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Sri Mayapur International School

"Education for a spiritual life"

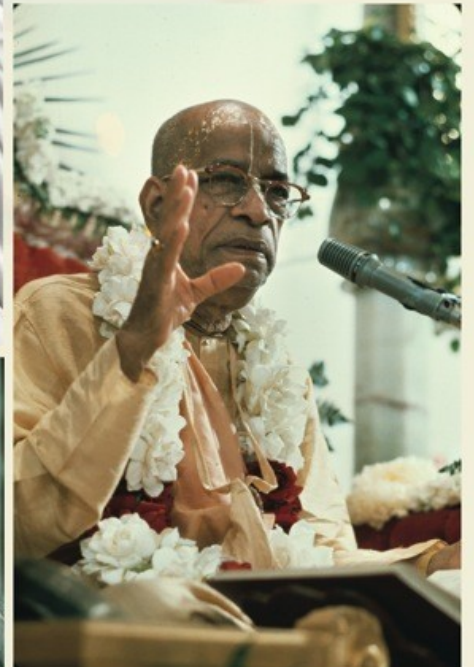
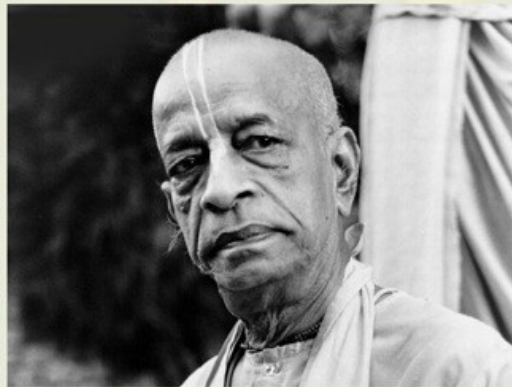
Dedicated to...

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Srila Prabhupada

The greatest teacher of Krishna Consciousness in the modern world.

He always taught with utmost compassion and respect, while never compromising the principles of eternal truth and self-discipline.



Our Mission

To develop in students the devotional qualities, academic qualifications and vocational skills needed to successfully perform their occupational duties in Krishna Consciousness, in order to fulfill the mission of human life.



Our Motto

paripraśnena sevayā

'That is the relationship between teacher and the student. The student must receive knowledge submissively, not by challenge... That is the process. Tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā'

- Srila Prabhupada



From the Principal

We all want the best for our children.

As devotees of Lord Krishna, and followers of Srila Prabhupada, we have much to consider in deciding how to educate our children.

Various educational philosophies claim to provide 'holistic' education, but without knowledge of the complete whole, Lord Krishna, their results can never be complete.



Our scriptures tell us that we have a duty as parents to do everything possible to facilitate our children's spiritual lives, yet we know that we also have a duty to give them the best possible chance to gain meaningful engagement or employment in their future ashram life.

The Sri Mayapur International School aims to fulfill these needs by giving our students a balanced educational experience, with appropriate emphasis on development of devotional qualities alongside practical skills and academic qualifications to prepare them for future success.

With small class sizes and a professional and focussed teaching ethos, SMIS gives a wonderful opportunity for students to excel in their academics, as seen by our consistently above average results in the Cambridge International Examinations program, which gives students a recognized academic qualification for university entrance. We have also had several students scoring at the top of the all-India list, which is no small feat given the size and competitiveness of the program.

Of course, the opportunity to complete this kind of education in the rarified spiritual atmosphere of Sridham Mayapur is what makes SMIS a truly unique schooling experience. We regularly have advanced devotees from around the world and local Mayapur devotees such as Jananivas and Pankajanghri Prabhus visiting the school to give their association to the students. By such senior association and the mercy of the Holy Dhama, students imbibe the spirit of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's munificent Sankirtana Movement in their formative years, and thus carry this mood with them for the rest of their lives.

We invite you to visit us and see how the school is developing if you are coming to Mayapur soon, or you can contact me at principal@mayapurschool.com to discuss how we could serve your child's educational needs.

Thank you for your interest in our school.

Your humble servant,
Deva Gaura Hari das (B. Sc., B. Ed.)

Curriculum

Devotional

'If the children are given a Krsna Conscious education from early childhood then there is great hope for the future of the world.'

- Srila Prabhupada



Development of Vaisnava qualities, character and behavior in the students is the primary goal of education at SMIS.

All other education is included within becoming 'expert' in devotional service, one of the 26 qualities of a devotee.

Students are offered training in:

Vaisnava culture and philosophy

Sanskrit

Mrdanga and harmonium

Mantra

Deity worship

'Our gurukula means how to teach them to become self-controlled. That is first business. This literary education secondary, grammar secondary. The first necessity is how to create them self-controlled.'

- Srila Prabhupada

Academic

'We are making a very gorgeous plan at Mayapur... respectable gentlemen want to educate their children through the English medium. If we can organize an institution such as St. Xavier's college in Calcutta and Bombay and we can give them instruction through the English medium and raise them in a Krishna Conscious culture we shall get unlimited number of students from respectable families of India.'

- Srila Prabhupada

Our academic program from Reception year up to 8th grade is based directly on the U.K. government curriculum, thus ensuring students will be on a par with students from around the world in their academic studies.

In years 9-12 students study the Cambridge International Examinations program, a world renowned international studies program for secondary students that leads directly to university entrance for qualified students. SMIS is a recognized Cambridge Examinations Center, which means students can sit for their Cambridge exams right here in Mayapur. More details can be found at: <http://www.cie.org.uk>



'English reading and writing, a little mathematics, history and geography or we shall be thought fools if we do not know'

- Srila Prabhupada

Vocational

'So in the beginning if we start a varnasrama college to teach internationally students from all over the world.. From five to ten years, gurukula. And after ten years, they should go to the varnasrama college.'

- Srila Prabhupada

The vocational strand is a response to Srila Prabhupada's instruction that students in high school should study subjects related to their varna, and is especially important for students who have a natural propensity to excel in these areas. It will also directly relate to skills needed in Mayapur departments, but will also give general skills that will assist students to obtain meaningful engagement in devotional service in any devotional community or employment in the wider community.

Students are not restricted to one varna, but will naturally be attracted to subjects that suit their nature. This strand is still in the planning stages, but as the program develops students will be able to choose from subjects such as: account keeping, agriculture, cooking, metalwork, office skills, vastu sastra, vedic astrology, carpentry, spiritual business principles and spiritual leadership.

Prabhupada Ashram

'When the brahmacārī is residing in gurukula, he must be trained up how to control senses. That is the first education. People are spoiled because they are not trained up to become controller. That is the defect of the modern age. '

- Srila Prabhupada

The Prabhupada Ashram provides accommodation and training for boys from the age of eight years. The simple spiritual life of the ashram trains boys to be self-controlled and self-disciplined, while enjoying the association of others in Mayapur Dhama.



Pilgrimages to holy places are highlights of the year, and boys relish the experience of travelling together to the holy sites of pilgrimage in Bharata varsa.

Mayapur Life



Students of SMIS have a truly unique opportunity to experience the association of saintly persons on a regular basis. In Mayapur, every day is a festival!



