

The world is changing and so are we...



**NORD ANGLIA
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AL KHOR**

From September 2015, **Compass International School, Al Khor** will be

changing its name to Nord Anglia International School Al Khor (NAISAK).

Our change of name embodies the opportunities available to our students through
Nord Anglia Education.

Over 23,700 students
35 schools
14 countries



Welcome from the Principal

Dear Parents

First of all, I would like to welcome you to your new school and take the chance to update you on the progress the school has made since opening in January 2012. It has been an interesting journey that we have been on, and together with the commitment from Nord Anglia Education and with the support of the Supreme Education Council, Shell and the Al Khor Municipality, we have finally begun the journey of making our vision a reality.


Our school has been successful in its development; this is down to many things, but one constant strength that we have had is the support of you, our parent body. We have grown in number of students, in strength of teachers and staff, and in ambitions for future academic success. We truly believe that being a part of a premium schools organisation such as Nord Anglia Education is what makes us stand out from other schools in Al Khor, Qatar and indeed the world. NAE is a global family of schools and the name is synonymous with outstanding educational opportunities available for students who attend NAE schools. For your child, this means that in the future, when making college and university applications, the fact that they have attended an NAE school will be in their favour, as the institution they are applying to will be familiar with the standards associated with our schools.

In our strategic plan for the upcoming academic year, we have focused on the following two points. The first being that we have continued with our commitment to employ outstanding teachers. In order to do this, we travelled to London and took part in a three day NAE recruitment event where only top candidates were invited to interview. We have thirteen highly recommended new teachers joining our school community next year. Our school is attractive to prospective teachers because of the opportunities NAE offers, including up-to-date professional development and global mobility. The second point is the fact that as we are a Nord Anglia Education School, and due to being part of a global family, we can offer our students the benefits of being a 'Global Campus'.

Therefore, as we have now reached the next stage of our development, we believe that the time is right to change our school name to Nord Anglia International School Al Khor. This intended name change better captures our identity as a truly global school and celebrates the successful journey we have been on for the last three and a half years. As a school community, we have worked hard together to build a school where cultures successfully blend to create a learning environment of pride and respect. CISAK will always be the foundation of our 'heart and focus', of families working together to create learning opportunities for their children living in Al Khor, equal to those of children of families living anywhere else in the world. Being a Nord Anglia Education School only strengthens these opportunities and fulfils our promise of helping our students grow into global citizens, ready for success in today's increasingly interconnected world.

Our growing offer and change of name does not mean that our school ethos or expectations will be any different. As always, we will make physical changes slowly, so as to capture the history that follows change and to involve our students in the journey. Our school uniform that our students wear with such pride and respect, will remain the same; and we expect and hope that students wear their CISAK shirts, fleeces and hats until they grow out of them. The only change in any future uniform purchased will be that the new logo will be embroidered in place of our former logo, and there will be a growing selection of uniform accessories to choose from over the upcoming year.

When you arrive at school in September, you may notice a few physical changes to the school premises; some classes will have changed location in preparation for the movement into the new build, and new colours and logos



will have been painted to celebrate our new school name. As always, staff will be on hand to guide you and your children if need be, or to answer any questions you might have.

I am excited for this next stage of our development and to continue to watch our school grow. It gives me great pride to lead our school and to be part of such a successfully progressive community as Al Khor. This success inspires me to further grow our school links with the community, and to discover what opportunities there are for our students to support this growth and development. Furthermore, the continuous development and growth of NAE is always encouraging; the statistics, over 23,700 students, in 35 schools, in 14 countries are impressive. I genuinely believe that being a part of this network will give opportunities for our students to travel and explore the world; discuss, collaborate and learn from their peers and expand their horizons with a global perspective.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincere regards

Robert Graves

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Principal

Ambitious Philosophy

Nord Anglia Education is ambitious.

We are ambitious for our students, our teachers, and our family of schools.

