Education at BBS

BELVEDERE
British School

An Overview of Education at Belvedere British School

Belvedere British School follows the British National Curriculum (NC) and operates very much the same as a British School in the UK does, although as a school in Abu Dhabi, it has some cultural and operational differences.

The School Year

The BBS school year begins in September and finishes in July. The general dates for the beginning and end of the school year, as well as national and public holidays, are set by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK). The BBS calendar is broken up into three terms and they are in turn split into two, resulting in six half terms and thus three full terms in total.

Term One: starts in September, with a half term break in October, finishing in December (Winter/Christmas Break).

Term Two: starts in January, with a half-term break in February, finishing in March (Spring Break).

Term Three: starts in April, with a half-term break in June (Eid Al Fitr), finishing in July (Summer Break).

The School Day

Each day begins with student registration at 07:30 daily. Primary students go to their classrooms and Secondary students go to their Tutor's form rooms. Following registration, the whole school meets for our daily morning assembly at 07:45. The first teaching period starts each morning at 07:55, with students in Primary and Secondary following a timetable of seven lesson periods, broken up by morning and afternoon break times. Students in Secondary finish each day with Form Time.

Breaks and Lunchtimes

Primary and Secondary students have different morning and afternoon break times. During these times, all students have the opportunity to eat, exercise and socialise with their peers, in designated areas. Students have access to water throughout the day and can either bring in their own items to eat and drink or purchase them from our catering providers on these occasions.

CoCurricular Programme (CCP)

Students are encouraged to participate in our CCP, which runs after school at 15:00 - 16:00 on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Teachers and external companies run an extensive programme of age-appropriate activities. Although most activities are free, there are some that carry a charge. Parents and students are given options to sign up to activities in advance, up to a set time and allocation of students per activity.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

We follow the British National Curriculum, where all students are taught according to their individual and group academic levels of attainment. Lessons are student centred, where students become independent learners, empowered with 21st-century skills. We focus on students developing incrementality throughout each Key Stage. We continually assess student academic attainment at each stage, reviewing development and progress at half termly intervals. We involve students and parents in the assessment journey and report on each student's progress termly.

Baseline Testing and Student Progression

On entry into BBS, each student sits an external baseline assessment test, to assess academic levels of attainment and potential. The data received from this is used to measure student progression over time, to assist in teaching and learning and to involve students in their learning pathways. BBS students take their baseline tests three times each academic year. Arabic baseline testing is carried out twice annually, at the beginning and end of each academic year.

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At the beginning of the school year, the students have a 1:1 session with the class teacher to determine their starting point to complete a BASE-Progress - CEM test.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1)

Year 1 students are giving The phonics screening check at the end of the academic year which is designed to confirm whether students have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.

Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

From 6.5 years, students will sit a CAT4 test. The test is an indication of the child's cognitive ability. At the end of Key Stage 1, teachers use teacher assessment judgements to report on the progress of their students. These assessments take into account a student's performance in National Curriculum tests in Mathematics, English Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)

All students in KS2 will sit a CAT4 test. This test will determine the cognitive ability At the end of Key Stage 2. At the end of Key Stage 1, teachers use teacher assessment judgements to report on the progress of their students. These assessments take into account a student's performance in National Curriculum tests in Mathematics, English Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)

During Key Stage 4 all students work towards the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSEs). These are assessed by external companies; BBS uses Pearson Edexcel. (insert link to the Edexcel website). https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html

The British National Curriculum at Belvedere British School (NC@BBS)

	Early Years Foundation Stage	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4/IGCSE
Age	3-4	5-7	7-11	11-14	14-16
Year Groups	FS2	1-2	3-6	7-9	10-11
Subjects Offered					
Art and Design		✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Studies					✓
English Lang		✓	✓	✓	✓
English Lit		✓	✓	✓	✓
Geography		✓	✓	✓	✓
History		✓	✓	✓	✓
ICT		✓	✓	✓	✓
Maths		✓	✓	✓	✓
French			✓	✓	✓
Moral Education			✓	✓	✓
Music		✓	✓	✓	✓
Physical Education		✓	✓	✓	✓
Science		✓	✓	✓	✓
Science Single Award					✓
Science Double Award					✓
Science Triple Award					✓

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Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies at Belvedere British School (AISS@BBS)

