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ALISON LAMB

School Principal

It gives me immense pride to reflect on what has undoubtedly been one of the most significant and successful years in the journey of Dubai Heights Academy. Our vibrant community has flourished, with student numbers doubling and our school spirit reaching new heights.

We've celebrated countless firsts: our inaugural Year 11 IGCSE exams, international adventures. our first student wellbeing conference, a careers day that sparked real inspiration. meaningful parent mental health events, and our very own swim gala. These moments have not only enriched our school calendar, they've shaped who we are becoming.

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

At the heart of it all is our community. I'm deeply grateful to our students for their resilience and enthusiasm, our staff for their tireless commitment, and our parents for their unwavering support. Dubai Heights Academy thrives because we work and grow together.

As we look ahead to the opening of our new secondary building, the launch of Altumuh Sixth Form, and the introduction of dynamic new learning opportunities, our future is filled with promise.

Take time this summer to rest, reflect, and reconnect with loved ones. As you browse these pages, celebrate all that we've achieved together, each smile, success and step forward. Here's to an even brighter chapter ahead.





















National Day









































































Key stage 2/3/4 Sports Day



































Year 2 to 5 Winter Concert

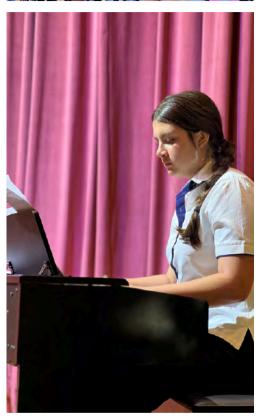
















Secondary Musical Showcase

















FS2 Graduation 12



































Under the Stars Falent Showcase 14























CLASSES AND FORM GROUPS

FOUNDATION STAGE

FS1 Green | FS1 Purple | FS1 Yellow FS2 Green | FS2 Purple | FS2 Yellow | FS2 Blue

PRIMARY

Year 1 Green | Year 1 Purple | Year 1 Yellow Year 2 Green | Year 2 Purple | Year 2 Yellow Year 3 Green | Year 3 Purple | Year 3 Blue Year 4 Aqua | Year 4 Yellow Year 5 Blue | Year 5 Yellow | Year 5 Aqua Year 6 Green | Year 6 Purple

SECONDARY

Year 7A | Year 7B Year 8A | Year 8B Year 9 Year 10 Year 11





KATIE STATON

Assistant Head of Primary and Head of Early Years

It has been a genuine privilege to witness our Early Years children make outstanding progress across all seven areas of development.

In their personal, social, and emotional growth, we have seen children flourish: aainina confidence, learning to manage their emotions, and forming warm. positive friendships. Many who began the year shy or reserved now communicate their needs and learning clearly, engaging confidently with both peers and teachers. It is a joy to see them express their ideas, ask thoughtful questions, and follow instructions with growing independence.

ASSISTANT HEAD OF PRIMARY AND HEAD OF EARLY YEARS'S WELCOME

Physically, they have developed stronger coordination, improved fine motor skills, and become more capable in managing their own self-care. Their natural curiosity and problem-solving abilities have been nurtured throughout, laying a strong foundation for future learning.

Many children are now beginning to recognise letters, sounds, and numbers through mark-making, reading, and counting, both independently and collaboratively. Their creative and imaginative play has grown in complexity, reflecting a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Through exploring our rich and stimulating learning environments at Dubai Heights Academy, the children have been encouraged to take risks, be curious, and learn through play. I am incredibly proud to see each child ready to take the next step in their educational journey with confidence, joy, and a strong foundation for future success.



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FS1 Green



CLASS TEACHER Sakeena Nawaz

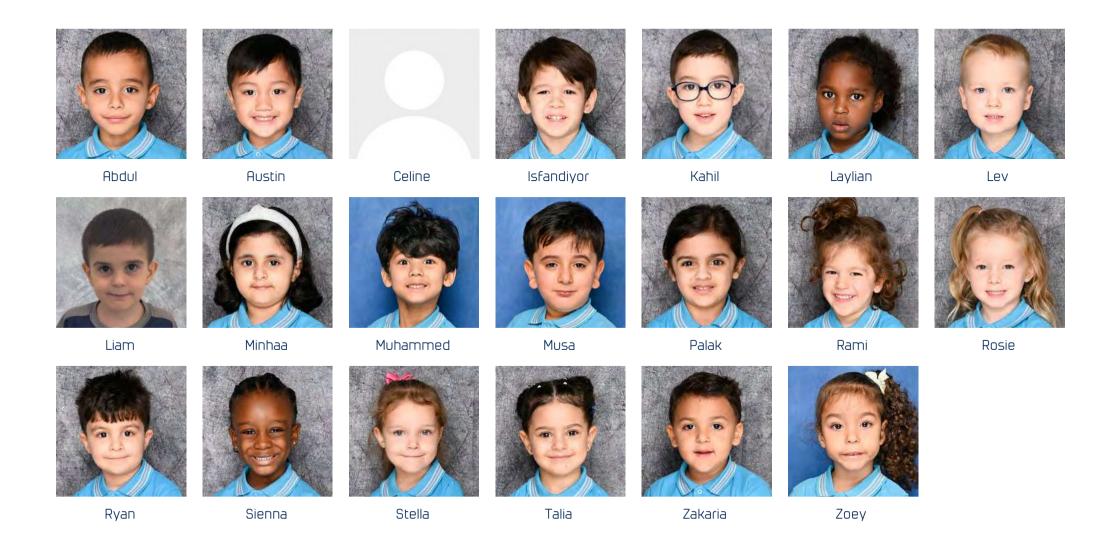
LEARNING ASSISTANT Franchette Paniagua

What a wonderful year it has been in FS1 Green! Our young learners have grown in confidence, independence, and curiosity. From exploring stories like Cinderella and Goldilocks and the Three Bears, to learning about dinosaurs and the lifecycle of a plant, every moment was filled with discovery and joy. We celebrated special events, including our trip to the Butterfly Garden, and built friendships that made our classroom feel like a family. The children have made amazing progress in their communication, creativity, and early learning skills. We are so proud of each one of them. Well done, FS1 Green!

FS1 Green



FS1 Green



ASI Purple

FS1 Purple



CLASS TEACHER Melissa Conchie

LEARNING ASSISTANT Cristina Layoso

What an exciting year it's been in FS1! We've explored the magical world of fairy tales in our "Once Upon a Time" topic and roared with excitement while learning all about dinosaurs. We loved diving into stories like The Gruffalo, bringing the characters to life through play and creative activities. Our imaginations soared during play-based learning, and we have made wonderful memories together. A highlight of our year was visiting the Butterfly Garden, where we watched butterflies flutter all around us! We also had a fun-filled day at Al Barsha Park, enjoying nature and playing with our friends. FS1 has been a year full of laughter, learning, and friendship!

FS1 Purple

























FS1 Purple





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FS1 Yellow



CLASS TEACHER Dolly Bradley-Barnard

LEARNING ASSISTANTS

Ruvina Davetawalu and Gayelle Ndifon

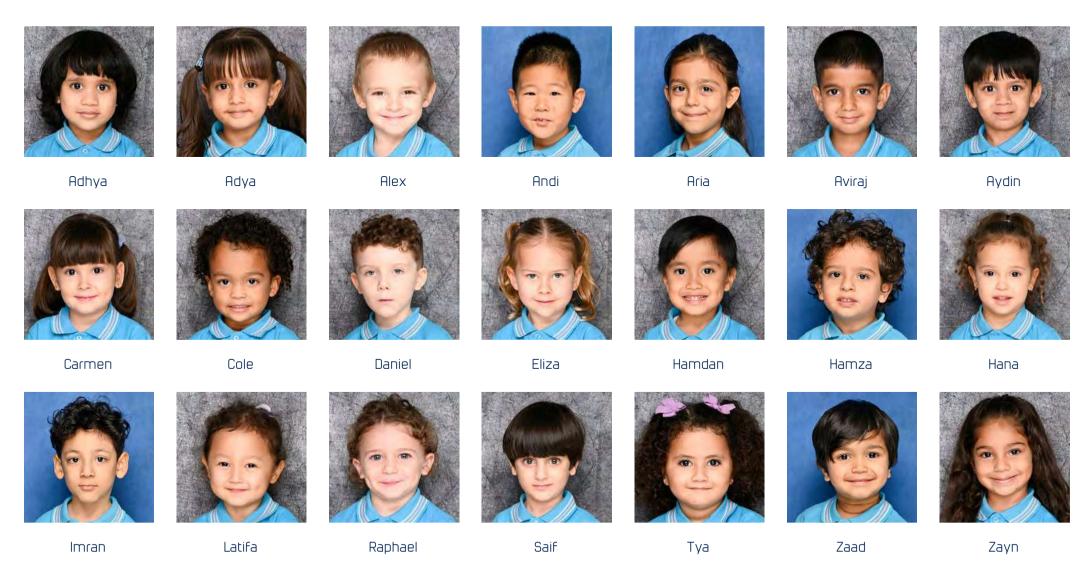
What a wonderful year it's been with FS1 Yellow! I've loved every moment with this amazing class, filled with smiles, laughter, and learning. You've all grown into kind, confident, and independent little learners, ready for your next adventure. We've made such special memories, dancing at our Ball, exploring the Butterfly Garden, and moving like dinosaurs with Barney at Fun City. It has been a joy to watch you grow, and I'm so proud of each and every one of you. You are all ready for your next exciting chapter, and although I will miss you very much, I know you will continue to shine brightly.



FS1 Yellow



FS1 Yellow



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FS2 Green



CLASS TEACHER Pamela Snell

LEARNING ASSISTANTS Aishwarya Shinu and Natasha Azad **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT** Zile Imram

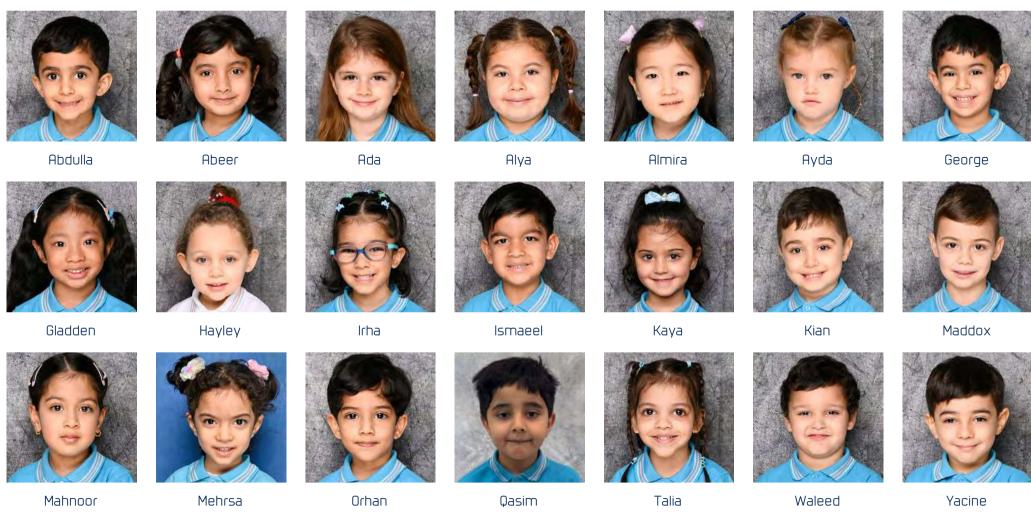
FS2 Green, you've made this year absolutely unforgettable! It has been an absolute joy to watch your curiosity shine, your confidence bloom, and your imagination soar. You've amazed me every single day with your enthusiasm, kindness, and determination. From learning about fascinating cultures to exploring the world around us, and incredible animals and their habitats, what a wild and wonderful adventure it's been! You've brought your own stories, ideas, and laughter into our classroom, making it a truly special place to learn and grow. You are all so wonderfully unique, and I couldn't be prouder of how far you've come. As you take your next steps into Year 1, keep being brave, keep being curious, and most importantly, keep being you!



