



**Prep School
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Inspiring life-long learning

Combining the best of both a traditional and a forward-thinking education

A challenging curriculum that is based on sound educational pedagogy and recent research



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Vision Statement

Our vision is to become the first choice premium British curriculum school of Dubai as an authentic reflection of the very best of independent education from the UK.

Our Mission

We strive to turn out well-educated, tolerant and intellectually curious young men and women who are ready to take a full, active and positive role in the life of Dubai, the United Arab Emirates and the world. We support children to achieve their very best by creating an ethos of excellence in all that we do through a traditional yet innovative curriculum and outstanding pastoral provision.

Our Aims and Ethos

We aim to create a family-orientated, tolerant and vibrant community, which will impart or provide:

- a love of learning for its own sake;
- a foundation of knowledge and body of skills with which to understand and question the world we live in and to prepare us, through an innovative approach to education, for the world we are likely to inhabit in the future;
- an awareness of, and appreciation of, the spiritual dimension in our lives;
- an enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom – in particular, sport, music and the performing arts;
- a respect for difference in others and a recognition that the efforts and achievements of every individual in our community are valued equally.





Curriculum



The School Day

- Classes from Year 1 to Year 6 have the same daily schedule.
- The school day begins at 08:10 and ends at 15:40.
- There are two breaks during the day; a 20-minute snack and playtime in the morning and a 60-minute lunch break.
- Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are optional and can take place before school, at lunch time or after school from 15:45 until 16:45.

The Preparatory School has a strong culture of academic expectation, and pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 are educated through programmes that foster knowledge, understanding and skills, as well as an appreciation and respect for themselves and others. Pupils will follow a rich and balanced curriculum which inspires them to be creative, enterprising and innovative.

The enhanced National Curriculum from Brighton College UK is used for the core curriculum subjects and provides an established, high quality framework that develops pupils' skills and competencies in a rigorous way. The core subjects of English and Maths are an essential

precursor to educational success and so are given a high priority to ensure pupils can achieve mastery in a range of different contexts.

The International Primary Curriculum is used as a resource for other subjects and the thematic curriculum provides a comprehensive and clear process of learning in an interest driven, cross-curricular exploratory style, where there is an emphasis on independent enquiry. It also provides opportunities to engage in personal learning, promotes international mindedness and has topics which are both extremely current and relevant.



Arabic Language and Islamic Studies are given high priority and we work with Thuluth, the Arabic Language, Culture and Arts programme to ensure that Arabic is not only well taught but pupils can understand its context and be successful.

Approaches to Learning

- Learning at Brighton College Dubai is exciting and inspires a love of learning.
- In the lower Preparatory School, the curriculum initially dovetails with the play-based, interest driven learning of the Early Years, with its formality increasing as pupils are prepared for their transition through the year groups.
- Pupils will work in a range of settings including whole class, small groups, paired work and individually so that their learning is supported, and they are able to discover and extend themselves alongside their peers.
- Pupils are given many opportunities to explore and research so that they can acquire and develop skills that are transferred across curriculum areas, thus embedding their learning and ensuring that meaningful and memorable links are made.
- High expectations are set for pupils and the importance of developing the quality of their thinking and of their work is regularly reinforced so pupils are both challenged but motivated to work hard.



Prep, or homework, has a role in extending learning, the aim is to ensure that good routines are developed early and that an attitude of scholarly endeavor is achieved through the completion of engaging prep tasks.

Inclusion



At Brighton College Dubai, our forward thinking inclusion model ensures all pupils are part of the whole school community, irrespective of learning differences or disabilities. Scaffolded by a framework and guidelines from the KHDA, Ministry of Education (UAE) and the SEN Code of Practice (UK) we meet the needs of all our pupils through early identification and intervention, regular meetings with parents and carers, staff training, continual professional development, accreditation and highly experienced staff.

The Inclusion Team is staffed with experienced and highly qualified teachers and learning support assistants. As a through school, the team work from FS to Year 10 to ensure the specific and extended needs of pupils are met. Should a pupil require a specialist assessment, parents will be referred to a suitably qualified and accredited assessor.

Brighton College Dubai ensures the needs of all pupils are met in a wholesome and inclusive manner. The rhetoric of inclusion is more than mission statements and policies, it is what we do day to day, on the ground and how our pupils' needs are seamlessly met.

Curriculum Enhancement

The Brighton College Dubai curriculum is enhanced in a variety of different ways in support of its aims to develop the pupils enthusiasm for the world both in and beyond the classroom

– in particular: sports, music, languages and the performing arts.

Educational visits and residential trips, special events, well-being days, assemblies, house events as well as regular co-curricular activities ensure that teaching and learning extends well beyond the classroom walls.



Community

Brighton College Dubai has a wonderful sense of community and all our parents, friends and connections to the broader context of the UAE are important to us.

This begins with the commitment to clear, regular and informative communication going

out to parents and ends with an amazing sense of support and unity from everyone.

We are lucky to be situated in the United Arab Emirates and we take every opportunity to enjoy and respect our host country's culture, heritage and progressive thinking.

Preparing Pupils for the Future

“At Brighton College Dubai, we focus on a few key aspects which we believe will set our pupils up for their lives in an international, 21st Century competitive and challenging world.”

Confidence – Pupils will learn how to present themselves well in any context, to speak clearly, to express their ideas and to engage confidently but without arrogance.

Adaptability – Pupils will be given open ended tasks where they need to problem solve and be solution orientated, where there is not just one right answer but where they need to reflect and analyse to work out alternatives or improvements.

Kindness – There will be a consistent commitment to teaching pupils about kindness, what that looks like and how they can commit to acting in a kind manner to others.

Open Mindedness – Pupils will be encouraged to try new things so that they can embrace new experiences as well as find out more about themselves and others.

Love of Learning – It is important to have a growth mindset and pupils will be helped to know their next steps and to develop an intrinsic desire to want to improve and have high expectations.

Importance of being on individual – Everyone is unique and pupils will learn about themselves so that they can be the best versions of themselves and so understand and be proud of who they are.

Proud to be a Brightonian

The goal of our Prep Education is to create the possibilities for a pupil to enquire, discover, invent and become excited about their learning. Regular ‘Well-being’ days, special events, community projects, house competitions, team sports and cultural activities see pupils coming together in many different groups to raise themselves to the challenges that are set and to seek creative solutions. The benefits are manifold; friendships, passion, role models, cross curricular connections, positive relationships and pastoral support are all promoted. Ultimately this gives our pupils a sense of identity and the knowledge that they are part of something special - the Brighton family.





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