

A photograph of a classroom with several students. In the foreground, a girl with long brown hair is smiling and looking down at a book. Behind her, a girl with long blonde hair is looking at a book. To the right, another girl with blonde hair is looking down. In the background, two boys are visible, one looking towards the camera and the other looking away. The classroom has white desks and a map on the wall.

# Discover Alkwin School Year 2026/2027



**alkwin  
kollege**

**61<sup>st</sup> school year**

**SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY - HAVO-ATHENEUM-GYMNASIUM**



# Information brochure

SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027

“Living together,  
learning together!”





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# Discover **Alkwin Kollege**

## **Dear Year 8 pupils,**

You are about to make an important choice: choosing a new school. Some of your classmates may already have made their choice. Have you? We would like to make this choice easier for you by informing you as well as possible about our school.

This brochure is full of information about Alkwin Kollege. Would you like to know more? Then visit our website: [www.alkwin.nl/groep8](http://www.alkwin.nl/groep8) or come and visit us during the Open Day or the 'lessenmiddag (trial lessons).

On behalf of the school management and staff of Alkwin Kollege,

**Fieke Otto - Ossenkoppele**  
Principal

**Anoek Backer**  
Head of Year 1

## LIVING TOGETHER, LEARNING TOGETHER!

The step to secondary school is exciting. A new school, new classmates and new subjects. At Alkwin Kollege we make sure that you feel at home quickly. We are a school where you are allowed to be yourself, where you are allowed to make mistakes and where you are encouraged to be curious.

**“Curious about the world, about others and about yourself.”**

At our school, learning goes hand in hand with living together. You not only gain new knowledge, but you also learn to work together, discover and use your strengths and take others into account. We think it is important that you enjoy going to school. When you feel safe and comfortable, you dare to ask questions, explore and try new things. And that is exactly what makes you curious.



At Alkwin Kollege you are truly seen. By your mentor, but also by the janitor and the media centre staff. Teachers know their students well and help you when something is difficult. Is everything going very well? Then you will receive extra challenges. We therefore do not only look at grades, but especially at your development as a person and as a curious learner.

Lessons are varied and active. Sometimes you work independently, sometimes together. You learn to plan, investigate, ask questions and become increasingly independent. You work with a Chromebook and also learn to become more digitally skilled. In this way, you not only learn the subject matter, but also how to learn and how to keep discovering.

At Alkwin Kollege we prepare you for your future: with strong education, personal guidance and many opportunities to develop yourself. We help you become a curious learner who faces the future with confidence.





Everything we do and offer at school fits within our four pillars:

## ALKW **WE DISCOVER**

With us, you learn to be curious and ask questions. You explore, experiment, and think critically. This way, you gradually discover what suits you best and develop skills that will last a lifetime.



## ALKW **WE CREATE**

We give plenty of space to creativity, art, culture, technology, and sports. You learn to push boundaries, break free from fixed thought patterns, think in solutions, and collaborate with others. You show what you can do – both in the classroom and beyond.



## ALKW **WE CONNECT**

We do it together. You learn to work with others, listen, and respect differences. We believe it is important that everyone feels welcome. This way, students grow into young people who take responsibility for themselves, others, and the world around them.



## ALKW **WE SUPPORT**

Every student has their own questions, and that's a good thing. That's why you receive personal guidance with us. Do you need extra help? Then you'll get it. Ready for more challenges? Then we will push you further. We help you discover your talents and develop them in your own way.



# The First Year and beyond...

At Alkwin Kollege, we carefully look at what suits you best. In the first year, we work with different learning pathways, so you can start in a place where you feel comfortable and where you can grow. Teachers guide you step by step and help you adjust to your new school, homework and learning how to plan. In this way, you gradually build confidence and learn to work more independently.

## HAVO

Did you receive a HAVO recommendation in group 8? Then you will start in the HAVO class at Alkwin. If you received a HAVO/VWO recommendation, you can choose this class if you feel this path suits you better. You will receive challenging education that matches the HAVO level.

