

# New entrepreneur campaign at school

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**DUBAI:** The Arcadia Preparatory School, Dubai, has teamed up with the UK-based programme, '7billionideas' to offer the region's first Entrepreneur-in-Residence school programme.

"Set to open in August 2016, the Arcadia Preparatory School aspires to instil a lifelong passion for learning by nurturing innovation.

"In this pursuit, the school has formed an official partnership with the UK-based programme, '7billionideas' to offer an 'Entrepreneur-in-Residence' programme.

"The Arcadia Preparatory School will be the first school in the Middle East to work in partnership with the 7billionideas team," a school source said.

'7billionideas' is an ideas company which exists to connect the more than 7 billion people on the planet with their own ideas.

They do this via their social media platform, corporate training arm, and

their education offerings under their 7billeducation arm.

7billeducation exists to inspire students to think big and dream big about the possibility of their ideas, while developing key life skills to help students act on their ideas.

David Harkin, CEO of 7billionideas, said: "We couldn't be more excited about partnering with the Arcadia Preparatory School in working with their students.

"We believe every school has a responsibility to unlock the entrepreneurial DNA which exists in every pupil and that begins from the moment they join a school.

"We look forward to doing our bit in inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs in Dubai at the school."

Navin Valrani, CEO of The Arcadia Preparatory School, explained that "the school would receive training from experts in the UK to launch this exciting and innovative initiative."

He added: "We are thrilled to launch this programme for our pupils.

"Entrepreneurial programmes prepare students for long-term academic excellence and motivate them to work towards career achievement.

"With the 7billionideas programme, our pupils will be encouraged to express their ideas and with help, these ideas can become great tangible business ventures."

Valrani explained that the initiative will be implemented for all pupils from Year 1 and upwards and will allow pupils to dream big about the possibility of their ideas.

Each activity within the initiative is designed to develop teamwork, presentation, public speaking and listening skills by combining idea generation and development.

The Arcadia Preparatory School, located in Dubai's Jumeirah Village Triangle, offers the National Curriculum for England and is the first in a series of community-based schools delivering the vision of Mohan Valrani and the Al Shirawi Group.