



Beyond The Ordinary.

Prospectus
2019-2020

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Welcome from the Principal .

Choosing the right school to bring out the best in your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make.

At Raha International School, a member of the Taaleem family of schools, we believe that a successful education is all about inspired, imaginative teaching, centred on the learner as an individual. We nurture students not only to achieve academic success but also to become true global citizens. Raha is an International Baccalaureate World School catering for all grades from Early Years 1 to Grade 12. Our school community is made up of over 2,000 students from over 80 nations who collectively speak 45 mother tongues. We pride ourselves on being a big school but a small family!

Raha is the first school in Abu Dhabi to achieve accreditation in the full IB curriculum. The IB is internationally acclaimed and respected for its relevance to today's multicultural and increasingly global society. We are also one of only a few schools, and the first K-12 school in Abu Dhabi, to be awarded the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) highest rating of "Outstanding", an amazing achievement for our staff and students.

Our programmes feature an inquiry approach that aligns student interest with what they learn, thereby enriching their natural curiosity and promoting a love of learning. Our team of internationally-experienced, skilled and passionate teachers model the attributes of the IB Learner Profile and encourage students to "respect themselves, others and the world around them".

A strong sense of common purpose pervades our learning community. We believe that trust and strong parental participation are an integral part of a quality education and we see parents as our partners in their children's learning journey.

Thank you for your expression of interest in Raha International School and look forward to welcoming you and your family.

Iain Colledge



About Taaleem.

Taaleem was founded in 2004 in Dubai and is one of the largest education providers in the United Arab Emirates. Taaleem's main activity is the development and management of early childhood, primary and secondary schools.

Taaleem, which means 'education' in Arabic, is committed to inspiring students and helping them to identify and develop their passions and talents. Taaleem recruit the best international teachers who are capable of delivering our international curricula in a creative and engaging manner.

Taaleem seeks to raise the educational standards in the region. The combined experience of its core team of senior education leaders in international education policy, operations and global management best practices means Taaleem is well positioned to ensure the creation of truly exceptional schools that satisfy the most comprehensive and exacting education developmental requirements.





Mission.

To transcend the ordinary and be the highest performing school in the UAE by:

- Empowering and equipping individuals to excel
- Providing a happy, caring and inclusive community
- Inspiring authentic and thoughtful action, locally and globally
- Creating a passion for lifelong, inquiry-based learning

.Vision

To fulfil dreams by providing an 'exceptional educational journey', ensuring individual success in an ever-changing global context.

To develop a global community whose members are:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| • Inquirers | • Open-minded |
| • Knowledgeable | • Caring |
| • Thinkers | • Risk-takers |
| • Communicators | • Balanced |
| • Principled | • Reflective |

A Short History.



2006

The first students start school at the newly opened campus



2009

Raha International School is authorised to offer the Diploma Programme

2010

Raha International School is authorised to offer the Primary Years Programme and Middle Years Programme. Raha is now an IB Continuum school



2011

First students graduate from Raha International School

2012

Raha alumna becomes the first Emirati from NYUAD to be awarded the Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship

2013

Raha student receives the Abu Dhabi Award for his public service campaign that screened students for scoliosis



2014

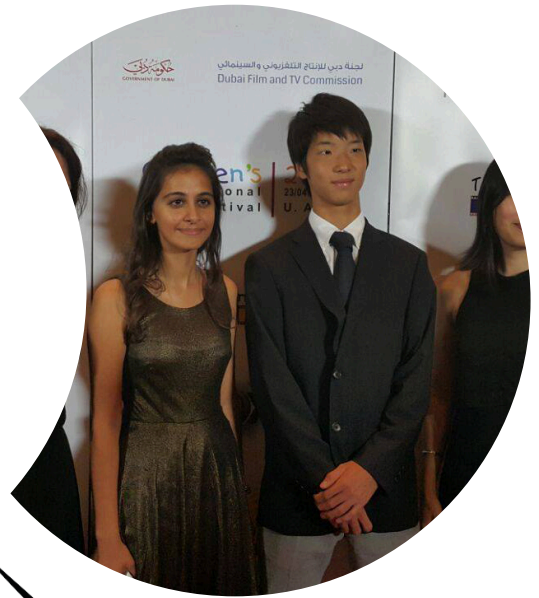
Raha Grade 5 students are invited to exhibit their artwork at the Manarat Al Saadiyat art museum

