



## **The Curriculum at Muscat International School**

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Our curriculum is inclusive to all children and their families. Muscat International School is a fully bilingual school combining Omani traditions and values and globally relevant education. We promote the child's independence, curiosity, language and social skills. This is achieved through observing and following our children's emerging skills and curiosities and developing individual learning plans that benefit our children and their families. Professional child development is a collaboration between teachers, families and all professionals who form a network of nurture around each and every child.

## Early Years Foundation Stage/Kindergarten

Here at Muscat International School, we support holistic (whole) development. Through small group and individual activities, we support each child's journey as they become communicative, collaborative and curious about the world around them. Our Kindergarten curriculum is infused with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) philosophy. It is broken down into clear ages and stages of development. EYFS sets out expected developmental milestones in the 7 Areas of Learning and Development.

## Seven Areas of Learning and Development (EYFS)

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)
- Communication and Language (C+L)
- Physical Development (PD)
- Literacy (L)
- Mathematics (M)
- Understanding the World (UTW)
- Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

## Primary Curriculum

Our EYFS philosophy runs smoothly into the Primary Cambridge Curriculum. This provides a broad and balanced education for all learners, helping them to thrive throughout their schooling, work and life. With ten subjects to choose from, including English, mathematics and science there are numerous opportunities to develop creativity, expression and wellbeing.

This curriculum is flexible. Subjects can be offered in any combination and adapted to suit your context, culture and school ethos. Our schools offers the Cambridge International Primary Curriculum alongside the Omani bilingual programme which enables our students to study Arabic as a First and Second Language as well as Islamic Studies and Islamic Social Studies. Non-Islamic students have a bespoke PSHE programme. At MIS, we pride ourselves on the excellent levels of pastoral care within our Primary Homeroom settings. Our international educational professionals represent their cultures with the utmost integrity and, in combination with Omani staff, provide a network of care and education that is of the highest quality.

## Secondary Curriculum

### **Grades 7 and 8**

The Cambridge Primary Curriculum prepares our students well for the transition to Grade 7. Across Grades 7 and 8, students study a wide range of subjects to prepare them for international examinations later in their educational journeys. But education is about more than assessment. We believe that the journey is as important as the destination. With this in mind, our teachers provide lessons that

are rich with stimulating content and a range of activities designed to enhance the learning experience of all ability ranges and levels of interest. As well as the core subjects of English, Mathematics, the sciences, Arabic and Islamic Studies, our students experience the Humanities, Computing, Modern Foreign Languages, Expressive Arts and Sport.

## **Grades 9 and 10 IGCSE**

In Grade 9, students diversify. As well as the core, compulsory subjects to enable local and international Higher Education, students choose options that relate to their own areas of interest and ambition. All students then embark upon a two-year **IGCSE** course with either the Cambridge International Examination board or Pearson (Edexcel). Typically students study between 9 and 11 IGCSEs.

## **Grades 11 and 12: AS/A Level and General Education Diploma (GED)**

Students then have a choice of routes into Higher Education. The **AS/A Level** system includes the study of three or four **Advanced Subsidiary (G11) and Advanced Level (G12)** qualifications which extend well beyond the challenges of IGCSE and prepare them for under-graduate studies. The choice of subjects is vast enabling students to embark upon the beginnings of their journey towards eventual realisation of ambition.

Alternatively, our students study the multi-discipline General Education Diploma. This excellent Omani curriculum prepares students for Higher Education through a combination of compulsory and optional subjects. Omani students often gain the Internal or External Undergraduate Scholarship to enable degree level study and beyond. Our students go on to learn at top universities around the world.

Our alumni bears testimony to the range of success we have achieved through both routes. With scores of engineers, financiers, medical specialists, administrative leaders and creative professionals to name but a few, we are proud to continue with these effective and successful models of curricula.