

|| Hare Krishna ||

!!Welcome to the Bhaktivedanta Gurukula!!



Bhaktivedanta Gurukula, Sai (farms) nature resort,
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Discover an exceptional residential school where academic excellence meets holistic development. Our institution fosters a nurturing environment, blending modern education with time-honored values. Students are encouraged to explore their passions, develop leadership skills, and cultivate a strong sense of community. With blend of traditional and modern facilities, experienced faculty, and personalized attention, we ensure each child's unique potential is realized. We believe in preparing students not just for exams, but for life—instilling integrity, creativity, and a global perspective. Join us in shaping future leaders who are well-rounded, confident, and ready to make a positive impact on the world.



WHY GURUKULA?

Dear parents/guardians,
Namaste!

As you consider your child's educational journey, I wanted to reach out personally to share a bit about what makes **Bhaktivedanta Gurukula** such a transformative environment for young minds. Let me begin by sharing our study of following **frustrations, desires, and fears** parents often have regarding their children. We have tried to design our residential school in a way that helps us (parents and educators) address these issues.

Parents' Frustrations

- 1.Struggle to get children off screens and engage in meaningful activities.
- 2.Resistance from children in following a daily routine or discipline.
- 3.Difficulty in managing children's temper tantrums or emotional outbursts.
- 4.Lack of interest in studies or poor academic performance.
- 5.Over-dependence on gadgets and lack of outdoor play.
- 6.Peer pressure influencing children's behavior or habits.
- 7.Communication gaps and inability to connect deeply with their child.
- 8.Unhealthy eating habits and refusal to eat nutritious meals.
- 9.Inability to instill spiritual or moral values effectively.
- 10.Balancing work-life pressures while being involved in their child's life.

Parents' Desires

- 1.Raising emotionally intelligent and well-mannered children.
- 2.Instilling self-confidence and independence in their kids.
- 3.Nurturing children's talents and helping them discover their passions.
- 4.Developing a close, trusting parent-child and teacher - student relationship.
- 5.Ensuring their child excels academically and socially.
- 6.Raising kids with strong moral and spiritual grounding.
- 7.Giving children a balanced life with outdoor activities and creative pursuits.
- 8.Protecting children from negative influences while exposing them to good role models.
- 9.Helping children develop resilience to face challenges in life.
- 10.Being proud of their child's accomplishments and character.



Parents' Fears

- 1.Children becoming addicted to screens, games, or social media.
- 2.Struggling academically and being unable to compete in the future.
- 3.Falling into bad company or adopting harmful habits.
- 4.Safety concerns, including online safety and physical safety in the real world.
- 5.Not being a good enough parent and failing to meet their child's needs.
- 6.Children losing respect for family values or traditions.
7. Developing health issues due to poor lifestyle choices.
- 8.Feeling excluded from their child's life as they grow older.
- 9.Being unable to financially support their child's aspirations or education.
- 10.Children lacking gratitude and becoming entitled.

Now, imagine a place where learning goes beyond textbooks, where values, character, and life skills are woven into each day. Our gurukula is dedicated to nurturing not only academic growth but also personal development, helping young boys grow into confident, compassionate, and spiritually enriched individuals.

Here, education goes beyond textbooks—your son will learn not only science and math but also the timeless principles of respect, responsibility, and self-discipline in a nurturing environment. Our approach is designed to inspire both personal growth and academic excellence, preparing him for all aspects of life.

I'd love for you to visit us, tour our campus, and see this unique setting for yourself. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to arrange a time to visit.

Warm regards,
Bala Govinda Dasa,
Director
Bhaktivedanta Gurukula





Detailed information and FAQ

Set up: Currently (1 March 2025) having -

Students: 49

Teachers: 8 resident, 4 visiting

Cows: 10

Land: 5 acres

Caretakers: 3

Visit or calling hours (with prior appointment):

9 am to 10 am,

4 pm to 5 pm any day

1. What is the age group for Gurukula admissions?

Ans - Age group for entry is 9 to 12 years old. Only for boys. Boys can stay till age 21 if they wish to. Usually, they join in the 4th standard and graduate after 12th standard.

