



AL AIN
BRITISH ACADEMY



EMPOWERING OUR NEXT GENERATION TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome to Al Ain British Academy and ALDAR Academies, one of the UAE's largest and leading providers of private education. Whether you are staff, pupil or parent, you will be welcomed into our 'AABA family' - a school where you can feel the vibrancy, warmth, community and nurture - a place that you and your family can call 'home'.

Al Ain British Academy is the highest graded BSO school in Al Ain, with a reputation in the local community to match. Fully co-educational, we deliver a dynamic education, implementing the National Curriculum for England, tailored to our place in the world as UAE citizens and residents.

We invest heavily in the recruitment and development of the very best teaching staff, allowing our students to make above expected progress and achievements, as proven by our outstanding GCSE, A-Level exam and inspection results.

Operating for children from as young as 3-years old, up to 18, we empower children to excel in their learning, but also the wider aspects of school such as sports, music, social and moral skill development, communication and critical-thinking skills. Ultimately, we aim to provide your children with the very best start in life and ensure they are prepared for any path they choose to take when ready to graduate into the world.

School should be engaging, fun and challenging.

Learning and enjoyment go hand in hand, and we are very proud that our pupils are motivated and captivated by their lessons and learning opportunities.

This extends to our extra-curricular programme, allowing children to select from an extensive range of clubs to attend. School visits and trips are also integral to school life, inviting our pupils to experience life beyond Al Ain and the very best that the UAE has to offer. As our children move into secondary school, exciting opportunities for overseas trip experiences await.

AABA is an international community with close and every growing ties to our Emirati friends and family, allowing us to learn from one another, including about National Identity, the vision of Sheikh Zayed and the more recent history of the Emirates, alongside our mainstream British Curriculum.

Parent relationships are vital to the success of the school and we believe in nurturing these relationships, offering various ways for you to be involved in school life. Our school governance group and friends of AABA group are both essential in the success of our school.

Choosing your child's school is one of the most important decisions in life.

We hope this brochure and our school website can help you discover the basic elements of our school.

However, to really experience the warmth and community of the school, we welcome you to book a school tour where you will really see our ethos, values and world-class learning experience come to life.

We look forward to welcoming you into the Al Ain British Academy family soon

Mr. Ian Pugh
School Principal

THE CURRICULUM

The English National Curriculum is among the most in-demand study options the world, respected for its high academic standards and focus on developing confidence and individual thinking. The learning pathway is delivered through enquiry or project-based learning, a method of teaching which inspires a love of learning and deepens a student's knowledge by challenging them to complete real-world tasks. As a result, the English National Curriculum is one of the most engaging of all.

In Primary, the National Curriculum for England defines two 'Key Stages'; Key Stage 1 [Years 1 and 2] and Key Stage 2 [Years 3 to 6]. The curriculum builds on the fundamental skills developed through the Early Years curriculum in Foundation Stage 1 and 2 [3 to 5 years old]. The National Curriculum Core subjects are English, Mathematics and Science. With additional subjects offered, including Information and Communication Technology; History; Geography; Modern Foreign Languages [Year 3 upwards]; Music; Art and Design; Drama; Physical Education and Personal, Health and Social Development. As per the Ministry of Education regulations, Arabic, Islamic Studies and Social Studies are taught throughout the school.

The curriculum gives a complete learning experience to all children. Children do not only learn in formal lessons or in the activities prepared by the teachers. At AABA, significant emphasis is also given to "the hidden curriculum". School life and education for all children is not wholly based on academics. The development of our students in a holistic manner, focusing on their personal, social and emotional health, leadership, moral education and conduct to support their wider development is key.

Our school values- Respect, Responsibility and Resilience are truly embed this

throughout the school. A curriculum not seen only in terms of experiences, but also the acquisition of knowledge and skills we believe students should acquire to prepare them for life beyond school.

In planning the curriculum and putting it into practice, we ensure that excellence is pursued and valued, that lessons are challenging and have appropriate pace and direction. Whether the children are taught individually, in smaller groups or as part of a whole class, the teaching should meet the children's individual needs.

Throughout the year, on-going assessments take place in each year group. Additionally, at certain times of the year there will be more formal assessments, including GL Progress tests and benchmark/external tests in reading, mathematics and Arabic.

In Secondary, the National Curriculum for England defines three 'Key Stages', Key Stage 3 [Years 7-9], Key Stage 4 [Years 10 & 11] and Key Stage 5 [Years 12 & 13]. In Key Stage 3, students are provided with a broad and balanced curriculum, encompassing the key subject faculties including English, Maths, Science, Creative Arts, Humanities, Languages, Physical Education and Computing.

