

School Prospectus

COURAGE. CREATIVITY. COMMUNITY



The
Dow
 Academy
Re Diteemane

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Dow Academy (formerly Raserura English Medium Schools) is building on a solid **25-year foundation** of successful teaching and curriculum delivery leading to the successful completion of the Primary School Leaving Certificate and the Cambridge Certificate. Located in Mochudi, Botswana, The Dow Academy (TDA) is the only private primary and secondary school in the Mochudi village.

At TDA, we believe in the **transformative power of accessible quality education**. We are busy evolving our school to create innovative and unique learning and growth experiences for our learners and teachers through what we call **The Dow Academy Difference**.

The Dow Academy Difference is about collaborating with our local and global partners to design creative learning spaces and experiences that prepare our learners **to take the lead in their learning journeys**. -Cheshe Dow (CEO)



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

25

MISSION

Growing problem solvers.

VISION

Reimagining education to nurture well-rounded global citizens who build sustainable communities.

The Dow Academy Difference

1. Global Partnerships
2. Dow Academy Fellowship
3. *Cambridge+*
4. The Dow Academy Equality Institute



TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIO

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Curriculum

We prepare and equip our learners for the successful completion of the

- ❖ Primary School Leavers Certificate (PSLE) and
- ❖ The Cambridge International General Certificate in Education (IGCSE).

We have a 100% pass rate in PSLE and in 2018, 93% of our IGCSE graduates were eligible for tertiary admission.

“We are nurturing a community of creative learners with the courage to contribute to sustainable community building.”

-Chairperson of the Board

1. Global Partnerships: *Collapsing classroom walls to situate learning and teaching in the world*

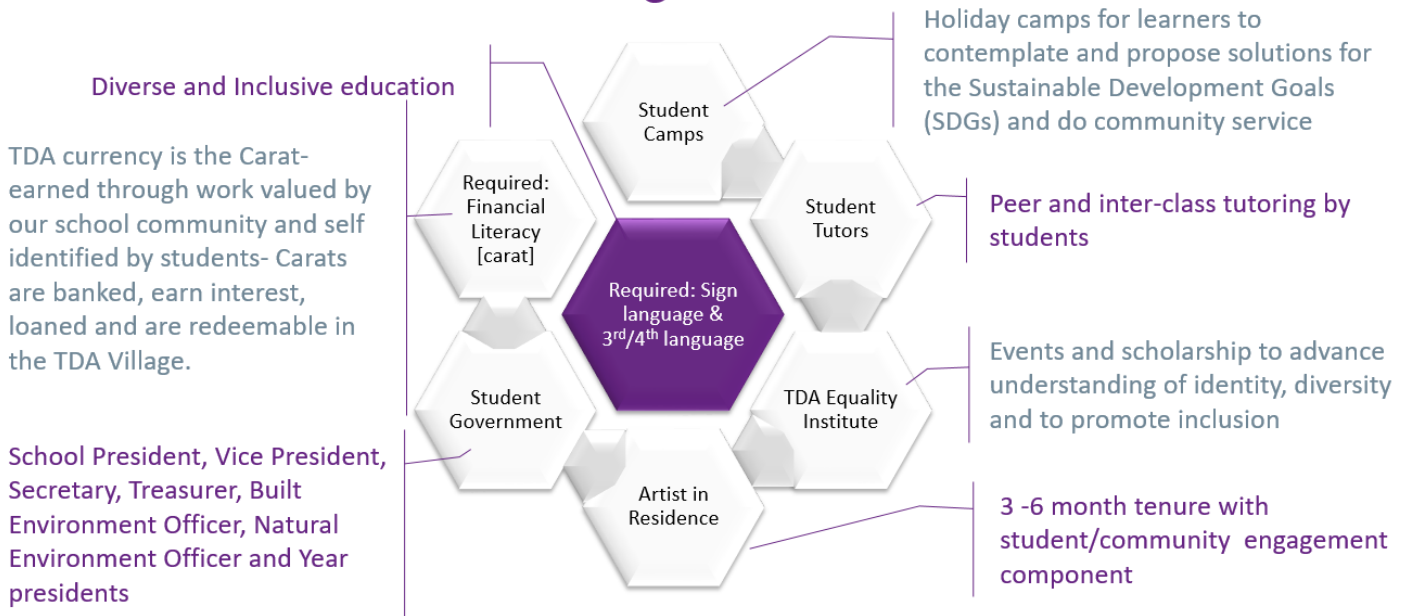
At TDA, we are collaborating with diverse group of international organizations, universities and individuals to support the delivery of relevant educational content in an effective manner. Our partnerships areas include teacher support and development, curriculum and teaching methods, design, music and language training.