FS2 Green



FS2 Green





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FS2 Purple



CLASS TEACHER Hayley Shaw

LEARNING ASSISTANTS Meriam Brian and Elizabeth Awour **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT** Swati Adhikari



What an amazing year we've had in FS2 Purple! From welcoming a surprise alien visitor to investigating snails and going on treasure hunts, every week brought new adventures and excitement. We've made wonderful memories during cosy days like Dark Day and celebrated our uniqueness on 'This is Me' day. This year, the children have amazed me with their teamwork; building rockets, conquering obstacle courses, and supporting one another every step of the way. Amidst all the fun and laughter, these little learners became whizzes at reading, writing, and cracking number problems! It's been a busy but truly rewarding year, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of my little stars. Keep shining brightly and keep up your fantastic work. FS2 Purple, you've been amazing!

FS2 Purple

























FS2 Purple

















Hannah













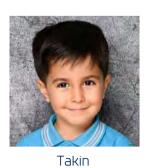














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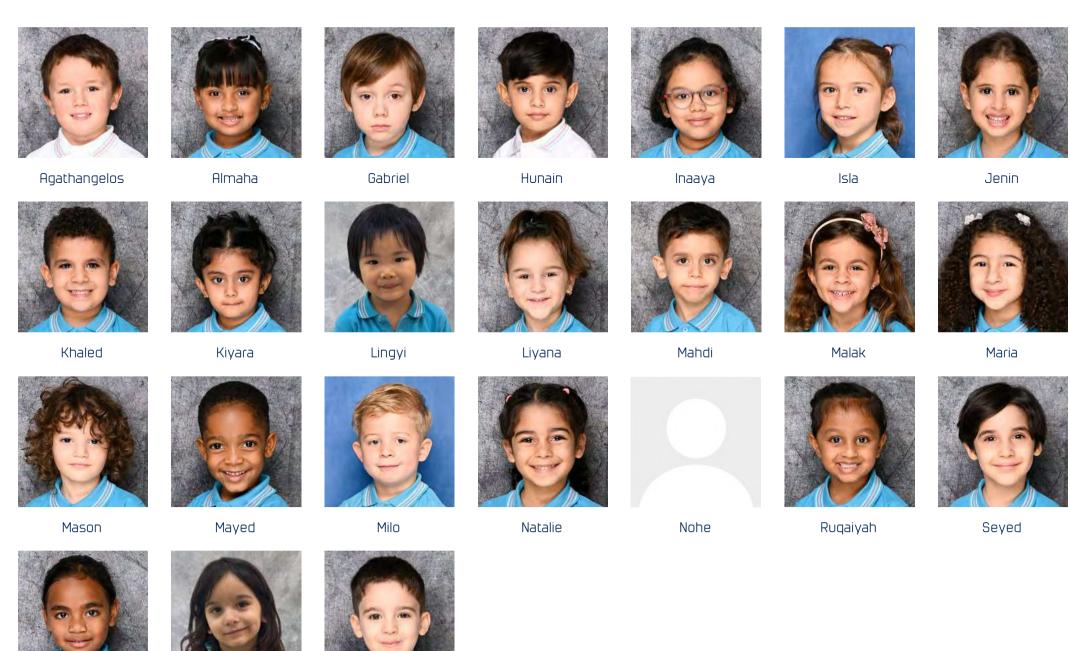
CLASS TEACHER Lauren Fitzgibbon and Ruvina Davetawalu (Supply Teacher) **LEARNING ASSISTANT** Rochelle Argoncillo

What an absolute privilege it's been to watch each of you grow, learn, and blossom this year! I can hardly believe how quickly the months have flown by, though with all the fun we've had, it's no wonder time decided to speed up. Who could forget our cosy classroom transformation on the famously dramatic "Dark Day," or the time we turned into mini explorers on safari, learning all about animals and how they survive. You've all grown into such kind, curious, and confident little people, and I couldn't be prouder. As you take the big step into Year 1, I know you'll continue to dazzle everyone around you with your bright minds and big hearts. Keep shining, FS2 Yellow!

FS2 Yellow



FS2 Yellow



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Valentyna

Yahya

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FS2 Blue



CLASS TEACHER Shareen Ellahi

LEARNING ASSISTANT Rehna Santosh

Getting to know you all has been the greatest gift for me this year. From pirate days to planting seeds together, exploring the Green Planet to collecting shells at the beach, each activity has brought new discoveries and joy for our class. Many of you have shown remarkable curiosity and teamwork, whether collaborating on art projects or taking turns to share ideas during story time, you've made it magical. Together, your confidence has grown as you have shared class discussions and supported one another's learning. It has been so heartwarming to witness the progress from constructing simple bridges in play to using new vocabulary in phonics sessions. I am so incredibly proud of how you care for each other and our classroom and your enthusiasm and kindness have made this year truly memorable.

FS2 Blue



FS2 Blue



Shanaya Zein

Zidan



KENNETH LYON
Head of Primary

What another truly phenomenal year at Dubai Heights Academy! Everyone here has worked so tremendously hard over the school year and it has been truly humbling to see how each of you has grown, not just in stature, but also academically and socially by fully embracing all of the opportunities that have been presented to you. You should all be so very proud.

HEAD OF PRIMARY'S WELCOME

A particular highlight has been watching you all work together with your friends to perform in your Year Group Assemblies. Whether you were a dinosaur stomping around the stage in the Year 1 assembly or the captain of the aeroplane that flew Year 6 to Mexico, every year group demonstrated how well they can collaborate and support each other to work towards a common goal. This resulted in really informative and highly entertaining performances (and some questionable jokes!)

Whilst you flick through the pages of this year's yearbook, you will be reminded of all of the incredible opportunities that you have experienced over this year. The exciting trips you have been on, the theme days you have taken part in, and the school teams you have played in and I am sure you cannot wait for even more next year... I certainly can't!









Mear 1 Green

Year 1 Green



CLASS TEACHER Noreen Masterson

From This is Me to superhero play, You brought your magic every day. Clay dinos roared, masks came alive, Your learning helped your minds to thrive.

You've read with joy, and written with pride,
Maths and science by your side.
You wowed us all in your live show,
With teamwork, sparkle, and your glow.

LEARNING ASSISTANT Courtenay O'Neill

From KidZania to Safari's gate, Each trip was truly something great. With kindness, manners, hearts so true — I'm proud of every one of you.

Now off to Year 2, bold and bright, Keep dreaming big and shining light!

Year 1 Green



Year 1 Green



Varaalika Yasmin Yizhi

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Mear 1 Purple

Year 1 Purple



CLASS TEACHER Erin Doody

Oh, the hats that you wore and the things that you tried—
From building big dinos to drawing with pride!
You sculpted and painted, made fossils from dough,
You learned how to add and to go with the flow.
You read with great flair, wrote poems that shine,
You searched for what's missing and gave every sign.
With Goldilocks sneaking and Evil Peas loose,

LEARNING ASSISTANT Aiza Padua

You handled each twist like a brave little moose!

You've danced, dreamed, and doodled, explored with great cheer—
And now you're off running to a brand-new school year.

So off you will go, bold and bright as can be—
The future looks dazzling, just wait and see!

Year 1 Purple



Year 1 Purple



Victor

Yuvraj

Sofia

Talia

Toria

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Men 1 Mellow

Year 1 Yellow



CLASS TEACHER Megan Elwell

In 1 Yellow we've had such fun,
From morning work to setting sun.
We roared like dinos on the stage,
And played like grown-ups, wise and sage.

At Safari Park we laughed all day, Watching animals in every way. At KidZania, we took the lead, Becoming doctors, chefs with speed!

LEARNING ASSISTANT Annalyn Tejano

With kind hearts and the brightest cheer, You made magic throughout the year. Time flew fast, it's plain to see, How joyful learning here can be.

It's been a pleasure, every part,
To see your growth and lovely hearts.
1 Yellow, you're a shining star —
Stay just as wonderful as you are!

Year 1 Yellow



Year 1 Yellow



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Suleman

Warrick

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Year 2 Green



CLASS TEACHER Chelsea Peachey

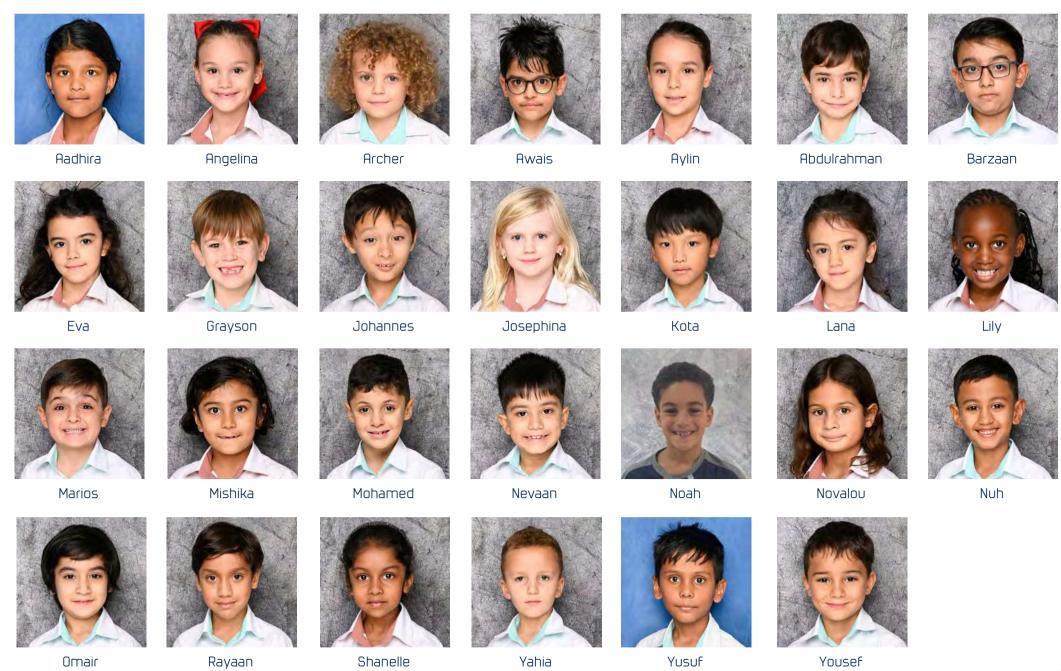
TEACHING ASSISTANT Josephine Nakidaali

What a brilliant year it's been in Year 2 Green! We've loved getting to know you and creating so many memorable moments. Our trips were amazing! We had a whale of a time at the beach, braved rollercoasters at Legoland and discovered our wings at Air Maniax. We had so much fun at school too! From representing our countries on World Cultures Day, diving into stories as underwater characters on World Book Day and performing our Year 2 show 'Once Upon a Twist.' A Million Dreams will always remind us of you. We're so proud of you and know you'll continue to shine in Key Stage 2!

Year 2 Green



Mear 2 Green



Mear 2 Purple

Year 2 Purple



CLASS TEACHER Lauren Markham

LEARNING ASSISTANT Maryam Khan

Year 2 Purple, what a magical ride, With curiosity, kindness, and joy as our guide! From sandy toes at the beach trip fun, To Legoland rides in the summer sun. We danced, we sang, we gave it our all, In "Once Upon a Twist" — what a curtain call! In Science, we tested, explored, and learned, and golden Dojo points were proudly earned.

From diaries and leaflets to tales we wrote,
We've grown as writers with every note.
We'll miss your smiles, your sparkle, your cheer —
You've made us proud every day of the year!