2. What are the other criteria for Gurukula admission?

Ans: Some of the milk teeth should have fallen,
They can take basic care of themselves like bathing, toilet training, wearing dhoti,
washing own clothes.

Language and mathematics proficiency must be matching the academic requirements.





3. What is the daily routine of students in Gurukula?

Children wake up very early, by 5 AM, there is a morning routine of Mangal Aarti, Chanting, Gurupuja and Shastra class. Our training is based on the teachings of ISKCON founder Acharya - His Divine Grace Abhayacharanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

The children follow Morning sadhana (devotional rituals), Mantra meditation, Yoga, Cleaning, Cooking, Goseva, Temple worship services and undergo academic sessions before noon.

Post noon they learn a lot of skills like Music, Mridanga, Sanskrit, Yoga, Mallakhamb, Lathikathi, Vedic training (some of the 14 vidya, 64 arts) and so on.

NOTE: This schedule may undergo change depending on the seasons, circumstances and needs of children and educators.

Here are some glimpses of the daily activities:

Boys wake up between 4 am to 5.30 am as per their age considerations. Younger boys sleep for 9 hrs. or more, older 7 hrs. or more



5.30am Morning sadhana
7 am Yogasana and exercise
7.25 am snacks
7.30 am Sriguru Puja, Prabhupada katha, Bhakti Sastri course
9 am Breakfast
9.30 am Cleaning ashram
10 am academics
12.30 pm lunch
1.30 pm academics
3.30 pm Veda siksa or life skills training
4.30 pm sports, taekwondo
5.50 pm dinner
6.20 pm evening session
7.20 pm wind down for rest
7.30 pm rest







4. What all things will the child learn in the Gurukula?

1. **Krishna conscious training**-Daily life lessons inspired by Indian traditions, ethics, and scriptures - bhakti shastras, Vaishnava sadachara, deity worship, yajna, outreach etc. Practical spiritual practices like yoga, mantra-meditation, and values discussions to develop inner strength and focus
2. **Veda and varna shiksha**- teaching and training according to inclination, capacity and talent from amongst 14 books of Vedic knowledge and 64 arts – at least one vidya and one kalaa
3. **Training in life skills**: basic farming and goseva, martial arts, cooking, communication, yoga, music, finance management, public speaking, teamwork, emotional intelligence, and leadership. etc. Sports and Arts: Emphasis on physical and creative activities to nurture well-rounded development.
4. **Social awareness and resilience**: Making them capable of responding to societal challenges: dealing with media, politics, violence, peer pressure, addictions etc. Opportunities to serve the community, fostering compassion and responsibility.
5. **Academic excellence** - Strong focus on academic rigor aligned with academic subjects from SSC or NIOS board

Career and College Guidance: Personalized mentorship to help students pursue higher education or career paths aligned with their talents and aspirations.

5. What can we expect in terms of Vedic education?

Depending on inclination, capacity of the child, we plan to teach from amongst the 14 vidyas and 64 arts. Training will depend upon the inclination and capacity of the student.... currently we have nyaya, niti, dharma sastras, itihaas, pancatantra, hitopadesh, goseva, farming, gardening

6. Gurukula Education - does it cover academics as well? Which Syllabus pattern does the Gurukula follow?

Yes. SSC board of Maharashtra. We use SSC books till 4th std and CBSE books from std 5 onwards.

We give character development equal priority as academic excellence.



7. Which certification does the child get?

SSC board, Maharashtra state (English medium)

8. How are the basic living facilities in Gurukula?

Rural setting, city comfort

Hot water for bath

Solar for electricity backup

Campus well maintained by 3 full-time caretakers

9. What is the food arrangement in Gurukula?

Sattvik nutritious prasad,

Cooked by Bengali cook who practices spiritual culture seriously,

Teachers and students also assist in cooking.

