

The Acres Foundation



The principle goal of education  
in schools should be creating  
men and women who are  
capable of doing new things,  
not simply repeating what  
other generations have done.

**Jean Piaget**

Pioneer in Child Development

When we believe in our abilities,  
When we make change our ally,  
When we follow our passions,  
And better ourselves at every turn,  
When we let values light our way,  
When we give with gratitude,  
Only then will we rise above,  
And surpass the call.

**Go beyond**



# What does it take to develop a child's true potential?

A school that goes beyond.

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**OUR MISSION:**  
to give children the ability  
to thrive in, and contribute to  
a changing world.

School is the most important journey in your child's life. It should provide all the skills needed to lead a successful life, while building values that benefit society. We believe the role of a school is to continually improve itself, bringing together the best ideas in education, to help children fulfil their true potential.

Our carefully designed curricula nurture competencies like critical thinking, creativity and collaboration, as well as character qualities like curiosity, initiative, leadership, and sociocultural awareness.

The goal is to nurture well-rounded, free-thinking, capable individuals who are rooted in humanistic values of caring for their fellow man. Individuals who will not only achieve personal success, but will see the value in improving the world around them.



# The best elements of an Indian and international education.

They all meet here.

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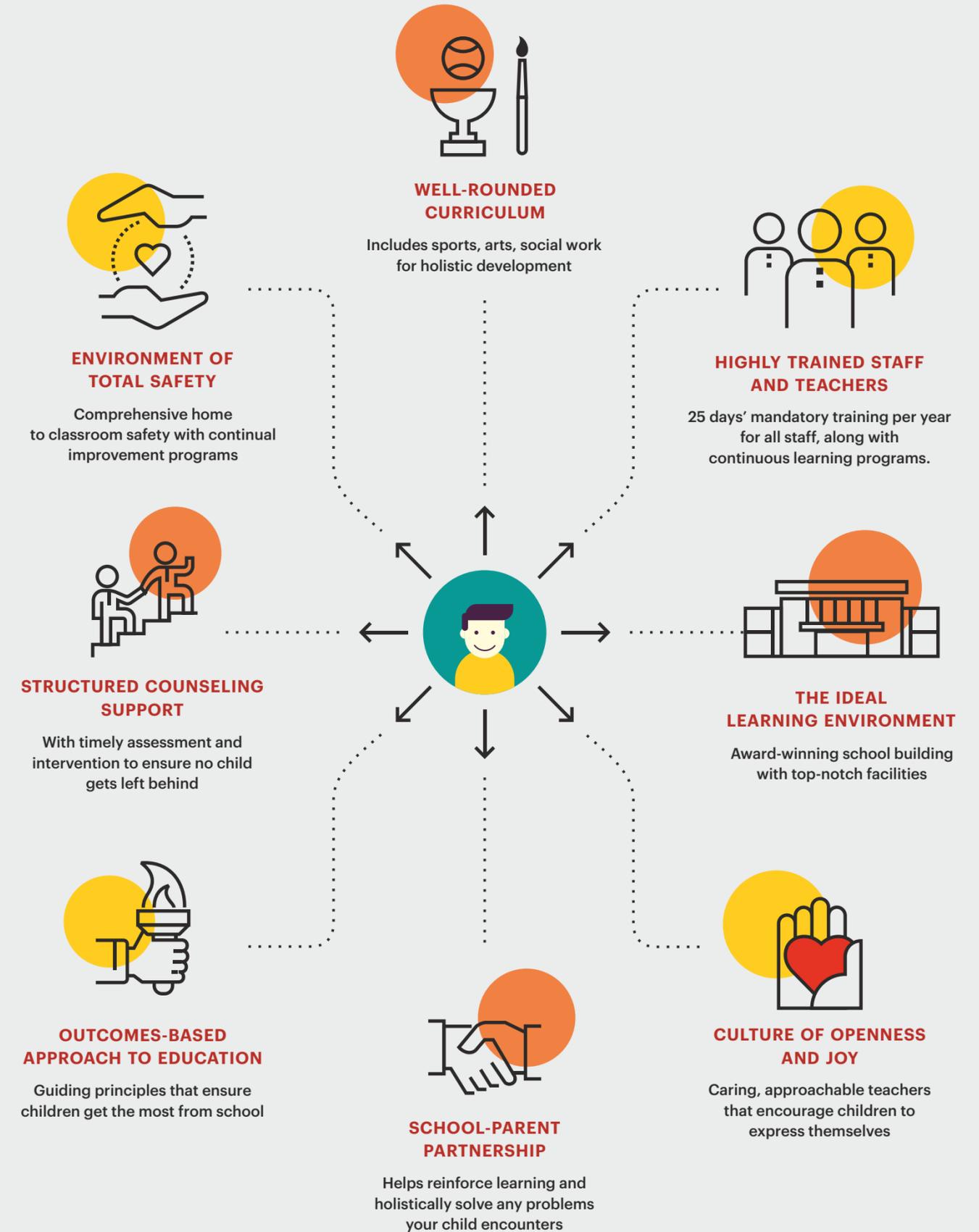
**Student centricity. Rounded education.  
Constant evolution. The principles  
that make us one of India's top emerging  
schools.**

