



## A TASTE OF THE REAL WORLD WITH THE A-LEVEL PROGRAMME AT LODGE INTERNATIONAL

1. Touted as the “gold standard qualification”, the Cambridge International A-Level Programme stands out amidst the many post-SPM options today. **This pre-university qualification is accepted by more than 50 countries worldwide** – including ALL UK universities and over 450 American universities (including ALL Ivy League and Ivy Plus universities).
2. In fact, Yale University has professed that “the depth of knowledge displayed by the best A Level students makes them prime targets for America’s Ivy League universities.”
3. Recognising the changing admission requirements of top universities worldwide, **Lodge International School has created an enhanced A-Level programme with a range of co-curricular activities, work experience and a challenging yet warm academic learning environment.**
4. As a result, Lodge A-Level students have consistently been identified as high achievers, top in the country, and even top in the world for their stellar A-Level results. In addition, **Lodge A-Level alumni have gone on to top universities worldwide** such as Oxford and Warwick, among other top schools in the USA and Malaysia.

### **Academic and Career Guidance**

5. With highly qualified academic staff whom had graduated from the top UK, US, Singapore, Australia and Malaysian universities, Lodge International School prides itself for its academic rigour. Students are prepared for the Cambridge International A-Level examinations through **a wide range of academic subjects** that caters to different academic interests.
6. Jay Lee Wing Wai, 18, a former student of SMK St Joseph, found the teachers at Lodge friendly and relatable. He is grateful that the teachers here take the time and effort to understand each problem that he had faced, instead of jumping to conclusions by reprimanding him.
7. He says, “*Lodge is definitely not your typical college – here, **more attention is paid to each individual student.** However, the A-level students are also treated as*

*adults – there is no spoon feeding of knowledge here, and we are trained to be independent learners. This is important because ultimately, our results for our own benefit.”*

8. For Yeo Mei, 18, a former student of SM Lodge, she finds the teachers here responsible and hardworking. *“The best part is that you can talk to them about almost everything. In fact, I have learned several life lessons from some of them which I will remember for the rest of my life.”* She adds, ***“I’d say the A-level programme in Lodge was a good choice as my first step into the real world.”***
9. A-Level students here in Lodge are also given personal career guidance – not only are they exposed to a variety of top universities worldwide, they are also guided in the university application process, personal statements and admission essay writing.

### **All-rounded Learning**

10. Increasingly, top universities worldwide seek candidates who do not only excel academically, but are also all-rounded students with unique interests and personalities. **It is thus crucial to select a pre-university programme that provides opportunities for students to be involved in co-curricular and community service projects.** This is also an excellent opportunity for young adults to gain more empathy for the world around them, in their preparation to be future leaders.
11. Both Yeo Mei and Jay were actively involved in the Lodge International School International Award. Also known as The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award, this award enables young people to learn practical skills that are valuable to their personal and professional development. **To achieve the Gold Award, students have to demonstrate their skills and experiences in service learning, personal skills, physical recreation, an adventurous journey and a residential project.**
12. On her International Award experience, Yeo Mei says, *“The most unforgettable experience was the International Award camp where I forged new bonds and strengthened existing ones while doing new activities such as kayaking and mountain hiking.”* Together with their classmates, Yeo Mei and Jay had completed outdoor excursions, independently organised charity fundraising projects, and also organised Conservation Day for the whole school to raise awareness of the need for conservation.

### **Work Experience for the Real World Experience**

13. At Lodge International, it is also recognised that many students choose future careers based on factors such as perceived prestige, popular trends or well-meaning advice from family and friends – but with very little real understanding of the career itself.
14. **Hence, Work Experience was made a compulsory component of the Lodge A-Level programme.** With guidance, students write their resumes and actively seek out local firms for a week-long internship.
15. Yeo Mei had interned at a legal firm. She says, *“The work experience was a pivotal factor for me in my eventual decision to pursue law – it afforded me a realistic glimpse of the life as a lawyer. I would not have been able to make the choice solely based on the opinions of family and friends, career counsellors, online research and John Grisham novels!”*
16. Jay had interned at an engineering firm to learn more first-hand information about civil engineering. Throughout his work experience week, he was brought onto building sites, and says, *“I had no idea that so many parties were involved in the construction of a building; from the mechanical engineers, civil engineers, electrical engineers, architects, quantity surveyors, etc. I also witnessed for myself the meticulous scrutiny they paid to every detail to ensure the safety of the building.”* This experience has allowed him to understand himself more, that ultimately, he was more interested in other forms of engineering.

**The Lodge International A-Level Programme is currently accepting applications from current Form 5 (or equivalent) students. Forecast SPM (or equivalent) results are required for application.**

**The application deadline is 1 December 2014. Late fees apply to late submissions.**

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