Mear 2 Purple

















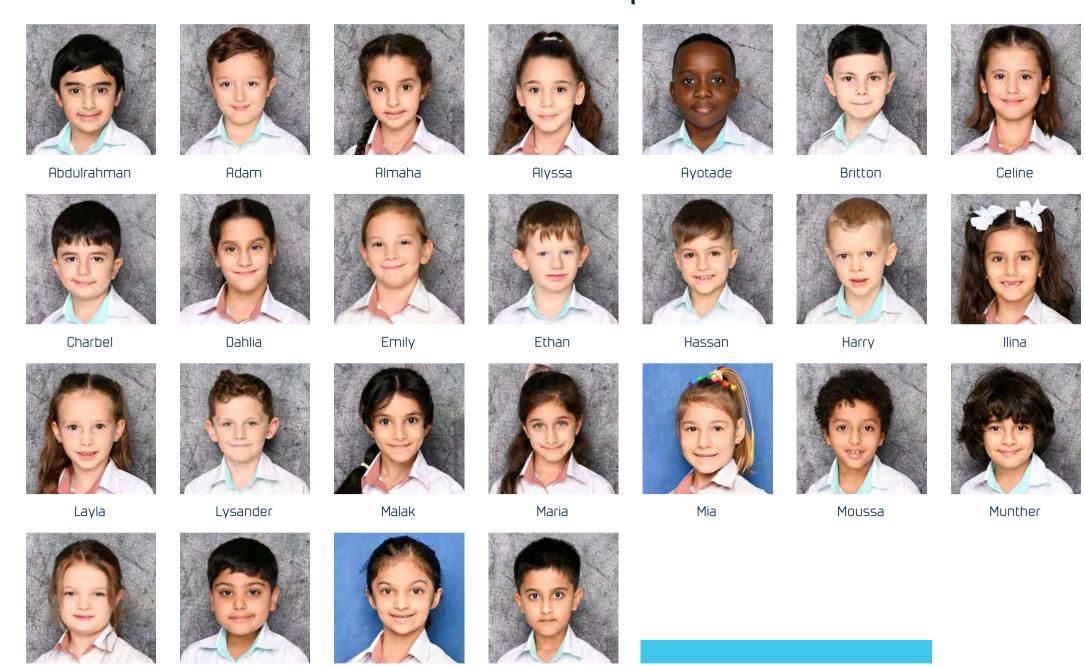








Year 2 Purple



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Year 2 Yellow



CLASS TEACHER Hannah Kalloghlian

What an unforgettable year it's been in 2 Yellow! From Once Upon a Twist — a show that did glow. To the beach with the sun shining bright. Then off to Legoland for thrills and delight!

We cracked the code in Science play, With superhero eggs that saved the day. Our door won gold with flair and pride, As creativity stood tall and wide.

LEARNING ASSISTANT Raquel Fernandes

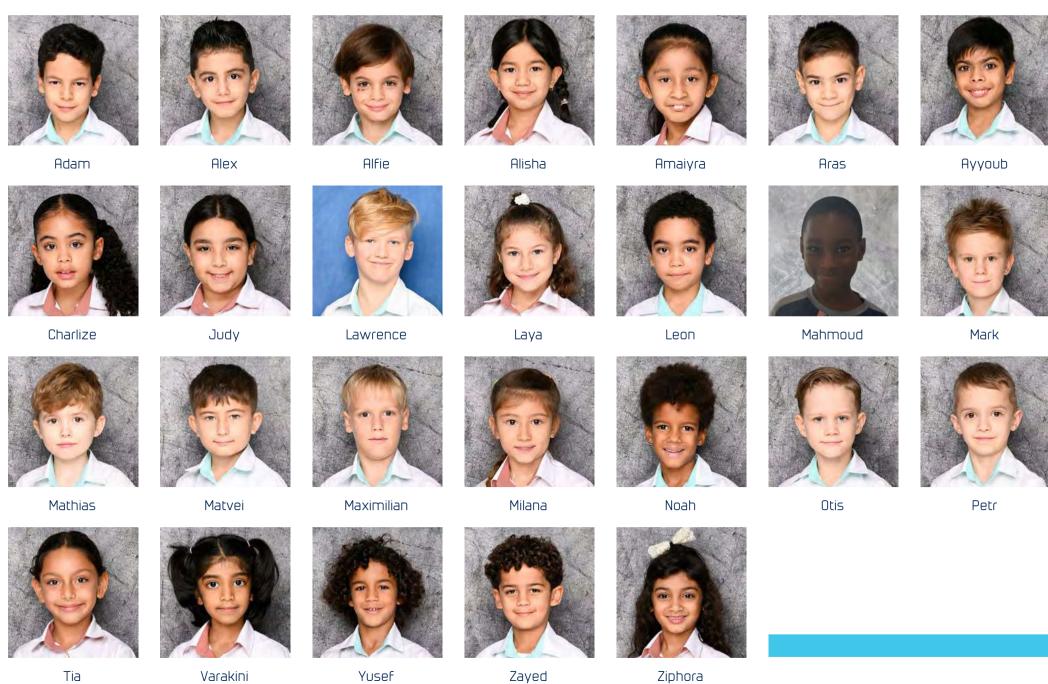
We sang My Happy Mind with joy and cheer, And on TT Rockstars, we gave our best this year. We learned to write, from fairytales to news, Leaflets, instructions, and a diary too!

A year of memories, laughter, and cheer – Well done, 2 Yellow – what a brilliant year!

Year 2 Yellow



Mear 2 Mellow



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Mear 3 Areen

Year 3 Green



CLASS TEACHER Charlotte Pickering

LEARNING ASSISTANT Daisy La Madrid

Year 3 Green have had an incredible year filled with discovery, creativity, and friendship. From the hands-on fun at Oli Oli to creating vibrant rainforest projects, the children have embraced every opportunity to learn and explore. Their curiosity has shone through in class discussions, and their teamwork has flourished during group activities. Moments of mindful colouring brought calm and focus to busy days, helping everyone recharge and reflect. We've seen amazing progress in their confidence, independence, and kindness. Year 3 Green, your enthusiasm and positivity have made this year unforgettable. We're so proud of everything you've achieved!

Year 3 Green

























Year 3 Green



Yeseul Zawaar

Mear 3 Purple

Year 3 Purple



CLASS TEACHER Michaela Boltman

LEARNING ASSISTANT Alto Sebastian

What an incredible year it's been for Year 3 Purple! From digging like archaeologists on thrilling school trips, to becoming curious scientists at Oli Oli, and bouncing with joy at Street Maniax, every moment has been full of laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories. I am so proud of each and every one of you for your hard work, kindness, and the way you've grown this year. Your creativity, confidence, and courage have shone through, and I just know you're all going to do BIG things in the future. Keep dreaming big, Year 3 Purple, the world is waiting for your magic!

Year 3 Purple

























Year 3 Purple



Mear 3 Blue

Year 3 Blue





CLASS TEACHER Charlotte Williamson

LEARNING ASSISTANT Emalyn Del Rosario

Year 3 Blue have had a fantastic year filled with growth, curiosity, and unforgettable memories! From planting and caring for their own plants to exploring the wonders of Sharjah Museum, Oli Oli, and Street Maniax, they embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. The children have made strong friendships and shown incredible teamwork in group projects and presentations, supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes. We are so proud of the progress they've made, not just academically, but in confidence, kindness, and creativity. Year 3 Blue, you've truly blossomed this year, and we can't wait to see what you do next!

Year 3 Blue

















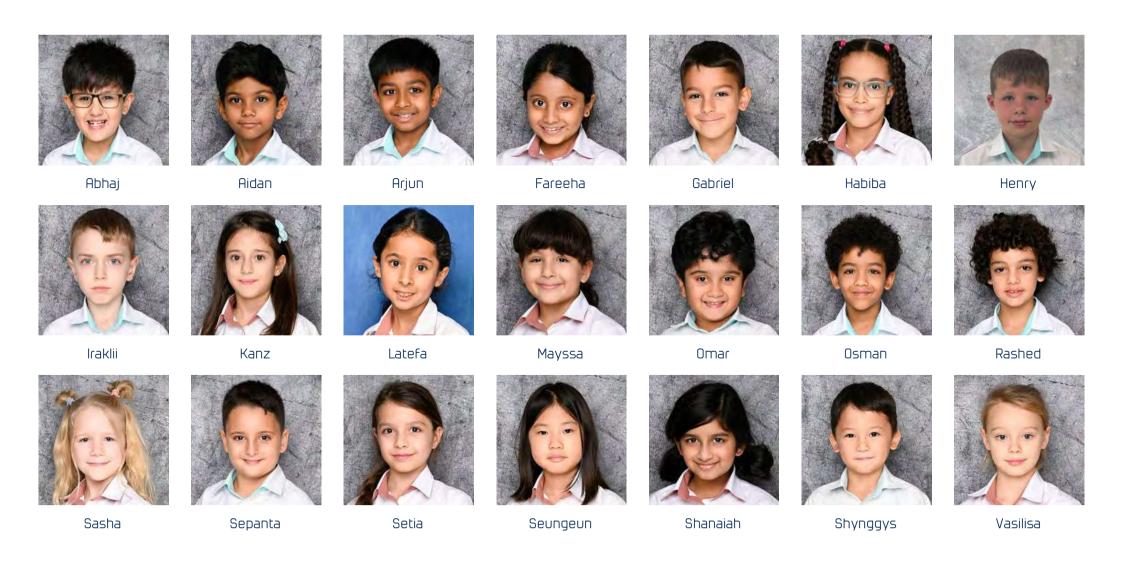








Year 3 Blue



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Year 4 Aqua



CLASS TEACHER Chloe Lydon

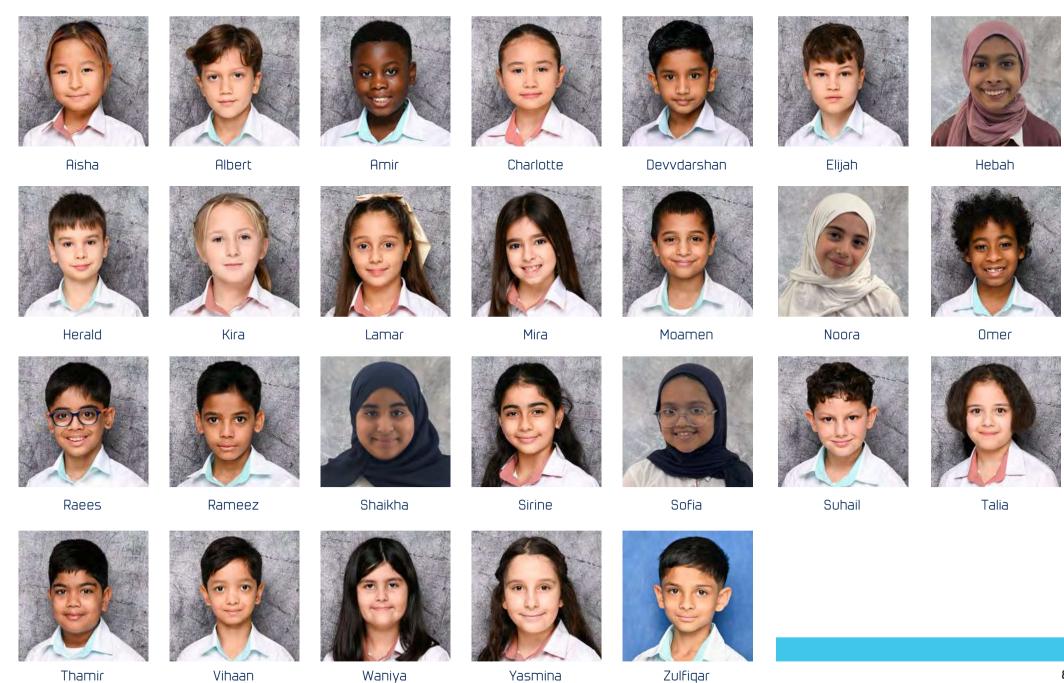
LEARNING ASSISTANT Swetha Nairsan

We have had such a brilliant year together! It has been wonderful to watch you smile, succeed and shine this year. You have all learnt so much, made so many memories and made new friends. I can't believe the year is over already! Let's never forget our trip to The Lost Chambers, Miss Arushi stealing our Viking hats, our Road Trip Around the UAE assembly and the fun we had at Air Maniax. It has been an honour to get to know all of you and help you blossom. Have a great summer and I wish you all the best of luck for Year 5; I know you'll have the best time.

Year 4 Aqua



Year 4 Aqua



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Mear 4 Mellow

Year 4 Yellow



CLASS TEACHER Christopher Doyle

LEARNING ASSISTANT Aynah Regalario

It has been an honour and a privilege to watch each of you grow, learn, and shine this year. I honestly can't believe how quickly the time has passed – but as they say, time flies when you're having fun! Who could forget our incredible residential trip to RAK, rock climbing, supporting each other, and creating memories we'll never forget? Or our exciting adventure to the SeaWorld Aquarium at Atlantis, where we watched in awe as divers explored the deep and fed the amazing sea creatures. And of course, our unforgettable Year 4 show, where you sang and danced your hearts out to A Sky Full of Stars; you truly lit up the stage! I am so proud of the confident, kind, and resilient individuals you have become. As you move on to Year 5, I know you will continue to achieve wonderful things and make everyone around you proud.

