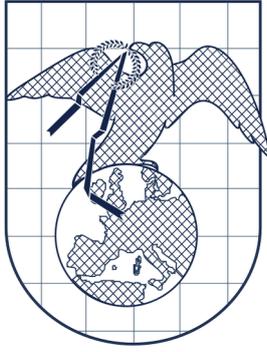




TOWNSHEND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Join the World in
the Heart of Europe



Imagine...

Imagine a school where your teachers are your friends and mentors, looking for the best in you, and helping you see strengths within yourself that you may not have known were there... where helping you develop your character is as important as helping you develop your mind... where helping you be the best person you can be is as important as helping you be the most intelligent person you can be... a school that sees you essentially as a spiritual being, and nurtures the life of the spirit.

When we look around the world today, it is easy to see the forces of disintegration at work. However, in addition to the disintegration, there are also other processes taking place – those of integration, and the emergence of associated attitudes and practices that recognise a fundamental reality - that humanity is one, and the earth is our common home. We see Townshend International School as one of these proponents of integration in the world. Here, in addition to the prestigious and internationally recognised Cambridge Curriculum, we help students explore their role as active agents of positive change, and empower them to confidently engage in society to make the world a more unified and harmonious place.

This is Townshend International School, located in the heart of Europe, where students come from all over the world to study and grow together. We welcome you to learn more about Townshend and the unique environment we have created.





Fast Facts:

- Founded 1992
- 140 students from pre-K through secondary school graduation
- On-campus dormitories for secondary school students
- Language of instruction: English
- Cambridge Curriculum
- Member of Council of British International Schools (COBIS)
- >80% of Teachers with advanced degrees and certifications
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for English learners
- Foreign language classes include French, Spanish, and German
- Czech & German Language and Literature for native Czech & German speakers
- 106 countries from all continents represented over the years

Welcome

If you are looking for an environment where you can thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually — where you can be your best self, we welcome you to explore Townshend!

"I'm so incredibly happy by the fact that my son is being educated in a safe, loving and supportive environment, surrounded by positive peers."



A Peaceful Place...



Nestled on a hilltop in the picturesque town of Hluboka nad Vltavou, among the forests and lakes of South Bohemia, Townshend is located in the heart of Europe with easy access to cities that bring learning to life. Ten minutes from the regional capital of Ceske Budejovice, 45 minutes from the UNESCO World Heritage town of Cesky Krumlov, an hour from Germany or Austria, and two hours south of one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Prague, Townshend combines peace and safety with easy access to adventure and grand European capitals.





Safe. Beautiful. Cultured. Friendly. These are some of the first few words that come to mind when describing the Czech Republic and its peoples. If you are not from Europe, you may not be familiar with this modern nation. The Czech Republic...

- Has been a member of the European Union (EU) since 2004, with a high standard of living, infrastructure, and economic opportunity.
- Its capital, Prague, is ranked consistently as one of the 10 most beautiful cities in the world, and has been voted Europe's Prettiest City.
- Has more UNESCO World Heritage sites per square meter than any other country in the world. It is a place with rich history and natural beauty.
- Has had 5 Nobel Prize winners — 2 in Medicine, 1 in Chemistry, 1 in Literature, and 1 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Three have been men, and two have been women.
- Is world renown in the film industry, and has been the location for such Hollywood blockbusters as Amadeus, Mission Impossible, Casino Royale, and Anthropoid.
- Is one of the safest and most peaceful countries in the world on the international Global Peace Index.
- Has over 7 million tourists annually.
- Has non-stop flights to 137 cities around the world (including Beijing and Seoul), and is less than 2 hours from London, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome, Copenhagen, Oslo, and Berlin.

Excellence in Education...

Cambridge Curriculum

At the core of Townshend's academic programme is the Cambridge Curriculum. Cambridge Assessment International Education is the world's largest provider of international education qualifications for 5 to 19 year olds, and is used in over 10,000 schools in 160 countries. The Cambridge curriculum provides a progressive and flexible education, helping our diverse students to perform at a very high standard and to go on to achieve academic excellence in their further studies. Like the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) diplomas, Cambridge is an internationally recognised credential that is welcomed by schools and universities throughout the world. The curriculum leads to the IGCSE, AS, and A-Level credentials, often allowing advanced placement into university.



English Language

The language of instruction at Townshend is English. Many students come to Townshend to learn and master English. Our English Language Programme provides strong support for students from non-English speaking backgrounds.

University Admissions

Townshend students are welcomed to universities around the world. Our graduates have attended universities ranked in the top 1% worldwide.

Graduates of Townshend have attended top universities including internationally acclaimed schools such as Cal Tech, Harvard, Oxford, Imperial College London, Ludwig Maximilian, Melbourne, Edinburgh, and McGill.

Caring & Talented Teachers

Our teaching staff are a highly qualified group of individuals, with more than 80% of them holding advanced degrees and certifications, including masters and doctoral degrees. They come from over 15 countries, and bring with them life experiences that enrich the education of our students. Amongst this distinguished group of educators you will find published authors, entrepreneurs, opera singers, researchers, professional actors, business owners, artists, and doctors. At any school the teaching staff is at the core of the educational process, and we are fortunate to have built such a talented and caring team.



