankful. Thank you, CA!



Jenny

France

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Western University

Thank you, CA, for introducing me to more lovely friends, helping me achieve better grades, and having a brighter future. You have given me a fulfilling and perfect conclusion to my study life in Vancouver as an international student.



Ashkan J.

Iran

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of Alberta

Since enrolling in CA, I have undergone a significant shift in my attitude towards interpersonal relationships. As an international student, I consider this transformation highly beneficial and it has become a valuable asset to me. I would like to express my gratitude to CA. I love CA, and I will miss CA!



Stephanie

Canada

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Queen's University, Western University, Simon Fraser University

The learning journey at CA has helped me discover the areas I am passionate about and skilled in. With the support of my teachers, I was able to unleash my full potential and gain admission to my ideal university.



Gina

China

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, Western University and received a generous scholarship

In the three years since coming to Canada, I have witnessed CA's development, and CA has witnessed my growth. These years of academic life have benefited me greatly and have contributed to who I am today. My achievements would not have been possible without the guidance of teachers and the help of classmates. Thank you, CA!

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(Elementary School)

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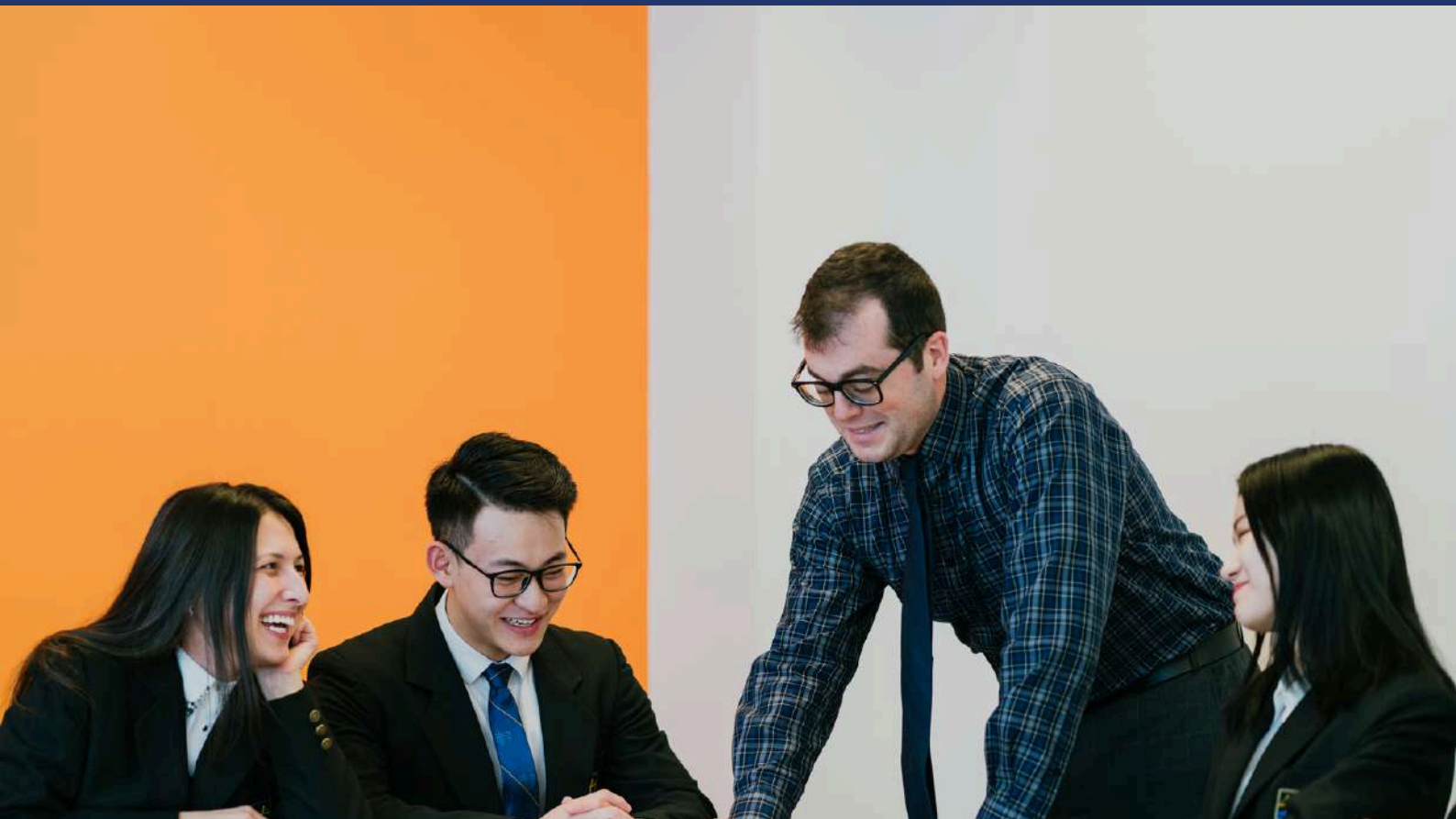
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