Year 4 Yellow

























Year 4 Yellow



Taisiia Yassien Zaynab

Mear 5 Agua

Year 5 Aqua



CLASS TEACHER Zena Groom

What a fantastic year it has been for Year 5 Aqua! I am so proud of the incredible progress each and every student has made; not just in their learning, but in their confidence, creativity, and teamwork. This year, they launched their very own blogs, sharing imaginative writing and personal reflections, and even researched, wrote, and recorded their own history podcasts! From tackling challenging topics to supporting one another with kindness, they have truly grown into thoughtful, capable learners. Year 5 Aqua, thank you for the laughter, curiosity, and unforgettable memories, it has been an absolute privilege to be your teacher.

Year 5 Aqua



Year 5 Aqua



Sophia

Stephanie Valerio

Mear 5 Blue

Year 5 Blue



CLASS TEACHER Mary Connolly

LEARNING ASSISTANT Tracshell Jinwin

What an incredible year Year 5 Blue have had! From the very beginning, it's been non-stop excitement and achievement. You've experienced so many highs and created lasting memories along the way. I'm so proud of how you've grown, both academically and socially. Your resilience through challenges and the way you've supported one another have truly amazed me. It's been a joy to see your confidence grow and your friendships strengthen. You've worked hard, stayed positive, and shown kindness every step of the way. Well done, Year 5 Blue, you should be very proud of everything you've accomplished this year!

Year 5 Blue

























Year 5 Blue



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Shriya Vincent

Mear 5 Mellow

Year 5 Yellow



CLASS TEACHER Holly Johnstone

LEARNING ASSISTANT Michelle Monteagudo

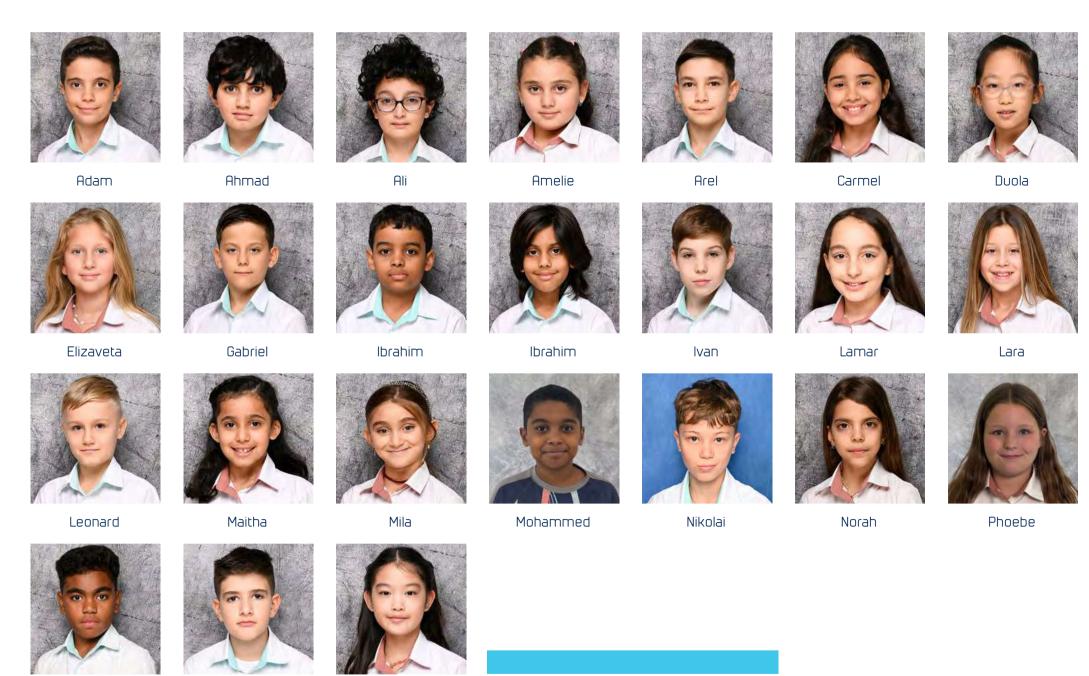
Dearest 5 Yellow,

It has been a pleasure to watch each of you shine in your unique ways this year. You have been a fantastic class of musicians, designers, readers, scientists and athletes. Thank you for your energy and contributions to our lessons, trips and discussions, it has been a pleasure to be with you each day. Your spontaneous outbursts of the 'meow' song will (sadly) never be forgotten. Enjoy the next challenge and make yourself proud in all you do.

Year 5 Yellow



Year 5 Yellow



Ratu Rayan Simone

Mear 6 Green

Year 6 Green



CLASS TEACHER Danielle Walsh

LEARNING ASSISTANT Heba Nabil

This is it - the end of your primary school journey. I just want to say how incredibly proud I am of each and every one of you. It has been a true privilege to be your teacher this year and for some of you, even longer. I've loved every minute we've shared. You've made our classroom such a warm, welcoming and fun place to learn. Beyond your academic achievements, it's your kindness, support for one another, and caring hearts that shine brightest. I wish you all the best as you begin your next chapter. You're going to be amazing. Thank you for all the fabulous memories.



Year 6 Green

























Year 6 Green



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Mear 6 Purple

Year 6 Purple



CLASS TEACHER Matt Craze

LEARNING ASSISTANT Polina Gorshkova

Year 6 Purple, wow, how fast has this year gone? I feel like it was only yesterday you started Year 6! You have had some wonderful experiences this year. No matter the situation, you have thrown yourself into absolutely everything presented to you. You have completed some incredible learning, creating your own books and websites to completing trips across Dubai and beyond! I would like to also say a massive thank you for everything you have also taught me, It has been an absolute pleasure. Good luck!

Year 6 Purple



Year 6 Purple



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ROB HITCHINGS

Vice Principal and Head of Secondary

As WP close another remarkable chapter at Dubai Heights Academy. I'm proud of all we've achieved and excited for what lies ahead. This year has been a dynamic blend of learning. creativity. and community spirit, marked by classroom successes, sporting victories, artistic talent, and innovative learning experiences.

Highlights included our international trip to Sri Lanka. our annual visit from MIT that brought robotics and drone programming to life. and our first IGCSE cohort sitting external exams, milestones that showcase the ambition and forward-thinking culture at Dubai Heights Academy.

VICE PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF SECONDARY'S WELCOME

We now look ahead to August with great anticipation as we move into our brand-new secondary building, a space designed to inspire collaboration, innovation, and curiosity. This move, along with the launch of the Altumuh Sixth Form and introduction of BTEC pathways, marks an exciting new phase for our school.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the support of our parents, and the incredible efforts of our students. Together, we've built a community that uplifts, inspires, and achieves.

As you enjoy this yearbook, I hope it reminds you of the memories, progress, and spirit that make Dubai Heights Academy so special. Here's to a future full of opportunity!



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Year 7A



FORM TUTOR George Foster

What an amazing year it's been with our incredible form group, 7A! Watching you all grow in confidence, kindness, and curiosity has been such a joy. Every morning has been filled with energy, laughter, and a real sense of community. I'm especially proud of how brilliantly you've all done in science this year; from tackling new topics to approaching each practical with enthusiasm and teamwork. The fun, learning and academic achievement in those lessons have really stood out. You should all be very proud of yourselves. I can't wait to see what you achieve next year!

Year 7A



Year 7A



Sienna Simeon Veronica Yousef

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FORM TUTOR Luke McGrath

It has been a real pleasure to be 7B's form tutor this year. They have grown into a supportive, respectful, and enthusiastic group who look out for one another and contribute positively to our school community. From their involvement in school events to their daily routines, they've consistently shown kindness, responsibility, and a great sense of humour. It's been especially rewarding to see their confidence grow as they settled into secondary school life. I'm incredibly proud of how far they've come and I'm excited to see all that they will continue to achieve in the years ahead.

























Year 7B



Stefan Sydra Waleed

Mear 8A

Year 8A



FORM TUTOR Issy Baggari

Year 8A is a wonderful form group with a warm and supportive atmosphere. The students show kindness, respect, and care towards one another, creating a positive environment for everyone. They demonstrate resilience and a willingness to help peers, both inside and outside the classroom. I'm impressed by their maturity and how they manage their responsibilities with growing independence. It's been a pleasure to watch them develop confidence and a strong sense of community throughout the year. Well done, Year 8A, I wish you all the best for the future!

Year 8A

















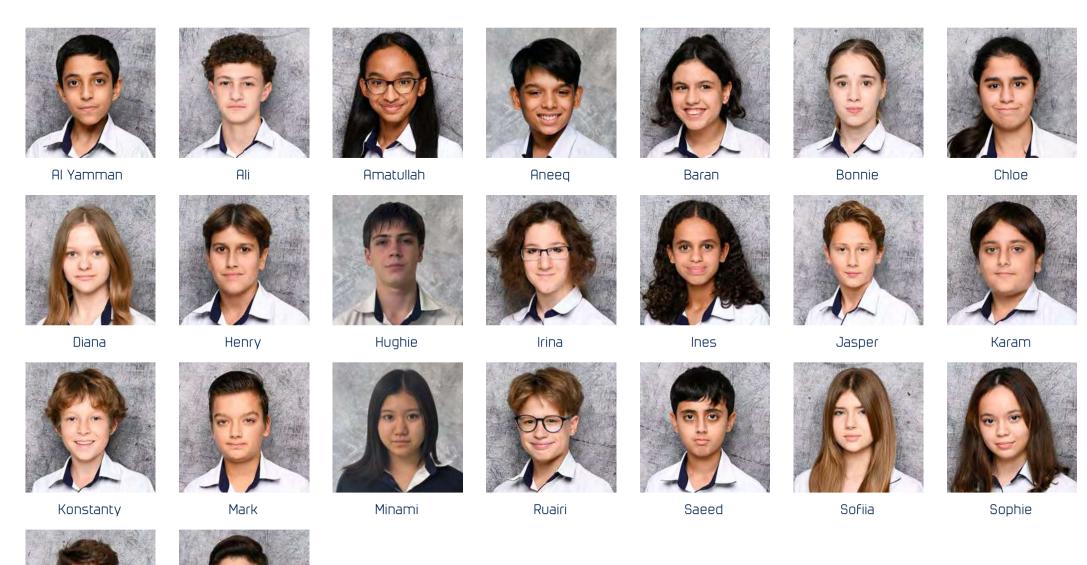








Year 8A



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Year 8B



FORM TUTOR Rabekah Melchizedek

Year 8B had a fantastic second year in secondary school, growing closer as a group and working brilliantly as a team. We welcomed new starters with kindness and embraced the many cultures and backgrounds that make our tutor group unique. Our class spirit extended beyond the classroom, we got involved in all areas of school life, from sports teams and performances to clubs and special events. 8B showed what it means to support one another, celebrate differences, and get stuck in with enthusiasm. It's been a year full of achievement, laughter, and friendship. Good luck in Year 9!

