

# DWIGHT SCHOOL DUBAI

**"Igniting the spark of genius in every child"**

# DWIGHT SCHOOLS

Dwight's legacy of innovation and personalized learning dates all the way back to 1872. Right from inception, Dwight has been committed to fostering the next generation of global leaders and ethical citizens who can thrive anywhere in the world.

As part of a global network of Dwight Schools, we look forward to bringing our long and rich heritage of being a premier and independent International Baccalaureate school to the United Arab Emirates.

Dwight has been designed to prepare students for acceptances to some of the top Ivy League universities in the world, preparing them for a bright and promising future. Our graduates attend the most prestigious universities around the world including Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, New York University, Vassar, Cornell, McGill University, Waseda University, Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne, the University of Edinburgh, and St. Andrews, just to mention a few.

Our alumni have left their mark on our world and our visionary leaders have transformed the educational landscape for 145 years and continue to do so to this day.

## SEVEN DWIGHT FIRSTS

Recognized as a pioneer in global education, Dwight:

- Was the first school in the Americas to offer the comprehensive International Baccalaureate curriculum from Preschool to graduation.
- Was the first school in the U.S.A to establish an international campus in London in 1972.
- Was the first school to create a joint diploma program with Beijing's Capital Normal High School in China.
- Was the only school selected by the Seoul Municipal Government to open a model International Baccalaureate World School in Seoul.
- Was one of six schools selected from over 3,700 schools worldwide to pilot online education for the International Baccalaureate Organization in 2013. This is now known as Dwight Global.
- Has a one-of-a-kind school in China: In 2014, Dwight opened the Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School, the first non-profit, independent, Chinese-foreign collaborative high school.
- Is opening the first Dwight School branch in the Middle East with Dwight School Dubai, in the year of Zayed. It will also be the fifth Dwight Global school to open in the world.



At Dwight School Dubai, we will celebrate the exemplary vision of the Founding Father of our host nation, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan. We hope to contribute to his vision by fostering future leaders with strong ethical values and a deep respect for traditions while pioneering creativity to boost productivity and sustainable community cohesion.



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## DWIGHT GLOBAL

Dwight School New York is the proud founding campus of the global network of Dwight Schools. With international schools in London, Seoul, Shanghai and Dubai (opening September 2018), each one of our Dwight schools shares a mutual commitment — ‘Igniting the Spark of Genius’ in every one of our students.

Being a part of a global network of schools offers our students a multitude of benefits and opportunities, travel and exchange programs, cross-campus curricular and creative collaborations, online learning programs, international athletic and performing arts competitions, and global youth leadership conferences.



## OUR SCHOOLS

- Dwight School New York
- Dwight School London
- Dwight School Seoul
- Dwight School Shanghai
- Dwight School Dubai (Opening September 2018)

For students who wish to attend our school but are unable to physically be present at a local campus or who simply wish to extend their academic program, we provide the best of Dwight on our online campus, Dwight Global Online School, which is our initiative to provide top quality education to learners all over the world.

### Dwight Global Online School

With close to 150 years of experience in innovation to build on, the Dwight Global Online School was founded with the aim of being a school for the future and is committed to ‘Igniting the Spark of Genius’ in young and bright minds all around the world.

Through Dwight Global Online School, we provide students from Grades 7-12 with all the best elements of a day school, and online learning by combining real-time video conference seminars, individual online tutorials, and optional residential experiences.

Dwight Global is not an “online school for the 21st century,” but a school for the future. Our campus in the cloud is committed, at its core, to being a school without limitations, designed to eliminate the need to make binary choices that have historically dominated the educational landscape.

Dwight Global Online School embraces different forms of instructional modes – online, in-person, residential – and uses them to optimize learning for students. We recognize that there are limitations to pure online schools and therefore, we do not try to force everything into an online framework. The goal of our online school is providing an unrivalled education for our students all over the world.



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Dwight School is internationally renowned for high teaching standards and for being an educator of the next generation of global leaders. This is exactly what we intend to bring to Dubai.

We are dedicated to crafting a journey for each one of our students based on their own individual passions, areas of interest and skills.

Dwight School Dubai is committed to providing a rigorous academic and intellectual education that challenges and engages our students and fosters a love for learning that will last them a lifetime. Their education will entail a deep understanding of subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Art, Music, Physical Education, Drama, Arabic, Modern Foreign Languages alongside the UAE's statutory requirements.

