



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



مدرسة جيمس رويال دبي الخاصة
GEMS Royal Dubai School

THE GEMS DIFFERENCE



Trusted by parents around the world

We are passionate about education and have been trusted by parents for 60 years.



We are a family of committed teachers

Everyday, our family of 20,000 teachers make a difference to the lives of over 190,000 students.



Our Students lead locally and internationally

GEMS students have won over 2,100 international, regional and local awards in science, arts and sports.



Our Students excel and go to the top universities

GEMS students have been accepted into 1,050 universities in 53 countries – including all eight Ivy League universities in the US and all 24 Russell Group universities and colleges in the UK.



We are deeply committed to philanthropy

Our philanthropic arm, The Varkey Foundation, supports initiatives that change lives around the world.



Making quality education accessible

GEMS Rewards is an exclusive rewards programme for our community of students, parents and staff designed to reduce the impact of school fees, and further enhance their lifestyle.



We see genius in every child

We believe that a quality education is the key to unlocking the greatness that lies in every child.



We believe the diversity of the students studying at the GEMS Royal Dubai School, is one of its greatest strengths. Through social interaction and by studying and experiencing other cultures and belief systems, this rich diversity will instill a unique international understanding in your child – just what they need to succeed in an increasingly globalised world.

With over 60 years' experience in education, your child will also become an important part of the global network of award-winning GEMS schools, comprised of more than 250,000 students from over 150 nations, studying in 14 countries around the world. This diversity is mirrored by over 20,000 teaching staff, specialists and advisors who are on hand to ensure all students at GEMS schools, have access to the specialist resources and assistance they need.

GEMS EDUCATION CORE VALUES

The GEMS Education Core Values are our collective beliefs. They set the standard that we expect from all GEMS Education people – from employees and teachers, to parents and students.

Our Core Values also lie at the heart of our holistic approach to education – in our planned curriculum, in our school life and other places of work. GEMS Core Values help our learners become not just great students but great people.

1. GROWING BY LEARNING
2. PURSUING EXCELLENCE
3. LEADING THROUGH INNOVATION
4. GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



1. Growing By Learning Strive to develop your potential.

- » Along with our students, we never stop learning
- » Each and every one of us has a capacity for leadership

2. Pursuing Excellence Work to continually exceed expectations.

- » Just as we set educational standards for our schools, we take care that everything we do is delivered to a high standard.
- » We go the extra mile for our students and our colleagues.

3. Leading through Innovation Find the courage to challenge convention.

- » We dare to dream of the possibilities
- » No idea is too small or too large if it makes things better for our learners and our people.

4. Global Citizenship Making an active contribution to your local and global community.

- » We respect and celebrate our diversity and recognize that there are many things that unite us all.
- » We make a difference in our local communities so that we have a sustainable planet to share
- » We build bridges of knowledge, push boundaries and unite young people.
- » We aim to produce not just great students, but great people who live with honesty, confidence and integrity.

GEMS
EDUCATION

We see **genius** in every child

WELCOME TO GEMS ROYAL DUBAI SCHOOL

A message from the Principal

Welcome to GEMS Royal Dubai School, a school where we place children at the heart of all we do; because our pupils deserve the very best.

I am privileged to be part of this amazing school, where we value those marvelous moments which nurture individuals to achieve their true potential and build make lifelong memories.

As soon as you walk through the door at RDS you will experience the 'family feel' culture and ethos which we have developed since opening in 2005. We are an Outstanding learning community and we have a lot to feel proud of!

Our bespoke learning model (The RDS Learning Wave), complemented by a Concept Curriculum ensure a holistic approach where students develop webs of information rather than memorising straight facts. Our talented and dedicated teaching team focus on the whole child, with their intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative and spiritual potential being developed alongside academic knowledge.

The GEMS Royal Dubai School offers an Outstanding education that extends beyond the New National Curriculum for England. The focus is on meeting the needs of each and every one of our learners so that they are equipped with the learning skills and life-long learning dispositions necessary to be able to accept and embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world. This means equipping students with a wide range of traditional academic and technological skills and developing a range of learning dispositions and critical thinking skills that will promote creativity, problem solving and support learners to develop agency (ownership) over their learning.

Through this curriculum, we encourage creative and critical thinking alongside stimulating and meaningful experiences,

leading to fun and wonder. Our curriculum celebrates the diversity within our school and equips our children with the skills and attributes required to become active citizens in our international community and beyond.

The wellbeing of our children is paramount in all that we do and we place great emphasis on building high quality personal and social skills, which has a positive impact on achievement and attitudes to learning. This is supported by an extensive range of extra curricula activities including sports, cultural and performing arts as well as access to holiday, residential camps, and cultural activities.

