



THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABU DHABI
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



WELCOME TO

THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABU DHABI
2023-2024

OUR PROMISES

Learning To Thrive

Your family will join an inclusive and diverse community where your child will thrive and experience life-changing opportunities that promote creativity, critical thinking, social responsibility and cultural awareness.

Create Your Future

Your child will leave our school with everything they need for success – whatever they choose to be or do in life.

Unlock Your Child's Potential

Our values and ethos enable us to foster and nurture a personalised learning experience for your child driven by our gifted, passionate, trailblazing and highly qualified teachers.

Our Vision

“Empowering & enriching lives for future success”

Our Mission

“Our mission is to create world class learning experiences that recognise and nurture empathetic, resilient and talented individuals.”



OUR VALUES

Kindness

Honesty

Respect

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My children just love it at BIS Abu Dhabi. Such a friendly and welcoming environment. I've seen both of my children come on in leaps and bounds since joining the school both socially and academically.

BIS Abu Dhabi Parent

WELCOME TO THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABU DHABI

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our school. The British International School Abu Dhabi first welcomed students in 2009 and is now firmly established as one of the leading international schools in the Middle East and deemed Outstanding by ADEK.

BIS Abu Dhabi is part of Nord Anglia Education, the leading provider of premium international education in the world. Being part of a group of more than 80 schools spread right across the globe, our students can collaborate and learn with others and gain from a truly global perspective.

As a school we are committed to ensuring exceptional learning experiences for our children. These are created by celebrating the talents and gifts of every child and creating special opportunities for them in and outside of the curriculum. Supported by outstanding facilities we are constantly putting our children in first place; we challenge ourselves to respond to the needs of our young people and create learning experiences locally and globally that enrich their lives and the lives of others.

We are recognised and celebrated as a school for our world class teachers whose passion and drive instill a thirst for knowledge and love of learning. Our child centered and community ethos ensures we are able to consistently recruit the best teachers to join our team. Their care for students and the love of their subjects provides the best support young people can have, something that is evident by the excellent academic results at all levels.

BIS Abu Dhabi is a truly international community made up of more than 90 different nationalities. One of the greatest gifts we share and cherish is our BIS Abu Dhabi community; we believe that the best international schools embrace the community we serve, with a strong family culture, strong partnerships and a commitment to philanthropy and as such BIS Abu Dhabi is a truly special place.

Another priority at school is the personal and social development for each student. Guided by our three values of Kindness, Respect and Honesty, students develop their character and their passions whilst always thinking of others and thinking of the wider role we can each play in making our community and our world a better place.

School is such a key time of life. Setting out on the educational journey with passionate teachers working with supportive parents gives students drive, compassion and inspiration. Students who attend BIS Abu Dhabi gain the skills and the confidence to be successful in whatever it is they wish to achieve.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Kind regards,

Liam Cullinan
Executive Principal





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The British International School Abu Dhabi provides an unparalleled education to help your child succeed, thrive and enjoy learning. Using a personalised approach that inspires ambition and produces exceptional achievement right across the curriculum, there is no limit to what your child can achieve.

LEARNING

At The British International School Abu Dhabi, our team of teachers provide the highest quality of learning where all students are given the opportunities to achieve their very best.

With small class sizes, our teachers know each individual child and how to enable them to make exceptional achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

It is our aim to inspire ambition in our students, develop their thinking and support them in overcoming challenges they may face.

Student learning is enhanced by a curriculum designed by experts in their field. For example, our music curriculum has been developed in collaboration with The Juilliard School, a world leader in performing arts education.

Students follow the English National Curriculum from the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 11. Year 12 and 13 follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). This approach combines the best qualifications available to students studying overseas and provides a global passport to further education.

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Nursery (FS1) and FS2 (ages 3 to 5)
- Key Stage 1 Years 1 and 2 (ages 5 to 7)
- Key Stage 2 Years 3 to 6 (ages 7 to 11)
- Key Stage 3 Years 7 to 9 (ages 11 to 14)
- Key Stage 4 Years 10 and 11 (ages 14 to 16)
- Senior School International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme Years 12 and 13 (ages 16 to 18)



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

NURSERY AND FOUNDATION STAGE 2

Your child's first experience at school is crucial to how they will approach learning for the rest of their life. The EYFS setting at The British International School Abu Dhabi is committed to ensuring that your child develops into a creative, happy, confident and independent lifelong learner.