**Cambridge Assessment
International Education**

Cambridge International School

Rich in Gems...

Our educational philosophy can be summed up by the words “Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.” Drawing from this, the relationship between students and teachers at Townshend is one of mutual respect and affection. Students are encouraged to develop their abilities, and teachers are trained in mentoring their students. We see the intrinsic value and worth of each student, and seek to draw out the best within them.



“Where can I even start to thank you... Your ability to encourage students to overcome their feelings of hopelessness is absolutely incredible, something I can personally attest to. Before I came to Townshend, I never thought I could be good at mathematics, and even for a while at the beginning of Level III, I still didn’t think I could be good at maths! But the amount of faith you had in me really pushed me to achieve my full potential, potential I don’t think I could have reached without your invaluable guidance... I just want to thank you so very very much for all you have helped me achieve, not only in maths and mechanics, but in building up the amount of faith I have in myself and in my abilities.”

Jess, Class of 2015, Ireland

Individual Attention

At Townshend, classes are small and vibrant, allowing for deep exploration of concepts and ideas from a variety of points of view. In this intimate environment, students learn to independently investigate reality, apply knowledge to new problems, strengthen their powers of expression, share their insights respectfully, and to change their opinions with dignity. They learn to become world citizens.

“You have been so important to me, not just as a teacher, but as a friend and mentor.”



Unity in Diversity...

“There is so much diversity here that there isn’t the pressure to conform. You can be who you were meant to be.”



From Australia to Iceland, from Korea to the Cook Islands, from the Congo to Peru, over the years Townshend has attracted students from more than 106 countries and from all continents. Though the core of our students come from Europe, we are successful at maintaining our balance and diversity, so that no single group is too large, and so that students form friendships across all ethnicities. We also seek economic diversity and a significant number of our students receive financial aid and scholarships.

Townshend celebrates religious diversity. Founded on the Baha’i principles of kindness, tolerance, unity, and diversity, we seek to support each student’s spiritual quest by providing time for individual and collective reflection, and exploration of spiritual themes.





Positive Peers

One of the main assets of Townshend is that it brings together a group of positive peers. One of the most powerful choices a parent can make in the life of a child is to change their peer environment. Often times, parents see their children under-challenged, or swept away by the forces of a society that seems to be disintegrating. Townshend attracts those youth whose peer group is no longer supporting their higher ambitions, whether it be academic, social, or spiritual. In this positive environment, students are able to be their true selves, and to grow.

International Network

We are a close-knit community that reaches far across the world. Our students are truly the embodiments of world citizenship. While at school, they are constantly spending their holidays in one another's homes in all corners of the globe. As university students, they keep these friendships and travel together to engage in community service projects. And now we are seeing that in their professional lives, they maintain their Townshend connections, socially and often in business as well.

“There are no cliques. Emotional security for each individual is guarded vigilantly — so everyone is free to be who they really are, and express themselves without the oppressive weight of negative peer pressure.”



Campus Life...

While school is where the academic learning occurs, the dormitory is where holistic education takes place. With facilities for 45 students in each dormitory, life there is like that of a large extended family.

The dormitory is a cross-cultural environment where qualities such as social skills, time management, ethical values, leadership, and spirituality are developed. We seek to create a family environment where students can find brothers and sisters who will help them grow during their time here and will become life-long friends.



“My parents live close by, so I could have lived at home. But I chose to live in the dorm because the friendships are deeper, there is always a lot happening, and the evening study halls help me to study.”

Each dormitory has a set of dormitory parents, along with their staff and service volunteers. They work in close coordination with the Residential Director, school nurse, and school psychologist to ensure a safe, positive environment that is conducive to the growth and well-being of students.

Two to three students share a room, and roommates are rotated to give students the opportunity to make many close friends.

Teachers are often available in the dormitories in the evenings and on weekends to help students with their studies.





Holistic and Balanced

A balanced and happy human being needs more than intellectual education. At Townshend we take a holistic approach to education, and provide co-curricular after-school activities through which students develop various skills, participate in sports, gain service experience, and engage in personal development. Activities rotate each term, and are organised by experienced staff. Our programme encourages regular participation in activities, allowing students to gain experience in new areas, adding balance to their daily lives, and broadening their horizons.

Successful completion of the required hours leads to the Townshend Youth Award, which also qualifies a student for the International Youth Award (Duke of Edinburgh's Award). Some examples of activities include:

Personal Development & Skills

- Music Lessons
- Choir
- Drama
- Photography
- Discussion Evenings
- Leadership Seminars
- Ruhi Institute Courses
- Model UN
- Yearbook

Service

- Children's Classes Teacher
- Junior Youth Animator
- Peer Tutoring
- Primary School Assistant
- Malala Project
- Refugee Visits
- Environmental Projects

Sports

- Football
- Basketball
- Horseback Riding
- Yoga
- Cycling
- Dance



Life in Europe...



