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# Why Choose A Levels at POWIIS, Penang

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## About us

- ▶ Established 2011
- ▶ Located in the green, peaceful and safe area of Balik Pulau, Penang Island
- ▶ Diverse staff and student body
- ▶ Around 30 nationalities
- ▶ Our staff have worked in over 40 countries
- ▶ Academic excellence at GCSE and A level
- ▶ Holistic experience
- ▶ Arts, sports, community service, leadership

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## POWIIS Mission

An adventure for the mind and a home for the heart; where excellence, compassion and mutual respect unite to shape the leaders of a better tomorrow.

## POWIIS Vision

As a vibrant internationally-minded community of life-long learners, we balance high academic standards with a wealth of opportunities. We celebrate success and we learn from failure; we nurture talent and potential, and we foster confidence and humility. Through embracing our core values, we strive to contribute to a more sustainable and peaceful world.

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# POWIS Core values

## Learning

Creativity

Curiosity

Independence

Reflection

## Wellbeing

Balance

Courage

Resilience

Wisdom

## Global Citizenship

Collaboration

Integrity

Kindness

Open-mindedness



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# Boarding

- ▶ 3 options:
  - ▶ Full boarding
  - ▶ Weekly boarding (Monday - Friday)
  - ▶ Flexi boarding (to support family needs)
- ▶ All ages (11 - 18)
- ▶ Academic support
- ▶ Structured weekend / evening activities
- ▶ Family atmosphere

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# Our A Level Courses

A Level Options				
A	B	C	D	E
Art	Chemistry	Biology	DT	Biology
Chemistry	Economics	Business Studies	English Literature	Further Mathematics
Computer Science	Environmental Management (AS)	Drama	Further Mathematics	Mathematics
Geography	Music	Media Studies	Mathematics	Mathematics (AS)
History	PE (AS)	Physics		
	Physics	Psychology		
<b>Languages</b>				
French, Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin				

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# Assessments & Examinations

- ▶ We use two exam boards: Cambridge and Edexcel
- ▶ Both are equal and recognised globally. The decision is down to the individual subjects and is often based on how the content is assessed.
- ▶ Edexcel subjects are modular. We use these boards for Maths, the three Sciences, and Psychology. This means that exams are taken throughout the year in Jan, June and Oct. The content is split into individual units and the assessments are spread out. In some cases this can also give students the opportunity to resit an exam.
- ▶ Cambridge Exams generally consist of two papers at the end of year 12 and an additional two papers at the end of year 13. Exams are available in June and October.

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# Top Tips for Choosing A Levels

- ▶ You should be at the centre of your choices
  - ▶ What are you good at?
  - ▶ What are you interested in?
  - ▶ What do you enjoy?
  - ▶ What subjects will you need after POWIIS? <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>
- ▶ Watch out for crossover subjects
- ▶ Consider the content of the course, not just the title
- ▶ For some subjects, you don't need to have done it at IGCSE
- ▶ Consider all options with an open mind!
- ▶ If in doubt, ask! Have conversations and speak to the specialists.

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## POWIIS 6th Form

- ▶ Each A level is 11 periods over two weeks
- ▶ Students will have independent study periods
- ▶ Time to develop independence and be responsible for organising their time
- ▶ A dedicated tutor team who meet with students daily
- ▶ One to one tutorials to monitor progress and support students

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## POWIIS 6th Form

- ▶ The POWIIS Project
- ▶ Leadership opportunities
- ▶ Reading and Maths coaches
- ▶ Sixth Form Council
- ▶ The Sixth Form Trip and Residential
- ▶ Sixth Form Active Health Sessions
- ▶ ECAs
- ▶ Graduation

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# University & Careers Guidance

- ▶ Tailored and individualised support
- ▶ Information, tools and resources to make informed decisions
- ▶ We support each step of the application process
  - ▶ Personal statement/essay
  - ▶ Reference / Letter of recommendation
  - ▶ English language requirements
  - ▶ Entrance exams
  - ▶ Submitted work
  - ▶ Interviews

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# POWIIS Destinations

- ▶ Imperial College London
- ▶ University of Edinburgh
- ▶ LSE
- ▶ UCL
- ▶ University of Manchester
- ▶ Durham University
- ▶ King's College London
- ▶ Maastricht University
- ▶ National University of Singapore
- ▶ HKUST
- ▶ CUHK
- ▶ IMU
- ▶ University of Osaka
- ▶ Beijing University
- ▶ MIT
- ▶ Middlebury College
- ▶ Melbourne University

**UNIVERSITY OFFERS**  
*Class of 2022*

16 offers received from  
**TOP 20 UK UNIVERSITIES**


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8 offers received from  
**TOP 10 UK UNIVERSITIES**

93%

of our students received offers from Universities within TOP 35 UK Universities

**Courses covered within those offered:**

- Pharmacology
- Architecture
- Biochemistry
- Accounting & Finance
- Medical Physics
- Ecology & Conservation
- Computer Engineering
- Economics

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*and many more*





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## POWIIS Results 2022

- ▶ 90% of all grades were C or above.
  - ▶ 60% of these were A\* / A
- ▶ 76% of our students achieved at least a grade C in all of their subjects.
  - ▶ 31% of these achieved A\* / A across all subjects
- ▶ Usually students will take 3 subjects, as this is what universities require. One third of our students took 4 A levels.
  - ▶ 30% of these were grade A\*
  - ▶ 75% of these were A\* / A

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# Admissions & other information

