



AL AIN
BRITISH ACADEMY

PARENT INFORMATION PACK

ACADEMIC YEAR
2026 – 2027

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Al Ain British Academy

It is a privilege to welcome you to our school, where a strong sense of community, belonging and ambition defines who we are. We believe every child should feel happy, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

At Al Ain British Academy, we provide an outstanding British education that reflects the values and aspirations of both the UK and the UAE. Alongside academic excellence, we encourage our pupils to develop confidence, resilience, curiosity and respect for others.

Learning extends far beyond the classroom. Through sport, music, the arts, leadership, service and a wide range of enrichment opportunities, pupils discover their talents, build character and prepare for success in an ever-changing world.

Strong partnerships between school and home are central to our success. By working together with families, we create an environment where every child is known, valued and empowered to flourish.

We are proud of our welcoming, inclusive community and look forward to sharing the Al Ain British Academy journey with you and your family.

CIARAN MAINSTONE

INCOMING PRINCIPAL, AL AIN BRITISH ACADEMY



MEET OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



JASMINE JONES
HEAD OF PRIMARY,
SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MAIREAD RALPH
HEAD OF SECONDARY,
SAFEGUARDING LEAD



KIMBERLEY ELLIS
PRIMARY ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL OF TEACHING
AND LEARNING



STEVEN DRINKWATER
PRIMARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
FOR DATA AND ASSESSMENT



LISA RAMSHAW
EYFS & YEAR 1 PHASE
LEADER



JARROD WRIGHT
YEAR 2, KEY STAGE 2 & 3
PHASE LEADER



MOHAMMED USMAN NASIR
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER OF SECONDARY
(TEACHING AND LEARNING)



HANEM NAHLA
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,
MOE



NATASHA FREEMAN
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,
INCLUSION

MEET OUR HEADS OF YEAR- PRIMARY



JOANNE PERKINS
HEAD OF FS1 & FS2



RACHEL STEVENS
HEAD OF YEAR 1



ROSEMEEN DOST
HEAD OF YEAR 2



KRYSTAL GORDON
HEAD OF YEAR 3



MIKAYLA SUMPTION
HEAD OF YEAR 4



FARHANA LAMBAT
HEAD OF YEAR 5



AQSA HUSSAIN
HEAD OF YEAR 6

MEET OUR HEADS OF YEAR- SECONDARY



STEPHEN MELLORS
HEAD OF YEAR 7



NURIDDEN MODAK
HEAD OF YEAR 8



KEEGAN PETERSON
HEAD OF YEAR 9



MICHAEL SCHMITZ
HEAD OF YEAR 10



LISA WILLIAMS
HEAD OF YEAR 11



HARVEEN STRIVENS
HEAD OF YEAR 12 & 13
(SIXTH FORM)

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

We've been with Al Ain British Academy since FS1, and it's been an amazing journey. Our children (now in Year 6 and Year 4) have grown into confident, happy learners thanks to the dedicated teachers, supportive counsellors, and strong curriculum. As expats, the school truly became a second home for us—a warm, welcoming community that always made us feel like family.

Special thanks to Mr. Pugh for his consistent support and guidance over the years, and to Ram, the always-smiling security guard who brightens our mornings and reminds us of the kindness at the heart of this school. So grateful to be part of the Al Ain British Academy family!

Mrs Akkari, Mother of Amir and Jad Yazid

Dear All, my appreciation and gratitude to the educational and administrative staff in Al Ain British Academy. My child is happy in school and in constant development.

Mrs. Al Kuwaiti, Mother of Salem

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Within the school we have a Junior Leadership Team (JLT), School Council, School Eco Council, EDSIDERA Student Leaders, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Sustainability Ambassadors, House Captains, Form Captains, Sports Captains, Playground Leaders and many other student leadership responsibilities.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The English National Curriculum is one of the most sought-after educational frameworks worldwide, recognised for its high academic standards and emphasis on developing confident, independent thinkers. It is delivered through enquiry- and project-based learning, an approach that inspires curiosity while deepening understanding through meaningful, real-world tasks. This ensures that learning remains engaging, relevant and impactful for all students.