Diet plan prepared as per nutrition experts

Morning snacks at 7 am, breakfast at 8:30 a.m. lunch at 12:45 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. milk (sometimes) at 7:20 p.m.

10. When can the parents visit Gurukula?

Sundays 7 am to 9 am or 4 pm to 6 pm, only once a month and with prior notice.

We have accommodation facilities for stay over for only one night (for parents visiting from 300 km or more). It needs to be pre booked and Rs 500 per person is expected dakshina for this facility.

11. Are phone calls allowed?

Weekly once for 30 minutes WhatsApp video call at predetermined time. In case of emergency, we may call you anytime.



12. What all things are necessary to bring in the Gurukula?

Separate pdf provided. Please send a message to +917770055500

13. How many teachers or staff members are there in the Gurukula?

8 resident

4 visiting

14. How do you ensure that the child is competent in the outside world?

Principles and values that govern life and its contribution are embedded in day-to-day activities and routines.

Students get training in both character and competence

They are getting regular academic certification, to continue further what they wish to pursue in 'outside world' after 10th or 12th standard.



15. Is there any Gurukula for girls?

Yes, we have started admission for girls Vidyashrama. It is a non-residential school. Details can be found at www.bkva.bhaktivedantaeducation.com



16. What is the fee structure of Gurukula?

The directors of the Gurukula do not take profit or salary from this project. We have an expense of about 5 lakh rupees per month About 1.5 lakh rupees per student.. Give the best dakshina you can.

17. Holidays?

In the Kartika month 20 days – usually in November around Dipavali time
In summer 45 to 50 days – usually from 10th April to 30th May

18. What arrangements do we have when students fall sick?

In case of mild illness, basic 1st aid is kept ready

On campus Teachers trained in basic healthcare and medication.

Local Doctor from nearby is available to respond to any emergencies.

2 experts conduct full body checkup every semester.

In case of severe illness:

Parents are immediately informed, and action taken as per their decisions

Local hospital is 5 km away and is favorable in responding to our needs.

Many devotee doctors (specialized in their own field) in Pune offer quick consultation over a video call.

19. What are the arrangements regarding “Child Protection”?

Here is a summary of the measures in place to ensure child safety and care:

1. Child Protection Training (CPT): Conducted every semester for teachers, parents, and students, covering:
 - History, scope and need of child protection
 - Importance, methods, and practices of child protection
2. Visitor Screening: Only approved visitors are allowed on campus. No unscreened individuals can stay or interact with students.
3. Staff Selection and Monitoring: Teachers and caretakers undergo thorough background checks and regular monitoring.
4. Zero Tolerance for Misconduct:
 - Students involved in bullying or other disruptive activities are sent home.
 - The environment prioritizes learning and personal growth.
5. Supportive Environment:
 - A homely, non-commercial atmosphere is maintained.
 - Children are trained to address issues like bullying and abuse fearlessly.
6. Regular Discussions:
 - Monthly meetings (Istagosthi) involve children and parents to discuss child care and protection.
7. Parent-Student Communication:
 - Weekly video calls between parents and students.
 - Monthly in-person visits by parents to the Gurukula.
8. Health Care: Resident teachers are trained in basic healthcare to ensure students' well-being.
9. Clear Agreements: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlines the Gurukula's culture, care policies, and training outcomes, ensuring clarity between the organization and parents.
10. Home Stay and Bonding:
 - Students have 8–9 weeks of holidays annually to stay with parents.
 - Both parents and students receive training to strengthen trust, happiness, and mutual service (seva).

20. Is there a parent-teacher association?

Yes. Monthly zoom call on 1st Friday 8 pm. In this 40 min session you can address management issues, seek training inputs, clarify doubts etc. You can send agenda via WhatsApp to 7770055500.

1st meet will happen on 2nd Sunday of June 2023, 5 pm

21. What's the admission procedure?

From 1st December to 30th March

Choose any 4 days for sending your son for a residential trial.

After the stay, we will let you know if the admission (for next academic year starting 1st June) is confirmed.

