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INTRODUCING ALETHEA

Established in 1927. Registered with the department of examinations Sri Lanka in 1954 as a secondary school. Our values are embodied in the School Motto - Live, Give, Grow – Live within a multi ethnic community Give out your best & Grow up to serve mankind.

The Education is entrusted to our versatile, committed and dedicated academic staff consisting of postgraduate degree holders, trained graduates, graduates and trained teachers. Experienced national level coaches, train our students in the variety of sports, and extra curricular activities, as well as other skill building activities.

We believe in our staff continually upgrading their knowledge and skills, and towards this end the Management supports and invests in providing these opportunities. Our Vision and Mission supports our ideals:

- Vision

The Vision of Alethea is to light the flame of learning in our children, promoting lifelong education that is an integral part of good citizenship

- Mission

Alethea intends to make its vision a reality by committing itself to excellence in the provision of education through the facilitation of inherent creativity, and initiatives in all it's children whilst inculcating high moral values and social responsibility

Brief history of progress in mediums of study:

Students have sat for the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level Examination, Sri Lanka in - Sinhala , Tamil and English mediums from 1968. The Tamil medium had to be discontinued due to lack of demand, post 1983 era.

With the Government directive to stop English medium education the English medium students opted to do London examinations and the International school was established in 1988 and students sat for the General Certificate of Education (London) examinations (Ordinary and Advanced Level)

The local Advanced Level Commerce Stream was established in 1992 and the first batch of students sat the examination in August 1994. Our students consistently performed well, with many students qualifying to enter university. Most however, have preferred to join banks or pursue courses of study in Accountancy or Management. Though we are happy for them, we are proud of the few, who braved the challenges posed in the universities in the Sri Lankan system, and are pursuing studies there.

English Medium was reintroduced by the Department of Education in 2002. The Department of Education has now permitted schools registered with the department, to allow students to sit Advanced Level as school candidates and to be considered, in the regular admissions scheme to local universities. First approval was for the Science stream only.

Now any registered school, which has the teaching resources, can send students for the advanced level examination, in the English medium as school candidates.

We started from the lower grades in the year 2001 and already have classes from Grades 1 to 7 and Grade 10. We are proud that many of our Sinhala Medium students too opted to transfer to the English Medium and were able to cope with the transition.

In keeping with the increasing demand for, English medium education at an affordable price, with also an opportunity to enter the local universities, we have ventured, to reintroduce the Advanced Level class initially in the Science and Arts streams. We have chosen the following streams of study, after much deliberation, and going through the revised admissions procedure, of the University Grants Commission, and the needs of the students in the present environment context.

The academic staff, who will be teaching your son / daughter, in the Advanced Level classes, are all qualified teachers, who have prematurely retired from government service. They are thorough in their knowledge of subject matter and have an excellent command of the English language. All of them have over 15 years of experience in preparing students for examinations in the English medium. They are all graduates and some with post-graduate qualifications in Education.

Preparation of students for the London Advanced Level Examination will continue. Being an international qualification and completing secondary education; it is a passport for many avenues of higher studies It will facilitate those who wish to pursue studies abroad or at affiliated private universities locally. For those who wish to pursue professional courses in Management, Accounting or Information Technology Fashion Designing, Design Technology, and Special Education are some of the fields open to you.

You may choose any one of the following subject combinations, in keeping with your child's aptitude and preference. We will be pleased to assist you in career guidance and subject choices.

Students, who join Alethea, will have the double advantage of studying in a school with an atmosphere and facilities available to both International and Local schools. They will be eligible to participate in sports, leadership and character building activities alongside studies; which will enable them to meet the challenges of today's increasingly demanding multi disciplinary program's of higher studies that are available in Sri Lanka and overseas.

We wish you every success in your studies and welcome you to Alethea; where every student feels a special member of our friendly multi cultural, multi ethnic and multi religious community.

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Address	:	13, 15 & 17 Sri Mahabodhi Road, Dehiwela Vehicle entrance is from Wadiya Road.
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Managing Directress/CEO	:	Mrs. Kumari Hapugalle Perera (<i>MBA–University of Wales, Ex. Dip. in Business Management–Uni of Colombo, Dip. In Childhood Edu– Uni. of Halfa Israel, Dip. In Speech & Drama</i>)

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Headmaster	- Alethea International School	:	Dr. T. G. A. Sisira (<i>M.Sc.,Ph.D</i>)
Headmaster	- Alethea School (English Medium)	:	Mr. M. F. Amath (<i>B.A.,PGDE</i>)
Headmaster	- Alethea School (Sinhala Medium)	:	Mr. S.A.L.R Pathinayake (<i>Trained Teacher</i>)
Headmistress	- Primary School	:	Mrs. Iranga Abeykoon (<i>Trained Teacher</i>)

ACADEMIC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Registrar of Studies	:	Mrs. Sujatha Perera (<i>B.A.,PGDE</i>)
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SECTIONAL HEADS

Commerce Dept	:	Mr. M.F. Amath
Science Dept	:	Ms. Padma Ranasinghe
Maths Dept	:	Mr. S.A.L.R Pathinayake
English Dept	:	Ms. Sharika Jayawardena
Sinhala Dept	:	Ms. Ellen Kumarasinghe

FACILITIES

Alethea provides an excellent physical environment. Parents and students are impressed by its attractive setting and the general quality of its facilities. The school was extensively refurbished in 1986 and had further improvements during 1991 and 1994, and major improvements – both external and internal in 1996/7. An impressive landscape programme has been implemented.