Most Indian schools focus solely on academic development. Children do not learn to their full potential because of this outdated system, coupled with poor teaching.

At TGAA we believe in giving children access to a rich variety of learning experiences, skills and knowledge. We fill gaps in our educational system by keeping the academic foundation that the board's curriculum provides, and adding a diverse range of extra-curriculars for holistic education. We use proven new teaching techniques and an approach that makes learning more enjoyable. Combined with our highly-trained teachers and the best-in-class facilities, it's an environment where children flourish.

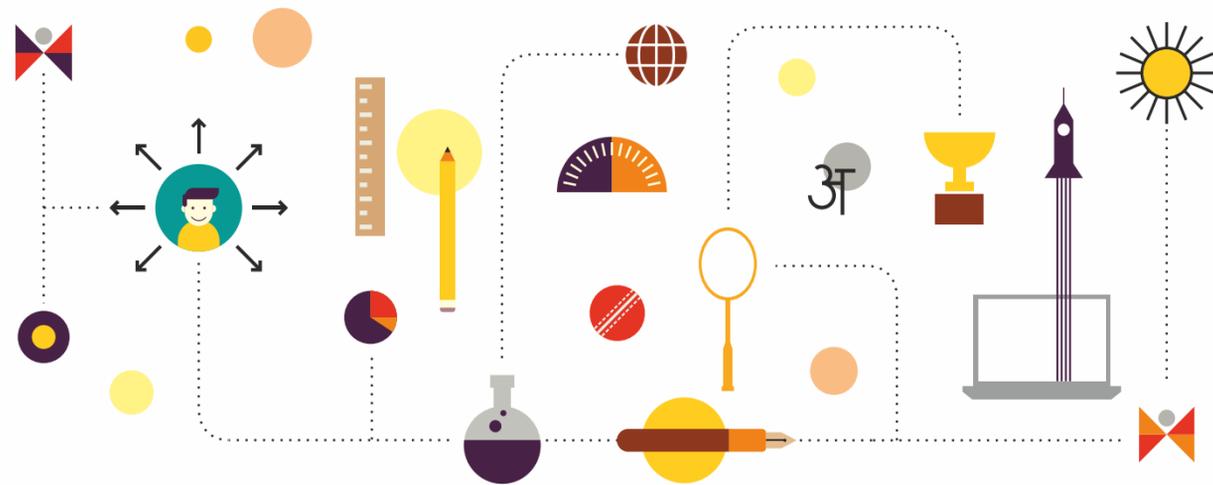
Our approach actively nurtures a child's physical, artistic, and emotional development, in addition to academic growth.

