



**PHOFS
ACADEMY**
Info Pack

**FEBRUARY
2025
INTAKE**
(AS & A LEVELS)



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KEYDATES:

Applications for the **Feb 2025** intake are open
and close on **25 Jan 2025**

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ABBREVIATIONS

- ◆ **AS Level**-Advanced Subsidiary Level (Cambridge)
- ◆ **A Level**- Advanced Level (Cambridge)
- ◆ **BGCSE**- Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education
- ◆ **CAIE**- Cambridge Assessment International
- ◆ **COSC**- Cambridge Overseas School Certificate
- ◆ **IGCSE**- International General Certificate of Secondary Education
- ◆ **LGCSE**- Lesotho General Certificate of Secondary Education
- ◆ **O-Level**- Ordinary Level (Cambridge)
- ◆ **EGCSE**- Eswatini General Certificate of Secondary Education

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1. Who We Are

We are a pre-university online school in South Africa designed to cater to students in Sub-Saharan Africa who aspire to study in South Africa or Overseas Universities in the future. Our mission is to unlock their full potential by delivering quality, affordable, convenient, and flexible pre-university through digital technology that removes geographical barriers.

2. Why Join US?

- **AS & A Level qualifications are respected and recognized by all top Universities across the world**
- **We are diverse academy that welcomes students from all sub-saharan African countries and beyond.**
- **All three routes of AS & A Level are offered.**
- **Both day school and evening school enrolment options are available.**
- **Our students study fully online from the comfort of their homes as all our classes and internal assessments occur online.**
- **Our life classes are time-tabled to equip students with time management skills.**
- **Our passionate teachers are academically and/or professionally qualified, and SACE registered.**
- **Our passionate and qualified educational consultants and/or counsellors provide our students with career guidance, academic and social counselling, and university admissions application support.**
- **Our tuition fees are affordable- From R1,700.00 per month.**
- **Students are provided with digital textbooks for each subject they take without having to pay additional fees.**
- **We provide scholarship to 5 academically deserving A-Level students who are financially disadvantaged.**
- **We offer more than 10 clubs and societies that students can join to develop their talents and leadership qualities.**

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3. Three routes for AS & A Levels

There are **three routes** for Cambridge International AS & A Levels

- **Route 1:** AS Level only - students take the AS Levels in the same series.
- **Route 2:** A Level staged over two years - students take AS components in year 1 and A2 components in year 2.
- **Route 3:** A Level over one year - students take the full A Level (AS & A2) components in the same series.

Phofs Academy offers all these three routes and the route that the student can take is determined by student's **capabilities, aspirations** and **academic background**:

- Phofs Academy offers route 1 to the students who aspire to study with universities that accept AS Level qualifications as equivalent to grade 12 such as those in South Africa, Egypt, the USA, Canada etc.
- Phofs Academy offers route 2 & 3 to the students who aspire to study with universities that accept full A-Level qualifications, such as those in the UK and other European countries, New Zealand, Singapore, and Australia, or who want to gain admissions advantage into competitive programs in universities that accept AS-Level.

The choice between **routes 2 & 3** depends on how well the students passed their **GCSE/ O-Level/ grade 10-11**

- **Route 2** is offered to any students who passed grade 11/GCSE/ O-Level (IGCSE, LGCSE, BGCSE, EGCSE, ZIMSEC O-Level etc.) Or students from grade 10 who obtained exceptional results.
- < **Route 3** is offered to students who obtained exceptional results from grade 11/GCSE/ O-Level (IGCSE, LGCSE, BGCSE, EGCSE, ZIMSEC O-Level etc.).

4. Learning model and Assessment

Live classroom model

PHOFS ACADEMY uses advanced videocomferencing technology that transport students into fully interactive time-tabled online classrooms which enables teachers to see all their students and the students to see their classmates and teachers. Just like in the offline school, the needs of the lesson guide the form/structure that online classroom can take. Students can raise their hands to speak to teachers and peers and be asked to work through specific examples, share their work or lead the class and many more.

Flipped classroom model (recorded models + live seminars)

In addition, to live lessons, Phofs Academy conducts as live discussion seminars to deepen students' understanding of subject materials. Students prepare a day before discussion seminars by watching recorded lessons and reading additional materials that will influence their discussions.

Science experiments

Phofs Academy offer its students virtual biology, Chemistry and physics labs- providing students with learning experiences equivalent to those with physical resources. Our virtual lab activities are conducted using video demonstrations and online simulations. Simple lab activities are conducted by students at home using everyday objects.