## HAVO/VWO

Did you receive a HAVO/VWO or VWO recommendation? Then you can start in the HAVO/VWO class. In this class, you will be taught at VWO level. During the first year, we will look together at which path suits you best in the second year: HAVO or VWO. This way, you have time to make a choice that fits you.

Sometimes, after the first year, it is still not clear whether HAVO or VWO is the most suitable learning path for you. In that case, we advise you to continue in the 2nd year HAVO/VWO class. In this class, lessons are given at VWO level.

## VWO+

Do you want to learn through research and inquiry-based learning? Then the VWO+ class might be for you. In this class, you learn differently: you get more space to explore things yourself, conduct research, and think about how to approach an assignment. The teachers guide you, but you will also gradually take more responsibility for your own learning process.

If you choose VWO+ or Gymnasium, you will follow the subject WON (Scientific Orientation Netherlands). In this subject, you learn to think and work like a researcher: asking questions, thinking critically, investigating and presenting. WON challenges you to be curious and to actively search for answers yourself. Read more about WON on [page 14](#)!

## GYMNASIUM

Do you enjoy puzzles, logical thinking and a challenge? Then the Gymnasium may suit you well. At the Gymnasium, you study Classical Languages: Latin and Greek. In these subjects, we combine rich classical culture with learning the languages themselves.

In the first year, you explore classical mythology: stories about gods, demigods and heroes. You delve into the human side of the gods, and you will discover that their family tree is anything but simple.

As part of the Gymnasium programme, learning also takes place outside the classroom through various excursions. In Year 4, students travel to Rome. You not only visit museums with a classical focus, but also attend theatre performances.

If you take final exams in Latin and/or Greek, you receive an official Gymnasium diploma.

## MAVO/HAVO

If it is still unclear whether MAVO or HAVO is the most suitable learning path for you, the MAVO/HAVO class is a good option. Lessons are held both at Vakcollege Thamen and Alkwin Kollege. The teaching methods of Alkwin are used.

At the end of the first year, you will be promoted to the second-year MAVO class at Vakcollege Thamen or to the second-year HAVO class at Alkwin Kollege.

**“Marrying your sister and having more than 100 children? There’s only one who could do that: the supreme god Zeus!”**



# ALKWIN **WE DISCOVER**

At Alkwin Kollege, you are challenged every day to be curious: about how things work, about the people and the world around you, and about yourself. You learn not only from books, but also by researching, experimenting and discovering where your talents lie.

## **WON – LEARNING TO THINK LIKE A RESEARCHER**

In the VWO+ and Gymnasium classes, you follow the additional subject WON (Scientific Orientation Netherlands). You learn to think like a real scientist: asking strong questions, thinking critically, reflecting, researching and presenting.

Year 1: introduction to research

Year 2: interdisciplinary collaboration and working with the Scrum method

Year 3: a large independent research project and earning a Junior Certificate

WON can also be continued in upper secondary education. Alkwin Kollege is one of the few schools where you can choose Science as an official examination subject. In Year 4 you work with Big History, and in Year 5 you visit a university and attend guest lectures by scientists.



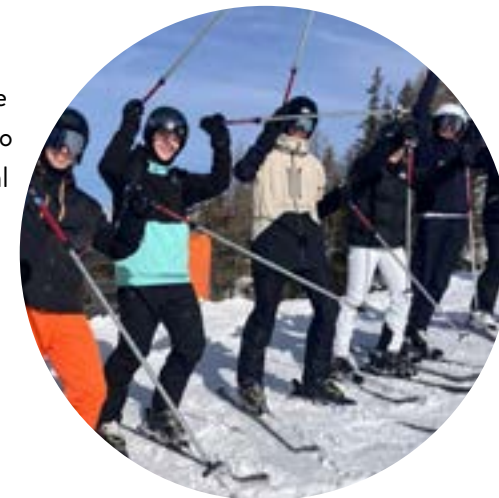
WON-excursion - Naturalis



## **BSM – SPORTS AND SOCIETY**

In the fourth year of HAVO, you can choose BSM. This subject is for students who love sports, physical activity, and organizing. You will have both practical and theory lessons, organize sports activities, and learn to collaborate, lead, and think about health and sports in society. A special part of the course is the winter sports trip.

