



To enter for this Award, please complete the following:

- (1) Please provide a comprehensive and passionate explanation of why value-added matter sand how you implement it in your school. Please build for judges a comprehensive picture of how you measure value-added throughout a child's education and the strategies that are put in place at each stage of learning to respond to the individual needs of children. Please provide statistical analysis and evidence of value-added over the last four years, including an explanation of any impacts of Covid-19. Your explanation should include both embedded and separate high resolution, captioned photographs and may include video. One paragraph or more should explain how the teaching of different subjects inter-relate, particularly in the Arts and Sciences, within broader school life to ensure children receive an innovation-based, inspirational, creative, solutions-focused broader whole child education at your school to open up opportunities, and meet the needs of, every child. If you can show how this approach helps you meet high value-added scoring that would be particularly helpful. One paragraph should include detail of the numbers of Children of Determination and second language speakers you have welcomed to your school over the last five years and how your value-added approach is adapted for these children. **The greater the level of detail and evidence of commitment to, and achievement for, every child, and meeting the very different gifts and needs of each child, explored through the lens of VA, the easier it will for Judges to evaluate your submission. We are leaving it to you to define how you wow judges in your application, rather than being dogmatic in the information we ask for.** We (of course!) define achievement relatively, defining it as achievement in the context of each child's individual gifts and potential. For academically selective schools, please detail how you approach value-add to ensure that children over-achieve against their baselines.
- (2) Please provide 3 case studies of children who have excelled against baselines at your school over the last five years. You should include quotes from teachers conveying the importance of assessment and how it is implemented to inspire and not demoralise students.
- (3) Provide a personal quote and detailed paragraphs from the Principal capturing the fundamental importance of assessment and VA in school life. Please inspire us in your conviction that this issue matters, and why it matters. Please do your best in your quote to explain what VA is in a way that can be understood by, and inspire, parents. Please provide a photograph and full bio.
- (4) As part of the following application, you will strengthen your case considerably by *sending the following EDSTATICA™ 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.

- Teacher survey: <https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-teacher-survey>
- Parents survey: <https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/school-survey>
- Student survey (Grade 10-12/Year 11-13): <https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/thestudent-survey>

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

Submissions should be completed and returned to us at SCTSA@schoolscompared.com no later than 15th February 2023. Please head your email with your school name and the name of the Award applied for.

Further information: please email eimearmckennasingh@which-media.com