In the Primary phase, the National Curriculum for England is divided into three stages: Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Key Stage 1 (Years 1–2), and Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6). Learning builds upon the fundamental skills developed during Foundation Stage 1 and 2 (ages 3–5). The core subjects—English, Mathematics and Science—form the foundation of the curriculum, complemented by a broad range of additional subjects including Information and Communication Technology (ICT), History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages (from Year 5 onwards), Music, Art and Design, Drama, Physical Education, and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). In line with Ministry of Education requirements, Arabic, Islamic Studies and Social Studies are taught throughout the school.

This broad curriculum provides a rich and balanced educational experience. Learning extends beyond formal lessons and planned activities, with a strong emphasis placed on the “hidden curriculum.” At AABA, we recognise that education is not solely academic; we are equally committed to nurturing students’ personal, social and emotional development. Leadership, moral education, and positive conduct are central to preparing students for life beyond school.

Our core values—Respect, Responsibility and Resilience—are embedded throughout all aspects of school life. We view the curriculum not only as a set of learning experiences, but also as a framework for the knowledge and skills students need for future success. In planning and delivery, we ensure that excellence is prioritised, lessons are purposeful, and learning is appropriately paced and challenging. Teaching is carefully adapted to meet individual needs, whether students are learning independently, in small groups, or as part of a whole class.



Assessment is ongoing across all year groups, enabling continuous monitoring of progress. In addition, formal assessments take place at key points during the year, including GL Progress Tests and external benchmark assessments in reading, mathematics and Arabic.

In Secondary, the National Curriculum for England is organised into Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9), Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11), and Key Stage 5 (Years 12–13). During Key Stage 3, students follow a broad and balanced curriculum that includes English, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts, Humanities, Languages, Physical Education and Computing.

At Key Stage 4, students work towards GCSE qualifications, widely recognised as one of the most rigorous and respected programmes of study globally. English, Mathematics and at least one Science subject are compulsory, while additional subjects are selected through a guided options process. Students then progress to Key Stage 5, where they undertake A-levels (Advanced Levels), highly regarded qualifications that provide a strong foundation for university study and future career pathways.

For more information please visit our school website: www.alainbritishacademy.ae

BACKPACK POLICY

As custodians of children's wellbeing, we at Al Ain British Academy would like to address the potential long-term effects of students carrying heavy school bags. It is recommended that a child's school bag does not exceed 5-10% of their body weight to avoid adverse effects on their spine and body. To ensure the wellbeing of students it is important to implement a policy on limiting school bag weight.

As a result, we ask that parents/students do not purchase a bag with integrated wheels as this does make the bags much heavier (and they do not fit into the school lockers either).

Implementation:

Weighing scales have been introduced in classrooms so that students can check their bag weight and determine whether it exceeds the recommended limit. The School Wellness Teacher and the Physical Education Lead will oversee the effective implementation of this policy under the supervision of the Principal. Parents will be informed of the policy and their responsibility to check their child's bag weight before school.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review:

The school will carry out regular checks of students' bag weights to support their wellbeing. The policy will be monitored and evaluated under the supervision of the Principal and reviewed in line with ADEK guidelines.

YEAR	FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
MAX WEIGHT /KG	Not exceed 2 kgs				Not exceed 3 to 4.5 kgs			Not exceed 6 to 8 kgs			Not exceed 10 kgs			

*Source: Maximum school bag weights were calculated based on the WHO Child Growth Chart



CUSTOMER COMMITMENT & COMMUNICATION

At Al Ain British Academy, our approach to parents is guided by Aldar's core principles of putting students and families at the centre of everything we do. This means we aim to communicate clearly, listen actively, and respond in a timely and supportive way to ensure parents always feel informed and involved in their child's journey.