We believe that

- there is no limit to what every student can achieve
- creativity and challenge help us get better every day
- learning should be personalised to each child
- unique global opportunities enhance every students' learning experience.

What does this mean for your child?

We believe there is no limit to what our students can achieve. We encourage them to be ambitious; to reach for their dreams, to step outside their comfort zones and try something new. We ignite their curiosity.

Being ambitious is inspirational. Ambition not only urges our students to stretch themselves that little bit further, but to be relentlessly optimistic and always be the best that they can be. We encourage our students to go beyond that and make a difference; to make things better throughout our world.

Ambition can take you anywhere: it's transformational and it's what makes the extraordinary possible. But ambition itself is only the spark; to go further it takes creativity, innovation, resilience, courage and perhaps most importantly, confidence.

That's why our outstanding teachers nurture them through personalised learning for each child, building on each student's individual strengths and passions. We create challenge in every lesson and every activity so that they can continuously grow and learn and we offer unique experiences to open new opportunities.

We empower our students to achieve beyond what they have imagined, academically, socially and personally across our family of schools.

This is the Nord Anglia Approach.

Highest Quality Learning

Being part of the Nord Anglia Education family of schools means that we believe that there is no limit to what your child can achieve. Our schools offer the highest quality learning with unique global opportunities to help your child succeed, thrive and enjoy learning.

Our schools use a personalised approach to learning that inspires ambition and produces exceptional achievement in every subject across the curriculum. Our school curriculum follows the British National Curriculum. In order to give our students an international perspective we combine this curriculum with the International Primary Curriculum and International Middle Years Curriculum. For both curriculum support and external assessment, the school is accredited by Cambridge International Examinations.

As well as being a Nord Anglia Education School, we are members of the following educational bodies who link us to our region and curriculum:

The British Schools in the Middle East (BSME) is one of the largest organisations for British Curriculum schools in the world, with over 70 member schools educating over 60,000 children in 13 countries and employing over 5,000 teachers. CISAK was inspected by this organisation in April 2014 and was judged to be above the expected standard for accreditation.

British Schools Overseas (BSO) is a voluntary inspection scheme for overseas schools to help make sure they provide their pupils with the skills and qualifications they need to enter or re-enter the British education system. The scheme helps to inform parents of how the standards in these schools measure up against the standards that apply to independent schools in Britain. CISAK was inspected in April 2014 and was graded as being a good school that provides students with a safe and stimulating learning environment (please visit the school website to read the full report).

Teachers

We are committed to employing outstanding teachers for our school. In order to fulfil this promise, we travel to London each year to interview top candidates in the annual Nord Anglia Education Recruitment Event. Being an NAE school also ensures that we are attractive to the highest quality teachers, as we offer up-to-date professional development through Nord Anglia University and the global mobility created by being part of a family of 35 schools.

Please visit our school website to read the professional profiles of our teachers and staff.

Reporting

Parent meetings and reports are arranged at the following points in the school year:

- Parent meeting (October)
- Short report sent home (December)
- Progress meeting (February)
- Progress report (April)
- Final report (June)
- Student reflection meetings (June)

Communication

eNewsletter

The eNewsletter is published weekly on a Sunday. This publication is emailed out to parents as well as posted on the school's Facebook page. The eNewsletter contains news from students, staff and parents as well as notices and reminders. If you would like to contribute to the eNewsletter please contact our school Publicity and Communications Coordinator, sarah.odonoghue@nais.qa

Facebook

Daily communication is posted on Facebook. Posts include notices, reminders and news of events taking place in school that day. The school uses Facebook to celebrate student achievement and to share learning moments with the school community. We highly recommend that all families set up a Facebook page to follow the school. Please contact our school Publicity and Communications Coordinator, sarah.odonoghue@nais.qa for further information.

Notice Board

Important notices and reminders are printed and posted on the notice board at the entrance to the courtyard. These will be reminders of communication that will have already been sent home.