Teaching is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and is delivered through a multi-sensory, play-based approach. Students sing, dance, go on trips, swim, experiment, paint, read, use construction toys and generally have a wonderful time whilst they are learning. The purpose-built EYFS playgrounds act as an extension of the classroom.

The EYFS curriculum is based around 7 areas of learning and development:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- English
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

These areas of learning and development are explored through topics such as 'Help', 'Let's go Explore' and 'Down in the Deep Dark Woods'. Such topics provide real-life, concrete experiences and set high standards for learning. Teachers ensure that every child makes progress, and that no child gets left behind.

Each student will be informally consulted about their learning opportunities and environments, and class teachers will always endeavour to follow their interests to ensure planned activities and themes are motivating for them. Ongoing observational assessments are used to inform all the planning requirements to meet the needs of each student.



KEY STAGE 1 AND 2

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

We build confident, happy students, preparing them to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives and supporting them in making a strong and positive contribution to society.

The curriculum at BIS Abu Dhabi gives students the skills and knowledge they will need as they progress through their school journey, with the overriding aim being to ensure that every child develops at the pace that is right for them.

Teachers support this by choosing topics that catch the interest of young minds in a fun and stimulating way:

- Primary scientists benefit from the equipment used higher up the school to refine their experiments
- Mathematicians enter local and international competitions
- Artists from all disciplines are invited to visit the school to work with our students
- A great programme of musical and dramatic performances is offered

The curriculum is designed to keep students

interested and engaged in their learning and to ensure that there is continuation and progression from the EYFS years. As students progress through the Primary school they acquire more knowledge and skills such as independent learning, reflection and self assessment. The broad and balanced UK curriculum is enhanced with trips, visitors, art projects, theme weeks and specialist teaching.

Students in Primary enjoy a variety of subjects including Maths, English, Science, Humanities, Physical Education, Arabic, French, Music, Dance, Swimming, Islamic Studies, Moral Education and Social Studies.

We love to involve parents in their children's learning wherever possible.



KEY STAGE 3 AND 4

YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11

A specialist teaching programme offers a broad and balanced educational programme across the arts, humanities, languages and sciences. Active learning, critical thinking and excellent communication skills are encouraged, including taking part in debates and giving presentations. Students serve and lead their community in numerous ways and build a portfolio of evidence of their learning skills in their BISAD Diploma.

KEY STAGE 3 – YEARS 7 - 9

Specialist subjects begin to embed subject knowledge in preparation for the iGCSEs. Learning is frequently enhanced by various activities, experiments and trips in order to allow students to see the learned topics in practice.

KEY STAGE 4 – YEARS 10 & 11

During Year 10 and 11, our students study the IGCSE programme. Students will get the opportunity to opt for a range of specialist subjects to study in more depth during this time, and will find that the expectations placed upon them by teachers will be in accord with the work required to attain the very highest grades in IGCSE.

GCSE OPTIONS

GCSE Core Subjects include: English, Mathematics, Sciences, Physical Education, Arabic* and Islamic Studies*.

GCSE options include: French, Spanish, German, English as a Second Language, History, Geography, Photography, GCSE Physical Education, ICT, Computer Science, Psychology, Drama, Music, Art, Business Studies and Economics



Amazing teachers, great friends.
I love going to this school. It has a really lovely atmosphere and I instantly felt welcome.

BIS Abu Dhabi student

YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13

The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive, two-year course with a rigorous academic programme for students aged 16 to 19.

It is unique in that it is based on no particular national education system, offering instead a breadth and balance that affords students a wider range of choices when it comes to selecting university courses.

The qualification that students get at the end of the course is a prestigious and internationally recognised one. Most importantly, it is respected and highly valued by leading universities around the world.

Through the IB, students develop the skills to live and work in an international context, essential for life in the 21st century. It provides education for the 'whole' student and is excellent preparation for both university and adult life.

Universities prefer IB students because the IB curriculum develops a broad variety of skills. IB graduates, with the range of subjects they have studied, have a greater choice of undergraduate programmes.