An educational experience designed to benefit your child in every way.



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# Our Approach



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# Our unique 8-4-8™ approach.

A holistic education philosophy that lets your child flourish.

At TGAA, our daily progress is illuminated by our unique approach – a series of guiding principles and processes that ensure children explore every facet of their capabilities, and benefit maximally from their education.

Created by the The Acres Foundation – a leading educational think-tank comprising some of India’s finest educators – the 8-4-8™ approach guides our areas of focus, curricula, outcomes and teaching methodologies.

Deeply ingrained in the school culture and ethos, every new teacher, staff member and parent is inducted in this approach, so that stakeholders can work together as a team.

8 KEY BELIEFS	4 AREAS OF FOCUS	8 ASPECTS OF GROWTH
The core principles that guide our actions, today and in the future	Principles that ensure all stakeholders take an active role in the progress of the child with the school leading the way.	We ensure that the learning experience engages children with multiple stimuli
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treating students as responsible individuals</li> <li>Making education a nurturing experience</li> <li>Cultivating the culture of a world citizen</li> <li>Stimulating multiple intelligences</li> <li>Embracing the spirit of science and rationality</li> <li>Encouraging parents to play an active role</li> <li>Ensuring teachers constantly learn</li> <li>Evolving continuously as an institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging the student</li> <li>Empowering the parent</li> <li>Enabling the teachers</li> <li>Evolving as an institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academics</li> <li>Sports</li> <li>Music &amp; Movement</li> <li>Logic &amp; Debate</li> <li>Arts &amp; Crafts</li> <li>Social - Emotional - Spiritual</li> <li>Wellness</li> <li>Language</li> </ul>

The 8-4-8™ method for all-round education is truly unique. Looking back at my formative years, I definitely missed a few of these dimensions. Makes me wish I was back in school again.

- Mr. Narasinga Rao,  
Parent of G. Aashrit Tej,  
Sr. KG (2015-16)

# Teaching that engages all your child's senses.

The key to better learning.



Science shows us that a multi-sensorial approach to teaching helps children learn better, and retain what they learn longer. That's why our curriculum is delivered through visual presentations, audio clips, hands on experiences and out-of-school events. We often invite experts from diverse fields to share their knowledge and interesting experiences with the kids on subjects as diverse as poetry and robotics.

Field trips play an important role in Learning at The Green Acres Academy. Students are released from the boundary of the classroom and are more open to learning, while having fun and interacting with their environment. More importantly the experience becomes immersive with students being able to see, smell and touch. For example, to understand the process of evaporation, students depict and present its stages to the class, giving them a thorough understanding of the underlying concepts.

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## VISUAL & AUDITORY LEARNING

- Visual presentations
- Audio clips
- Hands-on experiences
- Field trips
- Events and special days
- Talks from industry experts

# Learning through technology.

Technology plays a vital role at TGAA, not only as a tool for teaching, but also to get children accustomed to the skills that play such a vital role in everyday life.

Each classroom has an LCD projector and interactive boards that let teachers use digital content in their lessons. A state-of-the-art computer lab helps children learn more about computing, while entirely Wi-Fi-enabled school allows older children to access specific sites and content.

Parents also benefit from a comprehensive website and interactive web portal that lets them monitor their child's attendance, get important notices and regular academic updates. The MICM App lets parents track their child's school bus along with pick up and drop details for each child.



# Inclusion and counselling program.

Many children face issues that include hyperactivity and distractibility, and emotional and behavioral problems that can affect their performance at school. Our inclusion and counseling programs work at 3 levels to ensure that no child is left behind, allowing each child to feel accepted, valued and confident.

TGAA has two highly skilled teams that assess and intervene with students with concerns: the SPMT (School Progress Management Team) works with students that are behind in early literacy skills, while the SEN (Special Needs Department) is responsible for helping at-risk students with

academic and interpersonal mentoring, making decisions regarding student assessments, and providing sensitive and coordinated response to students personally impacted by behaviors.

