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THE SCHOOLSCOMPARED.COM AWARD FOR MOST

INNOVATIVE

SCHOOL IN THE UAE

The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Awards, the UAE's **definitive** School Awards, recognising the region's most outstanding schools, teachers and educationalists, today publishes full information for entering the twenty second of this year's Awards: The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Award for Most Innovative School in the UAE 2021.

Entry for each of the remaining Awards are being published daily between now and the **8th May 2021**.

This Award is about innovation.

We are leaving this open to the broadest possible interpretation.

It may be that a nominee school innovates in its curriculum, ethics, teaching methodologies, whole child focus, SEND, child engagement... any one of a countless number of ways that the best schools across the UAE can, and do innovate, day in, day out, for their children.

This Award is a blank canvass for schools to celebrate how they are pioneering, in whatever way, or ways, that may be taking place, to deliver an outstanding, ground-breaking education for children.

FIRST STEPS



Please complete this application form to enter a school for The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Award for Most Innovative School in the UAE 2021. A PDF of the form can be downloaded at the end of this article.

Not entering for an Award, does **not** preclude any School from being considered. **All schools in the UAE** are considered within the judging process, drawing on expertise and data across Which Media. Entering for an Award, however, does ensure that we have access to accurate, up-to-date information on your school – and information strengthened by your decisions on how to answer the following questions.

Please use the questions as a guide; you may wish to draw out other strengths to support your case.

Entry for this award must be submitted with the agreement of the Headteacher of the school.



INNOVATING FOR CHILDREN

Aim for 1000 - 2000 Words

Support the case that your school delivers a benchmark for innovation in one or more areas of school life. You may choose to identify a single problem that you have solved, a new initiative that has transformed your school, a particular project undertaken by students... there are no limits on how you choose to evidence this Award except that the results should have been pioneering, meaningful, have had significant impact - and that they could have a wider application outside your school for improving the education of children. There is an element of potential sharing of best practice and new discovery that we are looking for - together with clear passion and pride in the achievements of your school.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATING IN EDUCATION

Aim for 500 words to 2000 words.

Consider the view that: "Innovation in Education is clear evidence of a school that recognises the risks of complacency - and the capacity of even the most outstanding school to improve the education it provides for every child." You may also wish to provide an example case study of outstanding innovation at your school in one or more areas.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Aim for 1000 - 2000 words.

Collate a document evidencing ongoing innovation in your school, identifying all areas of provision, teaching, learning, investment, and achievement that supports your school being considered a benchmark for outstanding, pioneering innovation in a UAE school. This should include *at least 2* quotations each from current students and parents at your school describing how the school has innovated in one or more areas and its impacts. A quotation should be included from one or more Subject Heads celebrating innovation in their area where relevant to your application. Finally, a contextualising quote should be included from the School Principal highlighting, in relation to a culture of innovation, and in precis, the ethics, history, achievements of the school, the importance of the environment within which children learn and the school's contribution to education, historic, current, and planned, in the UAE. We are looking for passion, inspiration, meaningfulness, and clear investment in the school's sense of purpose and commitment to learn and innovate as part of a deep-seated commitment to delivering outstanding schooling for students in the UAE - one that stands out as a beacon of innovation and best practice.



MAKING AN IMPACT IN YOUR APPLICATION

As part of the following application, you will strengthen your case considerably by *sending the following survey links to your students, teachers, and parents*, asking them to independently provide feedback on your school as part of your entry to the Top Schools Awards 2021.

Teachers should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-teacher-survey>

Parents should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/school-survey>

Older students (Grade 10-12/Year 11-13 ONLY) should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-student-survey>

The statistical results of these surveys are valued, shared with judges and used in our decision making.

In addition we use data provided to us under your school profile on the Which Media database. This can be accessed through our sister site *WhichSchoolAdvisor.com*.

In particular please complete the following sections from the Admin:

- Facilities
- Sports offering
- Scholarships and Bursaries
- Details
- Demographics
- Memberships and accreditations
- General info
- Fees

It is critical that the data relied on by judges is accurate and up to date. If you do not have a school account on our sister site, *WhichSchoolAdvisor.com*, please request one so you can update your review and admissions data here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/school-signup>



COMPLETE ENTRY

Please collate the above information in a Word document. High resolution (inspirational) photography, relevant film, PDF(s), together with any audio files, should be submitted separately with the Word file. Please also include a School Prospectus if that has been produced.

When your application is completed, these should be sent, in a single email, titled SCTSA21 INNOVATION with your School Name, to:

SCTSA@schoolscompared.com

Please note: unless you *specifically identify information that is confidential and sensitive and not for publication, any information sent to us may be published and become a statement of public record. It is vital therefor that information provided is accurate.*

Completed entries must be received no later than 7th July 2021.

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