Year 8B

















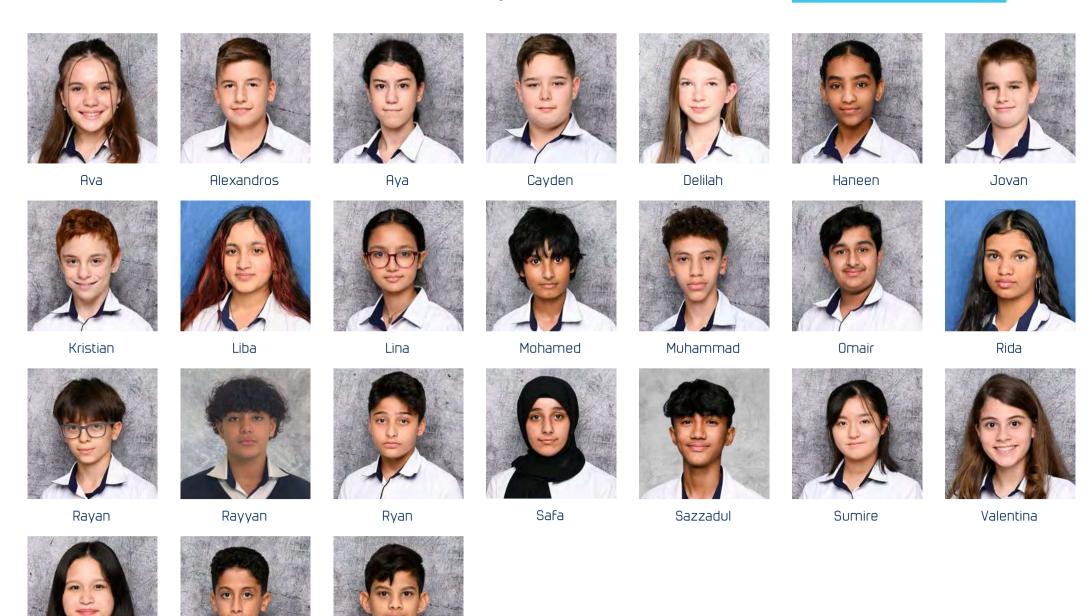








Mear 8B



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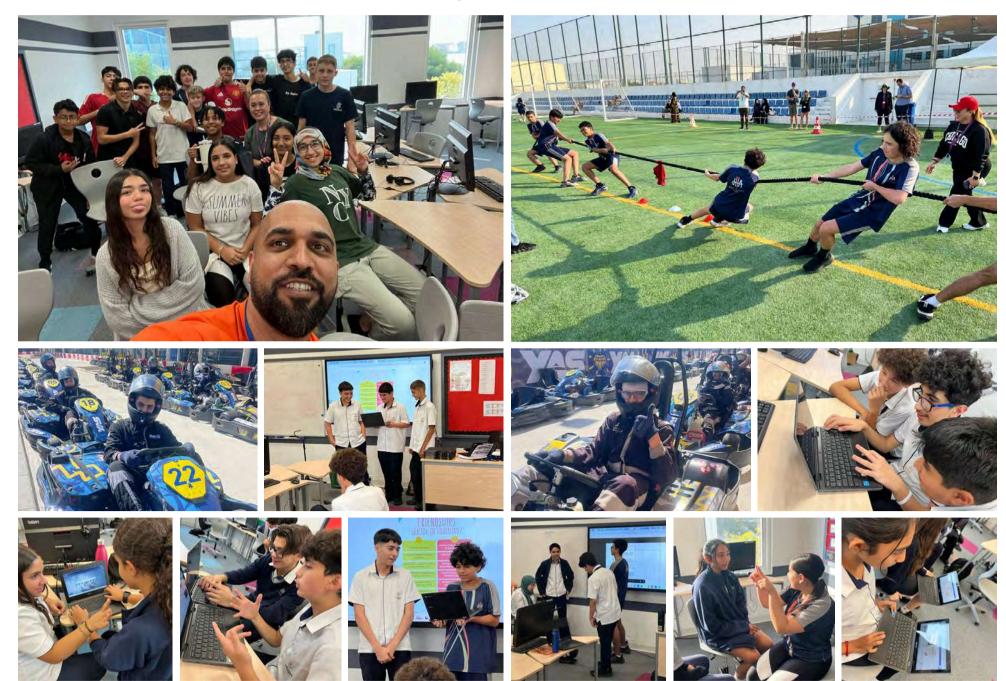
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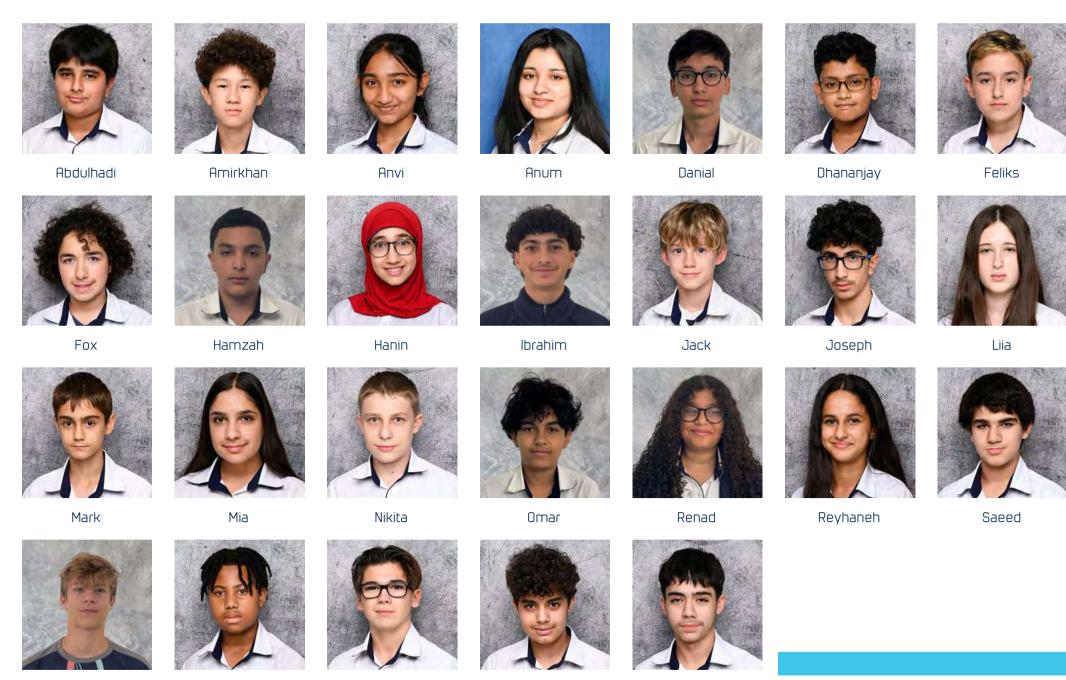


FORM TUTOR Kamran Akbar

It has been a good year for Year 9, and it's been a pleasure getting to know such a vibrant and lively group. As a form, we've had our ups and downs, but the students have shown real growth and maturity along the way. Strong friendships have been formed, and many students have made a positive impression both in and out of the classroom. A number have proudly represented the school in football, rugby, and netball, often playing alongside older year groups. With their enthusiasm, humour, and developing sense of responsibility, Year 9 have made this a truly memorable year.



Mear 9



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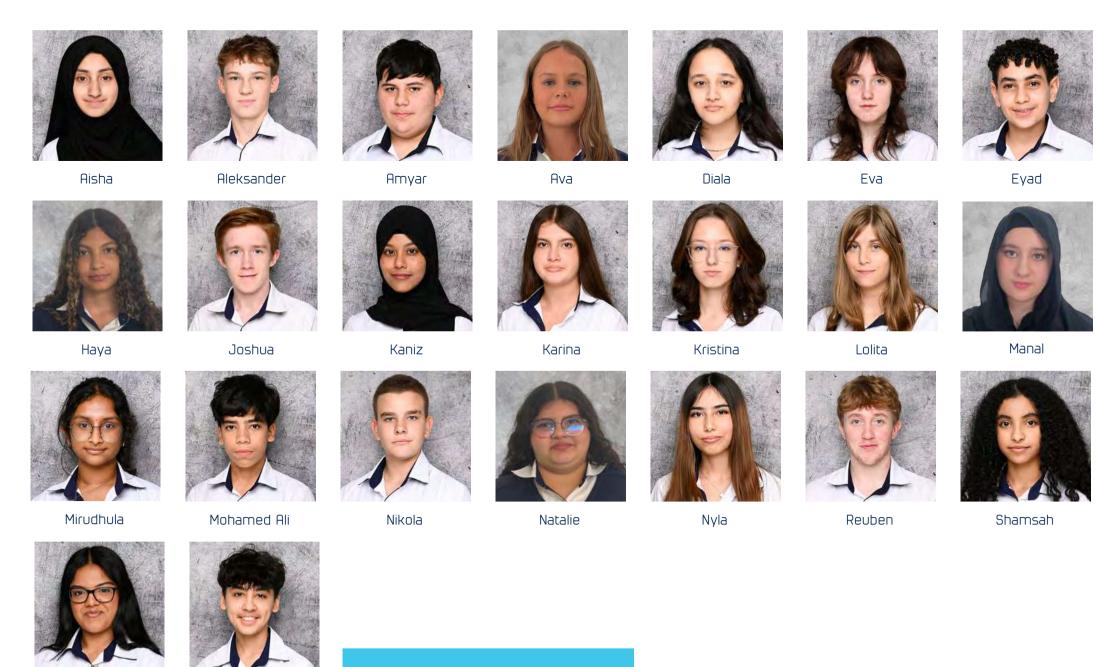
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FORM TUTOR Paul Begley

What a fantastic year it's been for Year 10 as they've grown in confidence and maturity, fully embracing the challenges of Key Stage 4. Many students have already begun their IGCSE courses, showing great commitment, curiosity, and resilience. It's been a pleasure to watch their academic and personal development take shape as they begin to think seriously about their futures. I'm incredibly proud of the hard work and progress they've made this year. Congratulations, Year 10, you've laid strong foundations. Keep aiming high, stay focused, and make Year 11 your best year yet. The finish line is in sight!





Umayra Zarak

Mear 11





FORM TUTOR James Keyworth

What an incredible journey it has been for Year 11, the first graduating class and a true trailblazing group. Through their dedication and determination, they've set a high standard for those who follow. This year, we celebrated our first-ever GCSE Grade 9, a remarkable achievement that reflects the hard work and resilience shown by so many. Watching their growth, not just academically but personally, has been inspiring. They have built a legacy through their effort and perseverance. Congratulations, Year 11, you've made history. Keep believing in yourselves as you take the next steps into your bright futures!





























Curriculum

Art and Design ASDAN Business Studies & Economics Computing Design and Technology Drama English French Geography History Library **Mathematics** Ministry of Education Subjects: Arabic Islamic Studies Moral, Social and Cultural Studies (MSC) Music and Performing Arts Physical Education and Swimming Psychology Science



ART AND DESIGN

SARAH SHEHAB AL DIN, Art & Design Technology lead

This year at Dubai Heights Academy, the Art Department has nurtured creativity and technical skill across all key stages.

Year 7 explored line, tone, and texture through pastel and paint, producing monochromatic portraits of native UAE animals. Year 8 developed their mark making and watercolour techniques, inspired by oceanic forms and the work of Abby Diamond. Year 9 advanced their observational skills through Gothic still life studies, combining mixed media with lino printing. Our iGCSE students have begun their coursework, developing personal themes and drawing from artist inspiration.

We look forward to uncovering more exceptional talent in the year ahead!



Art & Design



ASDAN

SARAH MARNELL, Inclusion Teacher

What a fantastic year it has been in ASDAN lessons!

Years 7 and 9 have been busy planning crafts, exploring cultures around the world, learning about media and, of course, cooking up some delicious food. Our older ASDAN students have excelled in their personal projects: they delighted teachers with the wellbeing café, explored other cultures, and achieved so much more. We were especially fortunate that they had the amazing opportunity to take part in work experience through Dukes the Palm Hotel, where they learned about housekeeping, culinary arts, and customer service.

I'm incredibly proud of everyone's hard work this year and can't wait to see what they accomplish next!



ASDAN

























BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS

JAMES KEYWORTH.

Business Studies, Economics and Maths Lead / Sixth Form Development

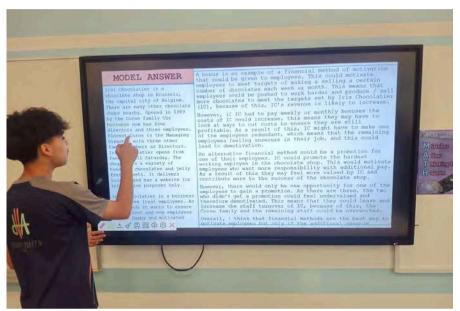
Teaching Business Studies and Economics this year has been an absolute joy. It's been incredibly rewarding to watch students grow in both subjects, developing their entrepreneurial spirit in Business Studies and gaining a deeper understanding of real-world issues through Economics.

From exploring the basics to preparing for GCSEs, students have impressed with their creativity, determination, and hard work. Our first cohort of Year 10 students sitting the GCSE Economics modular exam showed remarkable focus and resilience, confidently applying economic concepts to real-world scenarios. Whether tackling case studies or engaging in critical discussions, their curiosity and growth have made each lesson dynamic and inspiring.

I'm proud of all they have achieved and look forward to seeing how they continue to apply their skills as future entrepreneurs and economists.



BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS

























COMPUTING: PRIMARY

HAYLEY BURROWS,

Primary Computer Science Lead / Social Responsibility and Innovation (DSL)

This year in Computing, students from Year 1 to Year 6 have explored a wide range of digital skills. We began with online safety, learning how to stay safe, be kind and make smart choices online.

