

# Secondary School

Nord Anglia International School  
Al Khor



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AL KHOR

# Welcome to NAISAK Secondary School

Nord Anglia International School Al Khor is an ambitious school that has rapidly grown through the support of our local community and our global family of NAE schools. Learning is driven by caring and passionate teachers within a culture of pride and respect. We strongly believe that teaching the heart and the mind will empower our students to succeed in the 21st century.

From a very young age, I remember being passionate about making discoveries, and therefore, about learning. The schools I attended as a child, a teenager and a more mature student not only propelled me towards my ambitions, whether they were academic, professional, social or cultural, but also helped me define what they were. This is this kind of rich and diverse, yet personal, experience that we, at NAISAK, aim to offer our students. Our NAISAK Secondary School is continuing its exciting journey and going from strength to strength. Our students' learning curve has been steep so far and is following an exponential growth. Our students are displaying their love in our crown every day and making us proud.

At NAISAK, we believe that every child matters and everything is a matter of choice. Every child has strengths, every child has weaknesses, every child has the potential to do well and meet their personal ambitions. We firmly believe that a child's success finds itself on three fundamental pillars: the child, their parents and the school. Honest and constructive communication between home and school is therefore essential.

Any new academic year is a milestone in the development path of NAISAK. Our first cohort of Year 11 students faced the IGCSE exams this past May and is getting ready to start Year 12 in August. New options are offered to the Year 10 students, with Business

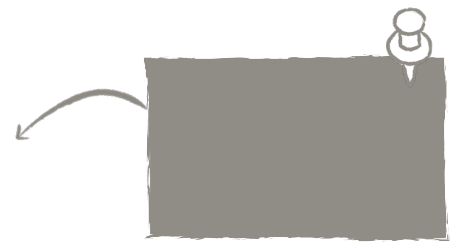
Studies joining the list of IGCSE subjects. The in-house NAISAK Award and the reputed Duke of Edinburgh's International Award are developing strongly and attracting more and more students. Our first batch received their certificates of successful completion in June at the NAISAK Award/International Award Ceremony. Model United Nations is the next initiative in September to help promote international mindedness and offer our students opportunities to learn alongside students of other schools.

This year, with the aim of supporting communication between school and home, and parents and children at home, the Parent Handbook for Secondary School includes many pages extracted from the student Communication Book. These will be found from page 3 to page 15. The post-it note and the arrow will guide parents' understanding through the pages.

The prospect of starting a new academic year is electrifying. Our Year 7 students bring some incredible freshness and laughter from Primary School, our returning students have matured and model our expectations, and our new joiners excel at adapting to our specific and demanding context. Challenges are part of the journey forward, but I am confident to say that I am eager to add more stones to our NAISAK Secondary edifice and to the school as a whole. The Secondary team and I wish you, parents and students, a fruitful year ahead.