We strive to ensure that all students at Dwight should:

- Learn how to be adaptable, how to solve problems in a variety of situations, how to work independently and as members of a team.
- Develop the ability to make reasoned judgments and choices, based on their understanding of the information they receive.
- Be enthusiastic and eager to put their very best into every activity they undertake.
- Continually develop a set of moral and ethical values, such as honesty, sincerity, and personal responsibility, on which to base their own behavior.
- Be expected to behave in a dignified and acceptable way and learn to become responsible for their actions.
- Care for and take pride in their school.
- Develop an equal tolerance, respect and appreciation of the feelings and capabilities of others and of each member of their community.
- Develop intercultural awareness.
- Be able to listen and read for a variety of purposes and be able to convey their meaning accurately and appropriately through speech and writing.
- Develop an inquiring mind and an innovative approach to solving problems.
- Be encouraged to learn other languages. Learning another language is a key element of the International Baccalaureate – it encourages students to develop a deep understanding of different cultures and helps accustom students for a global society.
- Be capable of expressing their feelings and passions creatively through various art forms including visual art, craft, music, and drama.
- Learn about the geographical, historical and social aspects of the local environment and the UAE's national heritage.
- Be encouraged to work within the local and global communities – supporting charities, taking part in service learning projects and being aware of the needs and lifestyles of others.

Dwight School Dubai students are inspired to be motivated and engaged in their own learning. Our students are actively involved in their own development, demonstrating increasing skills as learners and the ability to reflect and judge. Our students learn to be aware of their own progress and strengths, building on prior knowledge.

*\*School opening subject to building completion and KHDA final approval.*



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome to Dwight School Dubai.

When you walk through the doors of Dwight School Dubai you will find a climate of high expectations which challenges you to embark on an ambitious international learning journey, while in a safe, respectful and caring environment.

We provide a culture of participation and collaboration driven by passion, visionary challenges and adaptability and we aim to make education personal. At Dwight School Dubai we will help you understand and embrace your own cultural identity as much as that of others. We are proud of our host nation and demonstrate commitment to the UAE heritage and its cultural values. For us, education is all about YOU and how we can motivate you to further develop your creativity, your ability to come up with fresh ideas, and nurture your curiosity all the while tackling a rigorous academic program.

We aim for Dwight School Dubai to be a place where your 'spark of genius' is ignited. I invite you to explore our website for more information, but, more importantly, for you and your family to embrace the Dwight learning experience in person. We welcome you to your school of the future.

Caring regards,

JANECKE AARNAES  
Head of School



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## CURRICULUM

Dwight School Dubai delivers the International Baccalaureate – an academically rigorous and inspiring program for students in Preschool through to Grade 12. The PYP, MYP and DP programs provide the ideal framework for educating critical thinkers and problem-solvers who become internationally minded, multilingual, culturally agile global citizens positioned for success in tomorrow’s global marketplace.

The International Baccalaureate teaches students to think critically, creatively, ethically and globally and to develop a lifelong love for learning. Recognized worldwide as the ‘Gold Standard’ in pre-university preparation – the comprehensive International Baccalaureate curriculum includes:

- The Primary Years Program: Preschool – Grade 5.
- The Middle Years Program: Grade 6 – Grade 10.
- The Diploma Program: Grade 11 – Grade 12.

The emphasis the International Baccalaureate places on intercultural awareness is a particularly important feature in the United Arab Emirates, where the history, culture, beliefs and traditions of a plethora of nationalities live in unison with that of the host nation. No other curriculum fits better with both the United Arab Emirates and Dwight’s vision of educating the next generation of innovative and culturally aware global leaders than the International Baccalaureate.

In every grade, we embrace the International Baccalaureate mission and the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile, which encourages students to be: knowledgeable, inquirers, principled, thinkers, open-minded, communicators, balanced, risk-takers, caring, and reflective.

All Dwight Schools have a shared vision – our students should be able to thrive anywhere in the world. Our approach to the International Baccalaureate ensures there is suitable challenge, enjoyment, relevance and choice in learning for our students. The flexibility of the International Baccalaureate allows us to best explore how we can meet the needs of our students and help them develop holistically and fully.