We communicate with parents through a range of accessible channels, including email, the school app, newsletters, and direct contact with staff. Parents are also regularly updated through reports, parent meetings, school events, and ongoing day-to-day communication with teachers and support staff.

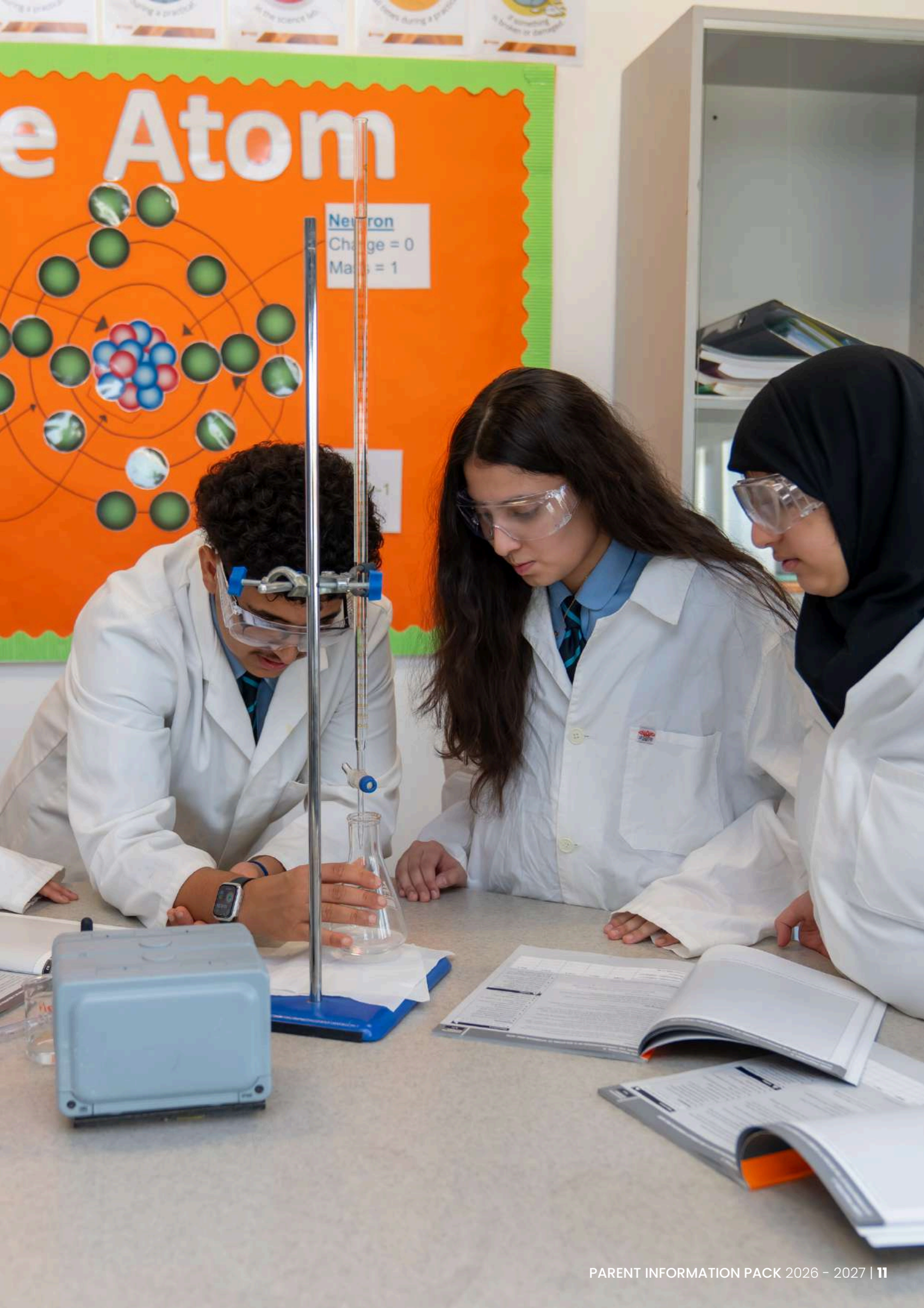
If you need support or have a concern, we follow a clear and structured approach. The first point of contact is usually your child's class teacher or tutor. For academic matters, concerns can then be escalated to the Head of Phase. For non-academic matters, the Parent Relations Executive pre@alainbritishacademy.ae can also support as an additional point of contact, helping to guide and coordinate queries where needed. Senior Leadership may be involved where further escalation is required.

