



NOVAstra INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE WITHOUT LIMITS

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

A Fully Online Cambridge International School

Serving Learners Across Kenya and Beyond

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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Parents, Students, and Partners,

Welcome to Novastra International School, a forward-thinking online Cambridge institution dedicated to providing high-quality, flexible, and future-focused education to learners across Kenya and beyond.

Our goal is to nurture critical thinkers, problem solvers, and innovators who are ready to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Every lesson, every assessment, and every conversation with our students is guided by one belief: that excellence should never be limited by circumstance, location, or background.

At Novastra, learning goes beyond the screen. Our structured Cambridge curriculum, live interactive classes, and dedicated teachers work together to give every learner a clear, supported path — from their very first lesson to their final Cambridge examination.

I encourage you to explore this prospectus and discover how Novastra can partner with your family to nurture the next generation of thinkers, innovators, and global citizens.

Warm regards,

Gideon Macharia Ndegwa

Head of School, Novastra International School

"Empowering Excellence Without Limits" is not just our motto — it is our daily commitment to every learner who joins the Novastra community.

ABOUT NOVA STRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A New Era of Online Education

Novastra International School is a forward-thinking online institution focused on delivering high-quality, Cambridge-aligned STEM education. We combine modern teaching methods, digital tools, and experienced educators to create an engaging and effective learning environment for students anywhere in the world.

Established with a vision to transform digital learning, Novastra provides a structured and interactive academic environment where students learn beyond borders through modern technology, expert teachers, and internationally benchmarked assessments.

As a fully online Cambridge school, we focus on academic excellence, critical thinking, and skills development — preparing learners for IGCSE, AS & A-Level pathways, and future university success worldwide. Over time, Novastra has grown into a dynamic learning community that connects students, teachers, and parents through innovation, consistency, and a shared commitment to excellence.

100%

Online Learning

Cambridge

Curriculum

Global

Student Reach

24/7

Learning Access

OUR VISION, MISSION & MOTTO

Vision

To be a leading international school that empowers learners to become innovative thinkers, responsible citizens, and future leaders.

Mission

To provide high-quality holistic education that nurtures academic excellence, creativity, critical thinking, leadership, and personal growth.

Motto

"EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE WITHOUT LIMITS"

Our Core Values

❖ Excellence

❖ Collaboration

❖ Integrity

❖ Global Citizenship

❖ Innovation

❖ Lifelong Learning

WHY CHOOSE NOVA STRA

An international learning experience built for excellence, flexibility, and global success.

International Curriculum

We follow the Cambridge International Curriculum, recognised globally by top universities and education systems.

Fully Online Learning

Learn from anywhere with structured live classes, recorded lessons, and interactive materials.

Expert Teachers

Qualified and experienced teachers who focus on student understanding and academic excellence.

Continuous Assessment

Regular assessments, assignments, and feedback ensure steady academic progress throughout the year.

STEM Focus

We develop creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills through STEM-based learning.

University Pathway

We prepare students for top global universities with strong academic foundations and guidance.

Admissions are open for all Cambridge levels: Primary, Lower Secondary, IGCSE & A-Level.

KEY STAGES OF LEARNING (KS1–KS5)

Novastra follows a structured Cambridge pathway from foundational learning through to university preparation — five clearly defined Key Stages that build progressively on skills, knowledge, and character.

Every Key Stage at Novastra is built around learner-centred teaching: small live classes, individual pacing, continuous formative feedback, and lessons that adapt to each child's strengths, interests, and goals — rather than a one-size-fits-all timetable.

KS1 — Cambridge Primary — Lower Primary

Years 1–2 • Ages 5–7

Key Stage 1 lays the foundation for every learner's academic journey. Students build early literacy and numeracy, guided by warm, structured, play-informed teaching that keeps curiosity and confidence at the centre of every lesson.

Subjects Offered

- ❖ English — phonics, early reading and writing fluency
- ❖ Mathematics — number, measurement, and shape foundations
- ❖ Science — guided exploration and observation
- ❖ Digital Literacy — introduction to responsible technology use
- ❖ Creative Arts — visual art, music, and movement
- ❖ Physical & Social-Emotional Development

Learner-Centred Approach

Lessons are delivered in small live groups with close teacher attention, so pacing is set by the child rather than the calendar. Learners choose activities within guided lessons, and teachers use daily check-ins and the learning dashboard to adjust support in real time.