Our school is an English Curriculum primary school situated close to the Mirdif area of Dubai. Mirdif has excellent traffic links, affordable high quality housing, restaurants and shops. We are a truly international school with over 70 different nationalities with UK residents being the predominate nationality. The multi-cultural experience that the children receive truly reflects the multi-cultural life of our host country and city.

GEMS Royal Dubai School is a special place to learn and we welcome you to visit the school and become part of our learning community



Vicky Martin, Principal & CEO



“ A VIBRANT, CARING AND HARMONIOUS
LEARNING COMMUNITY – DSIB



GEMS Royal Dubai School has gone from strength-to-strength since it first opened its doors in 2005 and is today acknowledged as one of the leading British primary schools in Dubai, further reinforced by having been rated as Outstanding in DSIB inspections since 2015. Our ethos and friendly atmosphere are complemented by a commitment to excellence in both academic and personal development.

The New National Curriculum for England, which places emphasis on the core subjects and careful monitoring of progress to ensure a record of academic success. This is complimented by outstanding facilities and provision in the foundation subjects which include the Creative Arts, PE, Humanities and Social Studies.

The school continues to move with the times, embracing new approaches to learning and technology, preparing our students well for the inescapable

challenges of change that the 21st century will bring. This has helped to make GEMS Royal Dubai School the only outstanding school in the area offering The New National Curriculum for England, with excellent teachers trained in the UK. The school is certified as a British School Overseas "combining the best of British educational standards and methodology with an awareness of the local cultural and regional context."

Our school strives for excellence in everything we do. Your child's academic needs are our top priority. However, at our English Curriculum school we also encourage our students to develop their strengths outside as well as inside the classroom through an extensive range of Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs). A focus on student's personal development promotes positive attitudes to learning.



Rated '**Outstanding**'
by KHDA since 2015

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Knowledge



LEARNING SKILLS AT RDS

We are extremely proud of our students understanding of the skills and processes that enable them to be an affective learner. This was recognised as part of our latest DSIB inspection and continues to be a strong feature in the school.

"The schools enterprising approach to the Learning Wave model is a developing feature and has a positive impact on students' acquisition of learning skills. Students in all years embrace the concept of the learning wave, which encourages them to evaluate their own performance." DSIB

To amplify the impact of the Learning Wave, which is the RDS learning model used to help students articulate the learning process, we are currently working alongside Professor Deborah Eyre as part of a High Performance Learning network of schools. Through

the ICARE learning dispositions complimented by the HPL cognitive domains (ACPs) as well as the values, attitudes and attributes (VAAs) RDS students continue to develop the language to help them explain the current stage of their learning journey and the next steps they need to take to improve and deepen their understanding.

"The school's development of the "Learning Wave" and "Concept Curriculum" enables teachers to plan lessons that focus on learning. As part of this, students frequently initiate learning ... various teaching strategies are being deployed to increase the level of responsibility that students take for their learning, including the use of learning ladders to aid self-evaluation." DSIB.

THE LEARNING WAVE



GEMS ROYAL DUBAI SCHOOL | VISION

Achieving Excellence Together

	We embrace the GEMS Core values of:	GRDS prepares its students to be:	As a Learning Community Our Mission is to...
I D E N T I T Y	LEADING THROUGH INNOVATION	CREATIVE THINKERS	Create dynamic and technology enabled risk-takers who are able to innovate and lead their own learning journey, using digital technology as an integral tool to develop new ideas and ways of thinking.
	PURSUING EXCELLENCE	ASPIRATIONAL & ADAPTABLE	Develop learners aware of their own standards of excellence in order that they understand and achieve to their full potential; consistently challenged by high standards and methodologies who are forward thinking in their responses, attitudes and behaviour.
	GROWING BY LEARNING	REFLECTIVE LEARNERS	Build a consciousness of community and environment, and ability to transfer learning across contexts, becoming active participants in a lifelong learning process, fostering curiosity, creativity and an ongoing cycle of self improvement.
	GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP	EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS	Empower responsible and respectful citizens to voice their own opinion and express themselves in various situations and mediums, developing their own pathways as multi-cultural and global citizens.



THE CURRICULUM

Students at GEMS Royal Dubai School follow an enriched version of the New National Curriculum for England, where they may transfer to or from other National Curriculum schools around the world. The school is certified as a British School Overseas, supporting students wanting to transition between the UK and UAE.

