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PASSION  
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A FUTURE SHAPED BY OUR CHILDREN



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**WELCOME TO  
WEST YAS  
ACADEMY.  
ONE OF ALDAR  
ACADEMIES'  
PREMIER  
SCHOOLS  
IN ABU DHABI.**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## Dear Parents,

I hope you will consider Aldar's West Yas Academy to meet the educational needs of your children. Our new school opened in August 2016 with just under 300 students in KG1 to Grade 6. We occupy a 21<sup>st</sup> Century school located on Yas Island near the mall. Our accomplished faculty are from many countries around the world. Together, we make West Yas Academy an emerging school of choice in Abu Dhabi.

Our school is unique in that we offer the American/Massachusetts Common Core Curriculum. This challenging set of learning standards is recognized as a leading curriculum. The Common Core will be taught in English, Math, Science and Social Studies. All of our student take Arabic either as a native or second language. Other quality elements of our curriculum include: Islamic Studies, UAE Social Studies, Physical Education, Health, Music, Art and Technology. We offer an after school enrichment program of clubs, activities and sports.

We are developing a school culture uplifting the Aldar Values. Our students need to see Excellence as a daily expectation. Respect between our students and faculty provide the climate to learn. Creativity give students the openness to express themselves in lessons. Collaboration builds teamwork which is a key measure of success in life. Passion is evident with the enthusiasm of an involved learner.

In the future, West Yas Academy will open middle school grades 7 and 8 and then high school grades 9-12. Our goal is clearly to produce a school graduate fully able to be successful in a university and life. Please schedule a visit to our new school soon.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Casey Cosgray,  
Principal**

# LEADERS OF EDUCATION

## ABOUT ALDAR ACADEMIES

An education is one of the most valuable things we can possess. It influences how we see the world and contribute to it, which is why it's so important to choose the best school for your children.

As Abu Dhabi's largest and leading education provider, Aldar Academies aims to be your first choice.

From one 247-student facility in 2007, we've grown into a highly sought after institution supporting over 5,000 pupils across six academies in Abu Dhabi and one in Al Ain.

Today, we are led by three simple commitments: our purpose, our promise, and our values.

Our purpose is to empower the next generation to shape our future, and to do so, we promise to deliver the highest standards of education and inspire a love of learning. In all that we do, our values of excellence, creativity, passion, respect, and collaboration are unshakeable.

These commitments shape our entire curricula, which is specially adapted to the UAE and taught by teachers of international calibre and experience. Together, this gives our students a highly relevant education taught in a stimulating, multi-cultural setting, where intellectual development is nurtured alongside personal growth.

And to deliver the education most suited to our students' ambition, we offer the respected English National Curriculum with an international dimension, the highly ranked American Massachusetts State Curriculum, and the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

Ranked "Outstanding" by the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC), Aldar Academies is the trusted name in educational excellence across Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.



## OUR PURPOSE

# EMPOWERING OUR NEXT GENERATION TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE

This is our “**big idea**”. It is what we are determined to achieve and the legacy we wish to leave. It is our intention and what we want to ensure happens.

## OUR PROMISE

# DELIVERING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND INSPIRING A LOVE OF LEARNING

This is our commitment.  
This is what we do as a team every day.  
This is what others can expect from us and what we can expect in return.  
This is the way we do things.

# OUR VALUES



## **EXCELLENCE**

**What we do, we do very well.**

We all help students learn and achieve the highest standards. We employ the best quality people. We deliver value and quality beyond expectations. We achieve peak performance by investing in the best techniques, creating and sharing exceptional facilities and using the latest technologies. We encourage and actively support personal and professional development. We act with integrity and continually learn and improve.



## **CREATIVITY**

**We dream big!**

We believe that imagination, creativity and big dreams can change our world! We are focused on improvements and solutions. We empower our staff and students to be innovative, unconstrained and change our world. We celebrate thinkers and doers. We celebrate new ideas and nurture them.



## **PASSION**

**We have fun and energy.**

Passion is at the heart of who we are. We want to shape a better future. We are committed in our hearts and in our minds. We feel strongly about things. We inspire. We are driven, enthusiastic, positive and ambitious. We are excited about the future. We are continuously moving forward, innovating and improving things.



## **RESPECT**

**We care.**

We are welcoming. We listen. We care for all people and our environment. We promote understanding and learning. We do what is right, rather than what is easy. We know it takes people with different ideas, strengths, interests and cultural backgrounds to help us all succeed. We are each important and unique.



## **COLLABORATION**

**We do things better, together.**

We value teamwork and doing things together. We help each other. We achieve our goals together. We share ideas, best practices, resources, processes and opportunities. We understand the importance and values of others. We communicate well. We share the love of learning and empowering the next generation. We know the power of collective genius.