KS2 — Cambridge Primary — Upper Primary

Years 3–6 • Ages 7–11

Key Stage 2 deepens core subject mastery while introducing new disciplines. Learners build the research, collaboration, and independent-thinking skills they will need for secondary education, culminating in the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint.

Subjects Offered

- ❖ English & Mathematics — advancing fluency and problem-solving
- ❖ Science — hands-on investigation across life, physical, and earth sciences
- ❖ Global Perspectives / Humanities — cross-cultural and social awareness
- ❖ Computing & ICT — coding basics and digital research skills
- ❖ Foreign Language — introductory French or Swahili
- ❖ Art, Music & Physical Education
- ❖ Cambridge Primary Checkpoint preparation (Year 6)

Learner-Centred Approach

Students take increasing ownership of their learning through project-based tasks and independent research, while teachers personalise targets from continuous assessment data. Peer collaboration and student voice — choosing topics, formats, and pace within a project — are built into every unit.

KS3 — Cambridge Lower Secondary

Years 7–9 • Ages 11–14

Key Stage 3 marks the transition to secondary education. The curriculum broadens and deepens, allowing learners to discover their strengths ahead of subject selection at IGCSE, while developing the study habits and digital fluency needed for that next step.

Subjects Offered

- ❖ English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry & Physics (introduced discretely)
- ❖ History & Geography
- ❖ Computer Science and introductory Business Studies
- ❖ French or Swahili
- ❖ Art & Design
- ❖ Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint preparation

Learner-Centred Approach

Learners begin to specialise, with lesson choices and elective clubs shaped by individual interest. Teachers act as mentors — using one-on-one feedback sessions, note-taking and revision coaching, and flexible pacing so every student arrives at IGCSE options ready and confident.

KS4 — Cambridge IGCSE

Years 10–11 • Ages 14–16

Key Stage 4 is one of the most widely recognised international qualifications in the world. Students select a tailored combination of subjects from Novastra's IGCSE offering and work towards externally assessed Cambridge examinations that open doors to A-Level, university, and global careers.

Subjects Offered

- ❖ Core: Mathematics, First Language English
- ❖ Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- ❖ Humanities: Geography or History, Environmental Management
- ❖ Vocational: Computer Science, Business Studies
- ❖ Languages: Swahili or French

Learner-Centred Approach

Each learner follows a personalised subject combination built around their strengths and aspirations, with structured revision programmes, past-paper practice, and university and career guidance beginning in Year 10. Regular one-to-one check-ins keep every student's pace and targets individually tailored.

KS5 — Cambridge AS & A Level

Years 12–13 • Ages 16+

Key Stage 5 provides in-depth, specialist study in preparation for university admission. Students typically choose three to four subjects from 18 Cambridge International AS & A Level options across four pathways, developing expertise and demonstrating readiness for higher education worldwide.

Subjects Offered

- ❖ Sciences & Mathematics: Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science
- ❖ Humanities & Social Sciences: English Language & Literature, History, Geography, Psychology, Sociology
- ❖ Business & Economics: Economics, Business, Accounting
- ❖ Languages & Arts: French, Art & Design, Global Perspectives & Research

Learner-Centred Approach

Learning becomes highly individualised: personal statement coaching, independent research projects, and university application support (UCAS, Common App, and regional systems) are all shaped around each student's chosen destination, with subject specialists mentoring learners one-on-one through their final two years.

SUBJECTS WE OFFER — AT A GLANCE

A quick cross-stage reference. Full subject detail, entry requirements, and methodology for each Key Stage are set out in the Key Stages of Learning section above.

Key Stage	Subject Areas
KS1 (Years 1–2)	English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Literacy, Creative Arts, PE
KS2 (Years 3–6)	English, Mathematics, Science, Global Perspectives, Computing, French/Swahili, Art, PE
KS3 (Years 7–9)	English, Mathematics, Sciences, History, Geography, Computer Science, Business Studies, French/Swahili, Art
KS4 – IGCSE (Years 10–11)	Mathematics, First Language English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Geography or History, Environmental Management, Business Studies, Swahili or French
KS5 – AS & A Level (Years 12–13)	18 subjects across Sciences & Mathematics, Humanities & Social Sciences, Business & Economics, and Languages & Arts

At IGCSE, Geography and History are offered as alternatives (one, not both); Swahili and French are likewise offered as alternatives for the additional language requirement.