Students at Dwight School Dubai are inspired to be motivated and engaged in their own learning. Students learn how to apply their skills to problems, which reflect real life situations, both familiar and unfamiliar. They are encouraged to solve any problems presented to them innovatively and independently. Through effective research and the use of different sources of information, students will be able to make accurate and appropriate conclusions.

Learning technology is available and accessible at a 1:1 basis throughout the school and aims to facilitate approaches to learning and teaching in ways that can transform learning. Edtech is integrally used for research, presentation, exploration, collaboration and modelling to enhance the student experience and give them the confidence to apply innovation and draw materials from a range of sources that they are encouraged to question and verify.

*The school will enroll students from PreK – Grade 9 in its first year of operations expanding to Grade 12, as each year starts.*



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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Dwight School, we ensure an equal focus is placed on the academics as well as on extra-curricular activities. We will offer a vast selection of activities and extra-curricular support sessions across the Dwight global network of schools for our students to engage with.

Important co-curricular opportunities are available to students in Dwight School Dubai to participate in exchanges, collaborations and study abroad activities that include other schools in the Dwight network. Students at Dwight School Dubai also have the unique chance to host their peers from Dwight schools in shared activities and cultural visits.

We understand the high level of importance of after-school activities and we firmly believe these activities are instrumental in 'Igniting the Spark of Genius' in every one of our students. Students are encouraged to develop their interests and talents through opportunities such as Service Learning programs, Entrepreneurship Clubs, Creators & Innovators Clubs, Public Speaking and Debating, Athletics, Coding, Programming, Arts, Music & Drama, Youth Leadership & Model United Nations and many more.

We will offer additional sporting activities as our students are taught to have a strong commitment to following a safe and healthy lifestyle, showing responsibility by explaining the reasons for, and encouraging others in, making healthy eating choices and exercising regularly.

Dwight students have a voice on the school council and have forums to discuss global and local issues showing care and consideration for others. We encourage our students to demonstrate active citizenship through activities such as Model United Nations and involvement with a range of charitable organizations supported through a school wide Service Learning Program. Dwight faculty and staff will help to make the connection between school and the world of work, enabling young people to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to succeed.



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## SPARK TANK

Spark Tank is a unique, innovative and interactive concept with the mission of 'Igniting the Spark of Genius' in every child at Dwight School. Spark Tank is based on a think tank approach designed to nurture innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership in Dwight's students.

Through Spark Tank, we want to encourage students to take the ideas they have and put them into development stages such as planning, designing and producing. Finally, students present their ideas to a panel of expert judges for feedback.

Spark Tank enables young entrepreneurs to implement their innovative projects that they design through their own interests and creative pursuits.

With resources such as materials and equipment, external expertise, professional mentoring and access to publishing and marketing, we assist our students in fulfilling and demonstrating their unique ideas.



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## QUEST PROGRAM

We are adamant in our belief that every child has a 'spark of genius' and we strive to help our students learn and grow to their maximum potential. We do this through the Quest Program, as part of our personalized learning pillar. We try our very best to recognize and foster each of our students' gifts and talents by connecting them with exceptional mentors, designing tailor-made enrichment, providing tutorials and much more.

At Dwight School Dubai, we recognize that students have learning differences and through individual evaluations, we strive to understand and address such differences. We work collaboratively with students and their families to recognize and remove barriers which might impact their achievement, participation and learning to ensure every student's maximum personal attainment.

Through our Quest program we support students who may have an imbalance in their academic performance. We assist with study skills and organizational management and thus, provide an option for parents who wish to enhance and accelerate their child's experiences and opportunities through this school approved program.



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## THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ARABIC LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND ARTS

The Center of Excellence for Arabic Language, Culture and Arts is dedicated to the development of inter-cultural dialogue and the facilitation of a deeper understanding of the Arab culture, heritage and traditions. The Center will offer a comprehensive and engaging educational program focused on the learning and retaining of the Arabic language for students of all ages, for both native and non-native speakers. It will also provide training and support for teachers of the Arabic curricula subjects to guarantee the implementation of excellent pedagogical practices and standards across all Arabic subjects, and ensure a positive and maximized learning environment for all students.

The Center will also provide opportunities for immersion in the rich Arab culture and heritage through an appreciation for its art, music and traditions. Opportunities to experience the art of calligraphy, Arabic musical instruments, local Emirati dialect, and the fascinating customs, will be provided to students, parents and teachers, immersing them in the local culture and traditions.

