



**YASMINA**  
BRITISH ACADEMY

# Parent Information Pack 2023-2024



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# Our Executive Principal



Welcome to Yasmina British Academy. We are one of the few recognised outstanding schools in the UAE where our students' attainment and progress, within all year groups, are significantly above UK, UAE and global averages. The whole Academy community is very proud of its achievements to date and is looking forward to working in partnership to become a leading Academy of excellence within the region.

No matter the age of the student and central to everything that we do, Yasmina is focused on the development of happy, confident, independent, and flexible learners, who are fully prepared for advanced study and work within the ever-changing demands of the 3rd Millennium. We genuinely care about all people within our Academy community.

At the heart of our entire academy are the 3 key objectives of Aldar Education: Our Purpose – Empowering the next generation to shape our future, Our Promise – Delivering the highest standards of education and inspiring a love of learning; and Our Values- Excellence, Creativity, Passion, Respect and Collaboration.

Through outstanding learning and teaching and the constant reinforcement of our core objectives, we can fully prepare all of our students for adult life, to enable them all to practice and develop leadership qualities, to be highly motivated, confident and creative independent learners and most importantly understand the value of being respectful and tolerant international citizens.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

**Keith Miller**

## OUR PURPOSE

**EMPOWERING OUR NEXT  
GENERATION TO SHAPE OUR  
FUTURE.**

# Our Head of School



It is with great pride that I welcome you to our truly remarkable school.

Having begun my teaching and leadership career in London, I relocated to the UAE nine years ago with a wealth of senior leadership experience, steering schools through periods of change and significant development. It has been a great honour to have led Yasmina British Academy as the Primary Principal for the last 3 years and I am now very much looking forward to driving standards and strategy across the whole school as the Head of School.

As a former International Triathlete competing for Great Britain on the World stage and a Loughborough University Sports Scholar, my philosophy of education is for students to be all-rounded - learning values and skills through exposure to a variety of high performing experiences. These align to the school vision of developing Sports and the Arts - building vital life skills such as resilience, collaboration, leadership and a strive for excellence; in turn stimulating motivated learners to succeed in a wide range of academic, personal and social situations.

My vision for the whole school is to ensure that every child is given the platform to reach their full potential, no matter what their starting point. To ensure that the curriculum is broad and balanced with opportunities which allow them to overcome challenge, be engaged, motivated, and to be successful.

I wish to inspire learners to take pride in all that they do, to be reflective, and to revel in their accomplishments.

We are an incredible community of staff, parents and students and I look forward to working very closely with the incredible Yasmina British Academy community to take the school through its next stage of educational excellence - with the common goal – to encourage and develop lifelong learning skills and strong values in the young people in our care.

**Holly Gibbs**

## OUR PROMISE

**DELIVERING THE HIGHEST  
STANDARDS OF EDUCATION  
AND INSPIRING A LOVE OF  
LEARNING.**

# Meet Our Executive Leadership Team

## Head of Primary - Sarah Lane



In 2014 I decided to combine my love of teaching and travel and make a move to the U.A.E. Since then, I have had the privilege of teaching and leading in highly successful schools in both Dubai and Abu Dhabi, meeting and getting to know children from all around the world.

When the opportunity to join the leadership team at Yasmina British Academy arose, I was incredibly excited to join a school with an excellent reputation, incredibly high standards, and most importantly, a wonderful community of students, staff, and parents.

One of my key priorities as a Primary Principal is to provide all children with classroom experiences where they feel secure and confident enough to try out new things and make mistakes, as this is a critical aspect of the learning process. All children should feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school, which is always a top priority in everything we do here at Yasmina British Academy. Confident and secure learners will always achieve the very best outcomes, both academically and personally. This is something I am confident that we provide each and every child who joins us at Yasmina British Academy.

## Head of Secondary - Jennie Kellett



After ten very successful years in the UK, I moved to the UAE in 2009, joining Yasmina as a middle leader in 2011. In 2015 I joined the Senior Leadership Team, and I am now very privileged to hold the position of Secondary Principal.

I have an excellent track record of raising standards and have been an integral part of the Academy's journey over the years, achieving BSME Outstanding, Investors in People Gold, BSO Outstanding and ADEK Outstanding.

For me, education is the key to success, and this success is enveloped by a growth mindset where learning is at the heart of everything we do. With this philosophy in mind, there is no ceiling to learning, no limit to success and no cap to achievement; learning truly is an exciting journey of discovery for all.

## Manager - Operations & Support Services - Dennis Felix



With a decade of leadership experience in Outstanding Schools in Abu Dhabi, I am an accomplished Operations & Support Services Manager (OSM) prioritising excellence and student well-being. As a Master's degree holder in Strategy and Project Management, I implement Kaizen and agile methodology for continuous improvement. A trusted member of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), I efficiently manage complex projects, exceeding expectations and streamlining operations. My passion for education and exceptional service stems from growing up with UAE educator parents. In summary, I am committed to driving excellence within the organization, leveraging my extensive experience and advanced education. My focus on health and safety, along with agile methodology, strengthens our facilities and supports the organization's success.



