



Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Dear Families

We would like to welcome you back and hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we start The English College's 30<sup>th</sup> year, we have some exciting news that we would like to share.

We want to share that The English College has partnered with International Schools Partnership (ISP). This decision was made after a lot of deliberation and consideration and has been made to support our school in its next phase of growth.

ISP will become the majority owner of the school, with the family maintaining an active share. As a leading global education provider, ISP has over 70 schools worldwide, with eight schools within the Middle East Region.

This new partnership will not have any effect on the normal day-to-day functioning of the school. There will also be no changes to the leadership team. Mr Mark Ford will continue to lead the team. This will be a seamless transition for your child and your family.

By joining ISP our students will become a part of a global network of students and also be able to access unique ISP International Learning Opportunities, in addition to those we already provide.

With our long and strong reputation as a leading school in the UAE, The English College will also be able to share our best practices with the ISP schools from the region. Our dedication to high-quality learning, and our commitment to our staff, to our students and to our entire community are some of our school's strong traits that appealed to ISP. The true essence of our school will not change, but we are excited about the potential for growth and enhancements that this partnership brings. ISP is committed to student learning and progress and as such will continue to develop the physical and operational infrastructure of the school so that our students progress to levels they never thought possible.

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You can learn more about the International Schools Partnership at: <https://www.internationalschoolspartnership.com/>. A Parent Assembly has been scheduled with some key team members from ISP on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August at 8.15am. If you wish to attend you can confirm your place via a link which will be provided in a communication from the ISP team which will follow shortly.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> year is truly a milestone, and I want to thank you all for trusting us and supporting us in ensuring The English College is one of the best schools in the UAE.

Sincerely,

Bilbo Perrot  
Managing Director  
Hasheem Group - Dubai UAE

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