Response time expectations (SLA):

- Teachers: respond within 24–48 working hours
- Parent Relations Executive (non-academic concerns/complaints): respond within 24–48 working hours
- Most routine queries: typically resolved within 1–3 working days depending on complexity
- Urgent/emergency matters: acknowledged immediately (within a few hours) and prioritised for same-day escalation and resolution where possible

We take all urgent concerns very seriously and ensure they are escalated and addressed as a priority without delay.

Our aim is to ensure communication remains clear, supportive, and solution-focused, always prioritising the best outcome for every child.



The Atom

Neutron
Charge = 0
Mass = 1

REGISTRATION FORMS/ DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

To ensure the school has accurate and up-to-date records, and to meet the registration requirements set by the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), it is essential that all necessary documents are uploaded via the Parent Portal.

Steps to Upload Documents:

If you have not done so already, please log in to the Parent Portal using the following link:
<https://www.aldar.com/education/parent/login>

1. Navigate to: My Application > View > Submit Documents
2. Upload any pending documents

Required Documents:

Please make sure to upload the following documents:

- Student Passport
- Student Emirates ID
- Student Visa
- Student Photo
- Student Birth Certificate
- Most recent school report (if applicable)
- Mother's Passport
- Mother's Emirates ID
- Father's Passport
- Father's Emirates ID
- Proof of Address

DocuSign forms:

You will also have received a separate email from DocuSign. Please follow the instructions in that email to complete and submit the electronic forms through the DocuSign platform. For more information, please contact the Admissions Department at [**admissions@alainbritishacademy.ae**](mailto:admissions@alainbritishacademy.ae)

PARENTS/GUARDIAN ID

Upon registering at Al Ain British Academy, each parent is required to fill out the "Parent Security Form" which our team then processes in order to create the Parent Security card to allow you to safely access the school premises.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be purchased from Magrudy's, Bawadi Mall or online at www.magrudy.com.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

At Al Ain British Academy, wearing the school uniform fosters pride, equality, safety and focus amongst students. It helps build a strong sense of community and supports a respectful learning environment.

Key Expectations:

- Students must wear the official uniform purchased from Magrudy's. Shirts and PE T-shirts must be neatly tucked in at all times.
- Plain black shoes without logos or designs are required.
- On PE days, students wear the designated PE kit with plain white trainers.
- Only small, simple stud earrings are allowed for girls; no other accessories or piercings are permitted for safety reasons.
- Hair should be neat and tied back with black or blue hairbands.
- Non-uniform days have specific dress codes communicated in advance.
- We ask children to tuck their uniform shirts and PE T-shirts in to promote a sense of respect, responsibility and school pride.
- A neat, tucked-in uniform fosters a professional and focused learning environment, helping students understand the importance of self-discipline and presenting themselves well.
- Additionally, a tidy uniform supports the school's image and emphasises unity, helping students feel part of a cohesive, respectful community where everyone takes their role seriously.

SUPPORT & COMPLIANCE:

Parents are encouraged to support this policy and label all clothing to prevent loss. Repeated uniform violations may lead to reminders, parental contact or disciplinary action.

BUS INFORMATION

Emirates Transport

Al Ain British Academy partners with Emirates Transport to provide high-quality buses with enhanced student-safety features. Emirates Transport manages and supervises student transport operations in line with Department of Transport requirements and international safety standards. The service is committed to ensuring that every passenger travels safely and comfortably.

