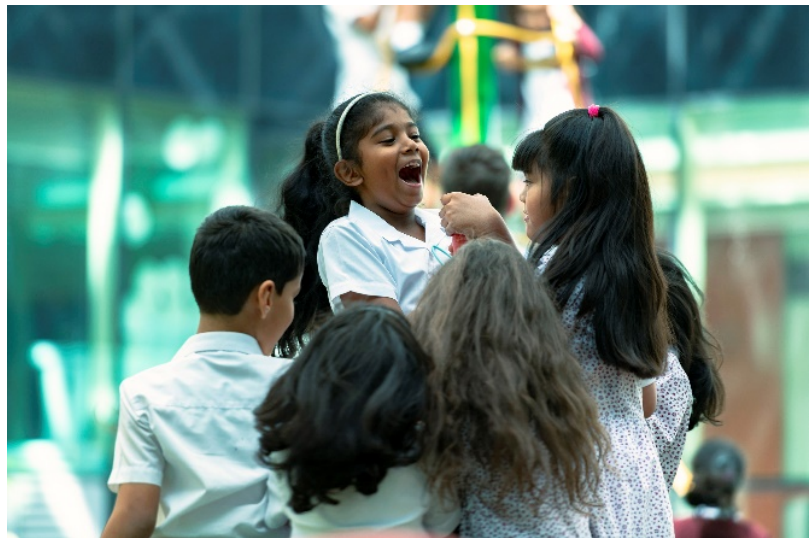


General Information for Candidates – Oryx International School, Doha



Oryx International School is a unique school owned by Qatar Airways and operated by Orbital Education exclusively for the children of employees of Qatar Airways and their approved subsidiaries. The school opened in 2016 as a small primary school at a site close to the Qatar Airways head office in central Doha. In September 2018 a new purpose built, state-of-the-art campus opened in Mesaimeer



in the southern district of Doha city, with an initial enrolment of 669 students from FS1 to Year 10. September 2019 saw the school enrolment increase to 1,220 students. Our anticipated enrolment for September 2022 will be approximately 1,600. Our first cohort of Year 11 students achieved excellent results for their International GCSEs where they received a 100% pass rate, with 45% attaining A – A* and 90% attaining A – C grades. This was excellent considering the lockdown and online learning that occurred during this year. This was followed by an excellent second year for the I/GCSE contingent and our first AS-Level results in 2021, all of which can be found on our website [here](https://www.oryxschool.qa).

Our students come from over 100 different nationalities reflecting the diverse multi-cultural workforce of Qatar Airways. We place great emphasis on the early, and sustained, acquisition of English language skills. However, many students have been studying in English for several years, and have acquired a high level of proficiency. Some of our students require support for their learning and we have a very active and effective SEN / EAL Inclusion Team to support students and teachers. Our students' attitudes and behaviour for learning are exemplary.



The school has a calm, hard-working but friendly atmosphere, and we foster excellent relationships with parents. We have high expectations and continue to aspire to the five-star Qatar Airways quality in all aspects of the school. We have a very active PTSA and involve parents in many areas of school life to the benefit of our students and the Qatar Airways community. For information on the PTSA and community, please go [here](#).