A history trip to Auschwitz, Nuremberg and Berlin; a geography trip to Mount Vesuvius and Rome; a physics trip to the world's most powerful particle accelerator at CERN in Geneva; a music trip to the opera in Prague; a dormitory trip to museums in Vienna; a cultural trip to London; a civics trip to UN headquarters; a music trip to Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg; a Model UN trip to Athens or Budapest; or just a monthly excursion to the symphony — these are just a few of the enriching trips that add depth to the curriculum and the experience at Townshend. Rich in history and culture, an education in Europe brings you into direct contact with the foundations of western thought and civilisation. It's an experience like no other.



Our Alumni...

Development experts, international consultants, global leaders, and entrepreneurs... film-makers, studio musicians, producers, and writers... doctors, lawyers, business owners, and educators. The proof of Townshend's success lies in its alumni — a distinguished group spanning some twenty years, scattered on all continents, actively contributing to their communities, leading thought and innovation.



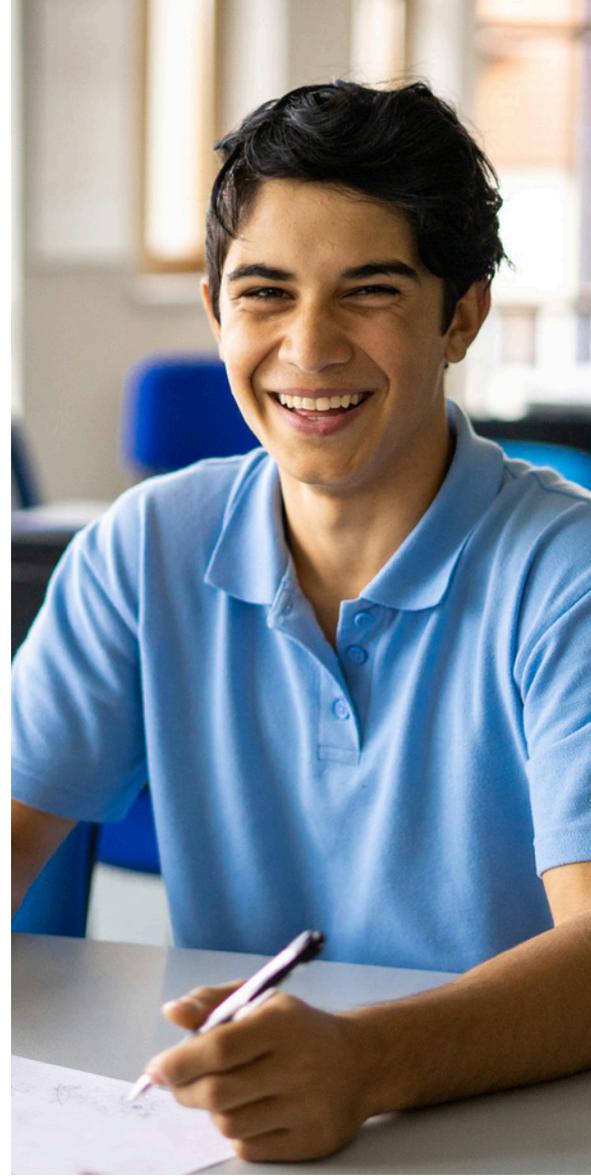
See You Soon...

How to Apply

The application process is very straightforward. Download an application from our website (townshend.cz/admissions), and send it in along with your current school transcripts. We accept applications throughout the year.

Visit Us

If you are able, we encourage you to visit Townshend. Students are welcome to stay in the dormitory and attend classes for a day or two. Parents are able to see the school first-hand, and meet with our Academic Director, Residential Director, Counsellor, and School Director to answer any questions.





Financial Aid

We are pleased to offer financial aid to families who value a Townshend education, and need assistance. Each year a significant number of our students receive financial aid. This is based upon the needs of the family, the number of families applying, and the funds available each year. The application is also available on our website, and should be submitted together with the admissions application.

Learn More

If you are unable to visit us in person, visit our website, Facebook page, or call, email, or Skype us. We are happy to help you in any way to learn more about Townshend. Our Residential Handbook, available at www.townshend.cz/admissions can answer many of your questions about the details of life at Townshend. We look forward to hearing from you.

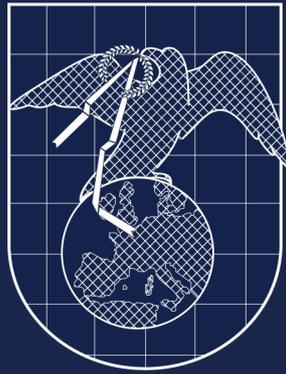
Scholarships

Do you come from an underserved area of the world, but can contribute significantly to the Townshend community? Are you of high academic standing? Do you have significant leadership skills and service experience? Each year, we seek to encourage students who have significant contributions to make to our community to apply to Townshend. These scholarships are available for the first year a student is enrolled. Applications are available on our website.

Year of Service

If you wish to volunteer at Townshend for a year, our Year of Service programme offers opportunities for those wishing to work with young people.

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