## Pamoja

# Give Your Child a Head Start for University, Work and Life. 

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## Learning Beyond the Classroom

Your child is an individual, and we think it is important their education reflects that.

Technology gives students opportunities and skills that simply did not exist 20 years ago. At Pamoja, we harness this technology to give your child a learning journey that's as unique as they are, giving them a head start for university, work, and life.


## Is Your Child Starting the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or Career-related

 Programme?With relatively little time left at school, students at this age are getting ready to take on the world. Pamoja Online Courses equip them with the essential skills they need to fulfil their potential and succeed at university, work and life.

## Help Your Child Stand Out

Universities have always looked for students who are independent, self-motivated and creative critical thinkers.
child grow into someone with bright ideas for the future and a global mindset, is essential for helping them stand out in the job market of tomorrow.

On top of this, they now increasingly value technological skills relevant to the digital age. For example, the University of Oxford has an extensive digital learning strategy, and Harvard University has its own Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

Similarly, businesses are increasingly looking for employees who can not only add value to their organisation, but who can accelerate them forwards on an ever more connected world stage. Helping your

## Raghav, former Pamoja student

"I recently completed my university applications and the experience of learning online gave me a huge advantage; both in terms of skill set and the format itself. It was the one thing that I wrote about for every application because it made me stand out. It definitely helped me to get in to most of the universities I applied for and it's also been a fantastic experience all round."

## Learning With Pamoja

Students join a global classroom of up to 30 students from all around the world and are given access to course content through our learning platform, ManageBac. Content is broken down into weekly lessons featuring assignments, activities, and opportunities to collaborate.

Pamoja Online Courses are available 24/7. Student engagement is primarily asynchronous utilising collaboration tools to engage with peers who are located worldwide. Teachers use the same tools to support learning and provide live lesson opportunities via Zoom. Each student actively participates in an online learning community where interactions across time zones are supported.

Learn with other students from around the world to strengthen intercultural awareness
$\checkmark$ Receive objectives each week to help them stay on track
$\checkmark$ Attend online events and interact with their teacher and classmates Utilise materials and resources available on ManageBac

## Pamoja Online Courses

To view the most up-to-date list of IB
Diploma Programme courses available,
please visit our website.

# Why Should Your Child Take a Pamoja Online Course? 

## High Teaching Standards

Pamoja Online Courses are taught by experienced teachers, many of whom still work in traditional IB World Schools. Pamoja Online Courses address the curriculum and assessment requirements set by the IB. Your child will be prepared to sit the same examinations as students who complete the course in a traditional face-to-face school.

## Flexibility

Pamoja Online Courses can fit around other commitments, as our learning platform, ManageBac, is accessible at any time, from any place. Your child will be in control of their own learning, following their own path through the content.

## Global Community

Our Pamoja Online Courses are highly interactive, providing a global classroom through which your child can interact with teachers and other students from around the world. This strengthens their intercultural awareness.

## Dedicated Support

Your child benefits from one-to-one contact with experienced teachers who are trained in digital learning strategies. A Site-based Coordinator at your child's school and Pamoja's School Services team, regularly monitors their progress, engagement and provides additional face-to-face support if needed.

## Wide Variety

Pamoja Online Courses provide your child with a wider range of subjects to choose from, enabling them to study something they're truly passionate about - or which a university programme requires. Please visit our website to view the most up-to-date list of courses.

## Supporting Your Child to Succeed

Pamoja Online Courses are designed to meet the rigors of IB Standards and Practices which themselves are derived from ISTE and SREB standards. ISTE provides a global education framework that outlines essential skills required for student success at university, work, and life. Pamoja has over 10 years of successfully delivering IB Diploma Programme courses online, to over 20,000 students.

## Prepare Your Child for University

Pamoja Online Courses are designed to cover the academic content required by the IB while providing the structure for students to develop self-motivation and self-regulation skills. Both are important skills that will enable your child to hit the ground running in university and work.