**“BSM lets you discover whether sports and organizing truly suit you, and is a great preparation for sports-related studies and careers..”**



Winter sport trip - BSM

## **LANGUAGES – (CAMBRIDGE) ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH EN SPANISH**

At Alkwin Kollege you study English, and you can choose German, French or Spanish. You learn to communicate with people from other countries, explore different cultures and broaden your world.

If you choose German or French, you will go on an excursion to Münster or Lille to practise the language in real-life situations. Spanish excursions are not possible due to distance, but during the Spanish language village you practise the language as if you were in Spain.

From Year 2 onwards, you can choose **Cambridge English**. You work towards internationally recognised exams such as FCE or CAE, focusing on speaking, listening, reading and writing.





## **VECON BUSINESS SCHOOL – UNDERSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MONEY**

Do you want to understand how money works and how to start a business? Then Vecon Business School is for you. In Year 1, you can get acquainted with small entrepreneurial projects during workshops, such as: what can you achieve with €10?

In Year 4 of HAVO, you even start a real business with a business plan, marketing, and financing. You visit companies and attend guest lessons from entrepreneurs and financial experts.

## **COMPUTER SCIENCE - BUILDING A DIGITAL WORLD**

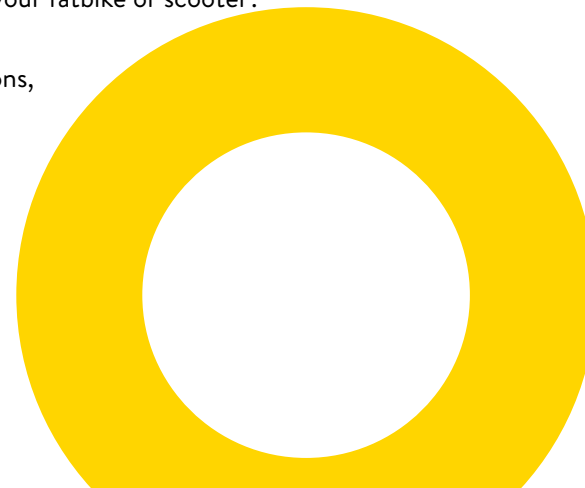
Do you use apps, websites, and games every day? And do you want to understand how they really work? Then Computer Science might be the perfect subject for you. Computer Science is an elective in the upper years of HAVO.

You will learn to program, build apps, games, and websites, work with data and AI, and think about cybersecurity. You will work with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and Arduino, among others. Computer Science is creative, challenging, and gives you a major advantage for a digital future.

## **PHILOSOPHY – GET YOUR THINKING GOING...**

In philosophy, you reflect on questions that don't always have one right answer. You learn to think in a structured way about what is fair, good, and just (ethics), how we want to live together (social philosophy), and what it means to be a responsible citizen in our democratic society (citizenship). You explore these topics through familiar everyday situations, such as: do you help someone who falls on the way to school, even if it means you might be late for a test? Or should the government decide that you must wear a helmet on your fatbike or scooter?

During the lessons, you engage in discussions, learn to listen to different opinions, and discover that people can think very differently about the same question. You learn to form your own opinion, support it well, and think critically about your choices. Philosophy helps you not only to think better, but also to better understand yourself, others, and society.



