



The Elmina School
ELMINA · GHANA

OPENING SEPTEMBER 2028



The teaching courtyard, design visualisation

CAMBRIDGE IGCSE AND A-LEVEL · CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING · YEARS 7 TO 13

A Cambridge education, rooted in Africa.

A bilingual boarding school on Ghana's Central Region coast, for West Africa's most able students and the families of the diaspora.

What sets The Elmina School apart.

A rigorous Cambridge education, enriched by Pan-African studies, enterprise and leadership, on a campus designed to draw out the best in every student.

Bilingualism, lived daily

With classmates and housemates from across Anglophone and Francophone Africa, English and French are part of daily life, well beyond the classroom. Every student is required to reach B2 in both languages, with French certified through the international DELF.

Leaders and builders

Mentorship, internships and service in the early years; a leadership lab, venture incubator and robotics, AI and engineering studio in the senior years, culminating in a capstone that answers a real regional need.

A campus of rare beauty

Twenty-five landscaped acres of lawns, mature trees and gardens, with tropical-modernist architecture by HEPTA on a plan inspired by traditional Akan settlements.

A place of meaning

Minutes from the castle and its Door of No Return, Elmina offers every student a living lesson in history, and a part in writing its next chapter.

A Cambridge education, rooted in Africa

Cambridge IGCSE and A-Level, examined in the United Kingdom and recognised by leading universities worldwide, enriched by the study of African history, Pan-African thought, enterprise and leadership.

Proven leadership

Led by an educator of nearly three decades at SOS-Hermann Gmeiner International College and the African Leadership Academy, where he served as Deputy Principal, and a 2023 recipient of the Yale Educator Award.

Wellbeing at the centre

Separate boarding houses with resident staff, on-site medical care and counselling, and fresh, wholesome meals prepared daily, much of it organic and drawn from the school's own gardens.

Open to exceptional talent

The Elmina School Endowment Fund will offer full and partial scholarships to bright students from families of limited means, so that ability, not circumstance, decides who may attend.



A chemistry lesson, design visualisation

LEARNING

Rigour, breadth and a sense of purpose.

STAGE	YEARS	QUALIFICATION
Lower and middle school	7 to 11	Cambridge IGCSE
Sixth Form	12 and 13	Cambridge International A-Level

ACADEMIC CORE

Sciences, mathematics and languages with a strong STEM core, and arts, sport and culture carrying equal weight.

AFRICA IN THE CURRICULUM

African history and Pan-African thought, taught alongside Cambridge, so students understand where they come from and what they can build.

UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

Structured guidance toward leading universities in Africa, Europe and North America, from the first year of Sixth Form.

THE BILINGUAL STANDARD

Every student graduates at CEFR B2 or above in both English and French, building to B1 in the foundation years and consolidating at B2 in the senior years, with optional C1 tracks. Students arriving with less French join a Bridge programme. French is certified through DELF and DALF.



Evening prep in a boarding house, design visualisation

BOARDING LIFE

A community before it is a campus.

Boarding is the heart of the school. Students share houses, tables and teams with peers from across the continent, and learn to live well together.

HOUSES

Separate boarding houses for girls and boys, each with resident house parents and staff.

TABLE

Fresh, wholesome meals cooked daily, much of it organic, with herbs and produce from the school's own kitchen gardens.

CARE

An on-site infirmary from opening, with counselling and pastoral support built into every house.

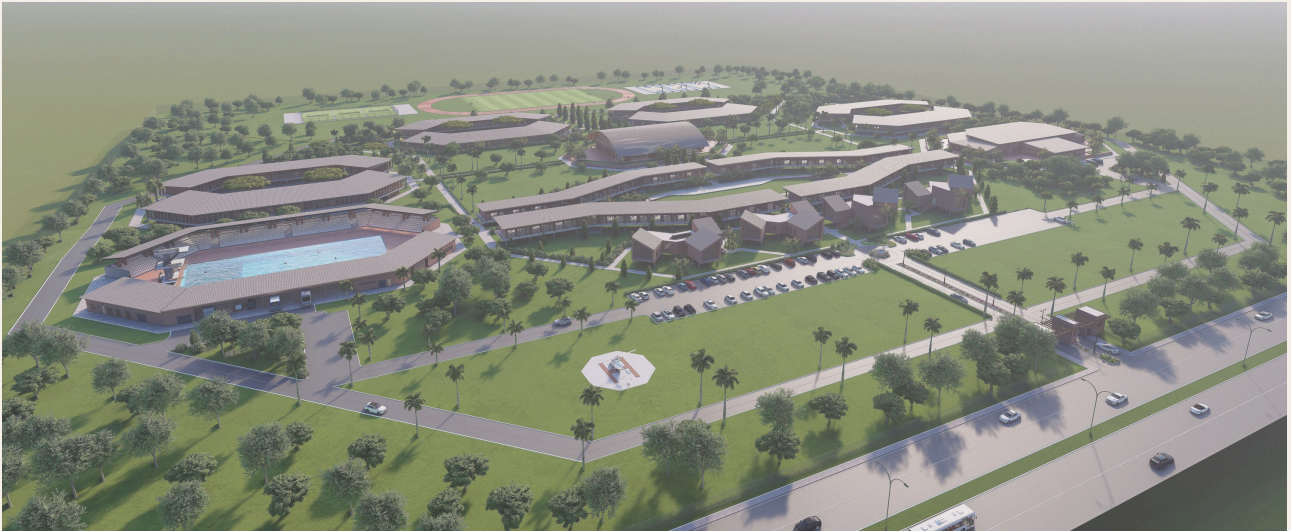
LIFE BEYOND LESSONS

Sport, music, drama, clubs and service, with weekends that use the coast, the castle and the region as a classroom.

THE CAMPUS

Designed in full, built as the school grows.

HEPTA's tropical-modernist campus uses load-bearing brick, timber screens and deep roofs, with buildings lifted for air and shade. The full campus is designed now and built in phases, so every stage opens complete in its own right.



The full campus from the air, HEPTA design visualisation

AT OPENING

Teaching block with fitted science and ICT laboratories

Two boarding houses

Kitchen, infirmary and academic offices

Sports field

Solar energy centre, water and services

AS THE SCHOOL GROWS

Dining hall seating the whole school together

Library, purpose-built laboratories and Sixth Form block

Further boarding houses and a sanatorium

25-metre six-lane pool

Athletics track, courts, and a multipurpose hall and auditorium

THE PLACE

An education with a story behind it.

The school stands at Ayensudo, on the coastal highway between Cape Coast and Takoradi, ten minutes from Elmina Castle and its Door of No Return. It is the founding institution of The Elmina Village, a 150-acre community planned around learning.



The Return Monument in The Elmina Village, design visualisation

GETTING HERE

TIME

Cape Coast ~20 min by road

Takoradi ~30 min by road

Accra, Kotoka International ~2.5 h by road

Abidjan / Lagos ~45 min / ~1 h by air

STUDENTS FROM

Ghana, Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire first, then Senegal, and families of the African diaspora worldwide.

NEARBY

The University of Cape Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a coast rich in history, all within half an hour.



Campus buildings in brick and timber, design visualisation

ADMISSIONS

Join the founding years.

ENTRY POINTS

Year 7, and Year 12 for the Sixth Form.

OPENING

September 2028, with founding families registering interest now.

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Details on request. Full and partial scholarships will be offered through the Endowment Fund.

Register your interest at elminadevpartners.com
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