**Lydie Gonzalès**

Head of Secondary



# Curriculum and Key Stage 4 & 5 Options

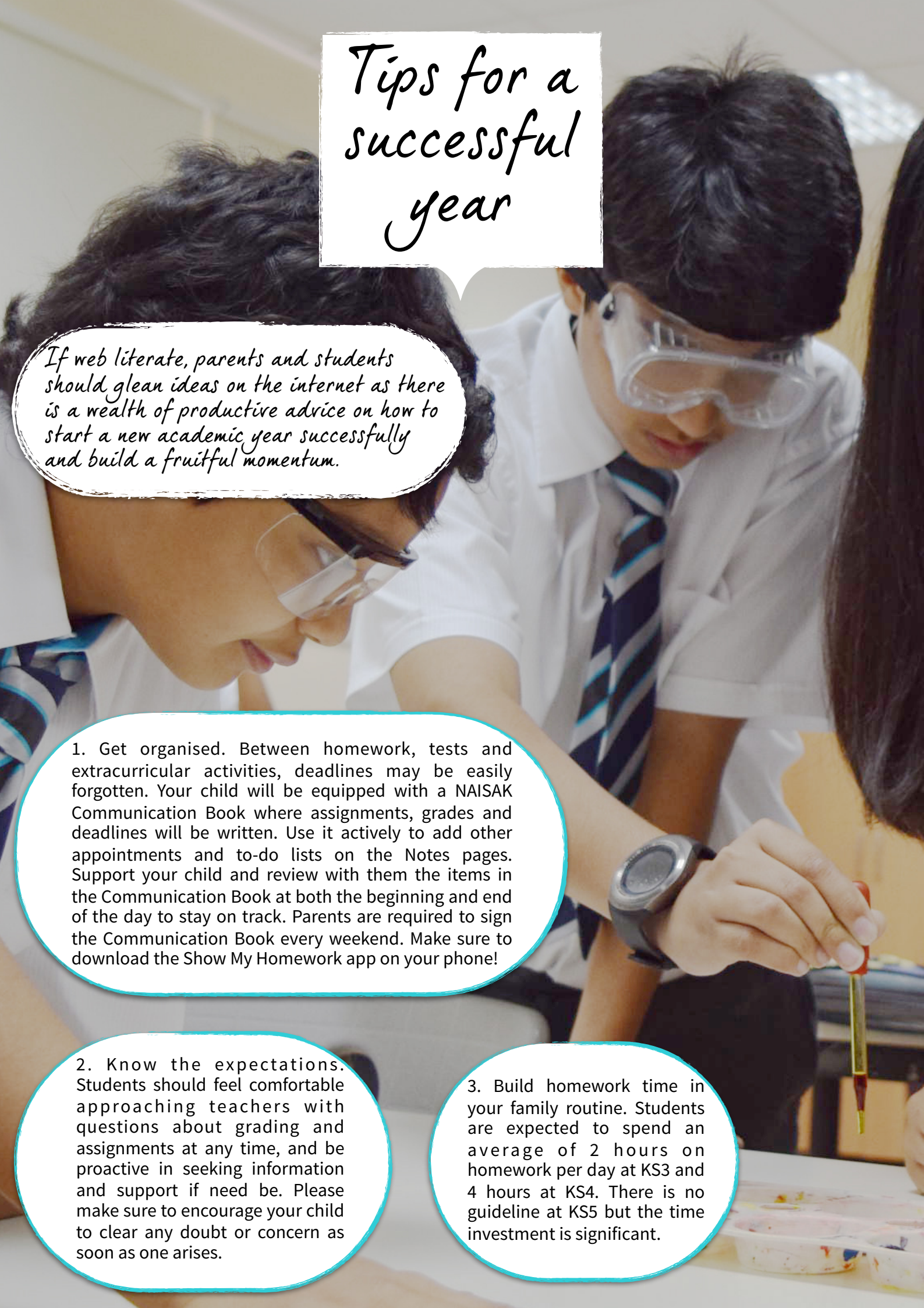
NAISAK uses a personalised approach to learning that inspires ambition and supports the students in working towards producing exceptional progress and achievement in every subject.

The NAISAK's academic approach is based on two very strong curricula. At Key Stage 3, all subjects follow the British National Curriculum (English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages, Art & Design, Performing Arts and Physical Education). The three core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science follow in parallel the Cambridge International Examinations Curriculum. The combination of both curricula allows the students to best prepare for their first milestone in Year 9 as they sit the Cambridge Checkpoint 1 Examinations, and to continue their learning path towards their second milestone in Year 11 as they sit the IGCSEs. In line with the Nord Anglia Education philosophy and our ambitious mission, all subjects are planned to enhance personal learning international mindedness and a growth mindset.

To ensure our curriculum is culturally responsive and follows the compulsory MoEHE's requirements, all Qatari students and nationals of Arabic-speaking countries study Arabic First Language, Islamic Studies and Qatari History.

Our IGCSE options ensure that students benefit from a broad curriculum at Key Stage 4. The following subjects are offered: English First Language and English Literature, Arabic First Language, English Second Language, Mathematics, Combined Science, Co-ordinated Sciences, Separate Sciences, Global Perspectives, Geography, Business Studies, French Foreign Language, Arabic Foreign Language, Hindi Second Language, Art & Design and Physical Education. Being an examination centre for external candidates and aiming to offer a customised academic provision, students have the possibility to study in parallel and independently for other IGCSE subjects assessed by Cambridge, such as Urdu Second Language, Malay Foreign Language or Additional Mathematics.

Our Year 12 Options are based on the cohort's strengths while maintaining an academic balance. The subjects offered are English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Global Perspectives and Arabic.

The background image shows two students in a science laboratory. They are wearing white lab coats and safety goggles. One student is holding a test tube with a red liquid inside. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor classroom or lab setting.