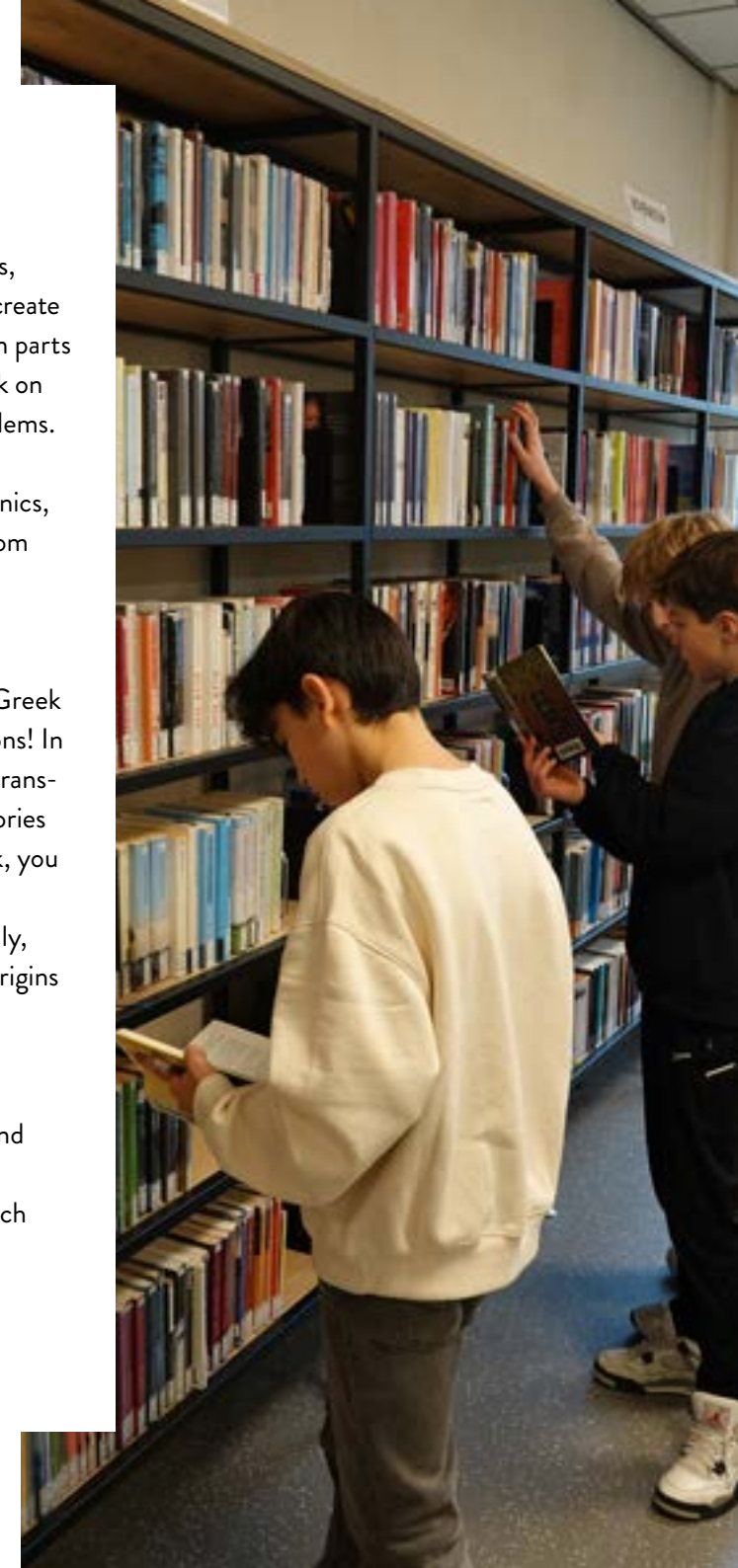
## **TECHNOLOGY IN YEAR 1**

In this subject, you work with technology that you can handle yourself. You learn practical skills, from assembling a plug to building and programming robotics. You make motors, sensors, and microcontrollers do exactly what you designed. You also create designs in a technical drawing program and 3D-print your own parts and creations. In addition to structured assignments, you work on open projects where you devise solutions to real societal problems. You develop smart tools, sustainable designs, or technical innovations that improve everyday life. With robotics, electronics, and 3D design, you build your own response to a challenge from the world around you.

## **CLASSICAL LANGUAGES – LATIN AND GREEK**

If you choose the gymnasium class, you will study Latin and Greek and dive into the world of heroes, gods, and ancient civilizations! In Latin, you learn how to change words with cases and how to translate a Latin sentence into proper Dutch. You read exciting stories about the Romans, their daily life, and their history. In Greek, you start with a new alphabet and explore the famous Greek mythology and later Greek history. You learn to think critically, puzzle with language, and gain a lot of knowledge about the origins of our culture.