# Meet Our Senior Leadership Team



**Wendy Wortman**  
Primary Assistant Principal



**Lisa Davey**  
Primary Assistant Principal



**Hannah Riddle**  
Primary Assistant Principal



**Paul Taylor**  
Secondary Assistant Principal -  
Pastoral Welfare and Standards



**Samantha Pyper**  
Secondary Assistant Principal -  
Curriculum & Achievement

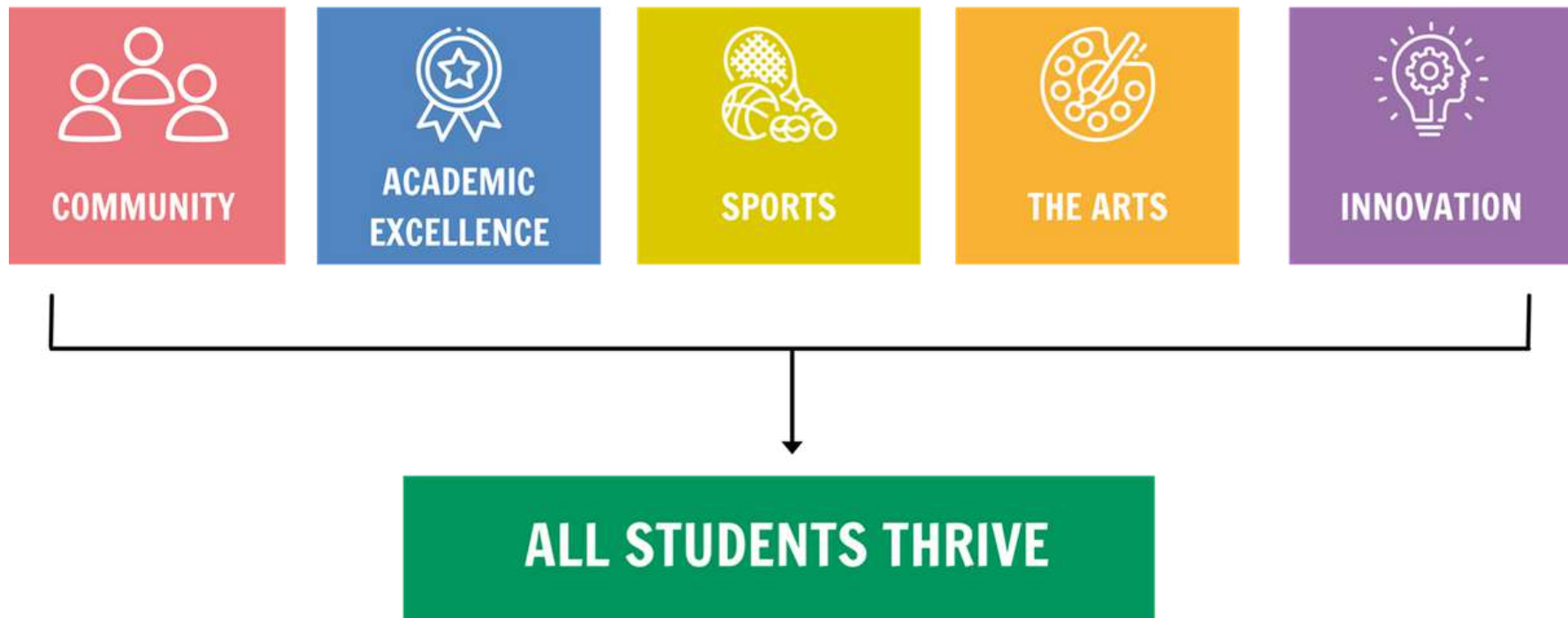


**Zaheera Haujee**  
Secondary Assistant Principal -  
Learning, Teaching & Assessment Data

## Rated as "Outstanding" by the BSO & ADEK

In their 2018 report, the British School Overseas inspection deemed Yasmina British Academy to be “Outstanding”. The report highlighted the “Outstanding” provision from Early Years through to Sixth Form in quality of teaching, learning, and assessments, as well as leadership and management. In addition to academic success, they deemed the personal development, behaviour, and welfare for students to also be “Outstanding”.

We were also rated as ‘Outstanding’ by Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) in all six performance standards in 2019. The report commented that, ‘Leaders set an extremely clear strategic vision and direction for the school’, and that ‘The school’s outstanding curriculum means that students have clear and effective academic guidance and support at all stages in their education’.



## Our Curriculum

The English National Curriculum is renowned and respected the world over as being one of the most academically rigorous pathways to further education. One of its key advantages is that it is constantly evolving to encompass the changing world in which we live. Above all, it is designed to foster a love of learning and at Yasmina, we aim to inspire and challenge our students to approach the curriculum with a sense of curiosity and resilience, ensuring that we instill these skills in them for life.

With passion at the heart of everything we do, Yasmina nurtures all children through a rich and exciting educational journey. We truly believe that all children can achieve academic success and live a life full of opportunity and fulfilment regardless of their starting point. High Performance Learning is based upon a framework that include 30 learning characteristics that students develop to be high performing learners. These are based around, 'How we think' and 'How we behave' and are embedded across our curriculum.

Successful foundations are laid in Early Years and in Primary to engage and cultivate awe, wonder, and imagination. Independence is developed and fostered through a safe environment where students feel comfortable taking risks and are not afraid to fail. Inclusive for all, barriers to learning are overcome through building trust to create confident, happy, reflective, and accountable learners, who make exceptional progress.