	Early Years Foundation Stage	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4/IGCSE
Age	3-4	5-7	7-11	11-14	14-16
Year Groups	FS2	1-2	3-6	7-9	10-11
Core Subjects					
ARABIC FIRST LANGUAGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARABIC SECOND LANGUAGE		✓	✓	✓	✓
ISLAMIC STUDIES FOR NATIVE AND NON NATIVE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SOCIAL STUDIES FOR NATIVE AND NON NATIVE		✓	✓	✓	

Post 16: Sixth Form (Key Stage 5)

At BBS we refer to Key Stage 5 as our Sixth Form, where all students work towards the International General Certificate of Education (A levels). These are assessed by external companies; BBS uses Pearson Edexcel. (insert link to the Edexcel website). https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html

Age 16 - 17	Year 12 (Equivalent to Grade 11)	A Levels
Age 17 - 18	Year 13 (Equivalent to Grade 12)	A Levels
Subjects Offered		
Biology		
Business Studies		
Chemistry		
English Literature		
Geography		
History		
ICT		
Maths		
Physics		
Arabic/Islamic Studies		

A-levels are widely regarded as the 'Gold Standard' qualification for top universities in the UK and the rest of the world. This prestigious course is internationally acknowledged as evidence of the most demanding and rigorous intellectual training. A-levels are unique in providing an unrivalled depth of study in a few, specialist subjects. After two years, students will have developed the kind of subject knowledge which is often only acquired during the first year at university in many other countries. A-levels also develop students broad study skills and the ability to think and argue critically. They prepare students fully for the challenge of studying at world-class universities.

At BBS we teach A-levels in classes with between 3 and 10 students. This close support and guidance from teachers is essential due to the academic demands A-levels place on international students. We can offer a nearly bespoke teaching provision affording students with unparalleled teaching and learning from outstanding teachers.

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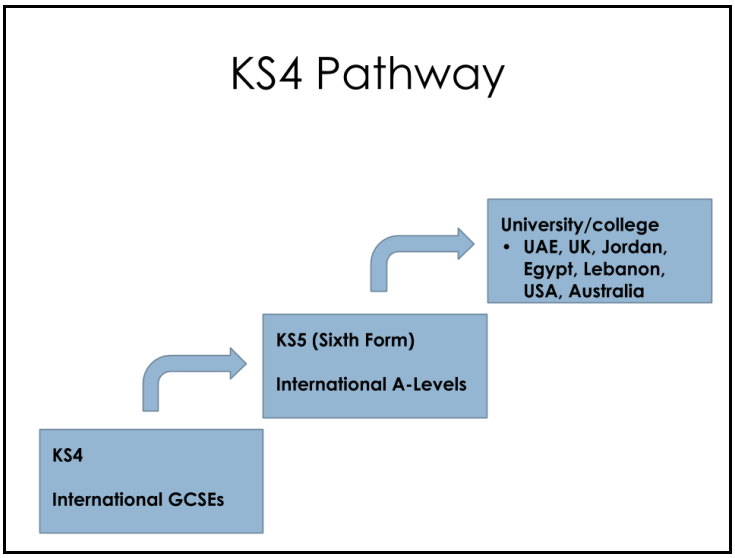
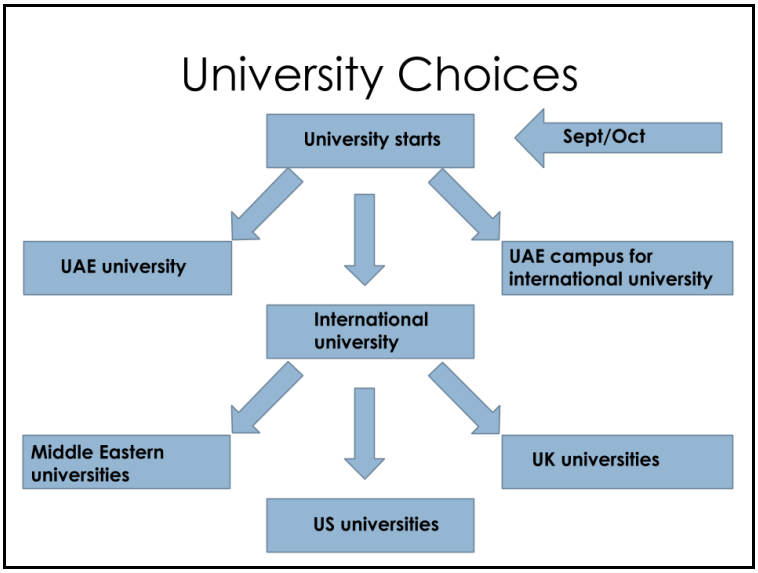
What are iGCSEs and A levels worth on the International Stage?