Did you know that Latin and Greek help you learn to think smarter? You develop logical thinking, strong reading skills, and the ability to solve difficult puzzles. You also gain a better understanding of the origins of Dutch and foreign words, which helps in other subjects such as Dutch, English, and history.







# ALKWIN **WE CREATE**



At Alkwin Kollege, creativity is given plenty of space. Whether you enjoy making music, dancing, acting, designing, filming or sports, you are encouraged to explore, think creatively, create and express yourself. You can take final exams in various arts subjects and participate in many cultural and sporting activities. In this way, you develop not only your talent, but also your confidence, ability to collaborate and your own personal style.

## WORKSHOPS IN YEAR 1

In the first year, you are introduced to arts, culture, technology and new hobbies through a series of workshops. These include dance, theatre, DJ-ing, rap and songwriting, as well as cooking, first aid, hand lettering, making video clips, filming and editing. The workshops are accessible, challenging and, above all, fun. They help you discover new talents and show you how you can express yourself in many different ways – at school and beyond.

## FINAL EXAMS IN ARTS SUBJECTS

At Alkwin Kollege, you can take final exams in arts subjects. In **Kunst Algemeen**, you learn to view art in the broadest sense: visual arts, music, theatre, dance, film and media, design and cultural history. You discover how art is created and the influence it has on people and society. You also learn to observe critically and curiously, analyse and form your own opinion. **Kunst Algemeen** can be combined with **Kunst Muziek** or **Kunst Beeldend**.

If you have a passion for music, Kunst Muziek may be the right choice for you. You learn about music history, analysis and interpretation, reading music, singing and playing instruments. You also improvise and compose. In this way, you develop not only musical knowledge, but also creativity, confidence and your own musical voice.

If you enjoy working creatively with both your hands and your mind, Kunst Beeldend (visual arts) may suit you well. You design, draw and build, working on visual assignments in which you give form to your ideas. You learn to work independently, make your own choices and think in solutions.





At the same time, you discover more about visual art and design – and about your own creativity.

### **ALKWIN THEATRE COLLECTIVE (ATK)**

The Alkwin Theatre Collective is our annual school musical and a highlight of the school year. Singing, dancing, acting, make-up, set design, costume design, lighting and sound technology, filming and editing – whether on stage or behind the scenes, everyone plays an important role.

Together, you work in a close-knit group towards a week full of performances in the school auditorium for students, parents and other visitors. During the rehearsal weekend, students even stay overnight at school. ATK is an unforgettable experience.

In addition to ATK, there are many other opportunities to shine on and behind the stage, such as performance evenings, final exam presentations, orchestra and band projects, and the Year 1 dance project STRIK. At Alkwin Kollege, art is not only taught – it is lived.

### **SPORTS EN SOK**

Sport is also an important way of expressing yourself and developing your talents. Students participate in sports competitions such as the schools cross-country run and Uithoorn's Mooiste. In the final exam years, you follow the SOK programme (Sports Orientation and Choice). You explore a wide range of sports at different locations, such as golf, padel, Hyrox, BMX, rugby, freerunning and many more, discovering what suits you best.

“Our annual school musical is unforgettable!”







At Alkwin Kollege, you learn not only from books, but also by working together and discovering the world around you. We believe it is important that you feel at home and seen, learn to collaborate and discover your place in society. By taking part in activities together, taking responsibility and looking beyond borders, you grow into an independent and engaged student.

## **CITIZENSHIP – PARTICIPATING IN SOCIETY**

At our school, you do not only learn what society is, but especially how you can actively participate in it and influence it. Our school culture encourages students to put relevant knowledge, attitudes and skills into practice. A safe, respectful and inclusive school climate is essential.

You learn about topics such as fairness, freedom, equality, respect, dealing with differences, how decisions are made in the Netherlands and how to live together in a positive way. This takes place not only in lessons, but also through projects, debates, guest lectures and activities.

