



# DUBAI ENGLISH SPEAKING COLLEGE

## SIXTH FORM PROFILE 2023-2024

CEEB CODE: 687083

"The physical space apportioned to our Sixth Form students would rival any University Campus and ensures that our students are afforded every provision necessary to allow them to thrive and learn"

1850

STUDENTS  
Y7-Y13

48%

A\*-A  
A LEVEL

Established in 2005, following demand from its Primary counterpart founded in 1963, Dubai English Speaking College (DESC) is a British, overseas co-educational secondary school. We are proud to be inclusive and not for profit with exceptional facilities and an exhaustive range of extra-curricular activities. The development of our discrete, purpose built Sixth Form has been based on our ethos of providing exceptional teaching, facilities and experiences for our senior students who are afforded extra privileges alongside extra responsibilities. Emphasis is placed on supporting our Year 12 and Year 13 students with their transition to universities all over the world, with record numbers using the information, advice and guidance presented to them to secure places at the very best institutions in the UK, USA, Canada, the Far East and Europe. The Sixth Form experience at DESC is rich and exciting led by a large team who are dedicated to ensuring that every student leaves DESC well mannered, well rounded and well equipped to succeed.



239

GRADUATES  
CLASS OF  
2023

75%

A\*-B  
A LEVEL

255

TO GRADUATE  
CLASS OF  
2024

87%

DISTINCTION/  
DISTINCTION\*  
BTEC

### CORE BELIEFS

- Academic Excellence coupled with exceptional Pastoral Care
- Outstanding Provision rooted in extraordinary experiences
- Seamless transitions espoused from world-class information, advice and guidance.

### CURRICULUM

The Sixth Form curriculum at DESC is bold and British, rich and varied and created to provide infinite pathways for our diverse students. Enhanced and enriched by a Super Curriculum the overall Sixth Form experience is one designed to ensure academic success alongside extraordinary experiences. There are three curriculum pathways at DESC: Academic, Vocational and Mixed.

### INCLUSION

Proud to be inclusive, DESC welcomes applications from all students. We have a team of 15 LSAs and 3 Student Advisors. The team offers a range of study skills, mental health and wellbeing support.

249

GCSE  
STUDENTS

47%

GCSE  
9-7 (A\*/A)

20

GCSE OPTIONS

### SUBJECTS OFFERED

#### GCE Advanced Levels (A Levels)

Art Photography, Art, Arabic, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT-Product Design, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, History, Information Technology, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Physics, Physical Education, Politics, Psychology, Spanish

#### Vocational Qualifications (BTEC & RSL)

Applied Science, Creative Media, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Music Practitioner (MUSPRA)

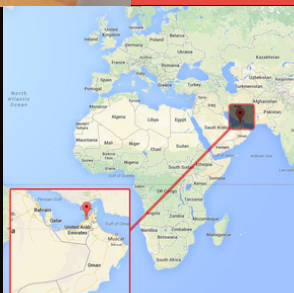
#### Enrichment Subjects

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Mathematical Studies, AS Classical Studies, AS French, AS Spanish



### LOCATION

DESC is located in Dubai, one of the seven Emirates that make up the UAE in the southeast of the Arabian Peninsula.



### NATIONALITIES

American, Armenian, Australian, Bahamian, Bahraini, Belgian, Brazilian, British, Bulgarian, Canadian, Chinese, Colombian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Egyptian, Emirati, Estonian, Fijian, Filipino, French, German, Ghanaian, Greek, Hungarian, Indian, Indonesian, Iranian, Iraqi, Irish, Italian, Jordanian, Lebanese, Lithuanian, Kenyan, Malaysian, Maltese, Mauritian, New Zealander, Nigerian, Pakistani, Palestinian, Peruvian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Serbian, Singaporean, South African, Spanish, Sri Lankan, Sudanese, Syrian, Swedish, Swiss, Tanzanian, Turkish, Ukrainian, Uzbekistani, Zimbabwean



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## DESTINATION OF LEAVERS 2022

UK  
 Aberystwyth  
 Bath (4)  
 Bath Spa  
 BIMM  
 Birmingham (5)  
 Brunel  
 Buckinghamshire  
 Canterbury Christ Church  
 Cardiff (3)  
 Chester  
 Chichester  
 City (3)  
 Coventry  
 Durham (3)  
 East London  
 Edinburgh (3)  
 Exeter (7)  
 Falmouth  
 Glasgow  
 Hartpury  
 Herio-Watt (2)  
 Imperial  
 Keele  
 Kent (2)  
 Kings (4)