Our Early Years and Primary curriculum are designed to be exciting, varied, and creative, enabling learning to flow through the different subject areas. All students are given opportunities to make connections, apply their skills, and understand how their experiences relate to the real world. From these foundations, we are committed to delivering the highest levels of Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies in line with the expectations of the Ministry of Education.

Through the Middle School, our Year 5-8 teams bring together the best of Primary with the specialisms of Secondary in a creative, exciting curriculum fully preparing our students to successfully choose their I/GCSE options at the end of Year 8 until Year 11 and A Levels until Year 13.

GCSEs and A-levels are two of the most rigorous, reliable, and highly regarded examinations available. At the end of Year 13, students go on to study at some of the most prestigious universities around the world with our Alumni including graduates from Oxbridge, Ivy League, and Russell Group institutions.

## Qualifications

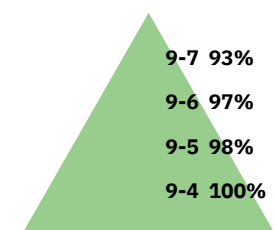
### I/GCSE

We recorded an impressive 56% 9 - 7 grades among all exams sat by its IGCSE students, while 95% of total entries earned 9 - 4 grades. In 2021, Yasmina recorded incredible achievements in the core subjects of English and Maths with 83% and 81% achieving grades of 9 – 6, in line with previous years.

### A-Level

An incredible 77% of Yasmina British Academy's A-Level students scored A\*, A or B, exceeding UK schools' benchmark of 53% and placing us in the top 5% of schools for value added. Top achieving students from Aldar Academies have already secured opportunities to pursue their higher education at prestigious Russell Group and Ivy League universities in the UK and USA.

#### i GCSE/GCSE Grades 2021/2022



#### iAL/AL Grades 2021/2022



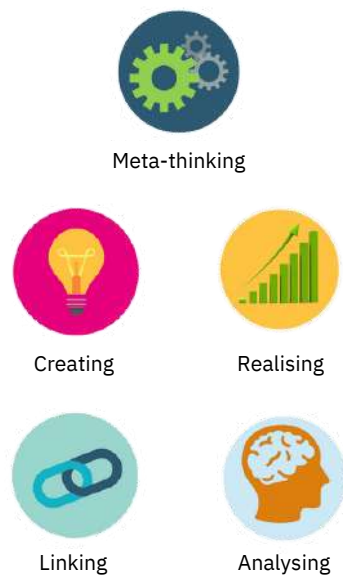


# High Performance Learning

Between October 2022 and June 2023, we have been incorporating the High-Performance Learning framework into how students learn at Yasmina British Academy. The HPL philosophy rests on decades of research around the intrinsic features of high performance, and the framework provides a clear strategy to develop students' cognitive and behavioural skills to enable high performance across the curriculum and prepare them for life beyond school. HPL focuses on our students' limitless potential, not fixed ability, which means every young person at Yasmina is given the opportunities and ingredients to succeed as a high performer.

The HPL framework includes 20 Advanced Cognitive Performance characteristics (ACPs) and 10 Values, Attitudes and Attributes (VAAs). These ACPs and VAAs are progressive and enable students to purposefully and consciously develop the thinking skills and behaviours required for high performance in all their lessons.

## How to Think



## How to Behave



## Learn More about HPL

Introducing HPL: <https://www.highperformancelearning.co.uk/>

Room at the Top: Inclusive education for high performance: [rb.gy/1bttk](https://rb.gy/1bttk)

Head's Up Podcast: [rb.gy/9smta](https://rb.gy/9smta)

What is HPL? and why does it matter to students? [rb.gy/o1lni](https://rb.gy/o1lni)

## Student Leadership

Within Yasmina, there are wide variety of leadership opportunities open for students to develop lifelong leadership skills.

Having effective leaders and ambassadors develops our community in a number of ways. It further enhances students' roles as responsible learners. It empowers student voice. It creates a positive school environment of inclusivity, awareness and opportunity. It allow students to thrive and model our core values of Excellence, Respect, Collaboration, Passion and Creativity.

Our prestigious positions throughout the school are:

- Head Boy and Head Girl of the Academy - Post 16
- Secondary Student Leadership Team
- Prefects
- Head Boy and Head Girl of Primary
- Primary Student Leadership Team
- House Captains and House Tutors
- Subject Ambassadors
- Digital Leaders
- Eco Warriors
- Student Councillors
- Well-Being Buddies



# Attendance

Attendance matters.

Good attendance is the foundation for academic achievement and it underpins all aspects of personal development. It establishes a responsible attitude towards the opportunities available in school and further education and it is the basis for the world of work. Attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

Yasmina British Academy actively promotes and encourages 100% attendance for all pupils. Our aim is to ensure that students arrive at the academy and to lessons on time. We strive for attendance that is consistently outstanding for all year groups.

