



CEEB CODE: 687083

# DUBAI ENGLISH SPEAKING COLLEGE

## SIXTH FORM PROFILE 2022-2023

“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

**55%**  
A\*-A  
A LEVEL

**218**  
GRADUATES  
CLASS OF  
2022

**83%**  
A\*-B  
A LEVEL

**241**  
TO GRADUATE  
CLASS OF  
2023

**85%**  
DISTINCTION/  
DISTINCTION\*  
BTEC

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.



### 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.

**248**  
GCSE  
STUDENTS

**62%**  
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, Drama, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, History, Information Technology, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Music, Physics, Physical Education, Politics, Psychology, Spanish

#### Vocational Qualifications (BTEC & RSL)

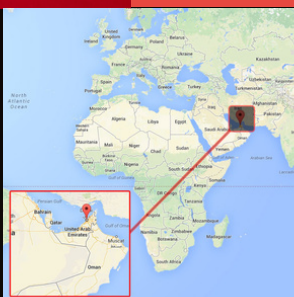
Applied Science, Creative Media, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Music Practitioner (MUSPRA)

#### 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, Australian, Bahraini, Belgian, Brazilian, British, Canadian, Chinese, Colombian, Danish, Dutch, Egyptian, Emirati, Ethiopian, Fijian, Filipino, French, German, Ghanaian, Greek, Hungarian, Indian, Indonesian, Iranian, Iraqi, Irish, Italian, Jordanian, Kazakhstani, Korean, Lebanese, Lithuanian, Malaysian, Maltese, Moroccan, New Zealander, Nigerian, Pakistani, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucian, Serbian, Singaporean, South African, South Korean, Spanish, Sri Lankan, Sudanese, Swedish, Swiss, Tanzanian, Turkish, Ukrainian, Uzbekistani, Zimbabwean



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## DESTINATION OF LEAVERS 2022

<b>UK</b>	Leeds Beckett (4)	Warwick (5)
Arts Ed	Leeds Conservatoire (2)	Wolverhampton
Aston	Liverpool (3)	York (7)
Bath (2)	Liverpool Hope	
Bath Spa	London Studio Centre	<b>US</b>
Birmingham	Loughborough (6)	Emily Carr University of Art
Brunel	LSE	Northeastern (2)
Buckinghamshire	Manchester	Parsons The New School
Cambridge	Manchester Metropolitan	Seton Hill
Cardiff (3)	Northumbria	UC Santa Barbara
Cardiff Metropolitan (2)	Nottingham (5)	University of Florida
Chester	Nottingham Trent (6)	University of Illinois
Chichester	Oxford Brookes (2)	USC
City	Plymouth (2)	
Cornwall College (2)	Queen Mary (2)	<b>CANADA</b>
Durham	Ravensbourne	Mount Royal
Essex	Reading	Ryerson
Exeter (10)	Royal Holloway (3)	Toronto Met
Gloucestershire (2)	Sheffield (3)	UBC
Greenwich	Sheffield Hallam	University of Guelph
Imperial (2)	St Andrews	University of Toronto (4)
Kent	Stirling	University of Waterloo (4)
Kings (2)	Swansea (4)	University of Western Ontario (2)
Laine Theatre Arts	UCL (2)	
Lancaster (3)	University of the Arts (3)	
Leeds (6)	UofWE	

**EUROPE**  
Leiden (2)  
University of Nicosia (2)  
Les Roches  
Switzerland  
Germany

**AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**  
Queensland  
Swinburne  
Uni of South Australia

**SOUTH AFRICA (4)**

**UAE**  
NYU AD (2)  
Herriot Watt  
Birmingham

**GAP YEAR (32)**

## CLASS OF 2022

**218**  
GRADUATES  
CLASS OF  
2022

**85%**  
IN HIGHER  
EDUCATION

## DESTINATION SUMMARY

**59%**  
UK

**13%**  
USA &  
CANADA

**13%**  
REST OF  
WORLD

**15%**  
GAP YEAR



## EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Arabic Cooking Club, Arabic GCSE Booster Club, Art Club, Badminton, Basketball, Brainiacs, Business and Economics Society, Chess Club, Creative Photography, Crotchet Therapy, Dance Fitness, Debate, DESC Bakes, DESC Dance, DESC Weekly Quiz, Drama LAMDA, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Eco-Committee, Engineering Society, Enterprise, E-Sports, EuroScience, Football, French and Spanish public speaking, Gaelic Football, Games and puzzles club, Golf ECA, Homework and revision support club, HPQ (Level 2: Higher Project Qualification), Investor Club, Italian Basics, Jazz Band, History Club, Machine Learning- IBM programme, Mathematical and Applied Economics, Mathematics Society, Maths in Chemistry, Mechanical Toys, Media Society, Model United Nations, Motorsports, News at DESSC, Netball, Oxbridge Soc/Medical Soc/Classic Studies, Philosophy and Politics Society, Physics Society, Race for Good, Robotics, Rock band, Rugby, Running Club, Science Crest Award, Scuba Diving, Sculpture Club, Strength and Conditioning, Table tennis, Tennis, The Investors' Club, UKMT, Volleyball, Waterpolo, Whole School Musical, World Scholar's Cup, Yoga.

## SOCIETIES

- Biology Society
- Chemistry Society
- Chess Club
- Computer Science
- Business and Economics
- Debating Society
- History Society
- Investor's Club
- Law 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  
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Mrs Louise Ford  
Deputy Headteacher

Mr Mitchell Burke  
University Transition Manager

Mrs Aisling Hubert  
Admissions Manager

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