In KS1, children used Bee-Bots and ScratchJr to understand basic coding, creating simple journeys and stories. As students moved into KS2, they progressed to Scratch, designing animations, interactive games, and digital art. Across all year groups, pupils developed computer literacy by creating presentations, websites, infographics, and videos to share their learning.

It's been a creative and exciting year full of problem-solving and digital discovery!



COMPUTING: PRIMARY



COMPUTING: SECONDARY

KAMRAN AKBAR,

Computer Science and Digital Learning Lead

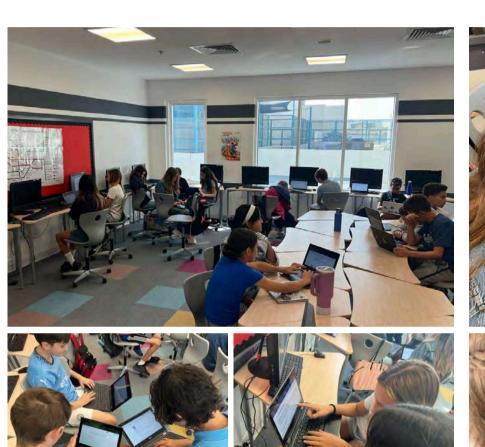
It has been a successful year in the Computer Science department, with students across all year groups showing great enthusiasm and progress.

From developing their programming skills in Python to exploring key theoretical concepts such as system architecture, data representation, and cybersecurity, students have demonstrated growing confidence and ability. Highlights include creative practical work in Year 7 and strong problem-solving from our GCSE students.

It has been a pleasure to witness students engaging in collaborative tasks, coding challenges, and real-world applications of computing. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing their digital learning journey next year.



COMPUTING: SECONDARY























DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

SARAH SHEHAB AL DIN,Art & Design Technology lead

This year at Dubai Heights Academy, the Design Technology Department has focused on building practical skills, creativity, and problem-solving across KS3 and KS4. Some of our KS3 students have explored textiles, designing fuzzy monsters, learning basic stitching and planning.

Groups have also developed paper engineering skills through interactive cityscape pop-up projects, as well as developing CAD skills in preparation for our move into the new secondary building where CAD/CAM will enhance project outcomes. Our iGCSE Year 10 students have worked hard to refine their knowledge of materials, tools, and processes, developing detailed design ideas, models, and evaluations for their coursework.

We're proud of their progress and look forward to next year.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



DRAMA

HOLLY DAVISON, Secondary English Teacher

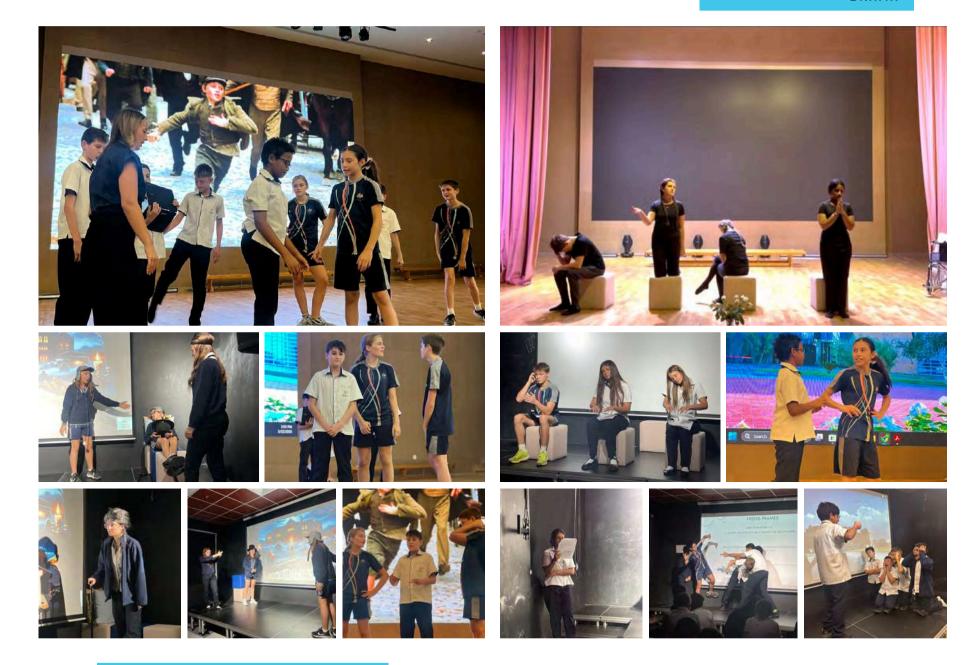
It's been a pleasure to introduce this subject to Dubai Heights Academy - what an incredible year for Drama!

As a brand new curriculum subject, students have thrown themselves into the world of theatre, learning, creating and performing with passion and flair. From bold character work to powerful storytelling, every lesson has been filled with energy and creativity. Our grand finale, the Musical Theatre Showcase, was a spectacular celebration of talent, teamwork and hard work. What a performance! I'm especially proud of our phenomenal Year 10 GCSE Drama students who completed their Devising component with courage and commitment.

I wish you all the best of luck in the future, and as Shakespeare once said: 'All the world's a stage!'



DRAMA



ENGLISH: PRIMARY

HOLLY JOHNSTONE, Key Stage 2 English Lead

We've had a lot of fantastic events and opportunities to develop our English language skills this year at Dubai Heights Academy.

Some highlights include our 'Bookworm Girls' reaching the final of the Chevron Readers competition, hosting the ENDB Poetry competition, participating in the GJPS debate on 'The use of Al in Education', our 'Under the Sea' themed Book Week, speaking at the second 'Reading for Pleasure Conference' and hosting some fantastic local authors!

In between these great experiences, the students have also made time to read almost 3,000 books on MyOn and redesigned their classroom book areas. We hope to achieve even more next year!



ENGLISH: PRIMARY

























ENGLISH: SECONDARY

PAUL BEGLEY, Secondary English Lead

It's been another inspiring year in the English Department, with students across all year groups showing creativity, determination, and a growing love for language and literature.

Year 7 explored poetry with imagination and flair, while Year 8 tackled the world of sport in the media with insight and enthusiasm. Year 9 delved into powerful historical speeches, developing their analytical and oracy skills. At Key Stage 4, Year 10 impressed with their Literature coursework and their focused approach to Paper 1 of the Language course. Year 11 have worked exceptionally hard for their IGCSE exams - I'm hopeful they'll achieve the brilliant results they deserve.



ENGLISH: SECONDARY

























FRENCH

ISSY BAQQARI, French Teacher

Teaching French this year has been an absolute joy. It's been wonderful to see children grow in confidence and enthusiasm, whether they are just starting out or preparing for their GCSEs. Watching students make steady progress, overcome challenges, and develop a real passion for the language has been incredibly rewarding. Their curiosity and hard work have made each lesson engaging and inspiring. I'm proud of all they have achieved this year and excited to see how they continue to flourish in their French learning journey. It's been a truly fulfilling experience as a teacher.



FRENCH

























GEOGRAPHY

LUKE MCGRATH,History and Geography Teacher

This year, geography students have shown exceptional enthusiasm and curiosity as they journeyed through the vast and varied landscapes of our planet.

They have explored everything from physical landforms to cultural diversity with great interest and engagement. By participating in interactive projects, studying maps, and engaging in insightful discussions, they have gained a thorough understanding of geography.

Their dedication to learning has been impressive, and I am confident they will continue to excel in their geographical explorations. It has been a pleasure to teach geography this year, and I look forward to students building on their achievements moving forward.



GEOGRAPHY

























HISTORY

LUKE MCGRATH,History and Geography Teacher

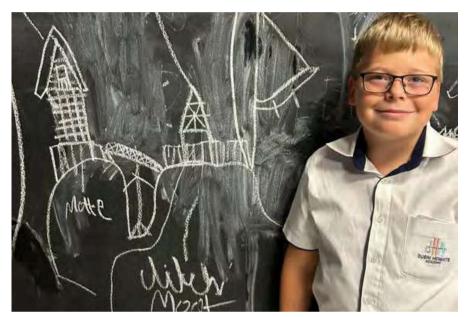
This year, history students have demonstrated outstanding curiosity and a deepening appreciation for the past as they explored key moments and movements that have shaped our world.

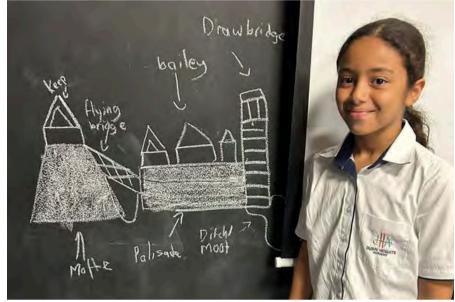
From ancient civilizations to modern global conflicts, students have engaged thoughtfully with historical sources, asked perceptive questions, and developed critical thinking skills through debate, discussion, and inquiry-based learning. Their enthusiasm for uncovering the stories of the past has been inspiring, and their growing ability to make connections between historical events and the present day reflects a strong understanding of the subject.

It has been a privilege to guide students through their historical journey this year, and I am excited to see how they will continue to build on their knowledge and passion for history in the future.

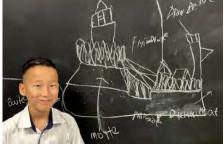


HISTORY

























LIBRARY

SUZANNE KALLOGHLIAN, Librarian

The primary library has had an exceptional year, marked by vibrant events and exciting additions. Book Week was a standout, featuring a bustling book fair, engaging buddy reading sessions, creative art competitions, under the sea discos, visiting authors, and a delightful staff performance.

The library's collection expanded with numerous new titles from ELF Publishing, including captivating children's books like Aisha's Cake and A Dragon Called Blue. A highlight was the introduction of the new Shelf Elves during a special assembly, bringing fresh energy to the library team. Students are enjoying the newly added bean bags, creating cozy reading nooks. The year also saw enthusiastic participation in performance poetry by Years 5 and 6, and interactive storytelling sessions which captivated our younger readers.

It's been a truly remarkable year in the library, fostering a love for reading and creativity amongst our students.



LIBRARY



MATHEMATICS: PRIMARY

MATT CRAZE, Primary Maths Lead

This year has been an incredible journey for Maths across the Primary school! The children's progress has been remarkable, and it was wonderful to see their hard work and achievements highlighted over the academic year. From solving complex problems to building resilience, their growth in mathematical thinking has been inspiring. Highlights included celebrating World Maths Day and participating in exciting STEM activities, sparking creativity and teamwork. It has been a pleasure to watch the children thrive and embrace every challenge with enthusiasm. I can't wait to see what they achieve next year.



MATHEMATICS: PRIMARY











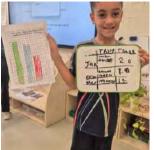














MATHEMATICS: SECONDARY

JAMES KEYWORTH,

Business Studies, Economics and Maths Lead / Sixth Form Development

It's been a pleasure teaching Maths this year and seeing our Year 11 students complete their GCSE exam early, showing great resilience and commitment throughout. Across Key Stage 3, it's been equally rewarding to watch younger students develop their problem-solving skills and grow in confidence. Their enthusiasm, hard work, and determination have made every lesson inspiring. I'm incredibly proud of all they have achieved and excited to see how they continue to build on this strong foundation. It's been a truly fulfilling experience as a teacher.



MATHEMATICS: SECONDARY



























SHAHENDA AHMED

Head of Ministry of Education Subjects

As we conclude another meaningful academic chapter, we celebrate a rich and rewarding journey of growth, discovery, and connection across the years in the Ministry of Education subjects.

These foundational areas. Arabic Islamic Education Social Studies, and Moral Education. are more than just curriculum: they are the threads that together weave identity. values, and vision. They shape young minds into ethical and inquisitive individuals, deeply rooted in their culture and fully engaged with the world around them.

HEAD OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SUBJECTS'S WELCOME

Our mission is to ignite a strong sense of national identity, cultivate character, and empower students with the critical thinking skills and moral compass they need to lead with integrity and purpose. Through every lesson, we strive to honour the richness of the Arabic language and deepen the connection to our heritage and faith.

I am truly proud of our dedicated teachers, whose passion and innovation shine in the classroom; merging tradition with creativity. Their efforts, combined with the support of our families and school community, create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive with confidence and joy.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, with shared hope and commitment, we look forward to many more successful and inspiring school years ahead.





