



Living up to its promises

The Hamilton International School is Doha's newest and most exciting premier school, situated on a magnificent campus in Mesaimeer, with world-class facilities and an innovative international curriculum.

Opening a new school is a huge challenge, but having only opened in August last year, the school is already very proud of the successes they have seen in this short period of time.

At the core of Hamilton's innovative curriculum are three respected international curricular that work together to excite children and prepare them for later examinations. The International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC), the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), and the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC) together provide a range of age-appropriate and exciting learning opportunities. The Middle School will open next year with Grades 6, 7 and 8 (Years 7, 8 and 9). Hamilton's curriculum provides many opportunities for students to excel and all our students including gifted and talented students are continuously gently pushed beyond their boundaries.

Hamilton has been focusing on a number of areas to ensure they fulfil the promises they have made to their school community. Already, a strong culture has been established around the school's values: Caring for Ourselves; Caring for Others; and Caring for Our Environment, which underpin everything the school does.

The enthusiasm and passion of the students is clearly evident - children are coming into the school every day excited to learn. Hamilton's ethos is Amazing Learning, where the focus is not just on what they are learning now, but what they can do to get better. Student progress so far is remarkable - all students have undergone baseline assessments, comparing where they were when they first came into the school, and where they are now. Hamilton has high expectations for its students, and all have significantly improved, particularly in the areas of literacy, reading, spelling and math.

Hamilton's extracurricular activities and after school activities program is the most extensive in Qatar, which means students are given many opportunities to learn and grow outside of school as well, with international coaches teaching a vast array of sports and activities. H2O, an internationally reputed swimming school, provides swimming as an after-school activity and within the school's

own physical education curriculum; all of Hamilton's students will leave the school knowing how to swim, and able to ride a bike. The school also has a commercial gym in their recreation center which is open to the school community, so parents can do the school run, fit in a workout and then catch up for a coffee in the on-site Starbucks (currently open in the afternoon from 3:30pm daily).

Hamilton has the largest school-based theatre in Doha, and students have been performing on stage in front of large audiences, which has really increased their confidence. The school's music program, where students can learn a variety of instruments, also provides opportunities for students to learn about all aspects of an orchestra and choir.

Parent's general feedback about the school and its teachers has been very positive - surveys have been sent to parents asking if they would recommend Hamilton - 75% answered positively in December, and this moved up to 85% in January. In a recent job advertisement for a new teacher, the school received 250 applications, a testament to how sought after the school is becoming. These surveys form part of Hamilton's continuous improvement program and the feedback the school receives from parents is invaluable in ensuring it lives up to the high expectations of its school community.



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About the International Schools Partnership

The Hamilton International School is part of the International Schools Partnership (ISP), including Park House English School, one of Doha's oldest and most respected schools.

ISP is a leading learning-centered international group of private schools that provide high quality education for 2 - 18-year-olds. They are a growing group with schools located in the UK, the USA, Spain, Costa Rica, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Malaysia, and Mexico, currently with 42 schools, 40,000 students and 6,000 staff located across the globe.

At the core of ISP's educational philosophy is Amazing Learning, where the individuality of every student is embraced. ISP supports student learning through robust, children-focused curricula, and enriching extracurricular programs. Amazing Learning happens when students surprise themselves by getting better to a level beyond which they never thought possible. Whether through mentoring, enrichment or personalized study, each student's gifts and talents are recognized so that they amaze themselves and inspire others.



ISP also offers unique opportunities for secondary students. The Model United Nations conferences are held throughout the world and attended by thousands of students. The conferences are designed to help students improve their debating, research skills, leadership qualities and public speaking confidence. The ISP Buddy Exchange Program enables reciprocal exchanges between ISP schools for students aged between 14-17 years of age, offering students amazing and diverse learning opportunities within a safe and secure environment. We also have several summer schools and camps held throughout our ISP network of schools which are on offer to students.

Middle School opening in September 2020

The Middle School will open next year with Grades 6, 7 and 8 (Years 7, 8 and 9), and incorporates the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC) which is a challenging, internationally-minded and concept-focused curriculum. The IMYC encourages creative and critical thinking skills in a thematic-based curriculum to develop active and engaged learners.



"With a focus on learning, nurturing a warm and welcoming environment where children feel safe, valued and happy, wonderful teachers and world-class facilities, Hamilton's future is bright."

Terry Senior - Founding Principal

