



# NORD ANGLIA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AL KHOR

Over 43,000 students  
42 schools  
15 countries



# 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. 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. Our school 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. Our school 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 42 schools.

Students will bring home the profile of their new teacher in the first week of Autumn Term.

## 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 currently 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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# Uniform

In line with our ethos of Pride and Respect, we expect all students from FS2 to Year 10 to wear clean and smart school uniform to school each day. Please visit the Schoolwear International site to purchase your school uniform; the school will inform you when it has arrived and is ready to collect.



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## Our school uniform

### 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*

### Primary School

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

### Secondary School

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

### 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>

# Uniform

The PE kit at NAISAK is changing for the academic year 2016-2017. All students will be expected to purchase their kit from our chosen supplier, Trutex. There is compulsory PE kit as well as optional extras. Each child will also be expected to buy a house t-shirt in the correct colour. PE kit will be sold in bundles to ensure each child has the appropriate items for their phase. Items can be purchased online at [www.gradesstore.com](http://www.gradesstore.com) from 15 July 2016 using the code NAISAK18761 or at the school 'pop up shop' on various dates that will be advertised. All purchases will be delivered to school for collection.



# Recreation

All students have two sessions per day for eating and recreation. Foundation Stage, Primary and Secondary 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 do not include sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch and always try to include a piece of fruit or vegetable. Please do not 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**

A number of expeditions will be run throughout the academic year. These will be communicated to parents at the start of Autumn Term.

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:

T (+974) 4474 5281

M (+974) 4439 5777

E [contactus@hamad.qa](mailto:contactus@hamad.qa)

# Term Dates

## Term 1:

**Sunday 4 September 2016**

**First Day of School**

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 September 2016

Eid Al Adha

Sunday 30 October – Tuesday 1 November 2016

Half Term Break

Thursday 15 December 2016

End of Term 1

## Term 2:

**Sunday 3 January 2017**

**Term commences**

Sunday 29 January – Thursday 2 February 2017

Half Term Break

Thursday 13 April 2017

End of Term 2

## Term 3:

**Sunday 23 April 2017**

**Term commences**

Sunday 28 May 2016

Half Term Break

Thursday 22 June 2017

End of Term 3

\*These dates may be subject to change in line with official holidays in Qatar or with notification from the Ministry of Education.