Internal Assessments

All formative assessments and preparatory examinations at Phofs Academy are taken online under remote exam proctoring. The authenticity of students' assignments and projects is verified using the latest antiplagiarism tools. Phofs Academy provides regular reports reflecting subjects marks and aggregates just as in traditional schools.

External Assessments

External examinations required to complete AS and A levels qualifications are set by CAIE examining or awarding body and are taken at the physical exam centre (British council or CAIE registered centre). Students will register and pay applicable exam fees to sit for an external exam. They will be allocated the closest British council or a CAIE-registered exam centre in their areas to sit for an external exam.

5. Admissions

PHOFS ACADEMY follows two academic calendar years:
February - November and September - June.

Applications for **February 2025** enrolment are *now open until 25 January 2025*. PHOFS ACADEMY offers day school and evening school enrolment options.

Phofs academy admits students of any race, colour, ethnic origin sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, including those who have special educational needs and disabilities, if the academy can meet their needs.

Admission requirements

	AS LEVEL	Full A Level	A2 LEVEL
STUDENTS MUST HAVE PASSED:	IGCSE/COSC/ LGCSE/BGCSE EGCSE/O-Level/ Equivalent	IGCSE/COSC/ LGCSE/BGCSE/ EGCSE/O-Level/ Equivalent	AS-Level
SUBJECTS PASS MARK	Grade E or better in the English Language Grade D or better in 3 subjects	Grade C or better in 5 subjects including English Language	Grade D or better in 3 subjects
Supporting documents	School reports cards/ Statement of results ***If final results are not yet available, midyear results are accepted		

6. Subject Offered

AS & A Level subject selection

Four to Five AS Level Subjects

OR

**Two to Five A Level subjects
from the following:**

- Accounting**
- Biology**
- Business Studies**
- Chemistry**
- Economics**
- English Language**
- Geography**
- Mathematics**
- Physics**

7. Fee Structure for 2025

Application fee

A non-refundable fee of **R300.00** is payable on submission of the application form, which covers Phofs Academy administrative costs.

Registration fee

Registration fee of **R1,500.00** is payable on accepting the offer of admissions.

Tuition fee

	No of subjects	Amount payable		
		Per Month (10 Instalments)	Per Semester	Per Year
AS Level	4	R1,700	R8,500	R17,000
	5	R2,000	R10,000	R20,000
A2 Level	3	R1,860	R9,300	R18,600
Full A Level	2	R2,000	R10,000	R20,000
	3	R3,000	R15,000	R30,000
	4-5	R3,500	R17,500	R35,000

*Tuition fee does not cover external examination fees.

*External examinations are determined by and paid to the British council or CAIE registered centre.

Applicable discounts

Phofs Academy offers the following discounts rates:

10% on upfront annual payment.

5% on upfront semesterly payment.

12% for 2 or more siblings enrolled.

Terms of payment

The first month's tuition fee is to be paid before the date of enrolment (**03 February 2025**). Subsequent monthly fees are due for the full enrolment duration by the **3rd of every month**.

8. Scholarship

Phofs Academy provide scholarship to **5 deserving A-Level students who are financially disadvantaged**. Applicants are required to complete the scholarship application, which is evaluated separately from the admission application. The scholarship covers **tuition** and **examination fees**

9. Student life

At Phofs Academy we value extra-curricular activities. All students are encouraged to participate and take up formal leadership roles in these activities. School leadership or peers select suitable students for these roles. The following are examples of **extracurricular activities** at **Phofs Academy**:

- <School assembly
- <Common room
- <Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Club
- < English Club
- <Cooking club
- <Creativity club
- <Gaming club
- <Worship society
- <community service/ volunteering
- <Peer tutoring/advising
- <School newsletter writing.

***Students can propose new clubs or societies which will be approved by the coordinator of student governance, life, and culture.**



10. Application Procedure

Applicants must apply online by filling online application form, and upload supporting documents, on our website.

We review applications for admissions as they come in, and we provide outcome **within 3 working days.*

***Scholarship applications will be evaluated in two batches based on the dates of application.**

Results for batch one.(those who submitted before **30 November, 2024**) will be announced on **16 December, 2024.**

On **January 24, 2025** batch 2 (those who submitted between **1 December 2024 and 20 January 2025**) will be made available.

Orientation (Technology induction and timetable reviews) will take place on the **3 to 4 of February 2025.** The classes start on the **5 February 2025.*

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