

WHICH SCHOOL?

Better Homes speaks to Graham Beale, Founding Principal at The Arcadia Preparatory School, to discover its offerings and facilities



What sets your educational institution apart from others?

The Arcadia Preparatory School is founded on a core belief that children learn best through a fully enriched curriculum that is exciting, meaningful, practical and adapted to suit the needs of each learner. Our aim, encapsulated within our school motto, is that our pupils will develop a lifelong love of learning. Our teaching staff were carefully hand picked from a global search for the very best, in partnership with Gabbitas Education, a 143-year-old British education firm.

What curriculum does the school offer?

Within our new purpose-built, state-of-the-art primary school campus, we will deliver the British Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the English National Primary Curriculum. For children in Foundation Stage we have created the Early Years Explorers (EYE) programme, which places a strong emphasis on engaging all their senses to interact with an educationally stimulating environment. For our primary aged children, we will implement a unique Enrichment Learning Programme (ELP).

Which grade does it go up until?

In our first year of opening, we will provide Foundation Stage One (age 3) through to Year 4 (age 8). In subsequent years, we will add on Years 5 and 6, by which time we will have completed construction of our secondary school in JVT, to which our oldest pupils will graduate into.

Why should a parent enrol their child at your school?

Our extended school day allows us to provide pupils with enriched learning, extra curricular activities at no extra cost, and homework support within the school day, allowing parents to enjoy time with children after school. A generous scholarship of 30% subsidy is provided for children enrolling for the 2016-17 academic year. This will continue to be applied for every year a child is enrolled at school.

Does the school offer anything else in particular?

We have a strong focus on developing creativity and confidence, and identify four elements that classify key attributes for our pupils: active learners, creative artists, confident performers, and global communicators. Each objective is underpinned by an extensive programme that runs throughout the year and is founded on making learning fun, accessible and targeted to the needs and interests of each child. This programme involves children in arts, drama, scientific exploration and performance with exciting opportunities.

SELECTED FACILITIES

- All year round (heated and cooled) swimming pool
- State-of-the-art science laboratories
- Music rooms and peripatetic studios
- Indoor multi-purpose sports hall
- Curriculum linked water play area
- Language rooms with specialist teachers
- A natural farming programme where children plant and care for vegetables
- Apple technology

SHORTEN THE SCHOOL RUN

Three homes within 15 minutes drive of The Arcadia Preparatory School



Fortunate
Jumeirah Village Circle AED 2,100,000

Urvasi Sidhapura
Ref No. TH334200 4 BR
3,180 sq. ft.



Green Park
Jumeirah Village Triangle AED 885,000

Gergana Mineva
Ref No. AP336321 1 BR
1,017 sq. ft.



Arabian Villas
Jumeirah Village Triangle AED 330,000
per year

Pravin Patrick DMello
Ref No. V1339941 3 BR
3,000 sq. ft.