It is important that parents, students and the academy work together to improve and maintain high attendance and punctuality rates. Please contact the attendance officer ([attendance@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae](mailto:attendance@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae)) and your child's class/form teacher if your child is absent.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH WEEK 8 days in total or 1 week & 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH WEEK 16 days in total or 3 week & 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH WEEK 24 days in total or 4 week & 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH WEEK 32 days in total or 6 weeks & 2 days

# Home Learning

Learning at home is an essential part of good education as research shows that home learning has a positive impact on student outcomes. Home learning not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps students to develop skills and attitudes they need for successful lifelong learning. Students need to be given opportunities to develop independence, habits of inquiry and investigation, time management and discipline which is essential for GCSE and A Level study.

## Primary

Class Teachers will share Home Learning 'Take Away' sheets with the students at the beginning of each term. This will indicate the tasks that need to be completed for English, Maths, Science and STEAM over the term linking to the topic being taught.

In EYFS students are expected to read for 10 minutes every day and complete a practical activity linked to Maths, Arabic and Topic from the newsletter.

Students in Primary (Year 1 to Year 6) are expected to read for 15 minutes every day and learn the spelling rule in addition to the Takeaway homework sheet. Students record all home learning in their homework book. This allows for parents and class teachers to be able to monitor the work that is being completed. This helps students develop independence and time management skills as well as ensuring they make excellent progress in their learning.

## Secondary

Heads of Year share Home Learning schedules for their year group at the start of the academic year, which specifies which subjects students need to work on each day.

As a general rule, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are expected to complete 1.5 hours of home learning each day. When students progress on to GCSEs in Year 10 and 11, the expectation is for students to complete around 2 hours of independent learning at home each day. By the time students enter Post-16 and A level study, the demands of these courses mean students will have to complete around 3 hours of independent work on each subject, each week.

All students in Years 7-11 should spend 30-45 minutes of their daily home

learning time on reading, learning vocabulary, practising times tables and some form of review or consolidation of work completed in class.

Students record all home learning in their school planner so completion can be monitored by parents, tutors and teachers. This helps students develop independence and time management skills as well as ensuring they make excellent progress in their learning whilst remaining accountable to the adults who support them.



# School Supplies

Students are required to bring their own stationery and device to school to facilitate their day-to-day learning.

## YEARS 1-3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small pencil case              | <input type="checkbox"/> Eraser           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HB pencils                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil sharpener |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colours (felt tips or pencils) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bring Your Own Device</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Protractor       |

## YEARS 4 -6

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pen                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Colouring pencils             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler                          | <input type="checkbox"/> See through pencil case       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic calculator               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink pen                      |
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|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink highlighter              |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bring Your Own Device:</b> |

## YEARS 7 -13

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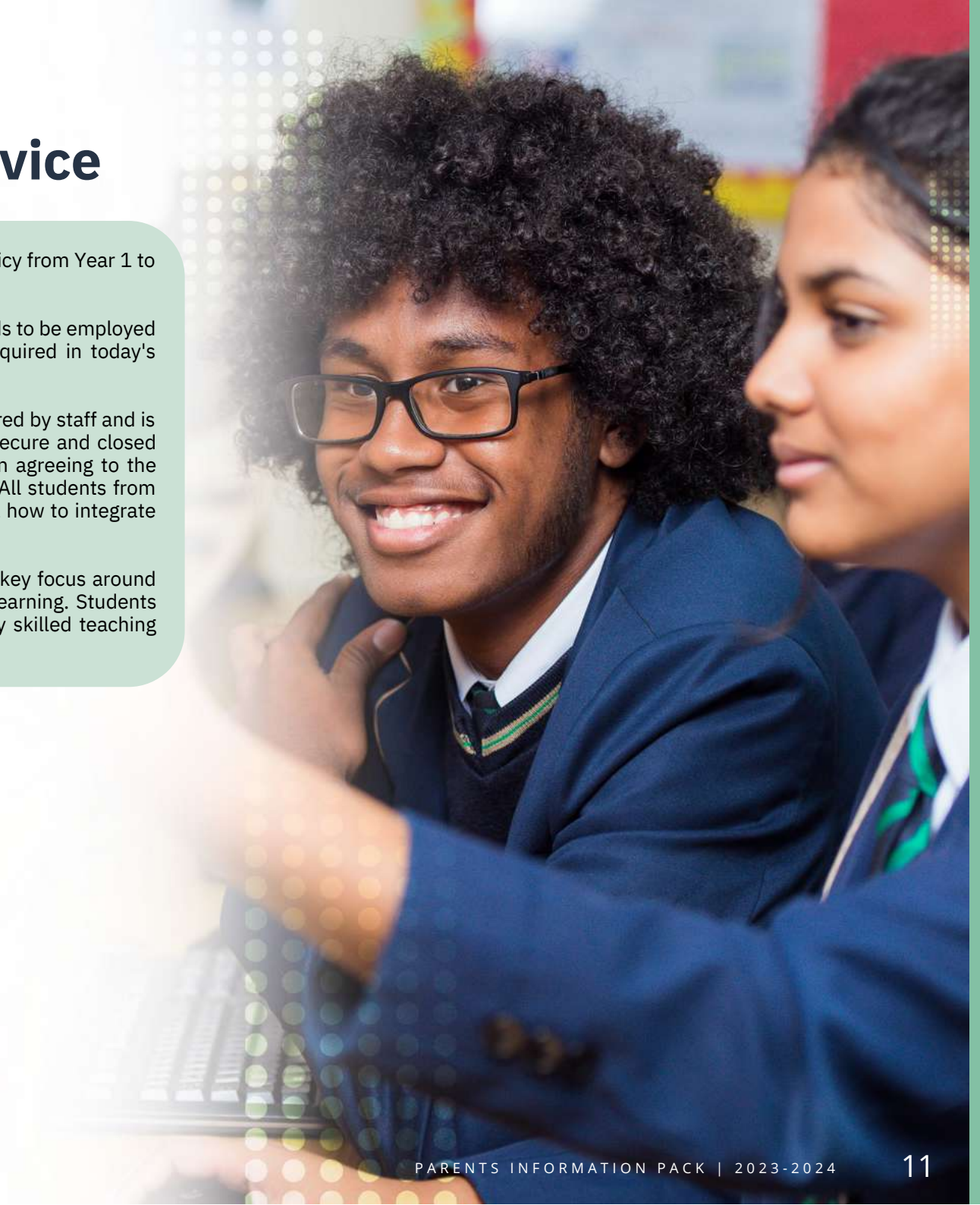
## Bring Your Own Device