# A culture of constant learning.

It isn't just for students, but for teachers, administrators and parents too.



## Year-round teacher training

Every staff member at TGAA is highly trained. We keep their knowledge at the cutting-edge with a mandatory 25 days of training per teacher. In addition, staff undergo a detailed induction process where they learn how the school functions, its values, teaching methods and more. Weekly staff meetings and regular assessments help them to correct any deficits. Regular workshops are conducted to ensure teachers and support staff stay updated with innovative learning methods and tools.

## Empowering parent partnership

No partnership makes a bigger difference to your child's education than when teachers, parents, and administrators collaborate and communicate openly and frequently. It's important that the learning and values a child receives consistently at school are reinforced at home, and vice-versa. To encourage parent learning, workshops are held throughout the school session that cover topics like child nutrition and health, child development and even new ideas in parenting.

## A school that's constantly evolving.

At TGAA we believe if you aren't moving forward, you are falling behind. That applies to our school as a whole. As an institution, we reflect monthly, and annually on our learnings and seek to improve and upgrade our systems every year. We use internal, national, and international benchmarks to identify any concerns and then use our development programmes to plug any gaps.



Curriculum

# A curriculum that goes far beyond academics to nurture your child's talents.



Academic learning is not enough to create a well-rounded, modern citizen. Our curriculum is carefully developed by leading educationists to educate the mind, train the body, build character, and nurture the spiritual. The aim is to develop children into 'renaissance adults' with proficiency in a wide range of subjects.

Combined with our approach that treats students as responsible individuals and makes education a nurturing experience, this creates a powerful effect where children are better able to assess their opportunities at every stage of life.

From an early age our students start learning music and drama, taking part in community service, even cooking classes! Though we expose children to a wide range of subjects, each child is given the freedom to develop his or her own unique interests.



## Pre-primary: the foundation for your child's education.

The period from birth to 6 years old is one of the most important in your child's development. During this time your child absorbs everything in the environment around them, as they begin to consciously make sense of the world.

At TGAA, our aim is to provide a friendly, happy and safe environment that fosters positive growth during this crucial time. We use a unique combination of Play-Way and Montessori methods, which we have merged to create the 'Play-Learn-Grow' method. Our skillful, caring teachers choose activities that appeal to 'little scientists' who seek to explore their surroundings.

Children enjoy activities in art, music and drama to broaden their understanding of the world around them. Social development is enhanced through play time. Cultural diversity is present within every classroom and promotes appreciation and acceptance of all cultures. Language development begins here and will continue to be a primary focus throughout your child's educational experience.

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**Building vocabulary, communication and social skills**

**Dramatic play that provides hands on learning experience**

**Activities that help develop gross and fine motor skills**

**Imparting teachings of the real world through in-house visits by people from the industry**

**Nurturing creative thinkers and problem solvers through sign language, singing and story time**

**Activities that help link thought to action**

## Junior school: where children develop their interests.

The transition from pre-primary to primary education is an important one. Children are now conscious learners with the basic skills needed to begin their holistic education.

The curriculum at the junior school helps children develop all-round skills, confidence, creative thinking and learn about the essence of team-work. We begin to expose children to a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities that nurture every facet of personal development.

Students are now assigned 'houses' to foster team-building and team-excellence, and mould them into responsible young citizens. The 'monitor system' instills values of ownership and responsibilities, and creates peer role models for students to emulate.

The foundations built from these hard and soft skills are then cemented through one-day field trips, educational tours and picnics, which aim to connect classroom education with real life.