Leeds (4)  
 Leeds Beckett (3)  
 Leeds Conservatoire  
 Liverpool (2)  
 Liverpool John Moores  
 Loughborough (5)  
 LSE  
 Manchester (7)  
 Manchester Metropolitan  
 MetFilm  
 Newcastle (2)  
 Northampton  
 Northumbria (2)  
 Nottingham (5)  
 Nottingham Trent (10)  
 Oxford  
 Oxford Brookes (3)  
 Plymouth  
 Portsmouth (2)  
 Queen Mary (6)  
 Reading (3)  
 Royal Holloway  
 Sheffield  
 St Andrews  
 Stirling  
 Sunderland

Swansea  
 UCL (5)  
 UEA  
 Ulster  
 UAL  
 Warwick (2)  
 York (2)

US  
 Baylor  
 Berkeley Arts Academy  
 Berkeley  
 Duke  
 Massachusetts  
 Michigan State  
 Seton Hall  
 Stanford  
 University of Illinois (3)  
 USC

CANADA  
 Brock  
 Concordia  
 Langara  
 McMaster  
 Queens  
 St Lawrence  
 TMU

U of T (3)  
 Waterloo

EUROPE  
 Delft (2)  
 Erasmus  
 Groningen (2)  
 University of the Hague (2)  
 TIO Holland  
 Spain (3)  
 Ireland (3)

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND  
 Melbourne  
 Griffith  
 Other (7)

SOUTH AFRICA (4)

UAE  
 NYU AD  
 Birmingham (3)  
 Gulf Medical University (3)  
 Woolangong (2)  
 Canadian Uni

GAP YEAR (26)

## CLASS OF 2023

**239**  
 GRADUATES  
 CLASS OF  
 2023

**89%**  
 IN HIGHER  
 EDUCATION

## DESTINATION SUMMARY

**58%**  
 UK

**10%**  
 USA &  
 CANADA

**21%**  
 REST OF  
 WORLD

**11%**  
 GAP YEAR



## EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Advanced Board Games, Arabic Cooking Club, Art Club, Art Craft and Arabic Calligraphy, Aspiring Artists Club, Badminton, Basketball, Chamber Choir, Chess Club, Crotchet Therapy, Dance Fitness, Debate, DESC Bakes, DESC Dance, DES Economics Review, DESC Shares Podcast, DESC Weekly Quiz, Drama LAMDA, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Dungeons and Dragons, Eco-Committee, Enterprise, E-Sports, Football, French and Spanish public speaking, Futsal, Gaelic Football, Games and puzzles club, Golf ECA, Graphic Design, Handmade Accessories, Hardball Cricket, Homework and revision support club, HPQ (Level 2: Higher Project Qualification), Investor Club, Italian Basics, Jazz Band, Les Club De Amis, Model United Nations, Motorsports, MUSPRA Level 2, News at DESSC, Netball, Race for Good, Robotics, Rock band, Rounders, Rugby, Running Club, Science Crest Award, Sculpture Club, Strength and Conditioning, Swim and Run, Table Tennis, Tennis, The Curiosity Collective, Training Band (Flute and Clarinet), UKMT, Volleyball, Waterpolo, Wellbeing, Whole School Musical, World Scholar's Cup, Yoga.

## SOCIETIES / CLUBS

- Biology Society
- Business and Economics
- Chemistry Society
- Computer Science
- Debating Society
- English Society
- History Society
- Investor's Club
- Law Society
- Language Society
- Maths Society
- Media Society
- Medical Society
- Model United Nations
- Motor Sports Club
- Oxbridge Society
- Philosophy & Politics
- Physics & Engineering
- Psychology Society
- World Scholar's Cup



## ACCREDITATION



## KEY CONTACTS

Mr Andrew Gibbs  
 Principal

Mr Christopher Vizzard  
 Headteacher

Mrs Lucy Petith  
 Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Keely Vernon-Ward  
 Head of Sixth Form

Mr Mitchell Burke  
 University Transition Manager

Mrs Aisling Hubert  
 Admissions Manager

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