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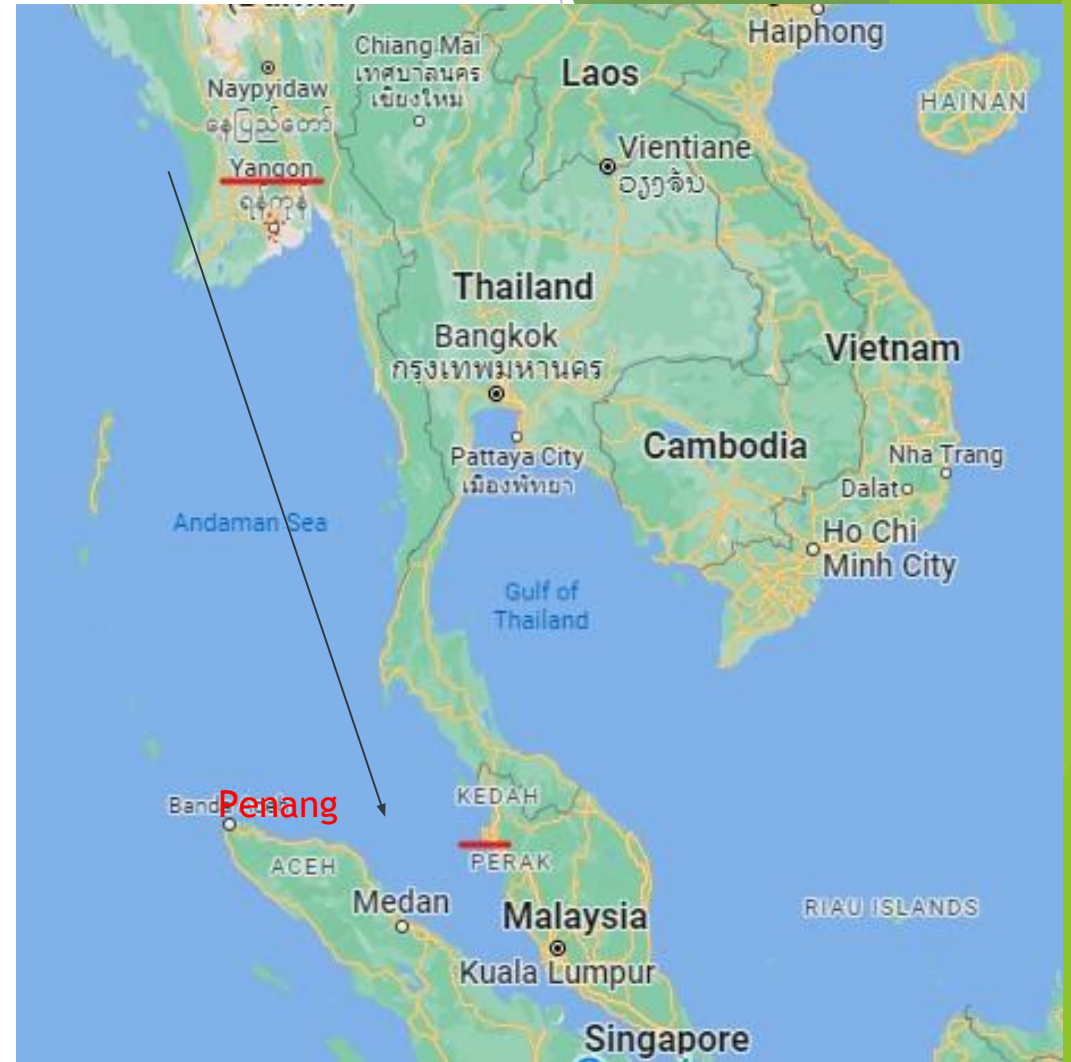




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## Living in Penang, Malaysia

- ▶ Island off the northwest coast, Peninsular Malaysia
- ▶ Environment - close to sandy beaches & hiking trails
- ▶ Diverse community (culture, race, religion)
- ▶ High quality & affordable healthcare
- ▶ Affordable cost of living, maintaining quality of life



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## Admissions Process

- ▶ Stage 1 (~1.5-2 hours): CAT4 exam to be completed with invigilation by Registrar
  - ▶ Stage 2 (~15 mins): Interview with boarding and/or EAL staff
  - ▶ Stage 3 (~15 mins): Interview with Principal
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- ▶ Document checklist for assessment:
    - ▶ Registration form
    - ▶ Copy of passport
    - ▶ Candidate's current school report

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## Visa Process

- ▶ Upon receiving offer letter from the school
- ▶ Student support officer
- ▶ Processing time - 8 to 12 weeks

### Type of visas:

- ▶ Student visa (boarding students, guardian(mother), legal guardian)
- ▶ Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) - requirements [HERE](#)
- ▶ Dependent pass

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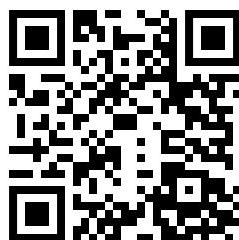
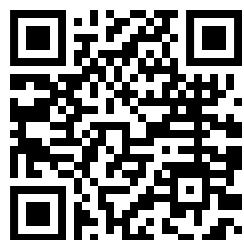


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# Thank You

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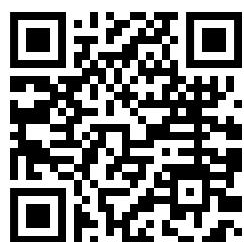


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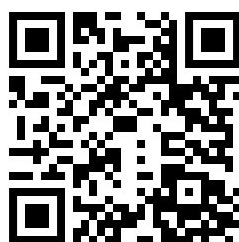
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