Educational Pathways

Students will complete their IGCSEs and will then have the option to transfer onto International A-Levels (IAL) and then Domestic or International Universities.



There are many options for students upon completion of their A-levels at BBS. Universities either domestic (UAE) or international (domestic campus for international universities is an option).



School uniform

Dear Parents,

Within Belvedere British School we have a strong history, vision and ethos for our students which encourages strong minds, independence, academic rigor and community spirit. With that we also want our students to feel part of the BBS family. The way this is shown is through engaging ion school life, meeting our expectations and striving to accomplish their goals. Meeting our expectations encompasses wearing the correct school uniform which publically displays the students' acknowledgment and respect for Belvedere British School values and traditions.

Attached is a breakdown of our school uniform requirements. Can you please take some time to view the attachment and provide your child with the correct uniform as this is a vital component of your Childs school life. We will be monitoring uniform infringements closely as with all aspects of your child academic life. If there are continuous uniform infringements we will impose our uniform sanctions as stated in our Uniform Policy.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Kind regards

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Important

School uniform

Boys' summer

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Year 1-Year 3

Year 4-Year 13

Boys' Sports Kit

FS2- Year 13

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Boys' winter

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Start OF THE DAY

Bell Ring- Students go to their classroom
(Primary and Secondary)

Form Registration Time

Side Doors Close
-No Entry to classrooms/Assembly Yard
-Late Students wait in the Foyer

ASSEMBLY

Period 1

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KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Do not park on crossings

Drop off is for dropping off your child, not for parking.

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PARENTS COFFEE MORNING

3rd Parents Coffee Morning
25 November '18
Main Hall @ 8AM

2nd BBS
Bake Off
25 November '18
Main Hall
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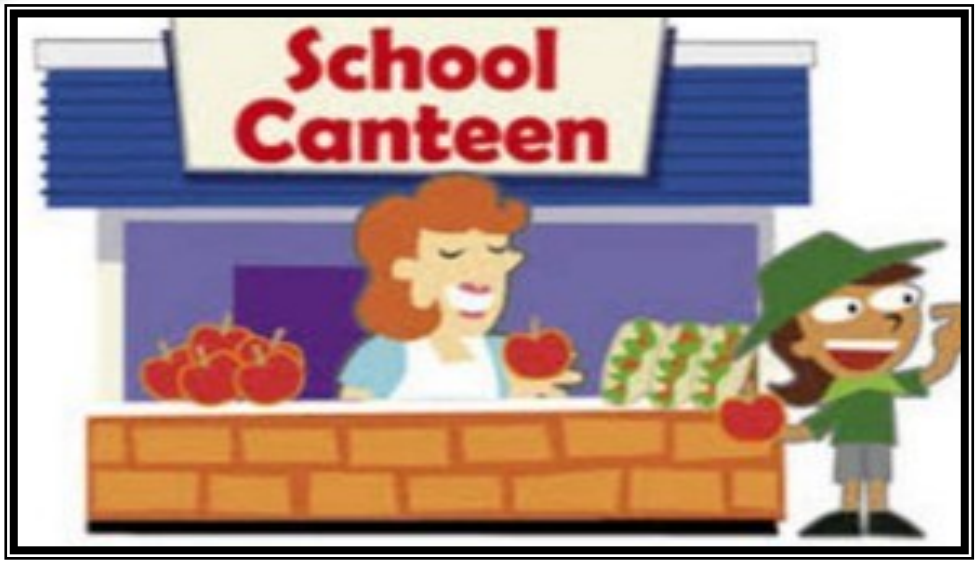

Available Now

Canteen Newsletter

We are pleased to have our new catering company, Raptors - delivering meals to students and staff of BBS.
Raptors' vouchers are available to purchase as whole booklets from the Finance Department office. They come in booklets of different values: 100 Dhs, 150 Dhs, 200 Dhs, 300 Dhs, 450 Dhs and 500 Dhs.

If you have any remaining old vouchers, please take them to the Finance Department, to exchange them for cash.