



Getting it right at The British International School

Opening a Sixth Form at The British International School gives us the opportunity to provide huge benefits for all of our students. One of the driving forces behind this development is to ensure that our students are in the strongest possible position when they leave the school and in particular that Sixth Form students are equipped with the skills, experiences and exam successes to apply to the very top universities in the world.

With ever increasing numbers applying to university, pressure for places is immense. The reality is that good examination results alone are not enough to secure a place on the chosen course at the chosen university. Admissions tutors expect to see evidence (yes, that is the word they use, evidence) of passion for a particular course or career path. Understanding what is required in this student profile has to inform the provision in a world-class school like ours. When applying for a place at university students must have good GCSE and AS level grades, excellent predicted A level grades and as much 'evidence' as they can of work experience, public speaking, people skills, charitable work, volunteering, the ability to work independently and collaboratively, adventurous activities and their ability to take on responsibility.

The list of personal attributes and 'academic success' are not mutually exclusive, indeed they are complementary, for example developing confidence on the climbing wall can lead to independence in the chemistry lab. Working with fellow students to prepare and deliver a speech for the Model United Nations forum helps with that English presentation or geography research. Taking responsibility for the leadership of a group whilst on expedition in the desert gives confidence working as a prefect back in school, or as a member of school council, or discussing a maths problem in class.



During 2008, and in addition to our usual pursuit of excellence in the classroom, our students will have the opportunity to be engaged in: extensive sports competition at home and overseas, skiing in Switzerland, a camel safari in Oman, voluntary work in Sri Lanka, developing language skills in Spain and in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.



Information communication in the British International School is now world class. Every classroom is networked. ICT is at the heart of teaching and learning across the school. Students prepare power point presentations and email homework to their teachers routinely. Interactive whiteboards bring language, number and science to life for our younger students and standards of reading across the school are exceptionally high.

This is a very exciting time for the school. The new Primary Section at Salwa has opened with great success. Increased demand for places across the school and the opening of the Sixth Form, has enabled us to undertake an exciting building programme on the main site which will provide a school hall, sixth form centre, new science labs, classrooms and seminar rooms. The floodlit FIFA standard Astroturf playing surface is already bringing top class performance.

Hard working and engaged students with professional and dedicated staff working together with excellent facilities and the right opportunities are the perfect ingredients for producing world class outcomes. The marks of distinction are students who are independent, confident, articulate and successful, and able to apply to the very best universities in the world with confidence.

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