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**"Children get one hour of sports every day, during school hours. Because kids that play more, do better".**

- Rohan Parikh, TGAA Advisor

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**Students exposed to wide variety of subjects - reading, writing, sports, music, dance, speech and drama**

**One hour of sports every day for all students**

**All students learn self-defense**

**'House' and 'monitor' system to foster teamwork and leadership.**





## Middle and Senior school. Fueling a child's curiosity with a Renaissance education.

The curriculum in Middle School is carefully balanced to create students who are exposed to a rounded education, while embodying the best values of society. The academic programs are more in-depth, while providing more opportunities for self-learning. Having been exposed to a wide variety of extracurricular subjects in Junior School, students can now pick their top 3 extracurricular subjects and deepen their skills in these areas.

Students get the opportunity to conduct special assemblies where they make presentations on topics of interest to them. They are also encouraged to participate in interschool and national level activities, competitions and Olympiads. TGAA is now sending teams for the prestigious Mumbai Schools Sports Association (MSSA) and District Sports Office (DSO) competitions.

At senior school, students successfully complete the curriculum, while imbibing TGAA's key growth areas that span from logic and debate, to social and spiritual development. This is a period of intense personal growth for students and is supported by the continuous engagement of highly-trained teachers and staff, acting in conjunction with parents, supported by an environment specifically designed to aid in their development.

Students are encouraged to hone skills that will make them the leaders of tomorrow. The formation of the Prefect Council and leadership roles in the program gives students a first taste of real decision-making powers.

## Extracurricular clubs: a whole world of skills and interests waiting to be explored.

CREATIVE WRITING | ART | INDIAN DANCE | JUNIOR MASTER CHEF | DRAMATICS

FLUTE PLAYING | ROBOTICS | SCHOOL BAND | NATURE | MAGAZINE

READING | GUITAR | CHESS | AERO MODELLING | DEBATING | GRAPHIC DESIGN

PHOTOGRAPHY | HISTORY

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**Facilities  
and Safety**



# Our school buildings don't just win awards.

They are designed for better learning.

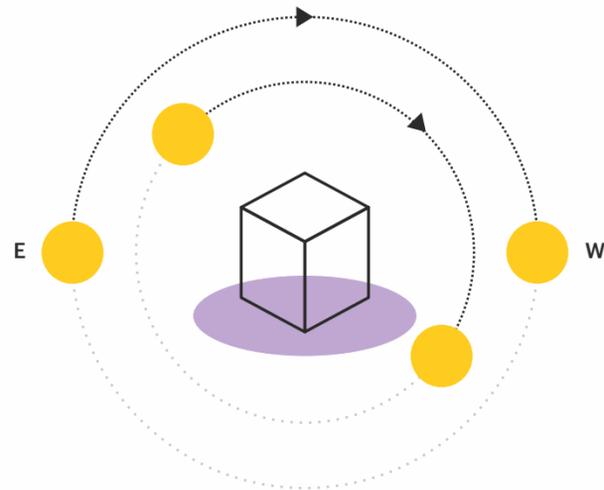
Our award-winning school buildings, developed with some of India's finest architects, are examples of environments that impact how students approach their learning, and teachers their lessons. The buildings foster both greater collaboration, as well as greater independence, with intelligently designed spaces, flooded with abundant natural light and air.

The buildings are designed to 'learn, teach and grow' with generations of students and teachers, to create an environment that is not only conducive to learning today, but can adapt to stay relevant decades from now.

A unique split-level design lets two floors easily access common spaces like the double-height junior and senior libraries. Activity areas like labs, music, art rooms are located in large column-less spaces, for a sense of openness. Each classroom was designed to receive optimum daylight to create a sense of well-being and reduce use of artificial lighting.