At Key Stages 4 students work towards the IGCSE qualifications, one of the most rigorous and highly regarded programmes of study in the world. Students must take English, Maths, and one Science, with the remaining subjects chosen through our guided options process.

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After their IGCSE examinations, students will progress to International A- Levels (IALs) for the final two years of study.

Much like the IGCSE qualifications, IALs are recognised worldwide by leading universities, helping students gain access to their preferred university, anywhere in the world. In 2023, our A Level results were the highest in the UAE, with several students being awarded Pearson Learner of the Year awards.

In recent years, we have had students graduate from AABA, going on to study a broad range of subjects, such as International Relations (IR), Medicine, Business and Economics and Politics and International Relations. Our graduates now attend Universities all over the world, including Pennsylvania State University, Kings College London, NYU Abu Dhabi and The London School of Economics.

EXAM SUCCESS

INTERNATIONAL GCSE RESULTS 2022-2023		INTERNATIONAL A LEVEL RESULTS 2022-2023	
GRADES	% OF CHILDREN ACHIEVING GRADE	GRADES	% OF CHILDREN ACHIEVING GRADE
9	19.8%	A*	14.3%
9-8	33.9%	A* - A	42.9%
9-7	54.5%	A* - B	71.4%
9-6	69.6%	A* - C	85.7%
9-6	82.1%	A* - D	94.3%



WHAT MAKES AL AIN BRITISH ACADEMY UNIQUE?

The first Curiosity Approach Accredited Nursery (FS1) in Abu Dhabi.

The Curiosity Approach is a unique teaching approach that aims to give children their freedom back by igniting natural curiosity and imagination. Adults take a step back and allow children to be in the driving seat. It enables children to develop independent thinking and become lifelong learners.

Our setting provides inspirational play spaces full of opportunity for play, learning and development. This is done through the art of creating feelings of cosiness, happiness, familiarity, simplicity and overall contentment. We incorporate this into our daily routines and aim to find moments to celebrate and create stress-free and calming spaces. Children are given the opportunity to think for themselves, make their own choices and direct their own learning.

Visit us to learn see The Curiosity Approach in action.

The first 'School of Character' accredited school within ALDAR Education.

Schools and organisations that draw on character-based theory and research often have the most thriving and transformative provision.

In reviewing the 'Building Blocks of Character' identified by the Jubilee centre, we conducted our own research to identify what Core Values were most important; not only to our students, but to our parents, governors, teaching staff, non-teaching staff and SLT.

Character Education and our school values and truly embedded throughout the school and at all stages of their educational journey, students are exposed to age appropriate variations on our Core Values.



Rated 'OUTSTANDING' by British Schools Overseas (BSO)

As of February 2023, we are very proud to announce that we are the highest rated BSO school in Al Ain.

While many strengths of the school are identified in the final report (available online), we wanted to share a few of them with you here:

'The school is held in high regard by the wider community; parents and students are proud to be members of 'their school'.

'The quality of relationships is outstanding. Students show a genuine concern for the needs of others and display a high level of self-awareness and confidence.'

'The curriculum is skilfully adapted to ensure students make rapid progress in language acquisition.'

'The school values are implicitly interwoven in all aspects of school life'.

Tailored learning and outstanding personal and social development of all students

Our superb school offers highly-qualified staff who deliver the English National Curriculum and MoE curriculum with seamless integration. Teaching is tailored to the needs of all pupils to ensure they are challenged, engaged and appropriately supported at all stages of their learning journey. Our Inclusion department is highly knowledgeable and works tirelessly, in tandem with class teachers to ensure children with additional learning needs are nurtured, supported and challenged to reach and exceed their potential.

Real life contexts for learning, and theme days are at the heart of curriculum design, bringing lessons to life and making the learning that takes place every day, memorable

Our cross-curricular design supports the development of our primary students' own, social, health and moral education, all fundamental in promoting the overall growth of your child, including dedicated lessons for well-being.



FEES

* All our academy fees are regulated by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge [ADEK] and are subject to periodic review.

Year Group	School Fees Per Annum (in AED)*	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Nursery	40,940	16,376	12,282	12,282
FS2 – Year 6	42,350	16,940	12,705	12,705
Year 7 - Year 8	51,890	20,756	15,567	15,567
Year 9	55,600	22,240	16,680	16,680
Year 10 - Year 13	61,330	24,532	18,399	18,399



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