Through our partnerships, we are able to guarantee diversity in teacher and expertise involvement in the education of our learners.

2. The Dow Academy Fellowship: *Co-creating learning & teaching experiences*

The Dow Academy Fellowship is about inculcating dexterity of thought and approach. The TDA Fellowship is the primary avenue through which the wider world can engage, share, teach and learn from our student, staff and community. Through the fellowship, students, professionals and retirees will have the opportunity to spend 3-24 months at TDA teaching and sharing knowledge and skills not otherwise available within Botswana.

3. Cambridge+: *Re-imagining teaching and situation based learning*



4. The Dow Academy Equality Institute: *Understanding diversity & promoting inclusion*

The Annual Girls Kgotla and Annual Boys Kgotla will be international events where we challenge our participants to think about their role in promoting inclusion and equality in today’s context. Our first Kgotla will be the Girls Kgotla in July 2020. Please check our website for updates www.thedowacademy.org.

We see the TDA Kgotla as an opportunity to create a bespoke learning experience. The Kgotla will tackle vital growth areas, which are not typically the focus of the classroom-learning environment. Effectively, the Kgotla is a type of *pop up school*, where a diverse group of people get together to share, teach, learn around issues that are central to healthy growth and consequently to sustainable contribution in our communities.

The Botswana Games will be a learning experience in the form of a traditional games festival- we will create a space to engage, teach and reflect on identity and heritage centered on playing traditional games. We believe this unique learning experience will be a constructive way to interrogate the concepts of self-acceptance and self-worth.

STUDENT CAMPS

KidCon

Fun holiday camp featuring games, sports and technology!

TeenCon

Immersive and exciting experiences designed to challenge and inspire our next leaders.

Coming Soon

Please visit our website for updates.

SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

We offer a wide variety of sports and extracurricular activities including swimming, football, basketball, chess, boy scouts and girl guides. Please visit our website for a full list.

The Dow Academy Parents and Guardians...

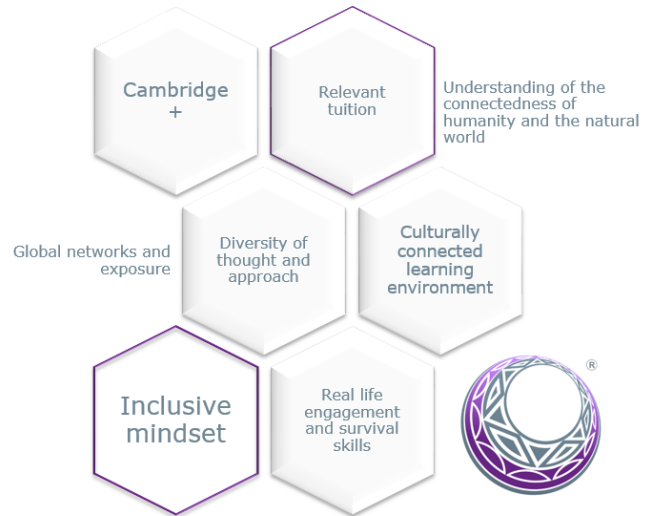
- ❖ Involved
- ❖ Engaged
- ❖ Encouraging

TDA places a high importance on maintaining productive links with parents and guardians. We encourage parents and guardians to take an active role in their childrens education and provide a number of opportunities for continuing engagement as the child progresses through their learning journey.

We look forward to meeting with parents and guardians at:

- ❖ PTA meetings
- ❖ Open day
- ❖ Parent/teacher meetings
- ❖ School festivities

The Dow Academy Graduate...



School Fees

Effective 1 January 2020

| Fee Type | Amount | Payment Terms |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--|
| Registration | P200 | Lump sum payable at registration |
| Reception to Standard 7 Term Fees | P5,900 | Term fees are payable in two instalments: 50% before the beginning of term with the balance payable by the first month end of that term. |
| Form 1 - Form 3 Term Fees | P7,200 | |
| Form 4 - Form 5 Term Fees | P8,700 | |
| Form 1-3 Annual Book Fees | P1,000 | Lump sum payable at the beginning of the year or upon joining the school |
| Form 4-5 Annual Book Fees | P1,500 | |

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