In addition, The Center will act as a hub for youth, creatives and the community offering an exciting range of programs and activities in crafts, visual and performing arts, and design technologies. These programs will be delivered in state-of-the-art facilities including ceramics and metalsmithing workshops, a design lab, a smart library, and an art gallery.

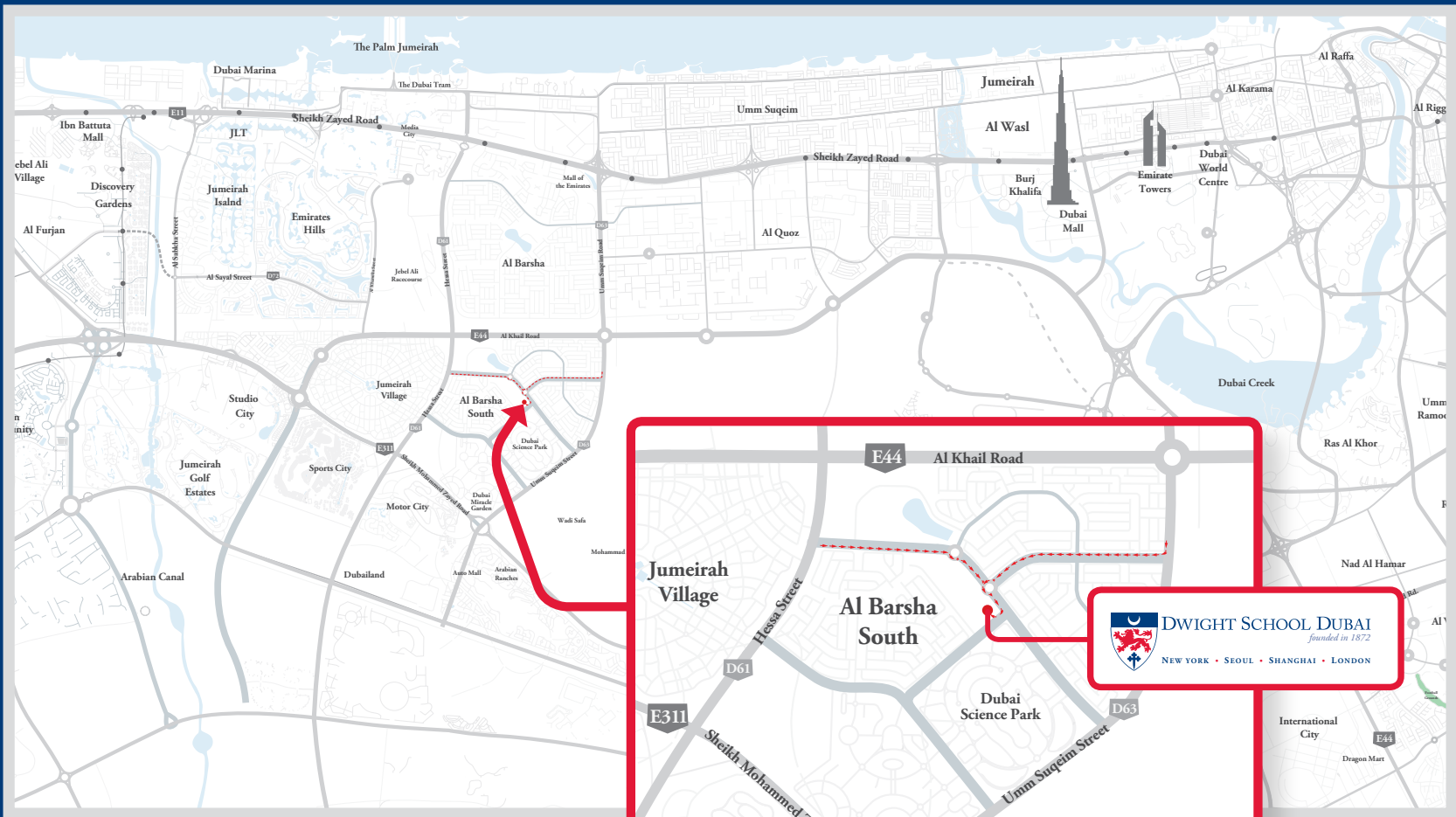
By providing these opportunities and programs, the Center aims to create an environment that promotes tolerance, curiosity and understanding, better preparing students as global citizens in a competitive global economy.



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