



Dear Parents and Students

16 August 2020

On behalf of our Founder, Madam Vera Al-Mutawa MBE, and all of the staff at The British School of Kuwait (BSK), welcome to the academic year 2020-2021. We are looking forward to continuing our mission to provide the people living in Kuwait with an education that compares with the finest schools in the world. We trust that you and your families are staying safe during the pandemic.

Congratulations to all students that received their GCSE, IGCSE, AS and A-level results. Head Teacher, Emma Bowie, will soon be sharing the overall results, and the university destinations of our graduates, through our website and on social media. Thanks to the professionalism of the staff involved in submitting the required data to the various examination boards (CAIE, Pearson Edexcel and AQA), the 2020 cohort of students has continued the proud tradition of success for which BSK is renowned.

The pandemic has imposed wide-ranging challenges, but I am confident that BSK is staffed by dedicated and resourceful professionals that will find innovative solutions to the issues that we are facing. Most importantly, I am delighted by the quality of the online teaching and eLearning that is taking place. The 21st century technologies and skills being demonstrated by our staff, and the response by our students and parents, has been very impressive indeed.

BSK fully supports the efforts of the Government of Kuwait to deal with the pandemic. Just as that response must be flexible to counter an ever-changing situation, we know that we will have your support and understanding if we have to make changes to our schedule and procedures in response to changing circumstances.

The first area of change that I will need your support with is the school calendar. Many parents, students and staff have remained in Kuwait throughout the summer as flights have been, understandably, disrupted and quarantine measures have been introduced for our safety. Our normal school calendar provides Term Breaks that are used for the many foreign trips that usually take place. As all school trips have been cancelled, we have taken a fresh look at the calendar and have provisionally extended the Winter Holiday by adjusting the dates of the terms. It is hoped that parents, students and staff will be able to use the extended Winter Holiday to take a break or to visit family and friends abroad. However, should conditions change, we will need to be flexible and alter the calendar dates to best suit any new circumstances. The new Term Dates, which are subject to change if circumstances demand, can be found at the end of this letter of welcome.

The second area of change is regarding School Fees. We understand that these are very challenging times for parents and for companies, including the school. Normally we require fees to be paid in two instalments, 60% by mid-September and the remaining 40% by the start of January. However, for this year only we will be reducing the first instalment to 30% to be paid on or before Saturday, 05 September 2020. In addition to this amount, we will require the re-registration fee and payments for the textbooks, the VLE and school photographs, which must have been settled at the time of re-registration. The second fee instalment of 30% will be due on or before Tuesday, 01 December 2020. The third fee instalment of 40% will be due on or before Monday, 01 February 2021, although the fees for students sitting for public examinations at (I)GCSE, AS and A-level must be settled prior to the deadline for payments for those examinations. Any reduction in fees, as demanded by the Government of Kuwait, will be applied to the third fee instalment along with any refunds for services that are not delivered.

Very shortly, we will be explaining the options available to parents for receiving new textbooks for their children. If you have already paid for School Bus transportation for 2020-2021, this amount will now be credited to your school fees. As and when the campus re-opens for students, we will advise you about the availability of school buses.

We will open the school for the academic year 2020-2021 at normal times on Sunday, 06 September. Initially, this will be through online eLearning with lessons following normal school timings. Of course, we all look forward to the time that we can re-open the campus to students, and parents can be assured that the correct technology and procedures have been put in place for that most welcome event to be made as safe as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of BSK and please keep yourself, your family, and others, safe during the battle against the virus.

Yours sincerely
Paul Shropshire
Principal



TERM DATES

2020-2021*

TERM ONE

Starts: Sunday 06 September 2020

Ends: Thursday 22 October 2020

TERM TWO

Starts: Sunday 01 November 2020

Ends: Thursday 10 December 2020

TERM THREE

Starts: Sunday 10 January 2021

Ends: Wednesday 24 February 2021

TERM FOUR

Starts: Sunday 28 February 2021

Ends: Thursday 15 April 2021

Public Holiday

Isra'a Al Miraj: Wednesday 10 +
Thursday 11 March 2021.

Ramadan commences Tuesday 12
April 2021.

TERM FIVE

Starts: Sunday 25 April 2021

Ends: Thursday 17 June 2021

Public Holiday

Eid Al-Fitr: Friday 12 – Monday 13
May 2021

تواريخ الفصول الدراسية للعام الدراسي

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الفصل الدراسي الأول

بداية الفصل الدراسي يوم الأحد ٦ سبتمبر ٢٠٢٠

نهاية الفصل الدراسي يوم الخميس ٢٢ أكتوبر ٢٠٢٠

الفصل الدراسي الثاني

بداية الفصل الدراسي يوم الأحد ١ نوفمبر ٢٠٢٠

نهاية الفصل الدراسي يوم الخميس ١٠ ديسمبر ٢٠٢٠

الفصل الدراسي الثالث

بداية الفصل الدراسي يوم الأحد ١٠ يناير ٢٠٢١

نهاية الفصل الدراسي يوم الأربعاء ٢٤ فبراير ٢٠٢١

الفصل الدراسي الرابع

بداية الفصل الدراسي يوم الأحد ٢٨ فبراير ٢٠٢١

نهاية الفصل الدراسي يوم الخميس ١٥ أبريل ٢٠٢١

الأعياد الرسمية

الإسراء والمعراج يوم الأربعاء ١٠ مارس + يوم الخميس ١١
مارس.

يبدأ شهر رمضان الكريم من يوم الثلاثاء ١٣ أبريل

الفصل الدراسي الخامس

بداية الفصل الدراسي يوم الأحد ٢٥ أبريل ٢٠٢١

نهاية الفصل الدراسي يوم الخميس ١٧ يونيو ٢٠٢١

الأعياد الرسمية

عطلة عيد الفطر المبارك من يوم الجمعة ١٤ مايو

وحتى يوم الاثنين ١٧ مايو