Employers, too, are increasingly looking for flexibility and adaptability, which is something all IB students are able to offer.

IB OPTIONS

IB Core Subjects include: Language & Literature, Language Acquisition, Mathematics, Creativity, Activity, Service, Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay

IB options include: Business Management, Economics, History, Geography, Psychology, Biology, Environmental Systems & Societies, Chemistry, Physics, Sports, Exercise & Health Science, Computer Science, Visual Arts, Music and Theatre.

Other pathways to university are available in our Senior School. Depending upon a student's previous results and ambitions for the future, routes through our Senior School can be tailor made to support University entrance. For example, in addition to the IB, we also offer BTEC qualifications which can be combined with IB courses to create bespoke curricula, personalised to our students' needs.



YEAR GROUP LEVEL COMPARISON

As an international school with students coming from a variety of countries and curricula, families are encouraged to use this country comparison chart to ensure that they are applying to the correct year level, taking into account the differences that exist in the naming of “years” around the world.

		Equivalent Year/Grade in other Educational Systems											
		BIS Abu Dhabi	Australia		China		France	Germany		Ireland			
Age of Student on 31st August	3	EYFS	FS1 Nursery	Pre-Prep Programme	Pre-School		Maternelle	Petite Section	Kindergarten	K	Pre school	Early Years	
	4		FS2		Pre-School	Preschool		Kindergarten		Moyenne Section		K	Junior Infants
	5	Year 1	Kindergarten/Prep		Kindergarten			Grande Section		K		Senior Infants	
	6	Key Stage 1	Year 2	Primary Education	Year 1	Primary School	Primaire	CP	Grundschule	Klasse 1	Primary School	1st Class	
	7		Year 3		Year 2			Year 2		CE1		Klasse 2	2nd Class
	8		Year 4		Year 3			Year 3		CE2		Klasse 3	3rd Class
	9		Year 5		Year 4			Year 4		CM1		Klasse 4	4th Class
	10		Year 6		Year 5			Year 5		CM2		Klasse 5	5th Class
	11	Key Stage 2	Year 7	Secondary Education	Year 6	Middle School	Collège	6ème	Gymnasium	Klasse 6	Junior Cycle	6th Class	
	12		Year 8		Year 7			Year 1		5ème		Klasse 7	1st Year
	13		Year 9		Year 8			Year 2		4ème		Klasse 8	2nd Year
	14	Key Stage 3	Year 10	Secondary Education	Year 9	High School	Lycée	3ème	Gymnasiale	Klasse 9	Senior Cycle	3rd Year	
	15		Year 11		Year 10			Year 1		2ème		Klasse 10	Transition Year
	16	Key Stage 4	Year 12	Secondary Education	Year 11	High School	Lycée	1ère	Gymnasiale	Klasse 11	Senior Cycle	5th Year	
	17		Year 13		Year 12			Year 3		Terminale		Klasse 12	6th Year



The teachers all seem to have been hand picked and all 7 of the teachers our children have had, have been wonderful and caring, allowing our children to blossom into confident and independent young people.