# CURRICULUM

West Yas Academy opened in August 2016 on Yas Island, Abu Dhabi. The school is organized into four phases: Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Following the Massachusetts curriculum requirements, West Yas will follow the range of designated subjects in all phases. For the academic year 2016-17 we will offer classes from Kindergarten 1 to Grade 6.

## KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten (KG) includes both KG1 and KG2.

The minimum age for entry to KG1 is three years, eight months on the 1st of September 2016 (or four years old by the 1st of January, 2017).

## ELEMENTARY

Our Elementary school is for students in Grades 1 to 5.

The curriculum includes Arabic, English Language Arts, mathematics, science, social studies, Islamic studies (for Muslim students), health and physical education, the creative arts and Integrated Learning.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Middle School is for students in Grades 6 to 8. From Grade 6, in addition to the core areas of learning, a range of elective subjects will be offered. The core curriculum subjects for both the Middle and High Schools are Arabic, English Language Arts, Islamic studies (for Muslim students), mathematics, science, social studies, health and physical education, the creative arts, modern foreign languages and 'Integrated Learning.' The elective subjects are information technology, economics, business education, United States history, pre-Calculus, electronics and computer coding.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Our High School will be for students in Grades 9 to 12. West Yas will offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses during the latter high school years, which are taught using syllabi that can later be credited to degree programs in many U.S. and Canadian universities. Our students will graduate with an Aldar Academies West Yas Diploma at the end of Grade 12. The diploma will be recognized through accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), a robust body that verifies the quality of schools in the U.S. and internationally. The diploma will be granted based upon a combination of course work and final examinations, including AP exams. Students' overall grade point averages (GPA) will be calculated from all assessments to facilitate their entry to colleges and universities.



At West Yas Academy we offer the Massachusetts Curriculum, which is the most highly regarded in the United States. It has strong links with higher education institutions such as Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Consequently, the curriculum places strong emphasis on science, technology and literacy across all subjects. There is a heavy emphasis on co-curricular pursuits that foster well rounded students. The Massachusetts Curriculum has proven to be well structured, challenging and effectively delivered. Students in Massachusetts have made the greatest gains in learning among all 50 states since 2000. The curriculum prepares students for life after school, providing regular opportunities for inquiry, innovation, critical thinking, collaboration and leadership. The Massachusetts curriculum is globally recognized because it prepares students for universities in the US and internationally. We have already established links with New York University here in Abu Dhabi to facilitate university access and international opportunities and broaden the learning experiences of our students. We will extend similar links to universities both inside the UAE and the US.

A strength of the Massachusetts curriculum is the emphasis upon literacy across the curriculum. Our students will develop their skills in English and Arabic outside of their language lessons. Teachers of all subjects will facilitate meaningful links with both languages in their lessons. We will also offer modern foreign language options to our students. West Yas students will learn by collaborating and solving problems together. Our teachers will focus closely on the individual strengths and learning needs of every child, tailoring the curriculum to suit individual children. The curriculum is broad and balanced. Students will develop skills in mathematics, science, the creative arts and information technology. From the earliest stages, our students will be encouraged to understand the importance of the local and global communities and be actively involved in them.



EVEREADING

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When? How? Who? Where?

How to Hide a Lion

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## **MUSIC IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ART FORMS, IT IS ALSO A GREAT WAY FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP BETTER MEMORY AND IMPROVE THEIR ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS.**

### **Aldar Academies School of Music**

Music is not only one of the most beautiful art forms, it is also a great way for students to develop better memory and improve their organisational skills. The singing and instrumentation classes offered at Aldar Academies School of Music are a perfect complement to your child's academic studies. Sessions are 30 minutes long and conveniently set according to his or her class schedule.

The instrumental music service provides not only professional tuition from qualified staff, but also a very competitive instrument hire scheme to enable parents to overcome issues of costly instrument purchase. A wide range of instruments are currently available for study. These include Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Alto Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium and Voice training.

Aldar Academies School of Music offers students a wide range of performing opportunities and activities. Students take part in school orchestras, string ensembles, brass groups, rock groups, recorder groups, keyboard classes, junior and senior choirs, flute choirs and theory classes. All ensembles are active in frequent public performances, monthly student recitals, solo performances, preparation of ABRSM examinations, workshops and termly concerts.



# FACILITIES



West Yas Academy is a purpose built, exceptionally well resourced school. Our generously sized classrooms will enable interactive learning by all students in all subjects. We have purpose-built play facilities for our Kindergarten and Elementary students.

