



مدرسة ديرة الدولية  
DEIRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
FESTIVAL CITY

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IB CODE: 003536

## DEIRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 2021/2022 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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- BSME
- BSO
- College Board
- COBIS
- Cambridge
- ECIS
- IBO World School
- NACAC
- UCAS

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### AN AL FUTTAIM EDUCATION FOUNDATION (AFE) SCHOOL

AFE is an initiative started by the Al Futtaim family to support the UAE Government's vision for the creation of a globally competitive knowledge economy while maximizing their social contribution to the community through this not-for-profit endeavor.

The vision of AFE is to create excellence; to prepare our students for university and to give them the skills to successfully embrace global citizenship and future opportunities in the UAE and beyond.

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Education Foundation



### OUR VISION

"To create an outstanding, multicultural learning community which empowers students to achieve their potential, become life-long learners and responsible global citizens."

### OUR SCHOOL

Deira International School (DIS) was founded in September 2005, as a co-educational day school offering instruction from Foundation Stage to Year 13 with a current enrollment of over 1600 students. The student body comprises of more than 80 nationalities which enables the school to embody a truly international feel, whilst providing a British-based curriculum.

The 80,000 space sq. m. facility is located in Dubai Festival City, a suburb of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It is a purpose-built facility and amongst the largest in the Middle East.

Deira International School is owned and operated as a non-profit school by the Al-Futtaim, one of the largest and most respected corporations in the lower gulf region.

Deira International School is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization as an IB World School.

The local inspectorate, the KHDA, have rated our school in 2019 as 'Very Good' with many outstanding features'.

### THE SCHOOL YEAR

The school year comprises of three terms running from September to December, January to March and April to June.



### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAs)

There is an extensive after-school programme at DIS offering courses ranging from Ballet to the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Model United Nations. Student development is not limited to the classroom as students are encouraged to participate in the many extracurricular activities offered by the school. Field Trips are organised by our specialist Outdoor Education Teacher. Extracurricular sports include boys' and girls' football, basketball, rugby, tennis and swimming. A vocal and instrumental programme offers a broad range of musical study. Chorus, dance, performing arts programmes are also offered along with other academic and non-academic programmes.

DIS has an active Parents' Association, Student Representative Council and School Board of Trustees.

\* Please note due to the pandemic all school based ECAs had been cancelled in 2020-21 academic year. Reopening in September 2021, KHDA allowed ECAs to return.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete a two year pre-university programme of study in Years 12 and 13 (USA equivalent of Grades 11 and 12).

We offer three International qualification curricula: The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), IB Courses, and the IB Career Related Programme (IBCP). Students must fulfill the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Organisation to graduate. IBCP students are also required to undertake work experience with local organisations.

Examinations are marked externally and are taken in May of Year 13. Students graduate in the month of June and receive their final results in July.

## GRADING SYSTEM

### National Curriculum Levels

The English National Curriculum levels are used throughout the school from Key Stage 1 to 3. Detailed explanations of these are available on the QCDA website <http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/>

### International General Certificate of Secondary Education

IGCSE grades are marked using an eight-point grade scale: A\*, A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Grade A\* is awarded for the highest level of achievement, and grade G indicates minimum satisfactory performance. A U denotes 'Ungraded'. Students must obtain a minimum of 6 A\* - C grades at IGCSE to qualify for a place on the IB Diploma Programme and a minimum of 3 C grades to qualify for the IBCP. Further information can be found for subject specific boundaries on the CIE website [www.cie.org](http://www.cie.org)

### International Baccalaureate

IB grade descriptors range from 1 – 7, with 7 as the highest grade. Further information on these can be found on the IBO website, [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org), along with additional information regarding the IB Career-Related Programme.

### Class Rank & Grade Point Averages

Please note we do not class rank our students or use GPA's.

## IBO GRADE DESCRIPTORS

Excellent	Grade 7
Very Good	Grade 6
Good	Grade 5
Satisfactory	Grade 4
Mediocre	Grade 3
Poor	Grade 2
Very Poor	Grade 1

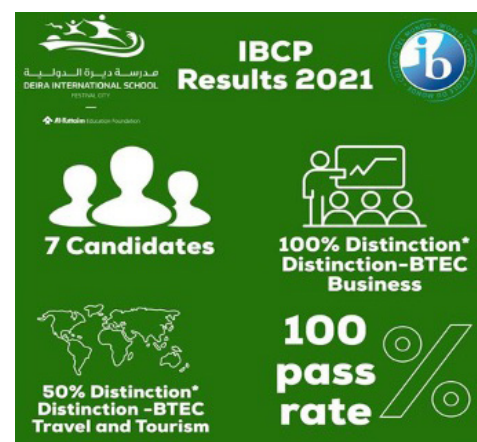
## CURRICULUM AND DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

Deira International School follows the National Curriculum of England, enhanced by the best features of international education, particularly the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Organisation.