BIS Abu Dhabi parent

Age of Student on 31st August

		Equivalent Year/Grade in other Educational Systems										
		BIS Abu Dhabi	India/SABIS/ Pakistan	Italy	Japan	Korea	The Netherlands					
3	EYFS	FS1 Nursery	Preschool	Nursery	Educazione Infantile	Asilo nido	Preschool	Kindergarten	Preschool	Kindergarten	Pre-school	K
4		FS2		KG1		cuola d'infanzia		Kindergarten		Kindergarten	Group 1	
5	Key Stage 1	Year 1	Elementary School	KG2	Scuola Primaria	Scuola d'infanzia	Elementary School	Kindergarten	Primary School	Kindergarten	Primair Onderwijs	Group 2
6		Year 2		Grade 1		I E		Grade 1		1st Grade		Group 3
7	Key Stage 2	Year 3	Elementary School	Grade 2	Scuola Primaria	II E	Elementary School	Grade 2	Primary School	2nd Grade	Primair Onderwijs	Group 4
8		Year 4		Grade 3		III E		Grade 3		3rd Grade		Group 5
9		Year 5		Grade 4		IV E		Grade 4		4th Grade		Group 6
10	Key Stage 3	Year 6	Elementary School	Grade 5	Scuola Primaria	V E	Elementary School	Grade 5	Primary School	5th Grade	Primair Onderwijs	Group 7
11		Year 7		Grade 6		I media		Grade 6		6th Grade		Group 8
12	Key Stage 4	Year 8	Secondary School	Grade 7	Scuola Secondaria Di Primo Grado	II media	Secondary School	Grade 1	Middle School	1st Grade	Voortgezet Onderwijs	Brugklas
13		Year 9		Grade 8		III media		Grade 2		2nd Grade		Year 1
14	Key Stage 5	Year 10	Secondary School	Grade 9	Biennio	I superiore	High School	Grade 3	High School	3rd Grade	Voortgezet Onderwijs	Year 2
15		Year 11		Grade 10 (SSC)		II superiore		Grade 1		1st Grade		Year 3
16	Key Stage 5	Year 12	Secondary School	Grade 11 (HSSC)	Triennio	III S	High School	Grade 2	High School	2nd grade	Voortgezet Onderwijs	Year 4
17		Year 13		Grade 12 (HSSC)		IV S		Grade 3		3rd Grade		Year 5

Age of Student on 31st August

		Equivalent Year/Grade in other Educational Systems									
		BIS Abu Dhabi	New Zealand	Russia	Singapore	Spain	USA/Canada				
3	EYFS	FS1 Nursery	Early Learning	Kindergarten	Preschool	Pre-School	Preschool	Infantil	Preschool	Nursery	
4		FS2		Kindergarten		KG1		Kindergarten 1		Infantil	Junior K
5	Key Stage 1	Year 1	Primary	Year 1	Primary	KG2	Primary	Kindergarten 2	Elementary School	Kindergarten	
6		Year 2		Year 2		Grade 1 (6.5)		Primary 1		P1	Grade 1
7	Key Stage 2	Year 3	Primary	Year 3	Primary	Grade 2	Primary	Primary 2	Educación Primaria	P2	Grade 2
8		Year 4		Year 4		Grade 3		Primary 3		P3	Grade 3
9		Year 5		Year 5		Grade 4		Primary 4		P4	Grade 4
10	Key Stage 3	Year 6	Primary	Year 6	Primary	Grade 5	Primary	Primary 5	Educación Primaria	P5	Grade 5
11		Year 7		Year 7		Grade 6		Primary 6		P6	Grade 6
12	Key Stage 4	Year 8	Secondary	Year 8	Secondary	Grade 7	Secondary	Secondary 1	ESO	ES01	Grade 7
13		Year 9		Year 9		Grade 8		Secondary 2		ES02	Grade 8
14	Key Stage 5	Year 10	Secondary	Year 10	Secondary	Grade 9	Secondary	Secondary 3	ESO	ES03	Grade 9
15		Year 11		Year 11		Grade 10		Secondary 4		ES04	Grade 10
16	Key Stage 5	Year 12	Secondary	Year 12	Secondary	Grade 11	Past Secondary	Secondary 5	Bachillerato	B1	Grade 11
17		Year 13		Year 13		Uni 1		Tertiary		B2	Grade 12



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Education is about much more than lessons and qualifications, important though they are. We offer our students experiences designed to be fun, challenging, inspiring, and motivating.

EXTENDED LEARNING

SCHOOL TRIPS

Learning outside the classroom is an important part of students' development. We are very fortunate to have access to some outstanding outdoor opportunities in the region. These outings include visits to the theatre, art galleries, wildlife sanctuaries and parks, outdoor residential trips, mosques and places of historical and cultural interest.

The residential trips are some of the most eagerly anticipated visits each year. For example, Year 8 stay at the base of Jebel Hafeet in Al Ain, a world class adventure spot and experience Three artificial white-water rivers a large wave pool, white water rafting, bodyboarding, an airpark and zipline, a giant swing and kayaking.

Each year, IGCSE and IB students travel to Tanzania in a life-changing experience as they work to make a lasting impact within local communities. Students immerse themselves in the service work within the community, raising the quality of life and education for people in the area so that they can direct their own future and develop within their means.