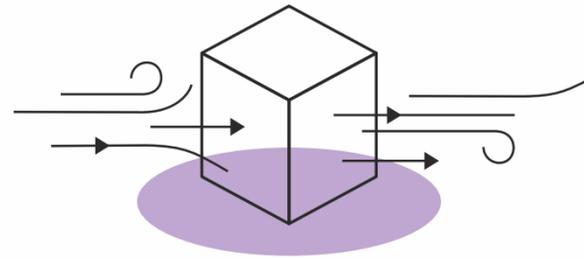


## The science of building a learning environment.



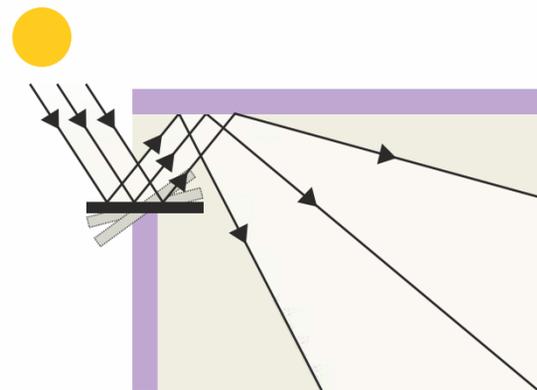
### CLASSROOMS WITH PLENTIFUL NATURAL LIGHT

The path of the sun around the school was charted, and classrooms designed to ensure they capture the maximum sunlight.



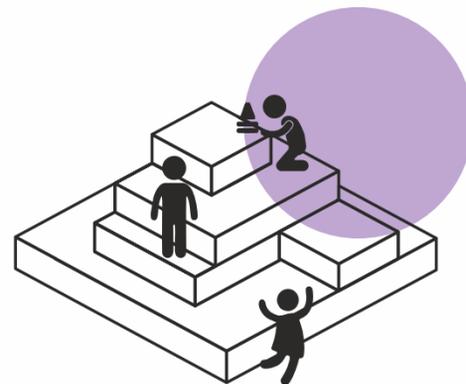
### NATURAL VENTILATION: ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING

Our architects conducted wind studies to ensure all classrooms conform to the highest ventilation standards.



### LIGHT SHELVES TO REFLECT SUNLIGHT DEEP INTO THE BUILDING

Rather than rely on fluorescent lights, internal areas of the school receive abundant natural light.



### MULTIPLE BREAK-OUT NICHES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

These little common areas let students play, learn and practice together between and after class.

# A place for every pursuit.

## Facilities that enable holistic learning.

### SMART CLASSROOMS

Interactive boards and projectors in every classroom allow teachers to present concepts in a memorable way.

### WELL-EQUIPPED LABS

Chemistry, physics, biology and computer labs come with latest equipment to enhance and test student skills.

### PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

This centre has extensive facilities for dance, drama, speech, art and craft, including a music room with 25 full-sized pianos and other instruments.

### SPORTS FACILITIES

Students have access to a swimming pool, playing field, sport courts and specialty rooms.

### PLAY AREAS

An outdoor play area includes a jungle gym with slides, swings and padded floors. Indoor spaces include a toy room, with adventure sport rooms with rock and net climbing.

### LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE

Two well-equipped libraries have over 15000 books for reading and research in English as well as Hindi, Gujarati and Marathi.

### MULTIPURPOSE HALL

This large gathering space is equipped with advanced audio-visual facilities for plays, debates and a variety of activities.

### SCHOOL CAFETERIA

With a menu planned by nutritionists and strict quality controls, this spacious cafeteria provides healthy meals and snacks to all students who wish to avail of them.

### HEALTH CENTER

Staffed by professional nurses, the health centre is equipped to administer first aid and allow students to rest. The school has a tie-up with local hospitals for any emergencies.

### COUNSELLING CENTRE

The highly-trained counselors at this centre help students maintain a healthy mind and body, and are there to help with any difficulties.





# A safety program so robust, we invite parents to inspect it any time.

TGAA has a strong and continually evolving safety program that covers your child from the home to the classroom and for every moment the children are in our care. With the help of experts in the field and our own staff and parents, we continually test and evolve the system, to leverage better technology and solutions.

#### Staff safety checks

All staff, including teachers, housekeeping, security and non-teaching staff are subjected to employment verification, court verification and police verification by a third party.

#### CCTV monitoring.

Cameras are installed in each classroom and common areas. They are monitored continuously by security personnel for the safety and security of your child.