Raha International School is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS)

2015

Raha International School is the first K-12 school in Abu Dhabi to be awarded the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge's (ADEK) highest rating of 'Outstanding'

2 Raha MYP students' short films are shown at the 2015 Children's International Film Festival



2016

Raha student is accepted to Oxford University



2018

Raha International School is awarded the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge's (ADEK) highest rating of 'Outstanding' for a second time

Raha student is accepted to Stanford University

Raha Principal Iain Colledge is awarded the Bett MEA Leadership Award - K12, awarded to "an individual or institution that is transforming education across the Middle East & Africa in the K-12 sector"



2019

Raha is awarded 'Best IB School' in the UAE at the Top School Awards

Construction for the Raha International School, Khalifa City Campus begins



Beyond 2020

When will you begin your

journey?



2200+
Students on campus



250+
Staff members



Student
Nationalities



Teacher
Nationalities



Languages
spoken by
students



Mother
Tongue
Programmes



Teacher
Student
Ratio

100%
University
Acceptances



The School
has been
open



**Quick
Facts.**

Why is the IB ideal for students to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners? ●

In our dynamic and nurturing **Early Years** children are given opportunities to construct and expand their knowledge and understanding through shared experiences, play and discovery in an organised, safe and stimulating environment.

The **Primary Years Programme** focuses on the development of the whole child by addressing social, physical, emotional, cultural and academic needs for learners. It is designed to build upon the natural curiosity of the child and to develop individuals who are both independent learners and international citizens.

The **Middle Years Programme** aims to help students develop their personal understanding, emerging sense of self and responsibility in their community. It provides a framework of learning which encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers.

The **Diploma Programme** is a two-year, academically challenging, rigorous and balanced programme that prepares students for success at university and life beyond. It has been designed to address the intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being of young adults. It also prepares students for effective participation in a rapidly evolving and increasingly global society.

Learn more at ibo.org



Facilities.

Raha International School is situated on 14 acres of beautifully landscaped property with world-class facilities



Auditorium
with Stage and
Orchestra Pit



Art Studios
and Kiln Room



Chemistry,
Physics and
Biology Labs



Dance Studio



3 Well-Equipped
Gymnasiums



Digital Design
Hub



25m Swimming
Pool and
Beginners' Pool



Performance
Gym



Wellbeing
Spaces



Dining Hall and
Secondary Deli



Music Studios
and Practice
Rooms



Numerous Play
Spaces



Product Design
Studios



3 Libraries



Raptors Nest
Parent and
Visitors Café



School Life

Osrah

Arabic for 'family', the aim of our 'Osrah' system is to provide our students with a sense of belonging, spirit and purpose at Raha International School.

It encourages team motivation and ensures all our students aspire to become fully rounded young people, both inside and outside of school. Students will have a sense of ownership for their 'Osrah' through a range of sporting and cultural events and competitions.

Language Support

At Raha we offer an 'English as an Additional Language' (EAL) support programme. The purpose of this programme is to assist students whose first language is not English.

The EAL students' progress is monitored, and they can enter and exit the programme as needed. Flexible support options are available depending on the needs of each student.

Inclusion

The inclusion programme is offered to students who have learning difficulties. Our dedicated team of specialists support children with personalised intervention and support delivered through either in-class support, individual or small group teaching.

Extra-Curricular Programme

Raha has always placed a huge emphasis on its Extra-curricular Programme (ECP). It is often said that shared activities outside regular scheduled school hours create the strongest memories, and with this in mind the activities offered by the school are many and varied. A sample of activities on offer include:

Creative Writing, Choir, Robotics, Yoga, Golf, Arabic Calligraphy, Mad Science, and much more.

Our Extra-curricular Programme activities run term-to-term.

