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Park House English School Handbook



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ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST RESPECTED BRITISH SCHOOLS IN QATAR

VISION

To develop confidence, independence, resilience and a love for learning.

MISSION

To challenge our pupils to be proud, be hardworking, be enthusiastic and achieve success in a happy, caring and respectful environment.



PRIDE

We follow an ethos of PRiDE in all aspects of our learning and development:

PRiDE in our studies, PRiDE in our behaviour, PRiDE in our uniform, PRiDE in our environment, PRiDE in our relationships with others and PRiDE in our school.

What does PRiDE stand for?

PERSEVERANCE: Being resilient, even when faced with difficult or challenging circumstances.

RESPONSIBILITY: Taking responsibility for my learning, my attitude, my progress and my behaviour. Becoming a global citizen and being kind, caring and respectful in all I do.

INDEPENDENCE: Becoming a confident and independent learner. Always giving my best and taking ownership for overcoming my own difficulties and challenges.

DEDICATION: Knowing that developing knowledge, skills and understanding requires determination, effort and commitment to be truly successful.

ENGAGEMENT: Having enthusiasm, passion and a love for learning, both inside and outside of the classroom.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Promoting PRiDE to Empower, Unite & Thrive: Park House Global Citizens Embrace Diversity and Shape the Future

Global citizens at Park House embrace cultural diversity, foster equality, and prepare for future challenges with open-mindedness and respect. Our PRiDE values: Perseverance, Responsibility, Independence, Dedication, and Engagement guide us beyond academics to develop skills that enable us to thrive in an interconnected world. As well-rounded individuals, we understand our impact, promote justice, and take responsibility for a sustainable future and shared environment.



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



John Smith
Principal

A very warm welcome to Park House English School.

I am very privileged to be part of a school that was founded in 1994 and is one of the oldest and most prestigious British schools in Qatar. The school was set up and run by the Brennan family until 2015 when it became part of the International School Partnership group of schools. We are firmly committed to putting the best interests of our students at the heart of everything we do, including your child's personal and academic development.

We are proud to say we have a truly international community at Park House. Our students and families come from over 70 different countries, and this helps to develop their international-mindedness and respect for cultural diversity. Many of our students will make lifelong friendships with children from other countries and backgrounds. One of the strengths of the school is making sure the students are fully prepared and competent to meet the challenges of life in a dynamic world where change is the norm.

There is no doubt that the teachers and other classroom-based staff are the most important ingredient in a child's success at school. Our teachers are carefully selected to ensure they are highly trained and have significant experience in delivering the various curricula we offer at the school. Our teachers undergo professional development to ensure they are providing the best learning experiences for our students.

We value the development of our students outside the classroom and have a whole range of extra-curricular activities for our students to develop their sporting and non-sporting interests. We have a number of well-developed programmes for our Secondary School students, including the ISP Buddy Exchange Programme, the Duke of Edinburgh International Award and Model United Nations. I look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.

Mr John Smith
Principal

ABOUT PARK HOUSE

Park House English School is one of the oldest and most respected British schools in Qatar with so much to offer your child.

We are committed to ensuring our students are fully prepared and competent to meet the challenges of life in a dynamic world where change is the norm. Park House English School was founded in Doha in 1994 by the Brennan family, and acquired by the International Schools Partnership in 2015. Through its rich history, its long-standing reputation and many years of providing high-quality British education, Park House is one of the most prestigious British schools in Qatar, with places highly sought after in every year group.

Catering for children from ages 3 to 18 (Nursery through to Year 13), Park House English School offers a high-quality British education with modern approaches to learning. We proudly celebrate 30 years of exceptional British education in Qatar. Truly international, the Park House community hails from over 70 different countries and is a family of highly diverse individuals whose collective aim is to build a better world through amazing learning. This helps students to develop their international mindedness and respect for cultural diversity.

Some wonderful improvements and additions to our facilities have included an extension to the auditorium, two new science labs, refurbished libraries, an extra ICT lab, a dedicated Sixth Form centre, a new art room, a new reception area, refurbished gym changing rooms, a refurbished pool and the resurfacing of our astroturf.



EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

At Park House, we are passionate about learning and are driven by our quest to ensure that students take responsibility for their own futures by becoming successful, creative and happy lifelong learners.

In the Early Years, we follow the topics of the carefully structured and varied International Primary Curriculum programme based on the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We nurture a child-centred approach to learning, where children are encouraged to develop their social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills; skills that they will rely on for the rest of their lives.

In our Primary School, English and Mathematics are taught with the guidance of the National Curriculum of England. To ensure breadth we incorporate the International Primary Curriculum; a thematic, cross-curricular, enquiry-based approach to learning with the eight personal goals underpinning all that we aim to achieve in school.