## According to research carried out by the University of London's Institute of Education with students using Pamoja Online Courses:

$100 \%$ of participants said that, prior to university, they had gained experience in a range of online learning tools that they are now using as part of their university learning

Many indicated that the pre-university experience of online learning provided 'rehearsal space', allowing students to develop their approaches to study, including note-taking, information searching and communicating online (with peers and teachers) before starting university

## Academic Success



With a 1,511 strong cohort, the Class of May 2022 achieved an average IB grade of 5.23, exceeding the IB world average. Given the non-selective admissions process Pamoja utilises, these results are outstanding. Grade predictions made by our highly experienced faculty were within 0.04 of a grade when compared with IB awarded final grades. This proximity demonstrates just how well our teachers know our students.

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of students received an IB Grade 5 or higher


of students received an IB Grade 6 or 7

## How are Students Supported?

Our teachers have a wealth of experience and subject expertise and are trained in digital learning strategies. Your child can contact them anytime via our online learning platform, ManageBac.

Technology allows our teachers to accurately monitor your child's progress and provide support at the point it is needed most. However, we know how important it is to ensure that your child is fully supported both online and in their schools. That's why we also have a Site-based Coordinator (SBC) in place at each IB school; a face-to-face point of contact and existing member of the school's staff, who offers additional guidance. Our dedicated Academic and School Services teams assist your child's teacher and SBC, ensuring they are fully equipped to give your child the highest level of support.

## Wayne Burnett, father of former Pamoja student, Kaymin

"I had confidence in Pamoja because they have a representative at the school who provides support. It's not just an online course - there is someone from the teaching staff at the school who is also checking in with him, making sure that things are going well, that he's doing his work and that it's a successful experience for him."

## Case Study

Amelia is an IB graduate who moved to Gjøvik videregående Skole in Norway from Germany. She studied Business Management HL and French ab initio with Pamoja Online Courses.

When I unexpectedly moved from my international school in Germany to a small Norwegian high school in Norway, I realised that Pamoja would be the only way I could study some of the subjects I originally wanted to study in the IB Diploma Programme.

Each course is structured in a way that you have to actively take part in your learning. I have been able to dive into topics in a way that is starkly different than a traditional classroom. This has resulted in the development of both my research and self-directed learning skills.

The biggest challenge for me was managing my time effectively. I felt like I struggled to adjust to the fact that my classroom was not a traditional classroom rather, it was a classroom which I carried around with me every day and could access from anywhere and at any time. Once I realised this, my learning improved greatly because I could structure my day in a way which suited my school timetable best. This resulted in less stress because I did not feel the pressure to understand something immediately.

The level of student collaboration and the international nature of tasks in both of my courses have enabled me to feel connected on a global scale. The collaborative environment Pamoja presents has been an amazing experience because it has allowed me to meet people from all over the world from places such as Indonesia, USA, Austria, and even some others living in Norway. Staying connected amidst a global pandemic has definitely proven to be a challenge, yet, in my Pamoja courses, it felt like I was part of a wider, international community.

So far, I have seen tremendous self-growth in the sense that I have learnt important skills relating to time-management and organisation. These skills will help me in other IB courses as well as in my university years and beyond. The Pamoja courses have presented me with the opportunity to connect real life experiences and knowledge with the required coursework. Rather than viewing learning as a chore, it is now something which I look forward to each week.

## What do Other Parents say?

## Sandy Trull, mother of former Pamoja student, Amy

"Amy's marks have improved significantly from where she began to where she is now, and we're all really pleased. Before she started she really didn't like French. She had this idea that she was absolutely useless - she couldn't speak properly, couldn't pronounce the words properly, she would never be able to do this. I don't know how Pamoja did it, but she is now considering Eastern Europe as a place to study, and French would then be her language that she'd carry on studying alongside medicine. She's willing to go for it and learn more French - it's boosted her confidence, she doesn't stress about the pronunciation and the vocabulary anymore."

## Alexander Trespach Nenes, School Principal at Narmer American College in Cairo, Egypt and father of former Pamoja student, Lia

"My daughter is currently taking Mandarin with Pamoja because we lived in China and Malaysia where she had very close contact with the language and grew up speaking, reading and writing it, so Mandarin was one of the courses she would definitely take. When we got to Cairo the school didn't offer it, and so we immediately considered signing up for Pamoja. It was a no brainer and an easy process - she is doing very well."

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## Next Steps

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## Speak to the Diploma Programme Coordinator at your child's school

They will be able to provide you with more information about Pamoja Online Courses and work with you and us through the admissions process.

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Find out more at
pamojaeducation.com

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