## **AVA – GENERAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

With AVA, you also take part in educational and enjoyable activities outside regular lessons. In upper secondary education, AVA is included as part of the curriculum, and you can choose from a wide range of social, creative, sporting and cultural projects. You work together with other students, meet new people, try new things and contribute to the school or the local community. All available activities and projects, often organised in cooperation with local social organisations, are listed in the AVA magazine.



Verbindingsdag

## **ADWI – ALKWIN GOES GLOBAL (ALKWIN DE WERELD IN)**

In Year 4 HAVO and VWO, you explore the world through ADWI. Together with your class, you travel to a European city such as Berlin, Brussels, Hamburg, Paris or Prague. You prepare the trip yourselves and learn about sustainable travel.

During this journey, you discover new cultures and develop skills such as cooperation, planning and taking responsibility. ADWI is a special experience that you will not soon forget.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

At Alkwin Kollege, students are given the opportunity to actively contribute to school life. In the student council, they practise democratic skills and learn how to take initiative and make decisions together. The council acts as a sounding board for students from different year groups and contributes ideas on school matters, from new projects to the evaluation of new teachers. The student council also has a voice in recruitment procedures for school leadership positions.



ADWI - Hamburg



# ALKWIN **WE SUPPORT**



At Alkwin Kollege, we believe it is important that you feel safe, seen and supported. That is why we carefully consider what you need to enjoy school and to learn effectively. Whether you need extra support, are looking for more challenge, or simply need someone to talk to – we are here for you.

## **INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**

We work according to the principles of inclusive education. This means that together with you, your parents and your primary school, we look at what support you need when starting at Alkwin Kollege. Your mentor is always your first point of contact. In addition, support specialists are available when needed.

Some students need extra support to feel comfortable at school and to learn effectively, for example in cases of autism spectrum conditions, ADHD, dyslexia or other learning needs. Together, we look at what you need to attend school with confidence. This may include extra explanations, help with planning, clear agreements with your mentor, or more structure and calm during the school day.

## **MENTORING AND PEER SUPPORT (BOBO+)**

Your mentor supports you with learning, planning and managing schoolwork, but also keeps an eye on how you are doing socially and emotionally. For both students and parents, the mentor is the main point of contact.

In the first year, you are also supported by BOBO+: student mentors from the upper years. They help you become familiar with the school, the building and the rules, and are present during activities.

## **AKL & OSL – EXTRA SUPPORT WITH LEARNING**

At school, you quickly notice that everyone learns differently and that sometimes you may need a bit of extra help or challenge.

That's what the **Alkwin Choice Lessons (AKL)** are for. Imagine wanting to better understand mathematics or English, or wanting to explore a subject in more depth. In AKL, you get that opportunity in a small group with plenty of personal attention.

In addition, there are the **Support Lessons (OSL)**. Here you learn skills that are not directly linked to a specific subject, but that are extremely useful for school, such as planning, learning how to learn, dealing with stress, or organizing your homework effectively. These lessons also take place in small groups, so you receive exactly the support you need to move forward with confidence.

## **KIC – STRENGTH IN CONTROL**

Strength in Control (KIC) is a lesson program that enhances social well-being. Students can only truly develop and learn when they feel safe and secure.

KIC means being able to stand up for yourself, while also being able to listen to others and show empathy. Students who understand their own emotions and can relate to the emotions of others will play a positive role within the group.

## **COUNSELING – A LISTENING EAR**

Are you experiencing stress, insecurity, or problems at home or with friends? Then you can talk to a counselor. In a confidential conversation, you will look together at what can help you. At Alkwin, it's not just about grades, but also about your well-being.



## GIFTED EDUCATION – GAAF VOOR DE START & GA VERDER

Are you gifted? Then **Gaaf voor de Start** might be right for you. This program is designed for students who are ready for extra challenges but may also find the transition to secondary school exciting or daunting. You may already be ahead of the curriculum in primary school, notice your motivation decreasing, or wonder what it will be like at such a large school.