In our Secondary School, we also follow the National Curriculum of England in Key Stage 3, thus preparing our students well for the choices they will make at (I)GCSE and A-Level. Our approach helps our students achieve exceptional academic results that are amongst the best in the world. Extra-curricular activities extend the opportunities for students even further. We believe that nurturing reflective learners and actively encouraging leadership ensures that students can develop, progress, and have the resilience to compete at the highest levels in all areas of life.

The ethos of our school is central to developing and maintaining high standards of academic achievement and also in nurturing positive, respectful and responsible future citizens. Both staff and students are proud of the community spirit, mutual support and respect that is reflected in the great relationships between all.



WHY CHOOSE PARK HOUSE?

We have a rich history and excellent reputation - we're celebrating 30 years of delivering an exceptional British education.

Park House English School was founded in Doha in 1994, and through its rich 30 year history, long-standing excellent reputation, many years of commitment to education and hard work by all members of staff, is considered one of the most prestigious British schools in Qatar, with places highly sought after in every year group. Our IGCSE and A-Level results are among the best in Doha year after year. To read more about our latest examination results, please visit <https://parkhouseschool.com/examination-results/>.

We hold a number of international accreditations and accolades

We are proud to be accredited and associated with a number of international accreditation bodies. These include the Council of International Schools (CIS), the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), British Schools Overseas (BSO), British Schools in the Middle East (BSME), Edexcel and the University of Cambridge.

We are also one of the few secondary schools in Doha to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, a youth awards programme founded in the UK that recognises adolescents and young adults for completing a series of self-improvement exercises.

We are part of a global family of schools

The International Schools Partnership, a global British-led family of 62 schools across 17 countries, acquired Park House English School in 2015. Being part of this group provides Park House with outstanding international learning connections, quality assurance and excellent governance. Being part of ISP also means our students have access to eleven ISP International Learning Opportunities which include the Buddy Exchange Programme, the ISP Chess Tournament, Virtual Model United Nations and ISP Scientist.



Life Changing ISP International
Learning Opportunities
beyond the classroom



Part of
 International
Schools
Partnership


58,000
Students


8,000
Staff


62
Schools


17
Countries


19
Curricula

WHY CHOOSE PARK HOUSE?

High-quality learning is central to everything we do

Excellent teaching and learning are at the heart of all that we do. We nurture the best learning environment for your child, so that your child feels safe, valued and happy, to ensure they make as much progress as possible.

Our teachers are highly experienced and passionate about education

Park House English School believes that our teachers and all classroom-based staff are the most important ingredient in a child's success at school. Park House teachers are carefully selected to ensure they are highly trained and have significant experience in delivering the various curricula of our school. Our teachers consistently undergo professional development to ensure they provide the best classroom experiences. Our philosophy not only ensures our staff's continuous professional development but also their overall well-being because we want to make sure our staff members are happy and highly committed to the school. This commitment is crucial to creating the very best learning environment in which our community flourishes and succeeds.

We offer a wide range of subjects to our secondary school students

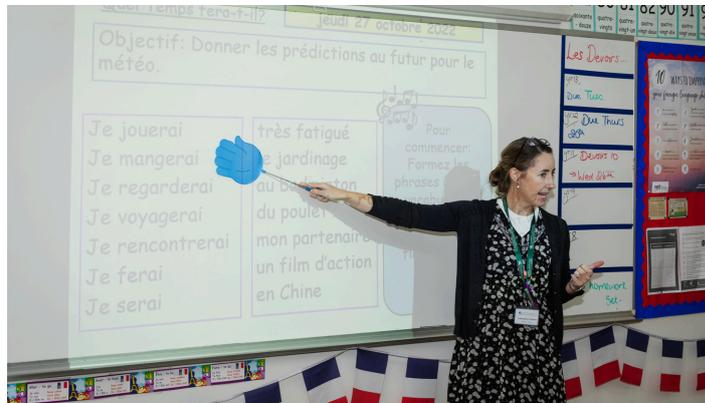
Our enthusiastic and talented teaching team covers a broad range of subjects including Geography, History, Art, Music, Physical Education, Modern Foreign Languages, ICT, Computer Science, Economics, Sociology, and Business Studies. For further information, please read our [Subject Options Booklet](#).

We are very strong in languages

Park House English School is proud to have a dynamic Modern Foreign Languages department and offers Arabic (1st language), French and Spanish.

Music and the arts are very important to us

We believe the arts are just as important as academics to the holistic development of a child. Every student has the opportunity to study music and learn to play an instrument, and with the extension and installation of a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system, we are able to run school drama productions and other student-led events.



