
DUBAI'S FIRST MULTILINGUAL SCHOOL OPENS DOORS TO THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME IN 2016

A rounded education preparing students for the real world

The Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai (SISD) – the first school in Dubai to offer multilingual education in French, German, English and Arabic – has announced it will open its Middle Years Programme (MYP), offering grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the academic year 2016 / 2017. Students of SISD enjoy a multilingual education through the full International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum programme: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), and the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP).

The MYP's curriculum framework spans eight subject groups underpinned by a core approach to teaching, learning, service, action and projects. The programme fosters creative, critical and reflective thinkers and development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding and global engagement, which are essential qualities for SISD pupils: tomorrow's global citizens. This provides a broad and balanced education for 11 to 16 year olds. In recent months the IB organisation has reviewed and enhanced assessment in particular, with the introduction of the MYP certificate and external examinations and moderation of student work. Student learning is therefore certified in a transparent and valid process that contributes to a better preparation for the challenging IBDP.

SISD Head of Middle School Luke Osborne commented: "We're excited about the opportunities afforded to students, parents and teachers by the IB's new eAssessments in the MYP. The only viable option for a truly international and bilingual Middle School programme has just got even better with an emphasis on rigour, validity and transparency. Once again, the IB is leading the way in providing qualifications tailored to the needs of tomorrow's global citizen."

In the Primary section, students in the bilingual sets are immersed in a progressive environment where they study 50 percent of their time in English and 50 percent in either French or German. Later, certain subjects are taught through these languages. Students who follow the bilingual programme are able to qualify for the Bilingual IB MYP Certificate initially, and later, the Bilingual IB Diploma. As part of the next educational phase, the school will introduce the Swiss Baccalaureate – a qualification which will afford access to top Swiss and European universities.

Once SISD is at full capacity, the 67'845sqm campus located adjacent to Dubai Creek in Dubai Healthcare City's new Phase 2 will welcome students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. It will cater to the needs of over 2000 pupils (boys and girls) and will offer premium boarding for 350 students. The campus conforms to the Swiss Minergie sustainability standard, which is awarded to buildings constructed in line with rigorous energy-saving and ecological approaches, and will also include state-of-the-art sporting facilities and unique water access to Dubai Creek.

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