

## *Welcome to Al Khor International School*

The school is owned by Qatar's renowned national companies, QatarGas and RasGas, and managed by the prolific Dubai-based organisation GEMS (Global Education Management Systems). The school is also a member of the British Schools of the Middle East organisation - BSME - the largest collective organisation of British schools in an international context of its kind. The school primarily serves to provide education for children of employees of the two companies and a limited number of Qatari nationals who live in the area.

Al Khor International School is located some 35 kms from the capital Doha, in an attractive purpose-built community of some 5000 residents with its own medical centre, bank, shops and twenty-four hour security. The community's accommodation is of a high standard and consists of well-appointed villas and spacious apartments set amidst lush green landscaped gardens. Situated near the coast with its own beach club and golf course, it has excellent leisure and sporting facilities with swimming pools, tennis courts, squash courts, high tech gyms, restaurants and coffee shops.

The school follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, the International Primary Curriculum and the Revised Framework for literacy and numeracy from England and Wales, for pupils aged 4 to 16, leading to GCSE and IGCSE examinations. The curriculum culminates with AS and A2 Levels for students in their final two years of school aged 17 to 18.

The school is generously staffed by mainly UK qualified and experienced teachers, supported by highly competent and motivated learning assistants. There are also specialist departments to support SEN children and those with EAL. There is an ongoing commitment on the part of the school to see that all staff receive Continuous Professional Development to realise and enhance both their own and the school's aspirations.

The school is non selective and children of employees of Rasgas and Qatargas are entitled to enrol at AKIS. Over 95% of our children speak English as an Additional Language and come from over 17 countries. The main countries include Indonesia; Malaysia; Phillipines; Pakistan; Jordan; Palestine; Algeria as well as some local Qatari children. The majority of the native English speaking children are teachers' children.

The school focuses on providing high quality learning opportunities incorporating an understanding of individual learning styles. Academic performance of a high standard is encouraged throughout the school, although Al Khor International School is not an academic hot house. It achieves high standards through a stimulating learning environment, a team of dedicated and professional teachers, and a strong partnership between home and school. Pupils are given every opportunity to pursue interests beyond the classroom and to develop into critical thinkers and lifelong learners.

Self-expression and self-respect require self-discipline and a lively concern for others. Al Khor

International School encourages every pupil in his or her voyage of self-discovery, to urge them to take pleasure in thinking, reading and learning - but also in all other aspects of school life that appeal to them.

High class sporting facilities ensure that there is considerable opportunity for sport and, as a result, the school has a growing reputation for high-level achievement in this area of the curriculum. Likewise, the creative arts sees specialist teachers for art, design technology, drama and music elicit talent from pupils of all ages. A comprehensive extra-curricular programme provides further openings for pupils to pursue their enthusiasms. The school also encourages pupils to care for and consider the needs of others, and charity projects are a thread that binds the whole community.

The New Primary School Project (The new primary school is due to open in November 2009) will provide the Al Khor community with first class teaching facilities for the KS-1 and KS-2 streams in the British curriculum International school.

With a projected capacity of 1700 students from Reception and Nursery levels to levels 5 & 6 the new school will serve the communities needs for years to come.



Blending in with the existing school but with an identity of its own the school will have a footprint of 12,500 M2 and a built up area of 24,500 M2. 84 classrooms, located in the wings of the school, will be served by libraries, labs, sports and music facilities and other special function rooms located in the core of the school.

Outdoor covered playgrounds will be supplemented with additional sports grounds as well as a new covered swimming pool. Two large multi-purpose rooms as well as a large gymnasium will allow the school and the community to hold a wide variety of events.

From January 2010 the present main school (KS2-5) building with all its facilities will become exclusively the AKIS BS secondary school.