At Yasmina, we operate a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy from Year 1 to Year 13.

Technology enables innovative teaching and learning methods to be employed and to provide all students with the 21st century skills required in today's society.

The use of devices in school is carefully planned and monitored by staff and is used to enhance the learning experience. AYA operates a secure and closed network and the full details of safe use can be found when agreeing to the terms and conditions as part of the AYA MED BYOD Policy. All students from Year 1 to Year 13 will be trained at an age appropriate level how to integrate technology into their everyday learning.

It is essential to emphasise that your child's learning is the key focus around this initiative and there will still be a huge focus on active learning. Students will continue to learn away from their device and our highly skilled teaching staff will plan lessons very carefully to allow for this.

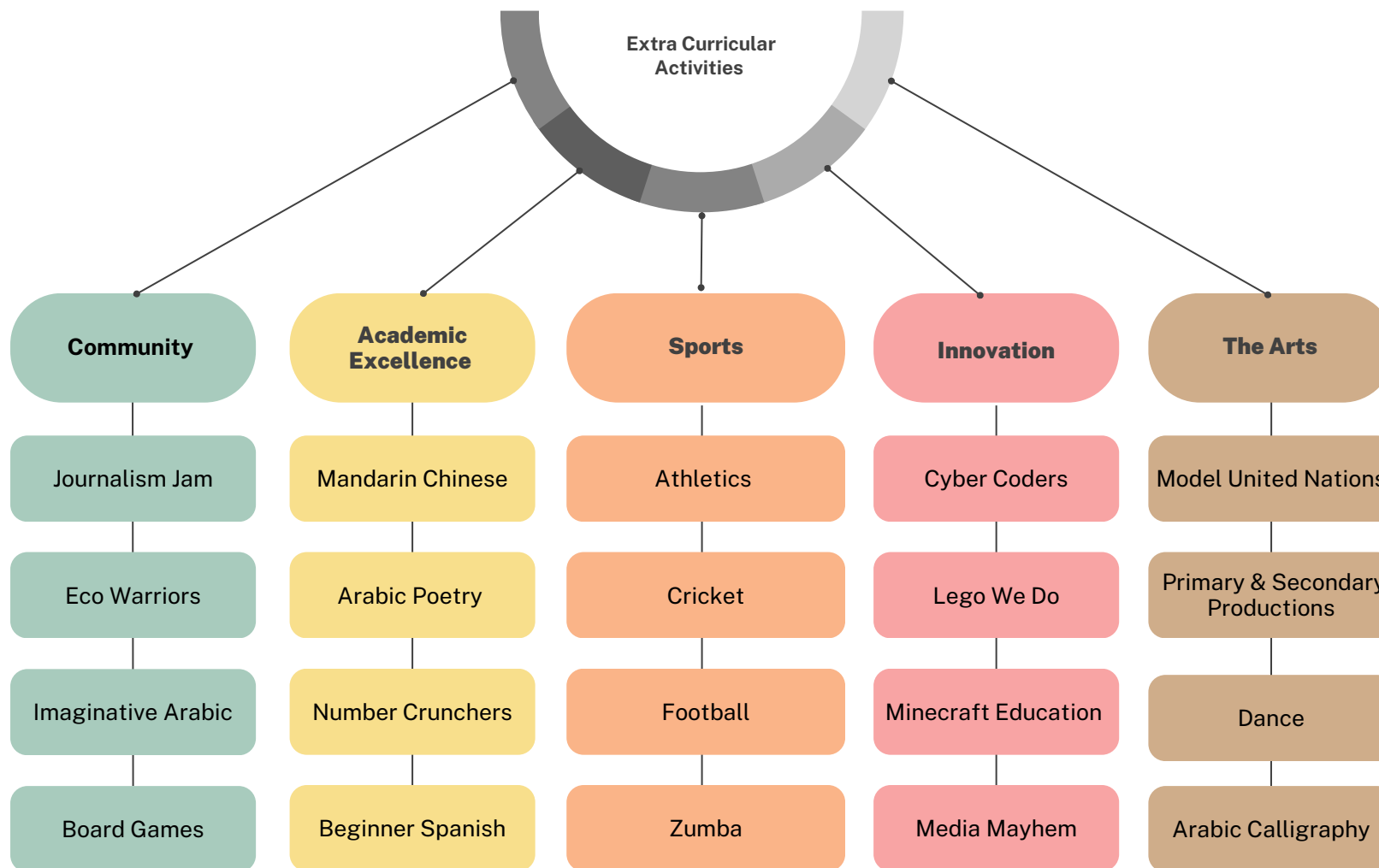






# Primary Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs)

Yasmina British Academy offers a wide range of extra curricular activities linked to the five core pillars of our school. Each term you will have the opportunity to join a new ECA and develop your interests, acquire new skills and meet new friends. Below is just a taster of what is available...