Other trips include

- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver & Gold Trips
- Les Elfes Ski Trip, Switzerland
- Spain Language trip to Cuenca
- Switzerland Trekking
- Switzerland Alpine Mountaineering
- Spain Language trip to Cuenca
- Switzerland Trekking
- Khorfakkan Adventure Camp
- Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro
- English Cultural Trips to London
- New York Arts Trip

With all of our trips, comprehensive risk assessments ensure that even the most exciting and challenging trips are safe and secure for the students in our care.

For full trip details please refer to our International and National Residential Trips Booklet.



EXTENDED LEARNING

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) help our students to develop skills that cannot always be learned in the classroom. We believe that our students need to be challenged outside the classroom, as well as inside. We encourage all students to play an active part in our CCA Programme.

We offer more than 100 after school activities that spark interest and inquiry. Whether it be sporting, craft, technology, performing arts or academically based activities, students will develop knowledge and skills to use and apply in lessons and the future.

Some examples from the CCAs on offer include:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Science Club
- Football / Netball / Basketball / Volleyball / Swimming / Touch Rugby / Badminton / Cricket / Athletics
- String Orchestra
- Funk Band
- Choir
- Origami
- Juilliard Drama Club
- Devised Theatre
- Reading/Book Club
- Construction Club
- Lego Club
- Drawing Club
- Creative Critters
- Film Club
- Service Club
- Art and Design Club
- Gaelic Games
- Chess
- Yoga
- Video Game development
- Coding Club

Our comprehensive CCA programme has been carefully considered to meet the needs and abilities of all of our students.



EXTENDED LEARNING

OUR COLLABORATIONS

Learning for a Brighter Future

We promise more than a traditional education. We work with world-leading institutions and educators to deliver programmes that will challenge and inspire your child.

We educate your child for a changing world. We collaborate with pioneering institutions such as MIT and Juilliard, developing programmes that will give them the skills, qualities and outlook to create their own exciting future.

Performing Arts with The Juilliard School

In collaboration with The Juilliard School, a private performing arts conservatory in New York City, we aim to transform your child's understanding of the performing arts. Students will discover iconic works, and their creativity and collaborative skills will flourish with help from a worldwide network of performers and teachers.

STEAM with MIT

This practical, hands-on programme will open your child's eyes to the possibilities of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Students will tackle challenges and workshops created by MIT experts, and develop skills that will help them invent the future.

UNICEF

We work with UNICEF to introduce your child to some of the planet's most pressing issues. Through World's Largest Lesson, our Student Summit and our Global Challenges, we inspire them to think about how to change the world for the better.

Global Campus

With more than 80 international schools in the Nord Anglia family, the world is at your child's doorstep. Our Global Campus platform brings together young people from different countries and cultures, and encourages them to collaborate, create and learn.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Year on year our students achieve amazing results in both IGCSE and IB.



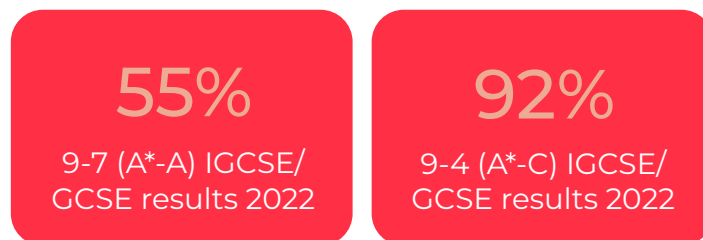
IGCSE ACADEMIC RESULTS

In 2022, our students have achieved incredible results with 55% of all grades obtained at grade A or better. This significantly exceeds the UK average of 26%. Across all examinations, 92% were at grades A*-C compared to the UK average of 73%. Students of all interests and abilities have been able to demonstrate success across the whole range of subjects.

Highlights include:

- 55% of all GCSE and IGCSE grades achieved were A* - A or 9-7.
- 92% of all GCSE and IGCSE grades achieved were A* - C or 9-4.