Competitive Sports Programme

Raha's competitive sports programme is run separately to the extra-curricular programme. Competitive sports team tryouts take place at the start of each term. Students on a sports team will train at least once per week either before or after school and will also attend a fixture once per week.

Raha International School is a very active member of the Abu Dhabi International School Sports Association (ADISSA) through which our tournaments and competitions are organized.

Special Events

Raha and the Parent Team host several events throughout the Academic Year to celebrate our community, including: International Day, National Day, the Global Explorers Scavenger Hunt, Raha's Got Talent and much more.





First graduating
class

2011

Number of DP
students in 2019/2020

244

Class of 2020

103

Average total points
achieved in 2019

31.8

Number of DP
courses offered

45

2019 Pass Rate

94%

Raha Graduates.

Our Diploma Programme graduates have gone on to attend some of the top universities all around the world, spanning 20 countries across 5 continents. Even more importantly, approximately 90% of Raha graduates are accepted to their top choice university.

The amazing diversity in world destinations is reflected from our students' chosen careers in medicine, engineering, sciences, law, economics, business, education, nursing, fashion, hotel management, politics, and art. Raha students will be making a global impact and contributing to numerous industries around the world in the years to come.

A full list of university acceptances is available at www.ris.ae

A list of country recognition statements that outline the specific recognition considerations of the Diploma Programme for each country is available at www.ibo.org



Raha's Exceptional Journey ●

In 2015/2016 and 2017/2018, Raha was awarded the top ADEK rating of 'Outstanding'.

As a school which always seeks to move forward, we have been working on how the school moves from 'Outstanding' to *Exceptional*. This is not an ADEK rating but a personal milestone to continue improving.

Our goals are set below:

INITIATE

Promote and develop student and staff leadership across the school.

EXPERIENCE

Provide more opportunities for international trips, work experience and support of the global community.

INVITE

Host a variety of outstanding community events to further enhance the school's profile.

TAKE RISKS

Empower our community to be secure enough to take risks and build resilience.

PERFORM

Showcase the Arts as a flagship part of our identity in order to become globally recognised for excellence.

COMPETE

Develop students to excel and increase participation in sporting and non-sporting events, including international competitions.

DEVELOP

Foster partnerships with schools and universities to share best practice and support professional development.

EMBRACE

Nurture an appreciation for language and culture of our home and host countries; promoting international mindedness.

EXPAND

Develop image to become a world renowned multi-campus school.

RESEARCH

Ensure best practice through action and evidence-based research.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE RAHA IS GOING?

Beyond Raha ●

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we will be opening a second campus in September 2020. The new campus is being built to satisfy the exceptionally high demand for places at Raha International School (RIS), a Taaleem school, and the ever-increasing popularity of the International Baccalaureate curriculum.

It will be located in Khalifa City, near to the current Raha Gardens Campus and has been designed by Architects CPG from Singapore, who have built award winning educational facilities globally, with sustainability as a key driver in the design.

The state-of-the-art campus will include outstanding sporting facilities including an 8 lane 25-metre swimming pool, a double size gym with indoor running track and football pitches. There will be a separate Early Years Centre with emphasis on safe, innovative and integrated outdoor learning spaces.

This enhancement in provision and educational facilities will benefit all of our (current and future) students as well as creating the space and environment in which our staff and community will flourish.



New Campus Facilities.

Students from both campuses will benefit from new, world-class facilities.



Double-size Gym
with Indoor
Running Track



An 8 lane
25m Swimming
Pool



Football Pitches



Dedicated
Early Years Centre



Why are we expanding?

● Demand

To meet the demand for our highly oversubscribed school.

To meet the demand for the ever-increasing popularity of the IB curriculum in the UAE and worldwide

● Enhancement

Enhancement in provision and educational facilities for all of our current and future students.

Creating the environment for the long term in which our students, staff and community can flourish.

● Extension

Extension of our programmes (and choice of studies/subjects) to advance our students and prepare them for their future.

Broaden opportunities for learning and preparation for life.

Join our family.

We invite you to apply to join us at Raha International School by visiting our website.

www.ris.ae

Applications open in September for the following academic year.

Tours are available on request.
Fees are available on our website.



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