The school is fully authorised to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the IB Career-Related Programme (IBCP). The school is also a Cambridge IGCSE, BTEC and Edexcel examination centre.

The language of instruction is English and there is an extensive foreign language programme in Arabic, French and Spanish. Specialised support is provided to students for whom English is a second language, students who are Gifted & Talented, and those with mild learning difficulties.

Due to government regulations, DIS students started their distance learning program in Term 3 of 2020. In September 2020, students had the option to continue with digital learning or return to campus. The distance learning program mimicked a normal school day with students receiving the same amount of teaching and learning per subject. Lessons were delivered through Microsoft Teams using live lessons and other teaching and learning tools such as OneNote. Assessments continued digitally utilizing Turnitin to check authenticity of submission. As of September 2021, DIS held onsite mock examinations for IB students and all students are required to come back to campus for Onsite Learning from 3 October 2021. Exemptions may be requested for students with high risk medical conditions who may be able to continue with Distance Learning only per the approval received from Dubai Health Authority.

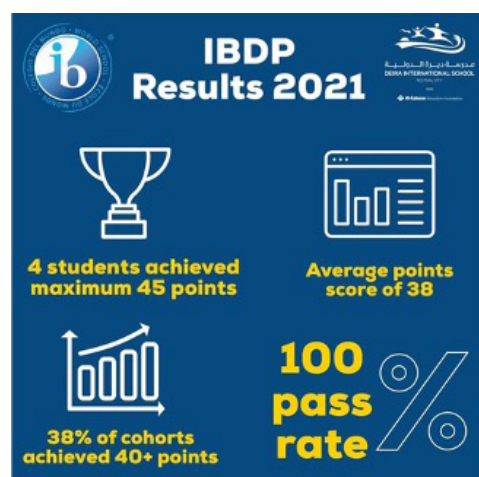


## IB SUBJECTS OFFERED AT DIS

Arabic A	HL/SL	French B	HL/SL
Arabic Ab Initio	SL	Geography	HL/SL
Arabic B	HL/SL	History	HL/SL
Biology	HL/SL	Information Technology in a Global Society	HL/SL
Business Management	HL/SL	Mathematics	HL/SL/ Studies
Chemistry	HL/SL	Music	HL/SL
Computer Science	HL/SL	Physics	HL/SL
Design Technology	HL/SL	Psychology	HL/SL
Economics	HL/SL	Spanish Ab Initio	SL
English A1 (Literature/Language & Literature)	HL/SL	Spanish B	HL/SL
Environmental Systems & Societies	SL	Sports, Exercise & Health Science	HL/SL
Film Studies	HL/SL	Theatre Arts	HL/SL
French Ab Initio	SL	Visual Arts	HL/SL

## DIS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

IB DIPLOMA TRENDS 2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of DP Candidates	51	65	34	60
% Awarded Diploma	92	93	100	100
Highest Diploma Points	42	44	43	45
Lowest Diploma Points	21	26	28	28
Average Points per Candidate	31.6	34	36.9	37.6
Core Points	1.54	1.46	1.79	1.75
Average Grade of all Candidates	5.1	5.17	5.85	5.97
No. of Candidates 40+ Points	3	10	8	23
% of Candidates 40+ Points	5	15	24	38
% of Candidates 35+ Points	32	43	79.4	70
% of Candidates 30+	77	80	97	95





## DIS ALUMNI UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

### United States of America

American University, MD  
Babson College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston University, MA  
Bryant University, RI  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon, PA  
California Arts, CA  
Colby University, ME  
Colorado College, CO  
Columbia University, NY  
Connecticut University, CT  
Denison University, OH  
Drexel University, PA  
Evansville University, IN  
Florida Institute of Technology, FL  
Georgia Technology, GA  
George Washington Uni, MD  
Fairleigh Dickinson, NJ  
University of Illinois, IL  
Iowa University, IA  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Maryland University, MD  
Marymount University, VA  
Middle Tennessee State Uni, TN  
Michigan State university  
Mount Holyoke University, MA  
Massachusetts University, MA  
New Hampshire University, NH  
New York University, NY  
North Carolina State University, NC  
Northeastern University, MA  
Ohio State University, OH  
Oklahoma State University, OK  
Pace University, NY  
Parsons The New School for Design, NY  
Penn State University, PA  
University of Pennsylvania, PA  
University of Purdue, IN  
Rollins College, FL  
Ringling College of Art & Design, FL  
Stanford University  
Suffolk University, MA  
Virginia Tech, VA  
Yale University, CT  
University of California - Berkeley, CA  
University of California - Davis, CA  
University of California - Irvine, CA  
University of California - LA, CA  
University of California - Riverside, CA  
University of California - Santa Cruz, CA  
University of Central Florida, FL  
Uni. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL  
University of Miami, FL  
University of Pittsburgh, PA  
University of Virginia, VA  
Virginia Commonwealth University, VA  
University of Texas at Austin, TX