Our computing resources are modern and we have a very well stocked library that helps inspire a love of reading and enables research to be undertaken.

We will offer excellent facilities for a range of traditional US sports, including volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer. Both the large and small playing fields have artificial turf for use in all kinds of weather. The Elementary, Middle and High School sports areas include indoor and outdoor viewing galleries. There are two large swimming pools for girls and boys.



The school has abundantly equipped music rooms for vocal and instrumental lessons, along with a large auditorium where assemblies and performances are regularly held. There is a large medical clinic with qualified nurses on duty throughout the school day.

There are specialist science and electronics laboratories, art, design and textile studios, as well as design technology and food technology rooms. West Yas Academy has on-site prayer-rooms for our Muslim students and staff members. A new mosque is located only 150 meters away from the school.



# AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Life outside the classroom will be rich and varied for West Yas Academy students. Many opportunities will be available, including soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, Jiu Jitsu, vocal music, baking, Decoupage, Drawing, Drama, Yearbook, Mathematics, French, Spanish, Quran, just to name a few. We will offer ECAs for students from Grade 1 to 6. The timings for ECAs are 2:45 to 3:45pm for Grades 1 to 5, and 3:15 to 4:15 for Grades 6.



Basketball



Soccer



Swimming



Athletics



Art



Music





# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## HEALTH

West Yas Academy is staffed by a full-time school nurse who provides health related services for all students throughout the day. The nurse is registered and licensed with Health Authority Abu Dhabi (HAAD). She provides first aid, administers medicine and, if necessary, refers students to medical practitioners or emergency services. The nurse also works with doctors to manage the health of students who have chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes. She also conducts weight, height and vision screening, co-ordinate the vaccination programme. The nurse also provides cover for home sporting fixtures held outside of school hours.

The West Yas Academy building has been upgraded to a very high standard, with much attention being paid to health and safety. For instance, the courtyard floors are covered with a safe surface, and much of the exterior learning area is shaded. The school has detailed policies to ensure child welfare and protection are a priority.

## SCHOOL HYGIENE

School hygiene is of the utmost importance and we strive to provide a clean learning environment for all students in our care. There are a high set of standards for hygiene and sanitation across all Aldar Academies schools, from providing safe water and sanitation facilities to carefully monitoring food and drink preparation and distribution across all our schools. By combining superb facilities, correct behavioural practices and education, students enjoy coming to school, love learning, and take back to their homes the same concepts and practices on sanitation and hygiene.



## SECURITY

Safeguarding our students is the highest priority at West Yas Academy. In order to support this a well-trained team of trusted security staff ensure safe arrival and departure of students and parents and visitors throughout each day, as well as maintaining high standards of organisation and support through lunchtimes and during the many community events held at the school. The school is a secure site and access is managed through clear policies and procedures to ensure that students, staff, parents and community members are safe at all times and buildings are protected 24 hours a day.

# ADDED VALUE

## THE ADDED ALDAR VALUE

Innovative teaching methods at Aldar Academies help our students develop initiative, leadership, problem-solving skills and a love of learning. With private leading education in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, our students benefit from superb learning environments, Arabic studies and different curricula taught by internationally qualified teachers of a high calibre.

Inter-school competitive programmes include academic, sports, music and drama fixtures ensuring a healthy competitive spirit. Our teachers' in-teaching programmes and conferences keep them abreast of best teaching methods and up-to-date practices. Aldar Academies' profits are re-invested into the developments of our schools, our facilities, and the learning experiences we are able to offer.

Aldar Academies strong partnership with the Abu Dhabi Education Council which also regulates Al Ain and overseas school ratings, means that Aldar Academies is set to play an ever increasing role in the development of innovative education across the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

## SCHOOL FEES

Registration: A non-refundable registration fee of AED 500 on application plus 5% of the total school fees are payable on confirmation of a place at West Yas Academy. Students transferring from another Aldar Academies school are not required to pay the registration fee again. To apply online, please go to: [www.aldaracademies.com](http://www.aldaracademies.com)

### Fees schedule for the academic year\*

(3 installments - payable by September, January, April).

YEAR GROUP	AED	TERMLY (in advance)
KG1	51,000	17,000
KG2	51,000	17,000
G1	53,000	17,666
G2	53,000	17,666
G3	53,000	17,666
G4	53,000	17,666
G5	53,000	17,666
G6	57,000	19,000

\* School fees are subject to change, contact the school for confirmation.





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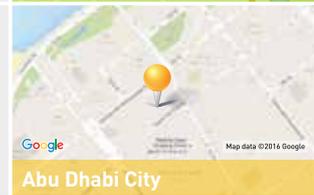
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