#### Safe Transportation

School buses have a unique boarding and de-boarding procedure that ensures safety. GPS tracking lets you know where your child is at any moment. A female attendant accompanies students on all routes.

#### Fire and earthquake

The building is earthquake-resistant and has extensive fire safety equipment. The school has a well defined fire evacuation protocol that all students and staff are well versed with. Practice drills are conducted twice a year.

#### Strict entry and exit policy

The school is designed to allow entry and exit only at one point, which is strictly controlled by well-trained security team.

#### First aid training for all staff

In addition to the highly trained medical staff at the health centre, all school staff are required to undergo training in first aid once a year.



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**“School safety and security is exceptionally well executed by the team. It gives me a great sense of security for my child.”**

- Aparna Rao  
Parent of Karan Rao  
Jr. KG (2016-17)



Leadership  
Team

# Leading educationists.

The bedrock of our school.

## Rohan Parikh

Managing Director, ANP Group  
Director, The Acres Foundation

Rohan Parikh is the Managing Director of the ANPG (Apurva Natvar Parikh Group) with interests in Real Estate, Education & Hospitality. Mr Parikh has led his group's foray into education and was instrumental in launching TGAA. He holds an MBA from INSEAD, France B.Sc (Economics) from Wharton School of Business, USA. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Education from Johns Hopkins, USA.

## Aaditya Lohana

Executive Director - The Acres Foundation

Prof. Lohana is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from Government Law College, Mumbai. He has a long and illustrious career in the education sector that spans over 30 years. He was the Director of the College Vertical for Universal Education Group, which comprised of an Engineering, Law, B. Ed., D. Ed., Commerce and Science colleges. He worked with one of India's largest education corporates, CL Educate Ltd., for over 9 years. Previously, Prof. Lohana was on the faculty at Mumbai's renowned Mithibai College and was the founder of an education start-up 'Lohana's Test Series'.

"The teaching and non-teaching staff are so helpful and humble. I can notice the same positive change in my daughter."

- Chahat Vaswani  
Parent of Meharr Vaswani  
Nursery (2016-17)

## Siamack Zahedi

Co-CEO and Director of Education & Research,  
The Acres Foundation

Mr Siamack Zahedi is Founder and Managing Director of A2Q Education LLP - an education consultancy providing support to a diverse set of clients that serve over 70,000 students in India. Siamack has been working with formal and informal educational initiatives across rural and urban India, since 2004. He began his career by spearheading the establishment of Brilliant Stars School - a mainstream K-10 school in Tripura (Northeast India), and the Gateway School of Mumbai (GSoM) - a special education needs school. Today, both schools have been recognized as Ashoka Changemaker Schools for exceptional practices in pedagogy. GSoM has also been recognized for its leadership practices by the India School Leadership Institute (ISLI) network. Siamack has a Master's Degree in Education from Columbia University (USA), and is currently pursuing his Doctorate Degree in Entrepreneurial Leadership in Education from Johns Hopkins University (USA).

# Awards and accolades

## EducationWorld Grand Jury Awards, 2017

TGAA, Chembur was ranked  
top 5 in India in  
'New Technologies Usage'

## Artists in Concrete Awards (AICA) Asia Fest, 2015-16

Best Architecture

## Times School Survey, 2015

TGAA Chembur and Mulund  
named 'finalists'  
among Top Emerging Schools  
in Mumbai

## Asia Fest Award, 2015

For best education design

## World Education Congress, 2016

Founder Principal Ms. Manju Mehta  
ranked one of the  
'Most Influential Principals  
of Indian Schools'

## Rotary Club of Mumbai Metropolitan, 2017

Ms. Manju Mehta was presented  
a vocational award for  
'Outstanding work in the field  
of School Education'

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## School locations & addresses

### MUMBAI

#### CHEMBUR

##### **The Green Acres Pre-primary**

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