



# Student – Parent Handbook AY24-25





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#### Welcome to KIS!

Knowledge International School was founded in 2023 in Al Ain city, and has obtained the franchise of California College Group, based in Los-Angeles -United States, which is one of the largest global organizations specialized in educational projects in the US, Canada, and Australia. The School has a deep commitment to provide quality education following the American Standards and to provide excellent educational services through innovative teaching methods.

The operating year of KIS was in August 2024 and is divided into two separate sections with ADEK approval till Grade 12:

- The Early Years accommodating Pre KG, KG1 and KG2
- The Primary School comprising of Grades 1 to 5

At KIS, our aim is to develop well rounded, confident, and responsible citizens that aspire to achieve their full potential and become life-long learners. We are committed to providing a positive, safe, and stimulating environment for children to learn, where all are valued and respected.

We are keen to build strong partnership with our parents to develop students who have all the necessary tools to be successful global citizens.

KIS curriculum offers its students the opportunity to evolve into inquisitive, knowledgeable, and caring citizens who can play a vital role in the creation of a better and more peaceful world.

The school has excellent and modern facilities in which students can strive to reach their full potential, it includes large fields for football and basketball, fully equipped Science Labs, ART Room and Theater .

Knowledge International School is committed to enrich and develop its students physical and artistic skills. And as part of our duty to prepare an educated generation of global citizens, we seek to discover and develop not only educational talents, but also those with physical and artistic skills amongst our students.



#### Principal Message

I am thrilled to extend a warm invitation to you and your children to join us at Knowledge International School Al Ain, where excellence in education meets a nurturing and inclusive environment. As the proud Principal of our new school, I am excited to share with you the opportunities and experiences awaiting your children within our vibrant learning community.

Nelson Mandela once famously said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." At Knowledge International School Al Ain, we wholeheartedly embrace this sentiment. We believe that education has the transformative power to shape not only the lives of individuals but also the future of our society.

Our school is committed to providing a world-class educational experience that empowers students to excel academically, develop critical thinking skills, and become compassionate global citizens. With a rigorous curriculum, we aim to inspire a love for learning and equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We invite you to visit our facility. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to tour our campus and learn more about our innovative programs and extracurricular activities.

Whether your child is just beginning their educational journey or seeking a new opportunity for growth and development, Knowledge International School Al Ain is here to support and guide them every step of the way. Together, let's embark on a journey of discovery, exploration, and endless possibilities.

Enrolment for the upcoming academic year is now open, and we encourage you to secure your child's place at our school.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Knowledge International School Al Ain.

Warm regards, Keith Baden Powell ( Principal) Knowledge International School – Al Ain, Abu Dhabi



#### Vision

To cultivate well-rounded, confident, and responsible individuals who strive to reach their full potential and embrace lifelong learning.

#### Mission

Providing exceptional 21st-century education in a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment that promotes lifelong learning and celebrates the diversity of our students' backgrounds.

## **Core Values**

Excellence

Respect

Integrity

Compassion

Commitment



### **KIS Curriculum**

#### KIS Curriculum Description – American Curriculum

At Knowledge International School, the Educational Program is designed to meet our Mission and Vision. Our program is not only academic, but focuses on students as individuals, and includes parent involvement at all levels. It also reflects the UAE national identity, integrates real-life connections and international mindedness.

The school is guided by the California State Learning Standards and Next Generation Science Standards and follows the Ministry Programs for Arabic Language, Arabic Social Studies, Moral Education, and Islamic Studies (for both Arab and Non-Arab learners). To ensure a quality education, the instructional process — including how the curriculum is devised and delivered, is constantly monitored, and updated. Experienced highly qualified teaching staff, ongoing professional development, use of relevant technologies, and the monitoring and observation of teaching staff is vital to ensure successful teaching and learning.

Formative and summative assessments are used to guide the instructional process.

External assessments are used to validate the performance of students in comparison to national and/or international norms.



## **Inclusion** Department:

At KIS, we prioritize and strive to ensure that Inclusion is at the heart of our practices benefiting our entire school community. We are strongly committed to set high expectations and ambitions for all our children and expect them to participate in every part of school life - with a key focus on their wellbeing and progress.

KIS aims to support children by removing barriers to their inclusion, whether for individuals or groups of children, and respond to a spectrum of diverse needs by setting suitable challenges that are best placed to bring out the full potential from our children.

Furthermore, at KIS, we ensure an effective program is in place to identify students who are gifted and talented and make certain they are provided with an abundance of opportunities to further hone and develop their gifts and talents.

As outlined by the United Arab Emirates School Inspection Framework (2015-2016):

Gifted - The term giftedness refers to "a student who is in possession of untrained and spontaneously-expressed exceptional natural ability in one or more domains of human ability". These domains will include intellectual, creative, social, physical abilities. In the case of a gifted student, whilst exceptional potential will be present, they may underachieve.

