



المدرسة الإنجليزية الحديثة
THE ENGLISH MODERN SCHOOL

YR 6-7 Transition Evening 22.05.17

EMS TRANSITION 6 INTO 7 PARENT FAQ'S

Q: Are the school day timings the same?

The school day begins at the same time (7:05 am) but ends 5 minutes later - 1:50 pm Sunday through Wednesday. Thursday timings are the same.

Q; Is the uniform the same?

For the most part, yes it is. Boys must always wear long navy slacks on non-PE days; they no longer have the option to wear shorts. The girls are no longer permitted to wear PE shorts. They must either wear the long EMS track pant or the EMS PE shorts with leggings underneath that cover the knees. Boys and girls now have separate PE classes. The students in Secondary do not take swimming. Current uniform will be used until further notice.

Q: Are there lockers?

This is in process of a decision being made, further communications will take place in September.

Q: How are the students grouped into classes?

There are six classes of each year level. EMS supports diversity; each class represents an equal balance of gender, nationality, and academic levels. Students are grouped together for Global Studies classes and is dependant on numbers.

Q. Will my child have the same teacher all day?

No. Students move from class to class every 48 minutes as signaled by a bell. They have 3 minutes passing time. Each subject is taught within the main subject department by a specialist teacher.

Q: What classes will my child take?

There are 7 lessons a day Sunday through Wednesday and 6 on Thursday. Each student takes Maths, Science, Social Studies, English, PE, Islamic Studies or Global Studies, a language, and a one term rotation of Creative Arts. Creative Arts includes Drama, Art and ICT. Each student takes all 3 classes; each meets for one term. The students do not dance in Drama.

Q. Will the students still have Second Step lessons to support them socially and emotionally?

Yes. Students in Secondary have one advisory lesson a week with their form teachers. They continue with the same topics introduced in Primary but with a more mature approach. Students are also supported with a counselor, Head of Year and an Academic Affairs Coordinator.

Q. How many breaks are there?

The breaks are the same - 2 on Sunday - Wednesday and 1 on a Thursday.

Q. Can my child take French?

The MOE mandates that all students with a passport from an Arabic speaking country take Arabic class. Therefore only students with passports from other nations may take French.

Q. Is Qatar History offered in English and Arabic?

Yes, however the MOE mandates that all Qatari students take it in Arabic.

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Q. Are the end of term reports the same?

No. In Primary the reports are standards based. In Secondary the marks are represented by percentages.

Q. Are there final exams?

Yes. At the end of the academic year all Secondary students take final exams.

Q. Are there ESLR's?

Yes, the ESLR's are an important part of all divisions at EMS. Each year group has weekly individual ESLR winners determined by positive iSAMS. Schoolwide ESLR days are also celebrated on the same days yet carried out a bit differently.

Q. Is discipline the same?

Generally yes. The Code of Conduct is very similar in Primary and Secondary.

Q. Is there still Golden Time?

No, however positive behavior rewards can be earned with teachers and year groups.