### United Kingdom

Arts University Bournemouth  
Aston University  
Glasgow School of Art  
University of Bath  
University of Bradford  
University of Birmingham  
Bournemouth University  
University of Bristol  
Brunel University  
CityU London  
University College London  
University of Dundee  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
Imperial College London  
Kent University  
Kings College London  
Kingston University  
Lancaster University  
University of Leeds  
Leicester University  
University of Liverpool

London School of Economics  
London Metropolitan University  
Loughborough University  
University of Manchester  
Manchester Met. University  
University of Nottingham  
Oxford University  
Queen Mary University  
Queens Belfast University  
University of Reading  
Richmond American University  
Royal Holloway University  
SOAS  
University of St Andrews  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
University of Swansea  
University College London  
University of Warwick  
University of York  
University of Westminster

### Canada

Brock University  
Carleton University  
Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology  
Queens University  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
University of Western Ontario  
University of Winnipeg

### Dubai & Middle East

American University of Beirut, LB  
American University in Dubai, UAE  
American University of Sharjah, UAE  
Heriot-Watt University, UAE  
Lebanese American University, LB  
Middlesex University, UAE  
New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

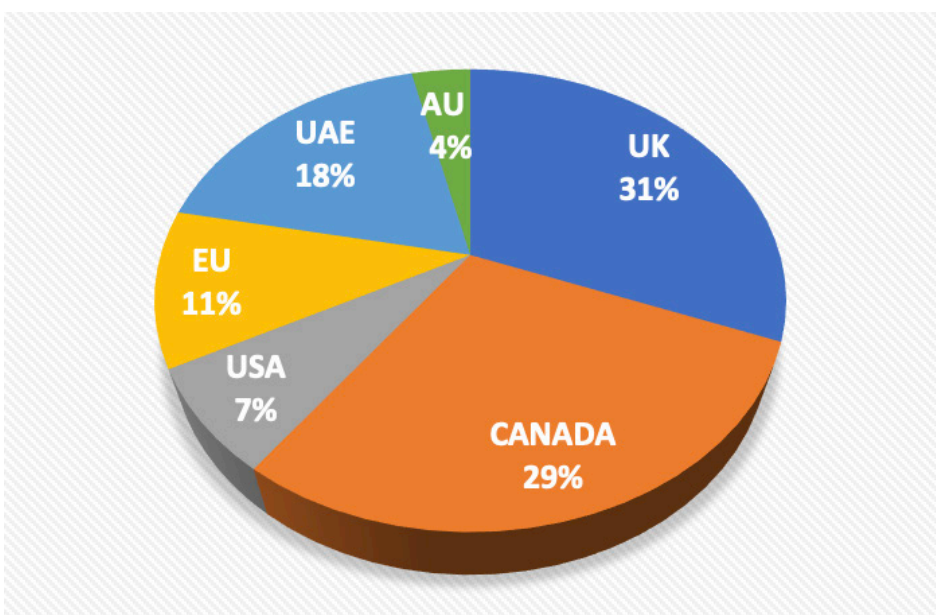
### Europe

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, NL  
Berlin University, DE  
Breda University of Applied Sciences, NL  
University of Budapest Veterinary Medicine, HU  
Delft University, NL  
Direccao Geral De Ensino Superior, PT  
Ecole hoteliere de Lausanne, CH  
Eindhoven University, NL  
Erasmus University of Rotterdam, NL  
European University in Munich, DE  
ESTA, FR  
Girne American University, CY  
Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI)  
Trinity College Dublin (TCD)  
University College Dublin (UCD)  
University of Debrecen  
International University of Geneva  
Queen Mary University Malta  
University of Groningen, NL  
University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, NL  
Hanze University of Applied Sciences, NL  
IE University, ES  
Lausanne University, CH  
Les Roches, CH  
Leuven University, BE  
Luiss Guido Carli, IT  
Strasbourg University, FR

### Rest of the World

University of Cape Town, ZA  
Massey University, NZ  
University of Melbourne, AU  
University of Auckland  
University of Queensland  
Singapore Institute of Management, SG  
Stellenbosch University, ZA  
University of Victoria, AU  
Victoria University of Wellington, NZ

## DIS UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2021



■ UK 31% ■ CANADA 29% ■ USA 7% ■ EU 11% ■ UAE 18% ■ AU 4%



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