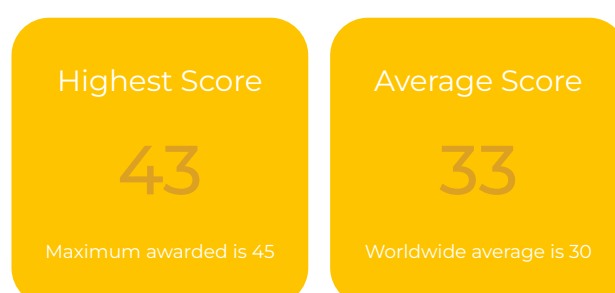
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	UK Average
A* - A or 9-7	47%	55%	58%	63%	55%	26%
A* - C or 9-4	85%	86%	96%	95%	92%	73%



IB ACADEMIC RESULTS

Our 2023 graduates achieved record results in the IB Diploma examinations. The average point score of 34 is significantly ahead of the worldwide average of 32 and has enabled students to obtain places in highly prestigious University courses.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	World Average
Average Diploma Score	32	33	35	38	34	33	30
Average Subject Grade	5.1	5.1	5.5	6	5.3	5.5	5.1



US and Canada

Arizona State University, USA
Boston University, USA
Carleton University, Canada
Concordia University, Canada
Dalhousie University, Canada
Loyola Marymount University, USA
New York University, USA
McMaster University, Canada
McGill University, Canada
University of British Columbia, Canada
The University of Tampa, USA
University of Calgary, Canada
University of California, San Diego, USA
University of Massachusetts, USA
University of Texas, USA
University of Pittsburg, USA
University of Toronto, Canada
York University, Canada

Europe

Charles University, Czech Republic
CY Tech, France
Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
Maastricht University, Netherlands
McDaniel College, Budapest
NHL Stenden University, Netherlands
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
University of Bucharest
University College Dublin, Ireland
University of Groningen, Netherlands
University of Leiden, Netherlands
University of Pécs, Hungary
University of Warsaw, Poland
Queen Mary University, Malta
UCLouvain, Belgium

United Kingdom

Brunel University
Cardiff University
Goldsmiths, University of London
King's College London
Imperial College London
London School of Economics
Loughborough University
Newcastle University
New College of the Humanities
Point Blank Music School
Queen Mary, University of London
University College London
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Central Lancashire
University of Durham
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Essex
University of Glamorgan
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Manchester
University of Oxford
University of Portsmouth
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Swansea
University of the Arts London
University of Warwick
University of York



A SELECTION OF UNIVERSITY



Have watched my kids go from shy and anxious to confident and self-assured while attending this school. Academically, socially and sport-wise, they are thriving! I love this school and it is one of the reasons, we'll stay in Abu Dhabi. My children's education is simply brilliant here!

BIS Abu Dhabi parent

Middle East

American University, Lebanon
American University Dubai, UAE
American University of Sharjah, UAE
Middlesex University Dubai, UAE
MBRU, Dubai, UAE
Paris Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, UAE
Royal College of Surgeons, Bahrain
University of Sharjah, UAE
University of Jordan, Jordan
UAE University, Al Ain, UAE
Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

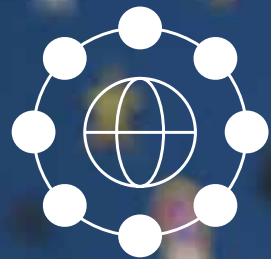
Asia

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Singapore
National University of Singapore, Singapore
City University Hong Kong, China
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, China

Australia and New Zealand

Flinders University, Australia
Griffith University, Australia
James Cook University, Australia
Monash University, Australia
The University of Melbourne, Australia
University of Auckland, New Zealand
University of New South Wales, Australia
University of Otago, New Zealand
The University of Sydney, Australia
University of Western Australia
University of Queensland
University of Wollongong, Australia
Victoria University, Australia

OUR GRADUATES' DESTINATIONS



OUR COMMUNITY

When you join The British International School Abu Dhabi you will be stepping into a warm, welcoming and positive environment where everybody supports one another to succeed.

OUR COMMUNITY

From your first contact with the school, you will feel welcome and involved. Our community starts with you. We know that school will be a central part of your social life in the UAE.

Parents are invited to engage with our parent initiatives, and come along to our coffee mornings and other events, whether you are new to Abu Dhabi or a long-time resident.