Communication Book

Every student is issued a Communication Book. This book is for teachers and parents to communicate. Please check your child's Communication Book each day for any notes written by their teachers. In the same way, you can write any messages you wish to communicate to your child's class teacher/form tutor. Students also use this book to record homework or personal reminders.

Communication Folder

All students are also issued with a Communication Folder in which school letters and documents will be placed. Please check this folder every day for any printed communication sent home.

School Phone Number

Should you need to reach your child's teacher by phone, please call the school reception and leave a message with the school secretary. Contact the school on +974 4437 9600.

School Absence

Please contact the school as soon as you can if your child is unexpectedly absent from school due to illness or other unplanned event. The school will contact families of absent students once morning registration is completed, if no phone call explaining the absence has been received. If your child is absent for a planned event, please inform the school by emailing infoalkhor@nais.qa so that the information can be processed for attendance records. Please also write a note in your child's Communication Book for your child's class teacher/form tutor.

Can we please ask that any planned extended absences be communicated to the school through infoalkhor@nais.qa. Extended absences can affect your child's academic progress at school; therefore, the principal will need to approve the absence.

School Website

The school website provides parents with curriculum documents, dates, calendars and photos. The 'Parent Resource' area on the site will support parent enquiries in particular.

Class Moodle Site

This learning and communication platform will be further developed next year to give parents more access to their child's learning. We will communicate with you more about this as it develops.

Uniform



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Our school uniform

In line with our ethos of Pride and Respect, we expect all students from FS2 to Year 9 to wear clean and smart school uniform to school each day. As we transition from CISAK to NAISAK we re-emphasise here, that students are encouraged to continue to wear the CISAK uniform with pride, and pass it on to younger siblings until the garment or accessory is worn out. Please visit the Schoolwear International site to purchase your uniform; the school will inform you when it has arrived and is ready to collect.

Foundation Stage

Teal colour polo shirt
Grey shorts/trousers/skirt
V-neck sweater for Winter
Grey fleece for Winter
White socks

**Non Compulsory for F1*

For sport

PE polo shirt
Black Shorts or leggings
White socks
Appropriate trainers

Secondary School

White shirt/blouse
Tie
Girls'/Boys' trousers
Girls' Skirt
Grey blazer
V-neck Sweater for Winter
White/black socks
Black shoes

For sport

PE polo shirt
Black Shorts or leggings
White socks
Black trainers

Primary School

Teal colour polo shirt
Girls'/Boys' grey trousers
Girls' grey skirt
V-neck sweater for Winter
White Socks

For sport

PE polo shirt
Black Shorts or leggings
White socks
Appropriate trainers

Accessories

Grey baseball cap
Grey PE bag
School scarf
School ski hat
School backpack



All our school uniform and accessories can be purchased through Schoolwear International, through this link:

<http://www.s-i.org.uk/cisak>

Recreation

All students have two sessions per day for eating and recreation. Foundation Stage, Primary and Middle School all have separate break and lunch sessions. Students are supervised by teachers on duty. There are shaded areas in the playground where students can sit during recreation times.

Students are asked to bring a healthy snack and lunch to school to encourage healthy living and maximise brain capacity for learning. Please don't include sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch and always try to include a piece of fruit or vegetable. Please don't pack any glass containers or bottles as these could break and cause an injury.

As snack and lunch boxes are stored together in a box in a cool environment, please ensure that your child's food container and bottle is labelled clearly with their name and class. Water bottles can be replenished at school so please ensure that you provide your child with a large re-fillable water bottle. If your child has forgotten their lunch, please deliver it to the School Reception and it will be sent to your child's class. Please can we ask that no food deliveries direct from restaurants be delivered to school.

During outdoor recreation, sport or learning activities, we encourage students to wear school caps. For younger children, during the hotter months, we will send reminders home about the importance of applying sun-cream before school and that the wearing of hats will be enforced.

Birthday celebrations

If your child would like to celebrate their birthday in school, please contact their class teacher/form tutor and they will help arrange a suitable time for you.