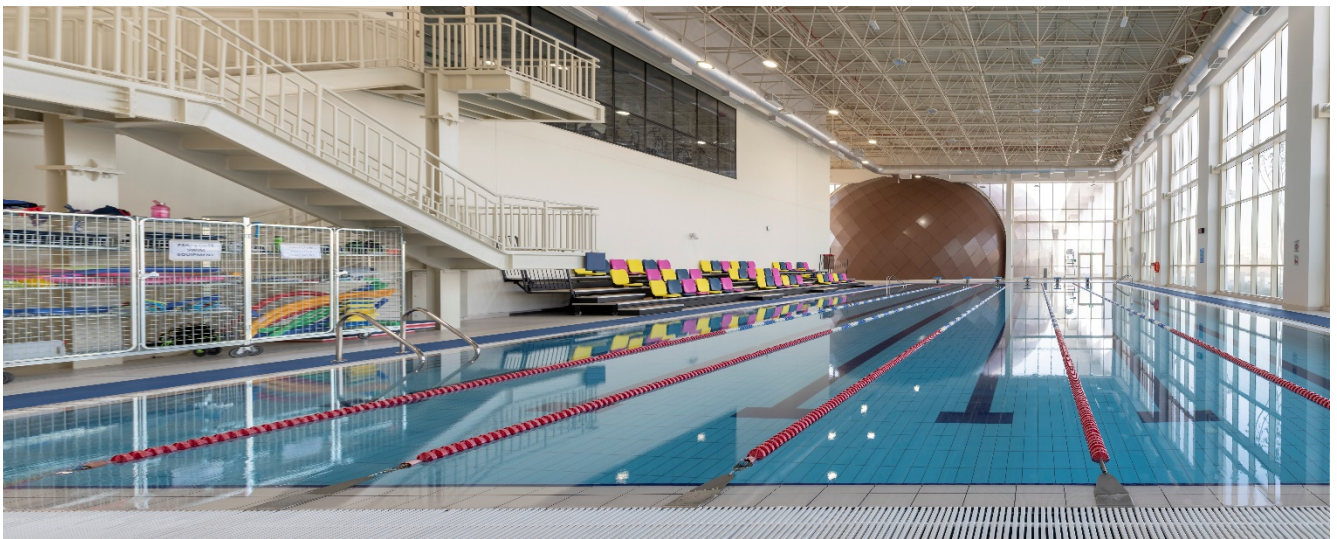
Our rapidly growing staff are enthusiastic, hardworking and dedicated to their students. Parental satisfaction is very high and we continuously strive to offer the best quality in all we do. We keep paperwork to a minimum, doing only that which is useful to our teaching and management. Career progression is very important to us and we provide an extensive programme of CPD and INSET to all staff whilst actively supporting Masters and other Leadership Qualifications.

Our Curriculum

The school follows the National Curriculum for England and Wales, along with the MOE&HE mandatory elements of Qatar History (for all students) and Arabic Language & Islamic Studies (for Muslim students only). We also offer a unique complementary programme of eSTEM and Qatar National Vision 2030 projects, which extend the student's learning beyond the curriculum using innovative technological resources and teaching methods.



British trained / experienced teachers teach all the National Curriculum subjects. In Foundation Stage we follow the EY Framework from the UK and students in KS4 take International GCSEs and KS5 take International A-Level or BTEC courses, which are provided by Edexcel/Pearson. Arabic trained staff teach Arabic Language and Islamic Studies to Muslim students as an integral part of our support for our host country. For more information on our curriculum, please go [here](#).



The Timetable and the Working Week



The normal working week in Qatar is Sunday – Thursday.

Lessons take place between 07.30 – 14.00.

After School Activities take place from 14.10 – 15.00.

All staff are expected to be in school from 07.00 – 15.00 as a minimum requirement with additional hours as requested by the Executive Principal.

All teaching staff are obliged to offer at least one after school activity (two or three from Performing Arts and PE staff) and attend a weekly staff meeting on Mondays. Other staff meetings are arranged as necessary.

Staff are expected to attend parents' meetings, training events and other school activities as required throughout the year.

Currently the timetable in Secondary is constructed on 6 x 55-minute lessons per day on a 2-week cycle. Teachers will have a teaching commitment of approximately 25 lessons out of 30.



School during times of Covid

In Qatar the Ministry of Education & Higher Education (MOE&HE) and the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in Qatar provide Covid policies and laws to which we must abide, these are continuously updated, the following applies now:

1. All students are to attend school and remain in their 'bubbles'.
2. Social distancing of 1m must be observed at all times on school premises.
3. Parents and visitors are not allowed on school premises without prior approval (except for FS parents at drop off and pick up times) NB Drivers/guardians cannot enter the school premises.
4. All students, staff and visitors are required to wear masks while in open areas and classrooms



5. Other enhanced Health & Safety measures will be implemented as per MoPH requirements.
6. Students aged 12 or above and staff must be double vaccinated or present a weekly negative Covid test result.

NOTE: School timings are 07.15 – 14.00 (gates open at 07.00 - 07.15 and 14.00 – 14.15)

Bubble protection

The students are to remain within their class 'bubbles' within his/her year group and will only mix with the same students from that 'bubble' whenever in school.

Students in Years 10 to 13 are allowed to move around school to their specialised classrooms, e.g. DT, Science, Music, Art, etc. with enhanced precautionary measures.

Please find the following school guide links here: [School Prospectus](#), [Parent Guide](#) and [Covid Guide](#)

Further links of interest are: [Our School](#), [News/Calendar](#) and [School life](#)