# Tips for a successful year

*If web literate, parents and students should glean ideas on the internet as there is a wealth of productive advice on how to start a new academic year successfully and build a fruitful momentum.*

1. Get organised. Between homework, tests and extracurricular activities, deadlines may be easily forgotten. Your child will be equipped with a NAISAK Communication Book where assignments, grades and deadlines will be written. Use it actively to add other appointments and to-do lists on the Notes pages. Support your child and review with them the items in the Communication Book at both the beginning and end of the day to stay on track. Parents are required to sign the Communication Book every weekend. Make sure to download the Show My Homework app on your phone!

2. Know the expectations. Students should feel comfortable approaching teachers with questions about grading and assignments at any time, and be proactive in seeking information and support if need be. Please make sure to encourage your child to clear any doubt or concern as soon as one arises.

3. Build homework time in your family routine. Students are expected to spend an average of 2 hours on homework per day at KS3 and 4 hours at KS4. There is no guideline at KS5 but the time investment is significant.



# School Uniform

In line with our ethos of Pride and Respect, we expect all students from FS1 to Year 12 to wear clean and smart school uniform to school each day. Each item is customised for the school in very specific colours and design. There will be a number of ways to purchase items: a 'Pop Up' shop at school on selected dates, in Zaks store in Doha (Al Maszhabiliya St, near Al Meera Izghawa and Garrafa Sports Club) and online through the Zaks website: [zaksstore.com/shop/naisak/en](https://zaksstore.com/shop/naisak/en) or [uniformmart.net/naisak](https://uniformmart.net/naisak).



## PE Kit

## House T-shirts



\*Teal PE polo also available with long sleeves

\*You can also purchase items online. Simply log on to [www.saracenwear.com](http://www.saracenwear.com), locate your chosen school, create an account and you can shop.

# Nord Anglia International School Al Khor

## 2018-2019 School Calendar

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 Autumn Term

 Spring Term  
 Summer Term

# Communication with Parents



## **e-Newsletter**

The e-Newsletter is published weekly on a Sunday. This publication is emailed out to parents as well as posted on the school's Facebook page and website. The e-Newsletter contains news from students, staff and parents as well as notices and reminders.

## **Weekly Learning letter**

All parents will be sent an electronic weekly learning letter on Thursday of each week. This will include details of what your child will be learning in each subject the following week as well as any important reminders.

## **Facebook**

Daily communication is posted on our main Facebook page. 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 Books must be signed by parents every weekend.

## **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. You can 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. If your child is absent for a planned event, please inform the school so that the information can be processed for attendance records.

## **School Website/NAISAK app**

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.



# At a glance...

## *How to contact us*

Communication Books  
School Phone Number: +974 4437 9600  
School E-mail: infoalkhor@nais.qa  
School Website: www.alkhor.nais.qa  
School App: Search 'NAISAK' in the app store

## *Lunches*

- In line with our Healthy Food policy, chocolate, sweets, gums and fried food are not allowed at school.
- Students should be equipped with a transparent bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Only plain water and non-sugary fruit juices are allowed at school.
- To ensure all students are being fed healthily and protected from potential food allergies, our students must not share their packed lunch.

## *Reminders*

- Phones are not allowed at school. Phones are confiscated if seen or heard, and parents are contacted to come and retrieve them.
- On PE days only, students can attend school in their NAISAK PE kit, as long as they wear the complete NAISAK PE kit and no non-NAISAK items. Shorts and leggings are not allowed outside of PE lessons.
- We expect students to show pride in their school uniform and should therefore not mix the school uniform with the NAISAK PE kit.
- As much as a sense of shared celebration is encouraged, we ask all parents to contact their child's form tutor if they wish to bring a cake to school for a birthday so the celebration time is planned effectively and learning is not interrupted.

## *Attendance & Punctuality Policy in brief*

- Tutor time starts at 07:10. Any student arriving after 07:10 will be marked as late on the attendance record.
- At NAISAK, we recognise that regular and punctual school attendance is important for academic success. We encourage all students to be ambitious and to strive for 100% attendance across an academic year.
- Students are expected to attend the whole day, every day. If a student needs to leave school during the day, the day will count as an absence if more than one lesson is missed.
- Parents will be contacted if attendance is a concern. If it drops below 90%, you will be informed in writing and will be called in for a meeting.



You want the *best*  
for your child.

So do we.



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