ARABIC

SHAHENDA AHMED,Head of Ministry of Education Subjects

This year, Arabic at Dubai Heights Academy was a journey of creativity, culture, and connection. We brought learning to life through dynamic classroom activities and celebrated the language during Arabic Language Day and Arab Culture Week. Our students, especially non-native speakers, impressed us with their talent in poetry competitions; both internal and external. We proudly participated in the Arab Reading Challenge, and launched meaningful initiatives like "Reading with Our Mothers" and "Arabic lessons" teaching Arabic to non-Arab parents. These efforts not only strengthened language skills but also deepened our students' love for Arabic. It was truly a year to remember.



ARABIC

























ISLAMIC STUDIES

KHOLOD ALAHMAR,Deputy Head of Ministry of Education Subjects

This year has been truly inspiring for our Islamic students at Dubai Heights Academy, marked by remarkable growth in their Islamic knowledge and cultural understanding. From exploring key MOE topics to celebrating the Prophet's Birthday, Eid, and the Hajj season, each event brought learning to life. The holy month of Ramadan fostered a spirit of giving through our community Iftar, meaningful initiatives, and charity drives. Students also took part in a Virtual Hajj and a variety of internal and external competitions, reflecting their dedication and enthusiasm. These experiences have deepened their values and identity. Congratulations to all, may our journey continue with even greater success, Insha'Allah.



ISLAMIC STUDIES

























MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

SHAHENDA AHMED, Head of Ministry of Education Subjects

Moral, Social and Cultural (MSC) studies made this year truly unforgettable. From inspiring lessons to vibrant school events, students explored real-life values like empathy, respect, and social responsibility. Highlights included World Cultures Day, Emirati Women's Day, and Emirati Children's Day, where students celebrated diversity, identity, and unity. MSC wasn't just about learning, it was about living our values. In Term 1, our students proudly joined the Ministry of Education's "Big Green Legacy" initiative, taking action for the environment and sustainability. It's been a powerful year of building character, raising awareness, and preparing students to be thoughtful citizens of tomorrow.



























MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS: PRIMARY

FAITH DECEMBER, Primary Music Teacher

Songs were sung, with "the power in me" guiding us to "still sing" and "try our best". Instruments were learnt and played, and rhythms and melodies created. We auditioned, we performed, and shone on stage, from choir trips to Repton, to hotel lobby floors. We travelled the world through music and through time, meeting cultures and legends past. Through every note and step, every "do-re-mi," we may be Mozarts in the making — if we do believe.



MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS: PRIMARY





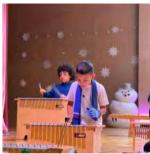




















MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS: SECONDARY

RACHEL SAFFIN, Head of Music and Performing Arts

It's been a vibrant and rewarding year in the Secondary Music Department, with students across all year groups developing their musicality, creativity, and confidence.

Year 7 and 8 explored the ukulele and keyboard, building foundational instrumental skills while learning to perform with accuracy and fluency. They ended the year with a fun and collaborative musical theatre project, combining singing, movement, and ensemble work. Year 9 revisited the ukulele and keyboard with added depth before branching into a Hip Hop composition, where they created original beats and basslines, and finished the year by producing their own podcasts, showcasing their skills in technology and storytelling.

It's been a joy to see students engage so enthusiastically with such a broad and exciting range of musical experiences, and I can't wait to see what everyone achieves musically next year!



MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS: SECONDARY

























PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PAUL KING,Head of Physical Education and ECA Coordinator

This year, students enjoyed a wide range of sports in PE, including athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, dance, dodgeball, football, health-related fitness, netball, personal survival, rounders, rugby, swimming, tennis, and water polo. We proudly competed in DASSA leagues, with standout achievements from our Desert Dance team (Best Message Through Dance), U12 boys' football team and Coach Mr McGrath (league winners), U11 boys' rugby team (league winners), and the Year 3-6 swim squad and Mrs Smith for winning multiple swimming galas. We look forward to moving into our new, state-of-the-art sports hall next year and launching B team squads.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

























SWIMMING

NICOLA SMITH, PE Teacher and Swim Lead

It's been an absolute pleasure to be the Dubai Heights Academy Swim Lead this year!

Both our primary and secondary pupils have really enjoyed their curriculum swimming lessons; building water confidence and refining their stroke techniques along the way. It's been fantastic to see so many students making the most of the chance to swim every week. Our Primary and Secondary swimming squads have had an outstanding year, showing real determination, team spirit, and resilience. Their dedication during training and the way they supported each other truly paid off, with some brilliant results, including impressive first-place finishes and qualification for the prestigious Hamdan Finals! Looking ahead, the energy and commitment shown by all our swimmers this year set the stage for even more success in the future

A big well done to everyone involved. What a year it's been!



SWIMMING









PRIMARY GIRLS ATHLETICS

PRIMARY BOYS ATHLETICS

U9 GIRLS BASKETBALL







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YEAR 3 AND 4 SWIM

U11 BOYS RUGBY







YEAR 6 SWIM



SECONDARY SWIM

PSYCHOLOGY

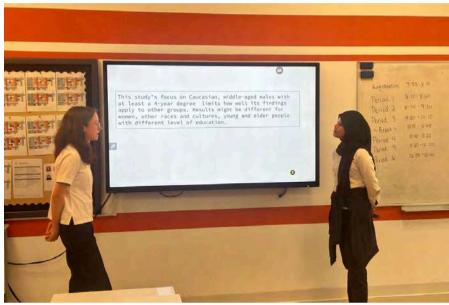
SARAH MARNELL, Inclusion Teacher

The first GCSE Psychology class at Dubai Heights Academy has had an exciting year. Students explored childhood development, memory, psychological problems and the brain and neuropsychology. They have debated different issues like holism versus reductionism and nature versus nurture, strengthening their reasoning and public speaking skills. They have developed their creativity, presentation, and collaboration skills through fantastic 3D models of the brain. It's been a joy to see them so comprehensively engage with the material and I know they'll all achieve the amazing results they deserve next year!



PSYCHOLOGY











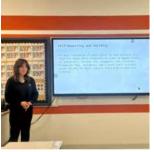














SCIENCE: PRIMARY

CHARLOTTE WILLIAMSON, Primary Science Lead

It's been a thrilling year for the Primary Science Department! Our young scientists have explored, experimented, and investigated the world around them through hands-on learning and working scientifically. From exciting trips exploring forces and states of matter, to planting seeds and observing their growth, curiosity has been at the heart of every lesson. A highlight was creating models of the solar system and taking part in a STEM Day challenge where children designed, built, and tested flood-proof shelters, perfect for tackling Dubai's weather! We're incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and growing scientific thinking. The future looks bright – and curious!



SCIENCE: PRIMARY

























SCIENCE: SECONDARY

RABEKAH MELCHIZEDEK, Secondary Science Lead

This year in Science has been an inspiring journey of curiosity, growth, and achievement across Years 7 to 11. One of the absolute highlights was seeing students shine during their independent science projects – their creativity, dedication, and excitement were nothing short of brilliant. Whether it was launching into new topics or tackling challenging experiments, every class brought enthusiasm and fresh perspectives. Watching students develop not just their scientific knowledge, but also their confidence and independence, has been incredibly rewarding. I'm so proud of their progress and can't wait to see where their scientific curiosity takes them next!



SCIENCE: SECONDARY

























Learning Enrichment

Inclusion
Wellbeing
More Able, Gifted and Talented
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Student Leadership
Eco Warriors
Residential Trips
International Trip: Azerbaijan and Sri Lanka

Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs)







TERRIE SPENCER
Head of Inclusion

This year has been filled with fun, multi-sensory activities to support students' learning and progress across the school.

Our Alternative Curriculum Pathway (ACP) in secondary has been enhanced to include. a bespoke work experience programme and Entry Level certifications for Maths and English.

HEAD OF INCLUSION'S WELCOME



One of our inclusion highlights this year has been the creation of a New Unified Sports Team, consisting of a diverse group of students, including Students of Determination. The team represented our school at events across Dubai, including a cricket tournament!

'This is Me' days have continued to be as popular as ever, and awareness days focused on Autism, Dyslexia and Down Syndrome generated engaging conversations and insightful questions amongst the community – promoting greater understanding and acceptance of individual needs.

INCLUSION





ARUSHI BHATIA

Head of Wellbeing

At Dubai Heights Academy, the wellbeing of every student lies at the heart of all we do. We believe that a happy, emotionally secure, and supported child is one who thrives and we are proud to be recognised as an Outstanding Wellbeing School by KHDA.

This year, we were delighted to host our very first Wellbeing Carnival, welcoming students from across Dubai for a day of joy, connection, and community. We were especially honoured to have Her Excellency Aisha Miran, Director General of KHDA, attend and celebrate the occasion with us.

HEAD OF WELLBEING'S WELCOME



Throughout the year, our wellbeing journey has been enriched by a series of vibrant and meaningful events: from parent mental health celebrations. Joy Box donations, and themed activities around International Days, including Families, Peace, and Happiness. Each of these moments helped strengthen the spirit of empathy, togetherness, and resilience

A special milestone this year was the launch of our Harmony Hub. DHA Parent Townhall, a platform designed to foster open dialogue, shared learning, and stronger parent-school collaboration in support of our children's wellbeing.

As we reflect on a year full of growth, care, and connection, we remain committed to championing a school culture where every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to flourish.

WELLBEING





















MORE ABLE, GIFTED AND TALENTED

TERRIE SPENCER, Head of Inclusion

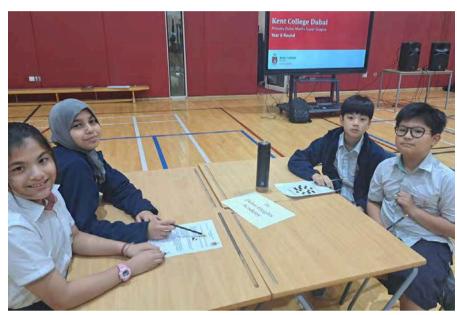
In addition to the challenges our More Able, Gifted and Talented pupils have received in class, they have also participated in bespoke ECAs and external competitions against students from across the UAE.

The F1 STEM ECA was new to our enrichment programme this year. Students had fun: using Al to design their own team logo, collaborating with peers and designing their very own Formula 1 cars.

This year, for the first time, some of our Gifted and Talented Mathematicians entered the Maths Middle East competition online to test their wits against students from across the GCC. All of our students progressed beyond the first round! Students were also active in the enrichment league, representing our school in Maths competitions in both Dubai and Sharjah.



MORE ABLE, GIFTED AND TALENTED

























MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

KAMRAN AKBAR,

Computer Science and Digital Learning Lead

HAYLEY BURROWS,

Primary Computer Science Lead

This year, our collaboration with MIT provided students across all year groups with a rich, engaging, and hands-on learning experience focused on Artificial Intelligence and future-focused technologies. The MIT-developed curriculum blended practical skills with digital concepts, sparking curiosity and meaningful discussions around how AI impacts our daily lives. Students explored AI through interactive activities such as building chatbots, programming robots, and controlling drones. Year 6 followed an extended programme, even introducing their chatbots to KS1 students, while Year 8 and Year 9 concluded the year with an exciting Capstone Project where they developed their own Alpowered apps using App Inventor. A highlight of the programme was the visit from MIT Technologists, who led dynamic workshops that further enriched the students' learning experience and brought AI to life in the classroom.







STUDENT LEADERSHIP

HAYLEY BURROWS,

Primary Computer Science Lead / Social Responsibility and Innovation (DSL)

This year, student leadership has been an exciting part of school life. From leading events to supporting their peers, students have shown great responsibility and teamwork. Our Student Council, with members from every year group, shared thoughtful ideas to help improve our school. During Pinktober, they raised money for cancer research by selling pink wristbands and ribbons, showing real care and commitment. Each year group also planned their own end of year event with impressive creativity. KS2 play leaders made breaktimes fun and inclusive by running games for younger students. Our digital leaders joined an online safety workshop and proudly shared what they learned across the school. Well done to all our young leaders!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

























ECO WARRIORS AND SUSTAINABILITY

MARY CONNOLLY, Sustainability Lead

This year, students took part in eco-projects such as growing vegetables in our hydroponics lab, creating art from recycled materials, learning about renewable energy on Earth Day, and joining a Sustainable Fashion Show, where they showcased creative outfits made from recycled and upcycled materials. Our Eco Warriors proudly represented the school at BSME and TASS events. We were delighted to welcome Dave Enders from Masdar, who planted a tree and spoke about renewable energy. The Eco Warriors also enjoyed a visit from Gaurika Gautam, who inspired us with her talk on the importance of mangroves. Together, we've taken steps towards a greener future.