As a parent, what I love about BIS Abu Dhabi is that the Senior Management have a vision, there are enthusiastic teachers with personalised attention, motivated & ambitious students and lastly, the community feeling that makes it warm and welcoming!



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

At BIS Abu Dhabi we are fortunate to spend every day in a truly international environment. Our students and staff represent more than 90 different nationalities.



There is a real warmth with which parents talk about the school. There is a strong feeling of family and inclusion that is so important.

Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK)



● Our Students ● Our Teachers

PART OF THE NORD ANGLIA FAMILY



The British International School Abu Dhabi is part of the Nord Anglia Education family (NAE), a world leader in the provision of high quality, innovative international schools.

When you choose a Nord Anglia Education school, you and your child become part of a global community of students, parents, teachers and alumni, opening up a world of opportunities. From Boston to Beijing, Hanoi to Hyderabad, and Dubai to Dublin, our diverse global community stretches across borders. We make sure that every child learns alongside students from different cultures and can make friendships that last a lifetime.

From school events, to global challenges and

competitions where students meet their classmates from our schools around the world, being part of the Nord Anglia family means opening the door to new learning experiences and cultures for our students, their families and our teachers.

When your child joins a Nord Anglia school, you become part of the community too. All our schools' value their parent community highly, and work to make sure that parents are a key part of school life. That includes making sure parents are kept closely in touch with their child's learning and development. We stay in regular contact to make sure that your Nord Anglia experience is the best it can be.

Academic Excellence

Our approach to learning is personalised to each student, and the curricula we offer are respected all over the world. We take great care over the quality of education we provide and have robust systems in place to ensure it. So our students enjoy outstanding exam results, and pathways to the universities and careers of their choice

World-class Teachers

We invest in outstanding teachers, and offer them development programmes that are second to none. Our global education team and advisory board are led by world renowned academics and pioneers. All of this makes sure we continue to be innovative, and that our quality assurance and safeguarding measures are first class.

Vibrant Community

When you join the Nord Anglia family, you become part of a global community of students, parents and alumni, opening up a world of opportunities for your child.

Exceptional Learning Experiences

In our schools, your child's learning goes far beyond the classroom. Our transformative programmes and experiences really nurture their talents, unlock their potential, and inspire them to go further.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

We work very closely with a reputable bus company called Shanawaz Transport, in order to provide a first-class door-to-door transportation service for families that opt to use the service. Safety is our utmost concern and as such we ensure that our buses meet and exceed ADEK and Department of Transport requirements.

Additionally, a dedicated Support Assistant will always be on the bus with the students to make sure they are always seated with their seatbelts fastened. The Support Assistant will also make sure students arrive to their classrooms on time and arrive home safely.

In order for more of our students to be able to access after school CCAs, we also offer a CCA bus service to key areas within Abu Dhabi on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

BUS ROUTE MAP



OUR FACILITIES

Our school is set on a generous 25 734 m² campus that offers:

- spacious, bright and open classrooms
- an indoor, heated swimming pool
- State of the art Arts Centre including 500+ seated Theatre, and purpose built Music, Drama and Art suites.
- three libraries
- specialist science labs
- arts studios
- shaded playing courts
- on-site coffee shop
- grassed sports and playing fields
- a dedicated IB Academy
- Specialist STEAM area
- BBQ area

In addition, a sports Academy that offers:

- a large covered and air-conditioned multi-purpose hall that can be used for basketball, volleyball, tennis, and other sports
- a covered outdoor semi-Olympic sized swimming pool
- a purpose-built gym





SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/24**

Term 1

Term begins	28th August
Half term	16th – 20th October
UAE National Holiday	2nd - 3rd December
Term ends	8th December

Term 2

Term begins	2nd January
Half term	19th – 21st February
Term ends	22nd March

Term 3

Term begins	15th April
Islamic holidays*	17th - 18th June
Term ends	5th July

ADMISSIONS

We welcome applications for Admissions throughout the year. Families are encouraged to visit us to gain a better appreciation of our welcoming community.

All school admissions information including fees and terms and conditions can be found on our website.

www.bisabudhabi.com

Contact us at:

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OUR LOCATION

We are ideally located on the mainland of Abu Dhabi, approximately 30 minutes from the city centre and 15 minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport, on the E22 road, behind Abu Dhabi University.

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