# Secondary Extended-Curricular Activities (ECAs)

The ECA and Academic Enrichment programme serves to raise the whole child. Our provision ensures that we raise happy, confident, honest, reliable, hardworking, respectful, resilient, and independent young adults. Our provision guarantees opportunities for every child to discover where they shine within the curriculum and the best fit into the school's wider community. We offer more than 60 ECAs across the secondary school and below are examples of the offered ECAs.



Robotics & Coding

Mission to Mars

DIDI Project Design Space

Entrepreneur Club

STEAM



Rugby

Swimming

Football

Basketball

Cricket



Digital & Traditional Art Masterclasses

Scenography & Stage Design

Performing Arts & Dance

Music Band and Choir

LAMDA Qualification



ECO Warriors

Sustainability Fashion

Yasminine School Magazine

Arabic Poetry

Toast Masters



Model United Nations

World Scholar Cup

Language Clubs

Medical Podcast

IELTS & Reading Club

# Our Parent Committee

## Yalla Yasmina

Yalla Yasmina is Yasmina British Academy's parent association, working alongside the school to help enrich students' experiences at school.

Yalla Yasmina helps organise and manage many community and school events throughout the year- mainly through fundraising, with donations going to charitable organisations, as well as improvements within our school.

Fundraising efforts in the past helped support our school's primary library, new furniture in the Foundation Stage, equipment for the PE department, as well as appreciation gifts for the Green and Security teams.

Events include Pink October, the Arabic Book Fair, Flag Day, National Day, Heritage Week, Anti Bullying and Mental Health Awareness.

If you would like to learn more about Yalla Yasmina and how you as a parent can contribute to our school community's events and fundraisers, please email [pre@yasminabritishacademy.ae](mailto:pre@yasminabritishacademy.ae).





# Our School Uniform

## Aldar Academies' Uniform Policy

Our policy is based on the view that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the students with their school
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Has been designed with the health and safety of the students in mind
- Adheres to strict ADEK and government regulations.

## School Bags

Students should bring a rucksack with two shoulder straps, Yasmina's school bags are encouraged, but optional.

## School Shoes

Smart, black leather shoes with white socks must be worn. Please note that boots, sandals and trainers (except for PE) are not permitted.

## Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy, with no extreme hair colouring or styles. Hair below collar length should be tied back or plaited. Only plain practical accessories may be worn in the school colours.

## Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear a watch. Stud earrings may be worn. No other jewelry is permitted. In line with safe practices, earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons.

## Cosmetics

Make-up, lipstick, nail varnish, nails extensions or temporary tattoos are not permitted in school.

## Cultural Sensitivity

It is recognised that some parents of young girls would prefer that their arms and legs are fully covered. In such circumstances, second skins/in t-shirts and leggings may be worn underneath uniforms, or trousers may be worn (obtainable tailor-made, from the uniform supplier).

\*Leggings cannot be worn alone.

## Where to Purchase Uniforms

Aldar Academies' uniforms are available exclusively from Magrudy's Uniforms. You can purchase items online, or alternatively, you can visit Magrudy's store at Al Forsan Central Mall, Abu Dhabi.

## Post-16 Uniforms

The uniform for Post-16 students at Yasmina British Academy consists of our branded school uniform with a blue shirt or professional attire in black, white, blue or grey.

Students wearing professional attire will:

- Encourage independence, responsibility, and maturity
- Increase comfort and enhance a sense of freedom
- Promote a stronger sense of identity and self-expression
- Foster a formal, professional, and mature environment
- Prepare students for the real world, such as university, internships, and the workplace