During Gaaf voor de Start, you get to know Alkwin Kollege in advance. After the May holiday, you attend several afternoons of lessons at school. You meet other gifted students and discover which skills you need in secondary education, such as planning and learning how to learn. This way, you start well prepared and with greater confidence. In the final week, the program concludes with a meeting for students and parents.

With **GaVerder**, Alkwin Kollege and Keizer Karel College jointly offer an in-depth program for gifted students who want more and are capable of more. GaVerder is available to students from the first year through to the final exams.



Within GaVerder, you work on various modules, partly during regular lesson time. You deepen your knowledge, develop new skills, and learn to work independently on challenging assignments. In addition, there are regular joint meetings where you exchange ideas with other students and learn from one another. This helps you stay challenged and motivated throughout your entire school career.

Want to know more? Visit the website [www.gaafvoordestart.nl](http://www.gaafvoordestart.nl) or scan the QR code.

## TALENT POLICY – ROOM TO GROW YOUR TALENT

Are you highly skilled in sports, music, dance, theatre, or another art form? And do you train intensively or perform regularly? Then we are happy to think along with you. At Alkwin, elite athletes and students with talents in arts and culture receive extra support to combine their passion with school. Together with a talent coach, we look at how you can successfully balance your schoolwork and your talent. This gives you the space to grow — both at school and in your passion.







“If a student is registered in the first application round, a place at Alkwin is guaranteed, in accordance with the final recommendation from the primary school.”

# Enrolment and admission

## ENROLMENT AND ADMISSION

You can register your school choice via the ELK Parent Portal during the national registration week from **25 to 31 March 2026**. On 15 April 2026 (after 4:00 pm), you can see in the portal which school you have been placed at. If you are placed at Alkwin Kollege, please book a time slot for the registration days on Wednesday 16 April and Thursday 17 April and complete the digital registration form. This can be done via our website from Monday 6 April. More information can be found at: [alkwin.nl/groep8/aanmelden](https://alkwin.nl/groep8/aanmelden).

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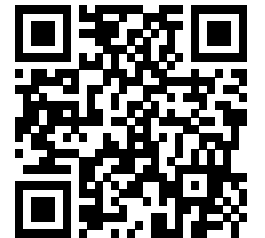
If a student is registered in the first application round, **a place at Alkwin Kollege is guaranteed**, provided that the primary school issues a suitable final recommendation.

If a student is not admitted (by lottery) to another school in the first round and subsequently applies to Alkwin Kollege, we will first check whether there is still availability in the appropriate educational track at our school.

For more information about the admission requirements, or for the application process for students from schools that are not part of the Kernprocedure Amstelland (external applicants), please visit our website: [alkwin.nl/aanmelden](https://alkwin.nl/aanmelden)

## REGISTRATION MAVO/HAVO-KLAS

Registration for the MAVO/HAVO class is only possible through Vakcollege Thamen. For more information about Vakcollege Thamen, please visit their website: [www.thamen.nl](https://www.thamen.nl).





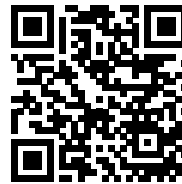
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## OPEN DAY

On Tuesday, **27 January 2026**, Alkwin College will host an Open Day (4:00–9:00 p.m.). We would be delighted to introduce you to our school, teachers, and students.

## LESSENMIDDAG

If you are in group 8, we would like to give you the opportunity to experience what lessons at Alkwin Kollege are like. For this purpose, a special lesson afternoon will be held on Wednesday, **4 March 2026**, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. Registration for the lesson afternoon opens on 7 January 2026 via the form on [alkwin.nl/lessenmiddag](https://alkwin.nl/lessenmiddag).



## REGISTRATION DAYS

Have you been placed at Alkwin Kollege? The registration days at school will take place on **Wednesday, 16 April and Thursday, 17 April**. Please book a time slot for an appointment via [alkwin.nl/aanmelden](https://alkwin.nl/aanmelden).

