



QATAR ACADEMY MSHEIREB OPENS ITS DOORS

Qatar Foundation's Latest Academy Further Promotes First-Class Education In Qatar

Doha, Qatar, 16 September 2014: As part of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's mission to advance learning and knowledge in Qatar, Qatar Academy Msheireb (QA Msheireb), opened its doors to students this month, making it the latest addition to Qatar Foundation's increasing number of schools.

Teaching at QA Msheireb classrooms began on Tuesday 9th September, opening its doors to young children meeting their new teachers for the first time.

QA Msheireb is the fifth Qatar Academy to open as part of Qatar Foundation's efforts in bringing first-class education to Qatar in order that young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge-based economy. Qatar Foundation's other academies include Qatar Academy Doha, Qatar Academy Sidra, Qatar Academy Al Wakra and Qatar Academy Al Khor.

QA Msheireb offers a dual language programme in both English and Arabic based on high standards and benchmarks. A balanced literacy approach will be fully utilised, with students receiving instruction in Arabic and English for equal amounts of time during the instructional day. Students will also benefit from learning maths and science from a specialist. Islamic Studies, Physical Education, and Library time will also be a part of QA Msheireb's core programme, with outcomes defined for each grade level.

Commenting about the opening of the new Academy and its importance within the community, Ms Suad Al-Kindi, QA Msheireb's Director, said: "QA Msheireb aspires to present a real addition to educational excellence. Faculty, curriculum and teaching strategies have been carefully selected to ensure the growth and development of all our students' skills within a framework based on balanced literacy in both Arabic and English.

"We also pride ourselves in providing suitable educational support in a welcoming and stimulating environment, in addition to delivering professional development skills to staff members to match the current development in the educational field," added Ms Al-Kindi.

An orientation event was held last week, ahead of the first day of school, to give parents the opportunity to explore the school, meet teachers and discuss the curriculum. For the 2014/2015 academic year, the school has started with six classes in total; two each in

Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2. Expansion will continue each academic year until the maximum enrolment is achieved.

The Academy, which is temporarily located in the Bani Hajer (Rawdat Legdeim) area of Doha, is scheduled to move to its state-of-the-art building located in Msheireb Properties in September 2016. Development of the Academy building and Doha's new Downtown area is currently underway.

QA Msheireb seeks to ensure that all students who are admitted to the school will thrive in an environment of high academic expectations, and benefit from a well-rounded education, flourishing socially and behaviourally within the school community.

QA Msheireb believes parental guidance and involvement is critical to a child's development, and has a significant impact on a student's academic and social achievement. The Academy is keen to reach out to parents, ensuring they have the information they need to support and benefit their children. Therefore, the Academy plans to involve parents in activities such as workshops, support groups, and volunteering activities.

QA Msheireb is a private, non-profit dual-language school that implements a model rooted intensely in Response to Intervention, providing help to all students. . In the future, QA Msheireb's goal is to become a model school that serves as both a training site and a professional development centre for school teachers in Qatar. Once trained, schools and educators will be able to implement effective inclusionary strategies and practices within their respective schools.

For more information about QA Msheireb, please contact the Press Office at 4454 2118.

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