Contact Information:

8006006 / 03-7088907 / 0507921871

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We provide textbooks and online resources where required, and exercise books for all students. From Year 7 onwards, students are expected to bring in their own stationery, and a list of required equipment and stationery is provided to students at the start of the year.



DARNA REWARDS

Rewards by Aldar is a free application available to Aldar Academies families. It enables families to earn points when paying tuition fees or making eligible purchases across Aldar and participating brands. These points can be redeemed against future tuition-fee payments, experiences or purchases.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing innovation and 21st-century skills, Al Ain British Academy (AABA) operates a compulsory Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative for students in Year 4 and above, and it is optional for students in Year 3. Our BYOD strategy is entirely aligned with Apple products— chosen to provide a leading-edge technology platform that supports creativity, collaboration, and digital safety in the classroom.

Teachers and students alike use Apple devices to seamlessly transition between tasks, screens, and subjects, allowing for a rich and interactive learning experience.

Aldar has teamed up with technology partner JTRS — an Apple Authorized Education Specialist — to establish the Aldar Education eStore. Through this platform, families can purchase recommended Apple products at competitive prices.

All pupils who bring their own devices will be enrolled in our Jamf School MDM platform. Jamf lets the school maintain high standards of online safety by managing and securing devices during school hours — blocking games, social media, and other distractions — while allowing full internet and app access once the school day is over.

To access the E-Store, visit: <https://aldareducation.jtrs.ae/>, select Al Ain British Academy from the School Store.

Recommended Minimum Device Specifications:

- MacBook (2021 or newer)
- iPad (8th Generation or newer)
- iPad Air (4th Generation or newer, 64GB minimum)
- Keyboard case
- Stylus

MOBILE PHONES

Students are not permitted to use mobile phones during school hours. If a student is seen with a mobile phone on school premises during the school day, it will be confiscated and securely held in the school office. Parents will be required to collect the device in person.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused and distraction-free learning environment.



ONLINE EDUCATION PLATFORM

All children have access to a Microsoft 365 account, where they can use all Microsoft programmes. One login is used for all educational apps, including Microsoft Teams, E-praise, Renaissance, Times Table Rock stars, Minecraft, Class Dojo, and Purple Mash.

NUTRITION/CATERING

Discover Spare, Food Nation's online canteen app and the first of its kind. Available in English and Arabic, it lets you pre-book food, manage payments, view transactions, and cut queues with a special collection counter.

Download today to make school catering faster, smarter, and more convenient for you and your child!



ADEK RATING

Definition of report results: Teaching and Assessment exceeds expectation, in addition to safety & care of students and leadership of the school substantially exceeding expectations.

Quotes from the report:

"The strong relationships between staff and students, which permeate all aspects of the school's life, promote high academic and personal development in all the phases."

"School leaders have successfully raised standards of achievement in Arabic."

"School leaders demonstrate an outstanding capacity for improving the school further because they have improved students' achievement in the large majority of subjects and phases, and maintained previously noted very high standards in others."



ADEK RATING
Very Good



BSO RATING
Outstanding



SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

MONDAY - THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
FS1	7:30 AM - 12:30 PM or 2:30 PM	FS1	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
FS2	7:30 AM - 2:30 PM	FS2	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
YEAR 1	7:30 AM - 2:40 PM	YEAR 1	7:30 AM - 11:10 AM
YEAR 2	7:30 AM - 2:40 PM	YEAR 2	7:30 AM - 11:10 AM
YEAR 3	7:30 AM - 2:45 PM	YEAR 3	7:30 AM - 11:15 AM
YEAR 4	7:30 AM - 2:50 PM	YEAR 4	7:30 AM - 11:20 AM
YEAR 5	7:30 AM - 2:55 PM	YEAR 5	7:30 AM - 11:25 AM
YEAR 6	7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	YEAR 6	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
YEARS 7-YEAR 13	7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	YEARS 7-YEAR 13	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

KEY CONTACTS:

Parent Relations Executive: pre@alainbritishacademy.ae

Reception: reception@alainbritishacademy.ae

Admissions: admissions@alainbritishacademy.ae

Finance: finance@alainacademy.sch.ae

School Counsellor: dpasanna@alainacademy.sch.ae

IT Helpdesk: ithelpdesk@alainacademy.sch.ae



NOW YOU CAN PAY YOUR TUITION FEES ONLINE VIA CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD

At Al Ain British Academy, we are always looking for ways to improve the services we provide to our students and their families. To enhance the convenience of managing school fee payments, we are pleased to introduce a new payment option through credit and debit card via payment link which have been included in the invoices for the up-coming Term 1 Academic Year 2024-2025.



CONVENIENCE

Enjoy the flexibility of making payments from anywhere whether you are at home, at work, or on the go. With a payment link, you can choose to pay using Google Pay, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, or by entering your card details directly, and receive an instant payment receipt for your peace of mind.



SECURITY

Debit or credit card details will be securely handled, ensuring your financial information is protected.



COST

There will be no cost to parents who choose to pay via credit and debit cards from Aldar Education.



FLEXIBILITY

We encourage the use of credit and debit card payments, but we do understand that some parents may prefer alternative payment methods. Therefore, payment options such as online bank transfer and cheque will remain available.



REWARDS

Darna Rewards by Aldar is a first of its kind loyalty programme brought to you by Aldar Properties that gives you more rewards, more discounts, and more deals across all Aldar affiliated partners. When you pay your tuition fees you can receive Darna Rewards to spend on leisure, hospitality and retail. In addition, many banks offer rewards and payment plans to assist in the payment of tuitions fees. Please contact your bank for more details.



SECURITY MEASURES:

To ensure the safety of your financial information and avoid any potential fraud, please follow these guidelines:



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Only trust emails and messages from the official Al Ain British Academy email address (ending in @alainbritishacademy.ae).



PAYMENT LINKS

Use only the payment links provided directly by Al Ain British Academy. Do not click on links from unknown sources.



VERIFICATION

If you receive any suspicious emails or messages requesting payment, contact the school finance team immediately to verify its authenticity.



SECURE WEBSITE

Ensure that the payment page URL starts with 'https://', indicating a secure connection.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Never share your payment details or personal information with anyone outside the official school channels.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

To pay tuition fees, you can either pay via a bank transfer or cheque. Please note that when you make a direct deposit to our bank account, we do not necessarily recognise your payment unless you provide us with the bank deposit slip. Kindly send a copy of the bank deposit receipt to the following email: [**finance@alainacademy.sch.ae**](mailto:finance@alainacademy.sch.ae) immediately, so we can allocate funds accordingly and send you a confirmation receipt.

For online transfer, please see the bank details below.

Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
Bank Branch: Abu Dhabi Main Branch, P.O Box 2934 Abu Dhabi
Account Name: Aldar Academies-Alain INT.S.LLC-BR3
Account Number: 10482902020004
IBAN: AE020030010482902020004
Swift Code: ADCBAEAA



Your School App – Live Aldar

*With **Live Aldar**, you'll have everything you need at your fingertips! Be sure to install and register on the app before the school year begins.*



**DOWNLOAD
THE APP TODAY!**



SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

Order school uniforms, school devices and school meals directly in the app.



YOUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

A single calendar for all school events, class timetable and more.



FAMILY & STUDENT DASHBOARDS

View your family or individual student key information in one simple dashboard.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Real time visibility on your child's school attendance.



ACADEMIC UPDATES

View your child's subjects, teachers and keep track of your child's academic progress.



COMMUNICATION

Receive school communication in one convenient place, no more searching through emails. A single inbox with announcements, newsletters and more.



SERVICE REQUESTS

Raise a request for support or provide feedback seamlessly through your app.



SEAMLESS PAYMENTS

Pay school fees securely and track your transaction history and statement of accounts through the integrated wallet.



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