# Our School Uniform Catalog

SCHOOL UNIFORMS



**DRESS**  
GIRLS  
FS1 & FS2



**POLO T-SHIRT**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
FS1 - YEAR 6



**BERMUDA SHORT**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
FS1 - YEAR 6



**SKORT**  
GIRLS  
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



**KHAKI PINAFORE**  
GIRLS  
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



**NAVY CARDIGAN**  
GIRLS  
FS1 - YEAR 6



**LEGIONNAIRE CAP**  
FS1-YEAR6



**BLACK LIBRARY BAG WITH LOGO**  
FS1-YEAR6



**V-NECK SWEATER**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
FS1 - YEAR 11



**NAVY TROUSER**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



**SHORT SKIRT**  
GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



**LONG SKIRT**  
GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



**WHITE SHIRT SHORT SLEEVE**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



**WHITE SHIRT LONG SLEEVE**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



**NAVY BLUE BLAZER**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



**TIE**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



**P.E. T-SHIRT**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
FS1-YEAR 13



**P.E. SHORT**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
FS1-YEAR 13



**P.E. TRACK PANTS**  
BOYS & GIRLS  
FS1-YEAR 13



**BLACK ROMPERS**  
GIRLS  
FS1-YEAR 13



**SWIMMING TRUNKS**  
BOYS  
FS1-YEAR 6



**BLACK SWIMMING COSTUME**  
FS1-YEAR13



**SPORTS BAG WITH LOGO**  
FS1-YEAR13



**P.E/ SWIM BAG WITH LOGO**  
FS1-YEAR13



**BASEBALL CAP**  
YEAR3-YEAR13



**BLACK BAGPACK WITH LOGO**  
FS1-YEAR13



**GREEN HOUSE SHIRT**  
PRIMARY - CORNICHE CROCODILES  
SECONDARY - MALALA



**YELLOW HOUSE SHIRT**  
PRIMARY - MARINA LEOPARDS  
SECONDARY - LUTHER



**RED HOUSE SHIRT**  
PRIMARY - MANGROVE FALCONS  
SECONDARY - ALI



**PURPLE HOUSE SHIRT**  
PRIMARY - RAHA RHINOS  
SECONDARY - NELSON



**ORANGE HOUSE SHIRT**  
PRIMARY - YAS TIGERS  
SECONDARY - WILLIAMS



**BLUE HOUSE SHIRT**  
PRIMARY - SAADIYAT SHARKS  
SECONDARY - HAWKING





## Parent & Guardian ID

Parent Passes will be used to further enhance our security procedures and should be worn whenever you are at school. You will be asked to show your Parent Pass when collecting your child or entering the premises. We encourage you to have it clearly on display.

If you do not have your Parent Pass, you will be asked to sign in as a visitor to obtain a visitor's pass.

In Primary, you must confirm your identity by supplying your child's unique PIN number also at collection time.

If you'd like your child to be collected by someone who does not have their own Parent Pass, please inform your class teacher via e-mail in advance with the details of who will be collecting your child.

The e-mail request will help staff to confirm that we have the authorisation to allow pick up for this adult. They will be asked to confirm your child's unique PIN also.

Parent Passes are compulsory and a key part of ensuring the safety of all children at school. These are arranged on Admission to our school and by our team at Reception: **reception@yasminabritishacademy.ae**.



## The Parent Portal

General communication from the school will be uploaded onto the Parent Portal or through email. Primary class teachers will also communicate through our learning platform, Seesaw.

It is vital that you understand how to access the school Portal system as a parent as this is one of key forms of communication.

Please follow the [attached guide](#) and email **ayaadmin@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae** to activate your Parent Portal login details.

If you need any assistance, please contact one of our administrators on the above email, so we will be able to assist you further.



# Nutrition & Catering

## Early Years & Primary

Students must bring their own packed lunch and snacks to school daily, as well as their own water bottles. Water dispensers will be available should students need to re-fill.

In years 5 and 6, students have the option to purchase food from our mobile canteens at lunch time should they wish.

Note that we operate a nut free policy within Yasmina.

## Secondary

Along with being able to bring their own packed lunch, we have partnered with Food Nation to open a canteen for Secondary students.

Food Nation prides itself on its commitment to providing honest, healthy and tasty food to students, and works across a wide range of schools in the Emirate.

The following options will be on offer daily:

1. Grab and Go Range = AED 2.00 to AED 15.00
2. Meal of the day (Protein with starch and side) = AED 15.00
3. Meal of the day (Protein with starch, sides and dessert) = AED 18.00

Should you wish for your child to purchase food at school, please ensure that they bring in the correct amount of money each day.



# Our Term Dates

TERM 1	
First day	28th August 2023
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY 16-20 OCTOBER 2023</b>	
First day back after half term	23rd October 2023
<b>WINTER HOLIDAY 13TH - 29TH DECEMBER 2023</b>	
TERM 2	
First day	2nd January 2024
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY 19TH - 23RD FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
First day back after half term	26th February 2024
<b>SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY 25TH MARCH - 5TH APRIL 2024</b>	
TERM 3	
First day	8th April 2024
Last day of school	5th July 2024

\*Please note that dates may be subject to change by the Ministry of Education or ADEK

# Our School Day Timings

YEAR	DROP-OFF	PICK-UP (MON-THURS)	PICK-UP (FRI)
<b>FS1</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	11:15 am -11:45 am
<b>FS2</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	11:15 am -11:45 am
<b>YEAR 1</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	11:30-12:00 pm
<b>YEAR 2</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	2:50 pm	11:50 pm
<b>YEAR 3</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 4</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 5</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	3:00 pm	12:00 pm
<b>YEAR 6</b>	7:15 am - 8:00 am	3:00 pm	12:00 pm
<b>YEAR 7</b>	7:15 am - 7:40am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 8</b>	7:15 am - 7:40am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 9</b>	7:15 am - 7:40am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 10</b>	7:15 am - 7:40am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 11</b>	7:15 am - 7:40am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm
<b>YEAR 12 &amp; 13</b>	7:15 am - 7:40am	2:55 pm	11:55 pm

Further pick up and drop off details for each Year Group will be communicated directly in the Welcome Letters from Directors in Primary and Heads of Year in Secondary.