Full subject details, entry requirements, and recommended combinations are available in our IGCSE Subject Choices Booklet and AS & A Level Pathways Guide.

OUR ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Novastra delivers a structured and modern learning system designed to support every learner's academic journey with clarity, consistency, and global standards.

Cambridge-Aligned Learning

All programmes follow internationally recognised Cambridge standards, from Primary through to A-Level.

Connected Learning System

Live classes, assignments, and feedback are integrated into a single digital learning platform, giving students and parents real-time visibility into progress.

Digital Learning Platform

Interactive online classes combine live lessons, recorded sessions, and smart learning tools — accessible from anywhere, at any time.

STEM Focus

We prepare students for the future through coding, robotics, and scientific thinking woven throughout the curriculum.

Global Learning Mindset

We prepare students for international education and opportunities, connecting them with a truly global learning community.

Structured System · Student Focus · Digital Platform · Global Standards — the four pillars of every Novastra classroom.

STUDENT LIFE & PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Student Life at Novastra

Students participate in clubs, leadership opportunities, global projects, collaborative learning experiences, and STEM-focused activities that extend learning well beyond the (virtual) classroom.

Parent Partnership

Novastra maintains strong communication through parent meetings, academic reports, progress updates, consultations, and dedicated administrative support — ensuring every family stays closely connected to their child's learning journey.

What Our Learning Community Says

"Novastra has made learning flexible and enjoyable for my child. The teachers are supportive and always available."
— Parent

"I love how interactive the classes are. I can learn from anywhere and still feel connected." — Student

"The STEM focus has really helped me improve my problem-solving skills." — Student

MEET OUR TEAM

Novastra is guided by a dedicated leadership team committed to academic excellence and every learner's success.

Gideon Macharia Ndegwa

Head of School

Derick Gachogu

Deputy Principal

Fulex Manari

Director of Curriculum

Carlos Washe Kalama

Dean of Academics

Beatrice Kalee

Administrator

FEE STRUCTURE (2025–2027)

The following table outlines the regular termly tuition fees for the 2025–2027 academic period. All fees are quoted in Kenya Shillings (KES).

Category	Termly Tuition Fee
Year 1–3	Ksh. 63,000
Year 4–5	Ksh. 69,000
Year 6–7	Ksh. 75,000
Year 8–9	Ksh. 84,000
Year 10–11	Ksh. 96,000
Year 12–13	Ksh. 138,000

Please Note

- ❖ Tuition fees do not include Checkpoint exams, O-Level mock exams, IGCSE practical lab sessions, or other co-curricular activities.
- ❖ A one-time admission fee of Ksh. 3,500 applies upon enrolment.
- ❖ For One-on-One tuition fees, please consult with the admissions office.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Fees may be paid via bank transfer or M-Pesa, using the official Novastra school accounts below:

BANK TRANSFER

Co-operative Bank

Account Number: 01101876773001

Machakos Branch

Account Name: NOVA STRA ONLINE S

M-PESA (KENYA)

Pay Bill Number: 400200

Account Number: 1039857

Payment Terms

- ❖ Termly payment plans are available via M-Pesa or bank transfer.
- ❖ All payments must be made to the official Novastra school accounts listed above.
- ❖ Payment deadlines are communicated to families ahead of each term.
- ❖ Students are admitted into class only once full or first-instalment payment has been received.

ADMISSIONS

Join a future-focused learning environment designed to nurture excellence, creativity, and leadership at every stage of education.

Our Admission Philosophy

At Novastra, we believe every learner deserves equal opportunity. Our admissions are guided by fairness, academic readiness, and the student's potential to thrive in our learning environment. We focus on:

❖ Academic readiness

❖ Character development

❖ Learning potential

❖ Age-appropriate placement

Admission Process — How to Apply

Step 1: Submit Application

Complete the online admission form with accurate details.

Step 2: Review & Assessment

Our admissions team reviews the application and may invite the student for an assessment or interview.

Step 3: Admission Decision

Successful applicants receive an official admission letter.

Step 4: Enrollment & Joining Instructions

Parents complete registration and receive school joining details.

Admissions are open for all Cambridge levels: Primary, Lower Secondary, IGCSE & A-Level.

CONTACT US

We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our team with any questions about admissions, programmes, or school life at Novastra.

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