Extra Curricular Activities

School ECAs

A letter and request form will be sent home during the first week of term outlining the various extra-curricular activities. The request form will need to be completed and returned to your child's class teacher/form tutor. ECAs are organised and run by teachers in the school and they are an opportunity for students to explore different activities and to get a taste for an activity that they would perhaps like to pursue. All ECAs are targeted to specific age groups and have a limited number of spaces, ensuring that the students gain the most from the experience. Previous registers and requests will be taken into consideration when allocating the places for the current term's ECAs. The school will try to ensure that all students get the opportunity to experience every activity they wish to, at some point in the school year.

Outside Provider

Any outside provider activities will be communicated to the appropriate students in the school. In the communication, the school will outline the extra cost, times and equipment required.

Learning visits

The school encourages teachers to explore the local environment and resources available to them in Qatar. Students may visit local museums, beaches, shopping malls and exhibitions to enhance their learning further. These visits will be communicated to you each term. The same policy will be followed should your child be chosen to represent the school in any outside academic competition, cultural event or show.

Sporting Fixtures

We encourage our students to represent the school in any sporting skill they have. Teams will be selected from students who participate well during PE learning sessions and who attend the sporting ECAs. Students who represent the school at fixtures will have letters sent home in advance of the fixture with the dates, timings and location. We encourage parents to support our teams should they wish to.

Expeditions and Mini Adventures

The school will send out an Expeditions Interest Checklist at the start of each academic year. This checklist will help the school arrange the expeditions for Term 2 and 3 of that academic year and Term 1 of the following academic year. Expeditions will be arranged according to student interest shown on this checklist and places will be limited for each expedition.

Mini adventures will be arranged throughout the year and teachers will communicate with parents through letters. Mini adventures are all trips within our local community of Al Khor or in Qatar. These are voluntary and any cost will be covered by parents.

Health and Safety

The school has a fulltime qualified nurse who will be on hand should your child require medical assistance. The majority of teachers and learning assistants have first aid training so will know what to do if your child needs help on the playground, sports field or in the classroom.

The school nurse visits classes throughout the year to speak to students about health and to support the teachers in ensuring that the learning environment is safe and clean for all. The nurse may carry out checks on children at certain points, these checks will always be carried out in a professional and caring manner and parents will be informed if there are any concerns.

Medical Information Collecting Forms will be sent home at the start of the year. You will be asked to record your child's medical information so that the school knows how best to treat your child should the need arise. The nurse will always call you should the need arise for your child to be given any type of medication.

If your child visits the nurse during the school day and receives treatment, you will receive a call from the nurse to inform you and their visit and treatment will be recorded on our health and safety system. Your child's class teacher or form tutor will contact you if your child is asking to visit the nurse for no discernible reason.

For students who are too unwell to stay at school, you will receive a phone call from either the nurse or the school secretary. Your child will remain in bed in the nurses' office until you are able to collect them. If for any reason your child meets with a medical emergency that requires treatment that the school nurse cannot provide, you will be contacted immediately and informed which hospital your child has been taken to.

The school's hospital link is Hamad Hospital Al Khor:

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E contactus@hamad.qa

Term Dates

Term 1:

Sunday 6 September 2015
Monday 7 September 2015

Foundation Stage First Day of School
Primary and Secondary First Day of School

Sunday 25 October – Thursday 29 October

Half Term Break

Thursday 17 December 2015

End of Term 1

TBA

Eid Al Adha

Term 2:

Sunday 3 January 2016

Term commences

Sunday 31 January – Thursday 4 February

Half Term Break

Thursday 24 March 2016

End of Term 2

Term 3:

Sunday 10 April 2016

Term commences

Sunday 29 May – Monday 30 May 2016

Half Term Break

Thursday 30 June 2016

End of Term 3

*These dates may be subject to change in line with official holidays in Qatar or with notification from the SEC.