## Bus Information

### Emirates Transport

Aldar Academies Emirates Transport provide high quality buses with enhanced student safety features. Emirates Transport is the largest school transport provider within the UAE.

They regulate, manage, and supervise the operations of student transport in line with Department of Transport at the highest international safety standards.

Buses operate for the end of school times only; they do not operate for Extra Curricular Activities scheduled after school hours.

To sign up for the bus, please visit, **Emirates Transport** or contact **alyasmina@et.ae**.

## Photography Consent

During the school year, we take photographs of school activities involving students to celebrate and share with our community.

These photos may be featured on our website, social media pages, news bulletins, billboards, and ads.

With this, we seek your consent in allowing us to publish photos which may involve your child.

Should you not wish to consent, please fill out the **e-form** for each of your children.





# Payment Information

All our academy fees are regulated by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and are only subject to review every two years.

YEAR	YEARLY FEES (AED)	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
<b>Nursery</b>	44,590	17,836	13,377	13,377
<b>FS2 - Year 1</b>	46,140	18,456	13,842	13,842
<b>Years 2 - 6</b>	48,360	19,344	14,508	14,508
<b>Years 7 - 8</b>	53,770	21,508	16,131	16,131
<b>Year 9</b>	57,650	23,060	17,295	17,295
<b>Years 10 - 13</b>	63,560	25,424	19,068	19,068

Finance payment information:

To pay tuition fees, you can either pay via a bank transfer or cheque.

Please note that when you make a direct deposit to our bank account, we do not necessarily recognise your payment unless you provide us the bank deposit slip. Kindly send a copy of the bank deposit receipt to the following email **finance@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae** immediately, so we can allocate funds accordingly and send you a confirmation receipt.

For online transfer, please see the below bank details.

**Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank**  
**Account Name: Aldar Academies LLC – Yasmina Academy**  
**Account Number: 10482902020008**  
**IBAN: AE88 0030 0104 8290 2020 008**  
**Swift Code: ADCBAEAA**

Please note you can check your outstanding balance or download invoices/receipts by logging in to the Parent's Portal, under "My Account".



## School Fees Cashless Payment Options

Dear Parents,

We are writing to notify you about a change in the school's policy regarding tuition fee payments.

To help collect payments in an efficient and streamlined manner and provide convenience to both yourselves and our school teams, we will no longer be accepting any cash transactions for your child's school fees.

Below are the payment options now available to you:

- **Bank Transfer** - Please include the Student Codes and Invoice References in the payment description fields and please send an email confirmation of the payment to the school's finance email address.
- **Cheques** - Please put these in a sealed envelope with the Student Codes and InvoiceReferences on the reverse of the cheque and submit it via the dedicated drop box placed at the school premises. Upon clearance of the cheque, a receipt will be issued to the registered email address within 3 working days.
- **'Payit' mobile phone application** – the UAE's first all-in-one digital wallet by First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) and available for download for free on iOS and Android devices.

The school will not be able to accept credit or debit card transactions.

We believe this change will benefit how our schools operate more efficiently to serve you and help reduce the need for handling or transporting cash.

For ease, invoices will be shared to your registered email address and will be available on the Parent Portal. We would kindly ask that fees are paid by the due date mentioned on the invoice.

We are here to help you however we can. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's finance team.

Kind Regards,  
Aldar Education – Finance



We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with the Payit, the UAE's first fully-featured digital wallet, to facilitate online payments of your school fees at the click of a button along with availing other incredible benefits and offers.

Contact [finance@alyasminiacademy.sch.ae](mailto:finance@alyasminiacademy.sch.ae) or visit [Payit](#) for more information.

## Darna Rewards

The Darna Rewards Programme is a free application available to parents to allow you to earn points upon payment of tuition or for experiences and purchases across Aldar and participating brands, which can then be redeemed for future payments.

To apply, you need to register through the **Darna Rewards** application by using the same e-mail provided to the school.

Your points accrued will then be added to your account within 7 days.



## Key Contacts

Our main form of communication in Primary will be from your class teachers via email and Seesaw. Within the secondary phase of Yasmina, our teachers will communicate with you via the Parent Portal or through email. Important information will be sent via text messages.

### Contacting the School

If you need to contact the school with a query, please follow the process below.

If your question is related to a **specific lesson or subject**, then the first port of call is the **subject teacher**, followed by the Head of Department.

If your question is relating to a **welfare concern**, then the first port of call is your **child's form tutor/class teacher**, followed by the Head of Year.

Should further clarification be required or it is not resolved, it will then become appropriate to escalate to the next level.

For all general enquiries, please contact our Parent Relations Executives at **PRE@yasminabritishacademy.ae**

DEPARTMENT	EMAIL
Parent Relation Executive	PRE@ayasminabritishacademy.ae
Reception	Reception@yasminabritishacademy.ae
Admissions	Admissions@yasminabritishacademy.ae
Finance	Finance@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae
Admin	Ayaadmin@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae
Examinations Officer	Examinationofficer@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae
Attendance Officer	Attendance@alyasminaacademy.sch.ae
School Bus	alyasmina@et.ae

**OUR TELEPHONE:** 02 501 4888