## WELCOME FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

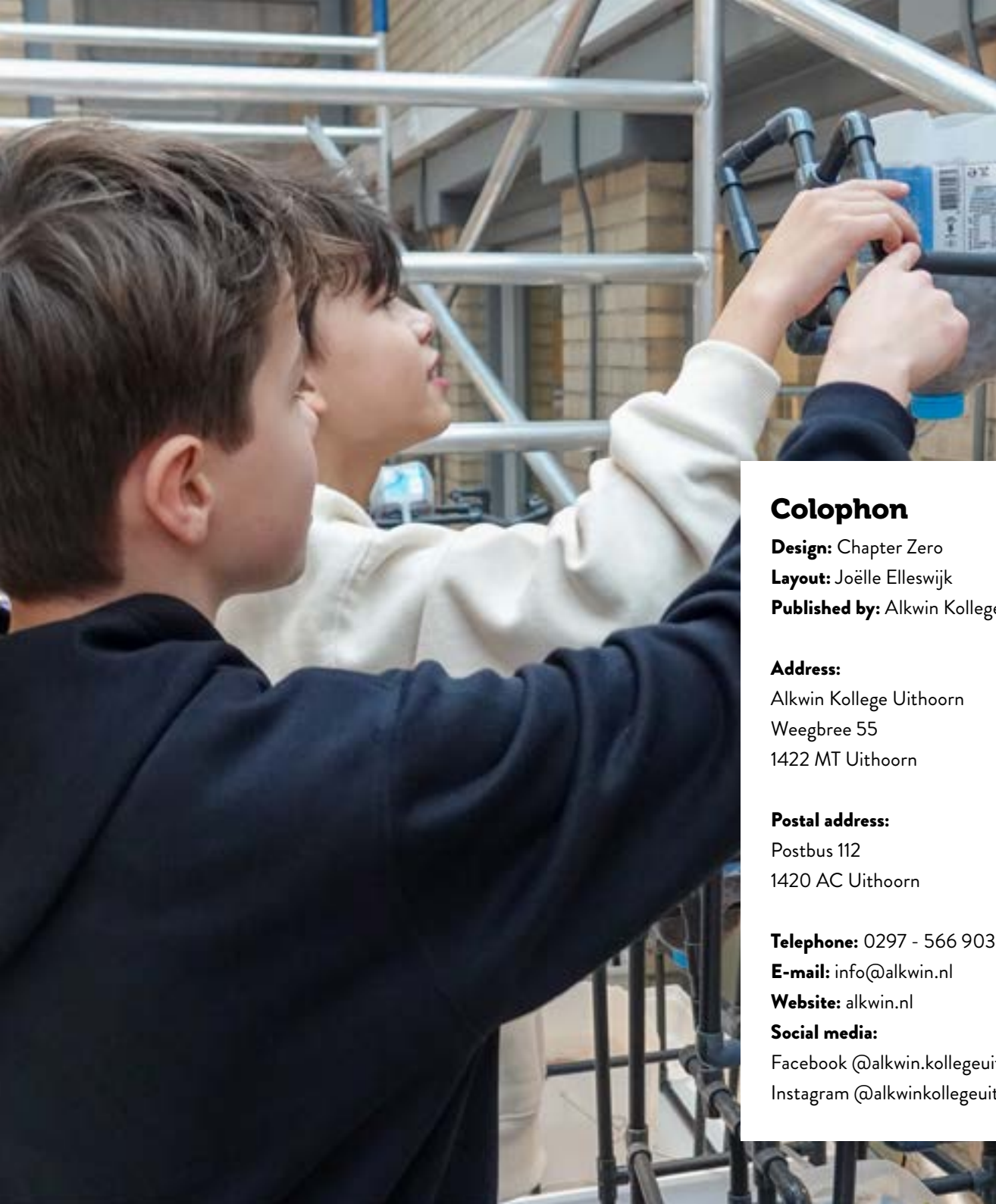
If you have been admitted, you are invited to come to Alkwin Kollege on Wednesday, **24 June at 2:30 p.m.** to meet your new class and your mentor, and to receive important information.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school will be on Tuesday, **18 August 2026**. The first days will focus on getting to know your new school, your mentor, and your fellow students. We will also spend time on working with a Chromebook.







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