22. Who are the teachers?



HG Bala Govinda Dasa

Bāla Govinda Dāsa (B.E., M.Ed.) has been working as an educator and coach for over 27 years. His journey with ISKCON began in 1996, during which he has been actively involved in teaching, counseling, and management as his primary service. Prior to this, he worked as a Project Engineer at TATA Technologies. He is passionate about supporting individuals of all ages, including children, youth, parents, and educators, through spiritual and educational initiatives such as ISKCON GBC College and Bhaktivedanta Education. His focus lies in leadership training, curriculum development, coaching, and designing educational systems to help others grow.

HG Radhika Caranrenu Dasi

Radhika caranrenu dasi is an architect and educationist. She has done her masters in urban and regional planning from university of Queensland, Australia. She has also done Master is Education from SNTD University. Bachelors in architecture and also Bachelors in Education from Pune University. She also is a visiting faculty at the Brick school of architecture and Bharti Vidyapeeth college of Architecture. She has also been teaching and helping in managing the Bhaktivedanta Gurukul at Dalimīb





Yogesh Ingale

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, as well as a Bachelor's in Education, demonstrating his strong foundation in both technical and pedagogical fields. In addition to his academic achievements, Yogesh has been an active member of the spiritual community since 2018, joining the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and serving at the Gurukula for the past three years. This experience has honed his skills in leadership, community engagement, and spiritual practice."

Ganesh Jadhav

He holds a diploma in mechanical, demonstrating his strong foundation in both technical and pedagogical fields. In addition to his academic achievements, Ganesh has been an active member since 2019, joining the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). He honed his skills in Goshala, farming, rural development leadership, community engagement."



Ashok Thombare

Ashok Dattatraya Thombare is a dedicated educator with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and extensive teaching experience. Since 2020, He has been an actively serving at Bhaktivedanta Gurukula. He is involved in teaching, guiding, mentoring students of different grades. Ashok prioritizes moral and ethical values in his teaching, promoting a balanced approach to life. His unique blend of technical knowledge and spiritual insight creates a meaningful learning experience for students of diverse backgrounds.



Dhirendra Jagtap

Dhirendra Sir has 20 years experience in MNCs like Thermax Ltd. and Tata Honeywell Automation India Pvt. Ltd. in Projects and Design. At the peak of his career, switched to his own preference as an entrepreneur in Financial Planning and Investment Consultant. He was a visiting lecturer in Bharti Vidyapeeth teaching Financial Management to MBA students. Currently serving as teacher in Bhaktivedant Gurukul for 6th Standard students



HG Parameshvar Hriday Dasa

HG Parameshwar Hriday Das has over 25 years of experience in the IT industry, holding various roles from development to release management and quality assurance. For the past 7 years, he has been actively involved with ISKCON. In addition to his professional role, He teaches computer applications to students in grades 8, 9, and 10 at Gurukul. He is also deeply connected to the Gurukul community, as his son, Om, has been a student there for the past 5 years



HG Gita Upasana Dasi

Gita Upasana Devi Dasi is working as a software engineer in a multinational company with about 25 years of experience. She is practicing Krishna Consciousness since 2016 and conducts Srimad Bhagavatam classes for children for last 4 years.





Vedantee Keshav Pandit

Vedantee Keshav Pandit completed B. com. From Pune University. Has a Diploma in Fashion Designing from IITC, Pune. She is excellent at many art forms like jewellery design, dress design, flower decoration, knitting and crochet design. Currently she is a Teacher at Bhaktivedanta Gurukula, Dalimb.

Dattatrey Kamble

Dattatrey is a versatile professional with expertise spanning applied arts, painting, and design. He excels in art exhibitions, textile and graphic design, photography, cinematography, and videography.

With experience in marketing, agriculture, and managing online shopping platforms, his creative and technical skills make him a dynamic force in the artistic and commercial sectors. Holds BA from JJ school of arts.



Sumit Yadav

Holds a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality and is a great chef. He also is tech savvy and helps with BVG publications. He is assisting in secretarial and admin aspects of Gurukula.



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