WHY CHOOSE PARK HOUSE?

Our Information and Communications Technology (ICT) offerings are among the best in Doha

We are constantly investing in new technology to enhance our teaching and learning. Park House English School has four ICT laboratories with multimedia facilities, 3D printing equipment, and iPads for classroom use. Every classroom is equipped with large touch screens to enhance learning, and we continually look at how technology can be used for maximum impact on the learning experiences of our students.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities

Park House English School is dedicated to offering our students a variety of extra-curricular activities that appeal to our students' varying needs and wants, including football, gymnastics, swimming, basketball and music.

We are also pleased to partner with the highly respected Future Sports Academy to offer after-school opportunities to students of Park House and the wider community.



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

International Learning Opportunities (ILOS)

Being a part of The International Schools Partnership (ISP) means that our students have access to a broader international community, providing additional learning and cultural opportunities. Through the ISP ILOS, we are able to offer our students:

- A Virtual Buddy Exchange Programme, where students aged 12-17 participate in a 6-week programme of weekly video calls with a student from another ISP school
- A global Chess Tournament
- A global Maths Challenge
- A global Science Challenge
- The Street Child United Charity Partnership

More information on each ILO can be found on our website: <https://parkhouseschool.com/international-learning-opportunities/>

PHES MUN (Secondary Students Only)

Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an educational simulation and/or academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. MUN involves and teaches participants speaking, debating, and writing skills, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities. There is a rigorous selection process, and academic excellence in all classes is a requirement. The students are then given multiple opportunities in the form of interschool conferences to debate important, relevant topics in the world today.

Duke of Edinburgh International Award (Secondary Students Only)

We are one of the few secondary schools in Doha to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, a youth awards programme founded in the UK that recognises adolescents and young adults for completing a series of self-improvement exercises. It equips young people for life regardless of their background, culture, physical ability, skills and interests, pushes young people to their personal limits, and recognises their achievements.



CAMPUS AND FACILITIES



We are privileged to have a range of excellent facilities and our well-resourced classrooms and learning areas provide optimum conditions for learning.

Our facilities include:



- Our Heather Brennan Auditorium which is used for a range of events, from assemblies to music and theatre performances, with a capacity for more than 300 people. This includes a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system.
- Excellent sports facilities include a large multi-purpose sports hall, a 25-metre swimming pool, a multi-purpose astroturf sports pitch, and shaded outdoor play areas.
- A dedicated Sixth Form Centre, which provides a wonderful environment for our Year 12 and 13 students to collaborate, socialise and relax.
- Well-equipped music and arts facilities, including dedicated music, art and performance facilities.
- Two completely refurbished libraries offer a bright, welcoming space for our students. They house thousands of books, computer workstations, comfortable seating and study areas.
- Four ICT laboratories with multimedia facilities, 3D printing equipment and iPads for classroom use. Every classroom has an interactive touchscreen smartboard.
- Six fully-equipped science laboratories.
- A cafeteria, in partnership with Kid's Kanteen, a healthy food service provider operated by 'IFS Qatar', to supply snacks and packed lunches.



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Park House English School is part of the International Schools Partnership (ISP), a global group of 62 schools, which ensures outstanding international learning connections, quality assurance and excellent governance. This makes us truly international working in partnerships within and across regions, cultures and languages.

ISP is creating a leading learning-centred international family of private schools that provide high-quality education for 2 - 18 year olds. We are a growing group with schools located in the UK, the USA, Spain, Costa Rica the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Malaysia, and Mexico. From our inception in 2013, we have expanded to a family of over 60 schools delivering multiple curricula and building on local brands and reputations with around 58,000 students and 8,000 staff located across the globe.

ISP Vision - To be an international schools group of quality and scale, recognised across local communities and the education sector for amazing learning, ambition and growth.

ISP Purpose - We are a focused, growing and financially secure group of schools. All our schools:

- Help children and students learn to levels that amaze them;
- Inspire children and students to be successful now and equip them to be successful later;
- Are truly international, working in partnerships within and across regions, cultures and languages;
- Aim to be the first choice for children, students and their families, wherever we are.

ISP Principles - Our principles emphasise and underpin how we do what we do.

- We begin with our children and students;
- Our children and students are at the heart of our business;
- We treat everyone with care and respect;
- We look after one another, embrace similarities and differences and promote the well-being of each other;
- We operate effectively;
- We focus relentlessly on the things that are most important and will make the most difference;
- We are financially responsible; we make financial choices carefully based on the needs of the children, students and our schools;
- We learn continuously; getting better is what drives us.



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