The School enjoys:

- * A modern computerized administration.
- * A large, well-stocked library.
- * A up to date, well equipped computer rooms, including CD Rom and access to the Internet.
- * Three Science Laboratories.
- * A spectacular Dance room.
- * A fine state of the art sound proof hall.
- * A basketball court.
- * an excellent canteen.
- * Generous off- street parking for staff , students and visitors.
- * Vehicular access safely off the main road.

ACADEMIC CURRICULAR

Students Are Prepared For Cambridge O/L And Edexcel A/L Examination. Both Examinations Are Equally Accepted For Universities Aboard (UK,USA, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Canada & Pakistan). A Large In Their Countries after Completing Advance Levels At Alethea. The Two Examinations Are Well Accepted By All Affiliated Higher Educational Institutions in Sri Lanka. from June 2008 onwards our school has become an examination centre for both London O/L & A/L.

Our students have the security and comfort of doing their public examination under familiar surroundings.

LONDON ORDINARY LEVEL - EDEXCEL

Subject Combinations

- ✚ English Language
- ✚ Mathematics
- ✚ Environment Management
- ✚ Business Studies
- ✚ Economics
- ✚ Accounts
- ✚ Biology
- ✚ Chemistry
- ✚ English Literature
- ✚ Physics
- ✚ French
- ✚ Art
- ✚ Computer
- ✚ Games

**Subject combinations may vary due to demand for each subject combination for the student except for compulsory subjects.*

LONDON ADVANCED LEVEL – EDEXCEL

Subject Combinations

<u>SCIENCE STREAM</u>	<u>COMMERCE STREAM</u>
Biology	Business Studies
Physics	Economics
Chemistry/Computer Studies	Accounts/ Computer Studies
★ Core Mathematics / Mechanics & Statistics Mechanics	
★ English Language	
★ English Literature	
★ Law	

** Any one of the above 4 subjects too can be offered under either stream*

NATIONAL CURRICULUM IN ENGLISH MEDIUM

Department Of Education Syllabus

Printed in ITALICS & UNDERLINED are optional subjects offered At Alethea

Subject Combinations – Ordinary Level 2011 onwards

✚ Compulsory Subjects

1. Sinhala Language & Literature
2. English Language
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Religion (Buddhism, Roman Catholic, Islam & Hinduism)
6. History (*Will Be instructed only in Sinhala for grade 6 from 2009 as per the decision of the Department of education*)

✚ Optional Subjects - Only one from each basket

★ **Basket 1**

1. **Geography**
2. **Citizenship Education**
3. Language & Modern Languages (Pali, Sanskrit, French, German, Arabic & Japanese)
4. Sinhala or **Tamil as a second language.**

★ **Basket 2**

1. Music (Oriental, Western Karnataka)
2. **Art or Dancing (Oriental or Bharatha)**
3. Drama & Theatre (In Sinhala, Tamil & English)
4. **Appreciation of Literary Texts** (Sinhala, Tamil, **English** & Arabic)

★ **Basket 3**

1. **Information Technology**
2. Agriculture
3. Fisheries
4. Design & Technology
5. Arts & Crafts
6. Home Economics
7. Health & Physical Education
8. Electronic writing & Short-Hand
9. Communication & Media Studies

Total Subjects = 12

ADVANCED LEVEL

Department Of Education Syllabus

Subject Combinations

<u>COMMERCE</u>	<u>ARTS</u>
Business Studies	English
Economics	Sinhala
Accounts	French
* Combined Mathematics or Business Statistics too could be offered with any two languages. In total 3 subjects only	

**Special emphasis will be given to the teaching of General English and General Information Technology in the Education Department syllabus.*

SPORTS & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

While we acknowledge and lay emphasis on the importance of passing examinations, our aim is to develop the total personality of students. It has been found that activities that promote and reward individual talent is best identified when participating, in non-academic pursuits. Therefore we at Alethea give equal prominence to extra curricular activities.

Our students proved that they could balance an excellent academic record along side an award winning co curricular schedule reinforcing our belief that one compliments the other. For those who found that their strengths were in sports or co curricular activities they excelled in their respective fields went on to lucrative employment in the private sector.

To that end, we make it compulsory, for students to take an active role in sports, and other team and leadership building activities. Prospective employers and universities too, look for students, who have participated in sports and co curricular activities, as these make the transition from school to work place smoother.

The following sports and co-curricular activities are available. Coaching is by former national level players. Competitive participation starting from inter-house level, to Zonal and Inter International School level events is possible.

SPORTS

Athletics	Karate
Gymnastics	Badminton
Soccer	Basketball
Cricket	Swimming

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Drama	Western Dancing
Debating	Eastern Dancing
Oratory	Choir
Scouting	Chess

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Students Quality Circle
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Alethea offers to students the opportunity to participate in the following activities.

- The Prefects Guild
- Toastmasters Courses.
- Leadership Training.
- Drama And/ Or Musical Concerts and Productions.
- Work Experience for all Year 10 students and for some students in other years.
- Community service.
- National competitions including:
 - Inter Internationals Schools Competitions & Tournaments
 - Model United Nations - SLMUN/COMUN.
 - Drama Festivals.
 - Shakespeare Festival competition.
- Zonal sporting competitions.
- Seminars.
- Excursions.