The Foundation Stage curriculum is divided into six areas of learning:

- » Personal, social and emotional development.
- » Communication, language and literacy.
- » Mathematical development
- » Knowledge and understanding of the world.
- » Physical development
- » Creative development

At GEMS Royal Dubai School, we know how young children learn, and provide a stimulating environment in which they flourish.

We want our youngest pupils to have a happy and confident start to their learning journey. We aim to develop their curiosity, imagination and a thirst for learning. Therefore, their classrooms have been designed especially to make them feel comfortable, secure and ready to learn. Everything they need is within their bright colourful play space, such as washroom facilities and direct access to a shaded and well-resourced outside area.

The curriculum is delivered through carefully structured play activities and practical experiences, and is supported by a programme of visits and outings. Our caring staff create a vibrant environment and through observation and listening are able to ensure that each individual is supported through the Stepping Stones towards the Early Learning Goals. In this way we ensure our pupils have all the skills and attitudes they will need to succeed in Year 1.



In Key Stages 1 and 2 the children will study the following subjects

CORE SUBJECTS:

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » Science
- » Digital Learning
- » Arabic

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS:

- » Moral Education
- » UAE Social Studies
- » History
- » Geography
- » Creative Arts (*our students have a rotation between Art, Music and Drama*)
- » Design and Technology
- » Physical Education
- » Personal, Social, Health Education and Citizenship
- » French (*from Year 3*)

Arabic A and Arabic B language lessons and Islamic Education (*for our Muslim pupils*) are taught from Year 1 in accordance with local Ministry requirements. In Foundation Stage a weekly time is allocated for Arabic with an Arabic teacher engaging in play-based activities to further enhance their Arabic language skills. French is also taught as an additional language from Year 3.

Success develops naturally in children who are happy, well-motivated and given the encouragement to push themselves. We therefore encourage students at RDS to be prepared to take a few risks along the way, knowing they will always be supported.



KEY STAGE 1

We take seriously our role in encouraging children to develop the leadership skills, resilience and confidence which will help them succeed in a challenging world. In Key Stage 1, this means specialist teachers working alongside our experienced class teachers to ensure a broad and motivating curriculum whilst achieving consistently high standards for the all-round development of our students. Each child is treated as an individual, and at RDS we look at the youngsters' preferred learning styles and help them to understand themselves as learners.

With its outstanding academic record, first-class facilities and excellent pastoral care, GEMS Royal Dubai School offers all students the chance to excel both inside and outside the classroom. They learn to enquire, question, hypothesise, use their imagination and develop their physical, creative, mathematical and language skills. We also ensure that our pupils develop the social skills to be confident and responsible members of their class and school community. Whilst setting high academic standards, we also ensure there is an emphasis on fun and lots of practical experience, both inside and beyond the school boundaries.

KEY STAGE 2

With a friendly atmosphere, the children are well mannered and eager to learn. High standards are expected and met, and each child is regarded as an individual. In Key Stage 2 there are many opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, with students thriving in a stimulating environment and making use of the excellent facilities on campus.

With a combination of traditional and modern teaching methods, each child is encouraged to develop into an independent learner and succeed to the best of their ability. This is achieved through aiming for the highest possible standards and ensuring that all students are able to meet challenges by setting individual targets and encouraging long-term goals. Personalised learning, ongoing assessment, a range of teaching approaches, as well as a selection of extra-curricular activities, all help to motivate and inspire, develop natural ability and encourage new interests.

The GEMS Royal Dubai School seeks to encourage and develop a range of gifts and talents amongst its students. It has high academic standards and aspirations, but also encourages artistic, creative and sporting excellence. We are confident that the overall effect of students receiving such a broad curriculum will be that they discover their skills and interests, and will gain the self-belief and a willingness to live their lives to the full.



THE RDS COMMUNITY

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Research has shown the importance of parental engagement in the success of your child's education. We want the best for your child, and by working in partnership we can successfully enrich your child's journey through GEMS Royal Dubai School.

Close communication is at the core of our partnership approach. Keeping guardians in the loop regarding their child's progress is an essential part of what we do. From Parent Teacher Student meetings, written reports, Open Classrooms and an "open door" policy which ensures parents can speak with us at any stage, we keep those all-important channels of communication wide open. Make an appointment today to speak one-to-one with any member of our teaching staff in confidence.

FRIENDS OF ROYAL DUBAI SCHOOL

FORDS

Friends of Royal Dubai School

Friends of Royal Dubai School is run by parents for parents, families and members of the local community to meet socially, in and out of school and to organise events to support our school and GEMS charities. Everyone is welcome to participate and new ideas are always welcome.



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