Talented – The term talented refers to "a student who has been able to transform their 'giftedness' into exceptional performance". Talented students will always demonstrate exceptional levels of competence in the specific domains of human ability.



## School Policy & Rules

#### School Operating Hours

- School gates open at 6:45AM and close at 7:45 AM
- The Morning Assembly starts at 7:30 am
- Advisory sessions for grades 1 to 5 start at 7:45AM 8:00 AM, while for KGs start at 7:30 AM
- KG to Grade 5 dismissal time is at 14:00 PM. On Fridays at 11:30AM.
- Buses for KG to Grade 5 leave at 13:50 PM\ On Fridays at 11:20 AM

#### Attendance and Tardiness

- Students should be in school no later than 7:30 am
- Late arrivals, after 8:00, will be admitted through gate 2 and their lateness shall be recorded. If it's more than 3 times, the parent will be called for a meeting.
- In case of absence, students must provide a valid doctor's note or a legitimate reason for their absence. It should not exceed the limit of absences. Books, Bags and school devices
- all books to be kept in school unless the student has homework or a quiz. All books to be sent home every Friday.
- It's of utmost importance to consider the weight of your child's bag to be safe to carry

#### Lunch Boxes

- Child shall be provided with enough and healthy food and snacks.
- Kindly pack healthy lunches with a variety of fruits and vegetables

• Fast food, chocolates, chips, sodas, energy drinks, gums, gummy bears and sugary products are strictly prohibited. Such will be confiscated in case they are found with the students.



# School Policy & Rules

#### Uniform

• Students must comply with the correct school uniform. (Full uniform set). Failure to do so, the parents shall be called for a meeting.

• PE Uniform must be worn to school whenever students have PE lessons as indicated on the timetable.

• Only White, Black or Navy-Blue shoes are permitted.

• You are kindly advised to pack an extra set of clothing for your KG child Cleanliness and Hygiene

• Long nails, untidy hair, jewelry, or accessories are strictly prohibited. Long hair for boys is not allowed. Colored hair for girls is not allowed.

- Students must always maintain a clean and neat appearance.
- Personal hygiene products must be considered for older students.
- Mobile phones are strictly prohibited. If found, it will be kept in school till further notice.

#### **Buses**

• During fog and bad weather conditions, buses will come to a complete stop and will not resume until the weather clears

• In case of any misbehaving, the student shall be removed from the bus with no fees refund.



# School Timing (Grades 1 – 5)

Monday - Thursday			
Period	From To		
Arrival	7:00 7:30		
Assembly	7:30 7:45		
Quran & Advisory	7:45 8:00		
1	8:00 8:50		
2	8:50 9:35		
Break	9:35 10:05		
3	10:10 10:55		
4	10:55 11:40		
5	11:40 12:20		
Break	12:20 12:30		
6	12:30 13:05		
7	13:05 13:45		

Friday		
Period	From	То
Arrival	7:00	7:30
Assembly	7:30	7:40
Community Session	7:40	8:00
1	8:00	8:45
2	8:45	9:30
Break	9:30	9:45
Quiz	9:50	10:35
4	10:35	11:15



# School Timing (PreKG – KG2)

Monday - Thursday			
F	Period	From	То
	Arrival	7:00	7:30
Circ	cle Time	7:30	7:45
As	sembly	7:45	8:00
	1	8:00	8:45
	Break	8:45	9:15
	2	9:15	10:00
	3	10:00	10:45
	Break	10:45	11:15
	4	11:15	12:00
	5	12:00	12:45
Ex	tra Skills	12:45	13:45

Friday		
Period	From	То
Arrival	7:00	7:30
1	7:30	8:10
2	8:10	8:50
Break	8:50	9:20
3	9:20	10:00
4	10:00	10:40
5	10:40	11:15



## **Communication Channels:**

Please find the list below including our main school sections which you can communicate with through Call or WhatsApp as well

Section	Staff Name	Phone or email
Reception	Reception	03-7374394
Students Affairs	<u>Ms</u> Rama	054-2001243
Registration	<u>Ms</u> Islam	054-2001242
Accounts	<u>Ms</u> Mary	050-8232413
School Transportation	<u>Ms</u> Iman	054-2001240
Pre-KG to Grade 2	<u>Ms Qamar</u>	050-4242258
Grades 3 to 5	<u>Ms</u> Maria	050-6262285
IT Support	<u>Mr</u> Rahman	lt.support@kis-a.com

If you would like to meet or call any teacher, then a prior appointment shall be made by the Students Affairs Officer to be between 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM Communication with the section supervisors through WhatsApp can be made at any time till 4:00 PM (Monday to Thursday & Friday till 12:00 PM) Weekend is off unless for emergency

Communications with teachers through ClassDojo can only be made till 4:00 PM except on Fridays till 12:00 PM (Weekend is off for teachers and they will get back to you on Monday)





Parents letter and memo are shared by both Telegram and Whatsapp





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