ECO WARRIORS AND SUSTAINABILITY

























Residental Trips: Years 3 and 4 Ras al Khaimah









CHARLOTTE PICKERING, Year 3 Teacher

Our Year 3 residential trip was an unforgettable adventure filled with laughter, friendship, and new experiences. We worked together in exciting team-building activities, cheered each other on in games, and discovered just how much we could achieve when we supported one another. Camping under the stars with friends was a highlight, sharing stories, playing games, and enjoying the magic of the outdoors.

Evenings were made extra special as we gathered around the campfire to roast marshmallows and reflect on our amazing days. It was a trip full of fun, courage, and memories that will stay with us forever.

















Residental Trips: Years 5 and 6 Ras al Khaimah









ZENA GROOM, Year 5 Teacher

Our residential trip to the mountains of Ras Al Khaimah was a brilliant experience for all of Year 5 and 6. From conquering the rock climbing wall to completing a tough uphill hike, everyone pushed themselves and supported each other. We loved roasting marshmallows around the campfire, making new friends, and sharing stories under the stars – even if it was a bit chilly in the tents! And of course, the evening trips to the shop for ice creams was a definite highlight. It was a fantastic few days full of adventure, laughter, and lasting memories.







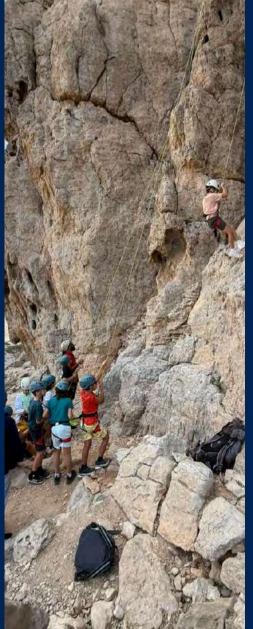












International Trips

Azerbaijan









MATT CRAZE, Year 6 Teacher

This year. Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to venture to Shahdag. Azerbaijan, for an unforgettable school ski trip with Miss Williamson and myself. The week was filled with laughter, countless falls and incredible progress on the slopes. Some of the spectacular tumbles will live long in memory, especially Miss Williamson's impressive effort in clearing out everyone else on the beginner slope! Despite the spills, everyone showed amazing resilience and improved their skiing skills tremendously. From snowy adventures to shared stories in the evenings, the trip was packed with fun and camaraderie. It was truly a standout experience!

















Sri Lanka

International Trips









KIRA HAUGHIAN, PE Teacher / Community Partnerships & International Lead

Our second international trip to Sri Lanka was a truly enriching experience, blending adventure with meaningful community work. Students took part in a variety of service projects, including donating supplies to a local school, painting and decorating classrooms to enhance learning spaces, participating in a beach clean-up, and contributing to vital turtle conservation efforts. The trip not only allowed students to make a positive impact, but also to immerse themselves in the local culture and environment. To top it all off, they embraced the waves and learned to surf - an unforgettable way to bond, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories.



















EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAS)

PAUL KING, ECA Coordinator

This year's ECA programme was a fantastic success, giving students the chance to explore new interests and develop skills beyond the curriculum. A wide range of clubs ran across the year, including cooking, chess, Lego, robotics, board games, mindfulness, reading, coding, and art. Students showed great enthusiasm, creativity, and collaboration in every session. A big thank you to all staff and students who contributed to the success of our ECAs. Your energy and commitment helped create a fun and enriching experience for all. We look forward to offering even more exciting clubs next year!



ECAS

























PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)



NOSHIN HAMMAD, PTA Chairperson

What a wonderful year! It's been an absolute pleasure working alongside passionate individuals all coming together to build a supportive school community. This year has been filled with exciting initiatives and memorable events, and the PTA team had a fantastic time collaborating on each and every one of them.

We kicked off the year with a spectacular Winter Concert, followed by a vibrant Book Week, where we brought the school corridors to life with themed decorations. One of the highlights was the magical Under the Sea disco - a joyful event where children had fun and created lasting memories.

Mid-year, we organised a successful secondhand uniform sale, and we're proud to share that the funds raised supported a charitable cause in collaboration with the Dar Al Ber Society. Shortly after, we hosted a hugely popular Bake Sale. It was a massive hit among the students, a stress-free event full of sweet temptations and happy faces. This, too, was a charitable initiative, with proceeds going toward furnishing a home in Kenya, again in partnership with the Dar Al Ber Society.

What an amazing year it has been! We are truly grateful for the shared spirit of giving, creativity, and community. We're already looking forward to many more such endeavours in the future and would love to see even more parents join us on this wonderful journey!

























Our Staff



Leadership Team
Class Teachers in EYFS
Class Teachers in Key Stage 1
Class Teachers in Key Stage 2 and Subject Leaders
Form Tutors in Key Stage 3 and 4 and Subject Specialists
Subject Specialists
Arabic and Islamic Team
Inclusion and Well-being Team
Medical Team
Learning Assistants
Admin Team
Facility and Maintenance Team
Security Team
Animals of Dubai Heights Academy

Leadership Team



Alison Lamb Principal



Rob HitchingsVice Principal and Head
of Secondary



Kenneth Lyon Head of Primary



Terrie Spencer Head of Inclusion



Scott Goldstein Assistant Head of Secondary



Katie StatonAssistant Head of Primary and Head of Early Years



Shahenda Ahmed Head of Ministry of Education Subjects



Kholod AlahmarDeputy Head of Ministry of Education Subjects

Class Teachers in ENAS



Sakeena Nawaz FS1 Green



Melissa Conchie FS1 Purple



Dolly Bradley Barnard FS1 Yellow



Pamela Snell FS2 Green



Hayley Shaw FS2 Purple



Lauren Fitzgibbon FS2 Yellow



Ruvina Davetawalu FS2 Yellow (Supply Teacher)



Shareen Ellahi FS2 Blue

Class Teachers in Key Stage 1



Nooren Masterson Year 1 Green



Erin Doody Year 1 Purple and EYFS & Key Stage 1 English Lead



Megan Elwell Year 1 Yellow



Chelsea Peachey Year 2 Green



Lauren Markham Year 2 Purple



Hannah Kalloghlian Year 2 Yellow

Class Teachers in Key stage 2 and Subject Specialists



Charlotte Pickering Year 3 Green



Michaela Boltman Year 3 Purple



Charlotte Williamson Year 3 Blue and Primary Science Lead



Chloe Lydon Year 4 Agua



Christopher Doyle Year 4 Yellow



Zena Groom Year 5 Agua



Mary Connolly Year 5 Blue and Sustainability Lead



Holly Johnstone Year 5 Yellow and KS2 English Lead



Danielle Walsh Year 6 Green



Matt CrazeYear 6 Purple and
Primary Maths Lead

Form Tutors in Key stage 3 and 4 and Subject Specialists



George Foster Year 7A and Science Teacher



Luke McGrath Year 7B, History and Geography Teacher



Issy Baqqari Year 8A and French Teacher



Rabekah Melchizedek Year 8B and Secondary Science Lead



Kamran Akbar Year 9, Computer Science and Digital Learning Lead



Paul Begley Year 10 and Secondary English Lead



James Keyworth Year 11, Business Studies, Economics and Maths Lead / Sixth Form Development

Subject Specialists



Scott Goldstein Assistant Head of Secondary and Geography Teacher



Paul King Head of PF



Kira Haughian
PE Teacher / Community
Partnerships &
International Lead



Joshua Corver PE Teacher



Nicola Smith PE Teacher and Swim Lead



Sarah Shehab Al Din Design Technology and Art Teacher



Hayley Burrows
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Science Lead / Social
Responsibility and
Innovation (DSL)



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Faith December Music Teacher



Holly Davison Secondary English Teacher



Danielle Martin Secondary Maths Teacher

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Eman Nazzal Arabic Teacher



Sumaia Shatnawi Arabic Teacher



Iman Moustafa Arabic Teacher



Riham Salameh Arabic Teacher



Abeer Al Naseri Arabic Teacher



Rufaida Al Kharabsheh Islamic Teacher



Rabab Housino EYFS Arabic Teacher



Lubna ObeidEYFS Arabic Teacher



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Inclusion Team



Terrie Spencer Head of Inclusion



Elaine Irvine Inclusion Teacher



Sarah Marnell Inclusion Teacher



Allison Buckley
Inclusion and
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Ingrid BabayanEAL Teacher



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Jane DeekSpeech and Language
Therapist



Shirley Vardi MbodE Therapist



Natalia Klepikova EAL HLTA



Shaikha Al Mutaiwei Inclusion / Wellbeing HLTA



Shareen Hussain Inclusion / Wellbeing HLTA

Well-being Feam / Medical Feam



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School Counsellor



Kira HaughianPE Teacher / Community
Partnerships and International
Lead



Shaikha Al Mutaiwei Inclusion / Wellbeing HI TA



Shareen Hussain Inclusion / Wellbeing HLTA



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Marion Mendoza School Nurse

Learning Assistants



Franchette Paniagua FS1 Green



Cristina Layoso FS1 Purple



Ruvina Davetawalu FS1 Yellow



Rochelle Argoncillo FS2 Yellow



Rehna Santosh FS2 Blue



Elizabeth Awour FS2 Purple



Natasha Azad FS2 Green



Courtenay O'Neill Year 1 Green



Aiza Padua Year 1 Purple



Daisy La Madrid Year 1 Yellow



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Maryam Khan Year 2 Purple



Raquel Fernandes Year 2 Yellow

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Emalyn Del Rosario Year 3 Blue



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Aynah Regalario Year 4 Yellow



Gayelle Ndifon Year 5 Agua



Michelle Monteagudo Year 5 Yellow



Tracshell Jinwin Year 5 Blue



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Heba Nabil Year 6 Green

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Warren Jones Acacio Science Learning Assistant & Technician



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Shaikha Al Mutaiwei Inclusion / Wellbeing HLTA



Shareen Hussain Inclusion / Wellbeing HLTA

Admin Jean



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Cheryl Maglasang HR Assistant and School Administrator



Neli Koeva Office Manager



Chonalyn LusayaEYFS Receptionist /
School Administrator



Mona Al Zeyoudi Reception Admin Assistant



Chantine DaveyAdmissions and Customer
Experience Manager



Ekta Menda Admissions Executive



Claire Van Dam Admissions Administrator and Transport Coordinator



Maitha Al Ameemi Admissions Assistant



Rabee DabasKHDA and Arabic Liaison
Administrator

Admin Jean



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Abdul Ghany Finance Manager



Manaf Thekkepurayil Accountant



Christina Punnose Cashier



Gilbert Bronkhorst Facilities Manager



Arvind Krishnan Facilities Supervisor



Suzanne Kalloghlian Librarian



Anoud Al Ansari Library Administrator



Shamsa Al Ajmani Library Assistant



Hamda Almheiri Library Assistant

Admin Team



Sunisa LeeMarketing, Communication
and Events Manager



Alyazya Al Mansoori Marketing, Communication and Events Admin



Istiqama School Development Consultant



Tobias Wandera IT Technician & Systems Administrator / AV Events Support



Lini Gomez Data / IT Manager



Maryam Admin Manager



Tarifah Admin Officer

Facility and Maintenance Team / Security Team



Front row starting from left to right: Rabina Danuwar, Sangibani Thamang, Masali Maya, Anuja Azeez, Mamatha Kawar, Kalpana Sanuvar, Kamala Tapa, Amritha thamang, Pashupathi Ra Middle Row starting left to right: Sanitha Thamang, Manisha Back row starting left to right: Samimalai, Muhammad Usman, Hameed Bayas. Srikanth Kamtam, Bala Murugan, Ramu Bojja,

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Adnan Amjad



Noman Khalil



Rameez Hasan



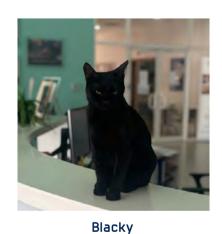
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