

Reach British School Questions for Secondary school

1. How does the curriculum differentiate between primary and secondary?
In secondary lessons are taught by subject specialists and the KS3 and KS4 English National Curriculum is followed. There is some cross over in terms of the content taught in year 6 and year 7 but the level gets progressively higher.
2. Do you offer a transition stage for Y6 before they move completely to Y7?
Secondary teachers will do a presentation for the children and the children will tour the new rooms but as the staff will not be here in June we will not be able to do proper transition activities this year.
3. What happens if my child struggles with the change from Y6 to Y7?
We hold a transition day in year 6 to help with the change-over, this is followed up in year 7 with an induction week.
4. What Pastoral care do you provide for the children?
We have a pastoral lead who helps to take care as well as the school social worker. Every teacher has a duty of care towards the children and they complete a course on safeguarding before the school year begins.

5. How will your school structure my child's day?

Assembly	07:45
Registration	08:00
Block 1	08:10
Block 2	09:30
Break	11:00
Block 3	11:15
Start of Block 4	12:45
Lunch	13:30
End of Block 4	14:00
End of Day	14:30

6. Do the year groups divide into 'forms'?
With a maximum class size of 30 as per ADEK

7. What subjects do you offer?

In KS3 pupils follow the English National Curriculum studying English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, French, PE, ICT, Art alongside Arabic, Islamic, UAE Social Studies and Morals

8. In the different Years? What is the minimum number of subjects to taken in the years where IGCSE is offered?

Maths, English, ESL, Science Double award, Geography, French, PE, History, ICT, Art
Students take a minimum of 5 IGCSE subjects (generally 7) plus Arabic and Islamic

9. How will you make secondary different if my child is coming from year 6?

Specialist teachers, different classrooms, science labs and a full PE program.

10. What is the difference between IB and A levels?

IB is specialist study and is more internationally recognized. Is more cross curricular. A Levels are for specific subjects, A-level is a more in-depth study in to those specific, 3 to 4 subjects. For IBDP students study 7 subjects 6 different categories as well as completing an Extended Essay on a subject of their choice.

11. What is AS levels, A Level?

AS means Advanced Subsidiary and is a precursor to A-Levels, although the qualification also stands alone.
A-Level is advanced level.

12. Is it easy to sign up for ECA's?

Yes there is a termly sign-up sheet

13. Do you plan on having sports teams?

Yes, we arrange fixtures amongst other schools

14. Do students take books home? And why?

Where possible students are given access to an online book.

15. Do you have student's lockers? Is there a safe place for student to keep their books in school?

As there are only 4 classes per day students can keep their books in their bag.

16. How does the school manage bullying?

There is a clear behavior policy that manages bullying .

17. Do we as a family need to provide my child with technology support like chrome books/ chrome pads and or laptops?

No school will provide everything the children need

18. Is stationary included?

Extra cost needs to be paid for that.

19. Does secondary go on any field trips? If yes, how often?

Yes we aim to send classes at least twice per year.

20. Will secondary have homework? How often?

Yes – when required. As there are only 4 blocks per day the maximum pieces of homework per night would be 4.

21. What is the block scheduling?

Block scheduling allows students to have more quality teaching time with their teachers. By minimizing time spent transitioning from lesson to lesson we can maximize learning. It gives students the opportunity to develop their studies in more depth than is available otherwise and more quality written work is produced and more complex group can be performed. In lessons like PE and Art, this is even more essential to give students time to explore their creativity and passions.

It is a system used by the top schools in the UK and is increasingly being used in the UAE, with the Emirates National Schools recently switching to it.

Since the switch students and teachers alike have commented how successful they think it has become.

(it also means students do not bring such heavy bags with them to school - as they only need to bring 4 books - not 8!)

22. What modern languages do you offer?
French.
23. How will you prepare my child for their IGCSE exams?
Children will have sessions to support them with their study skills
24. Do you have an inclusion manager?
Yes Mrs. Sue Miller
25. How will my child's progress be communicated to me? How regular?
You will receive written reports three times a year. There will also a number of student, parent, teacher consultation evenings
26. If I want my child to continue post-16 to complete their qualifications, do you have a selection process or are all children who complete Y11 with Reach accepted?
27. How many children per class?
Max of 30
28. Does secondary have a separate area for break-time and lunch?
No but the breaks run at separate times
29. Do girls have a separate area for break-time?
Yes, but it is not compulsory
30. Do you have mixed classes?
We aim to in 2019-2020
31. What is your policy on mobile phones in school?
If they are seen using one, it will be confiscated.
32. If my child did not pass the IGCSE exams, will he/she repeat the year at RBS or even at any other school or not?
Students must pass 5 subjects from IGCSE that do not include Arabic language and Islamic education
If the student has failed in one or more of the 5 IGCSE subjects, he /she will be promoted to the next grade (Internal school system) and he /she will be repeating the exams on October or November.

If the student would like to move from our school to any other curriculum at the beginning of September and the student has been failed, he/she will repeat the grade (not promoting to the next level)

33. When is the IGCSE examination? and when should we expect results?
May and June, the results are August 22
34. Why we are providing French in the secondary school only and not in Primary?
We currently only have one full time French teacher.