



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

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.



218
GRADUATES
CLASS OF
2022

83%
A*-B
A LEVEL

241
TO GRADUATE
CLASS OF
2023

85%
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.

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)

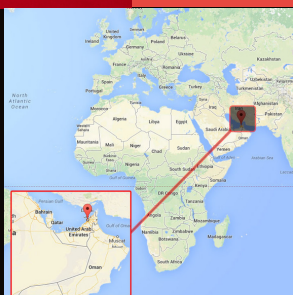
Applied Science, Creative Media, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Music Practitioner (MUSPRA)

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

UK	Leeds Beckett (4)	Warwick (5)	EUROPE
Arts Ed	Leeds Conservatoire (2)	Wolverhampton	Leiden (2)
Aston	Liverpool (3)	York (7)	University of Nicosia (2)
Bath (2)	Liverpool Hope	US	Les Roches
Bath Spa	London Studio Centre	Emily Carr University of Art	Switzerland
Birmingham	Loughborough (6)	Northeastern (2)	Germany
Brunel	LSE	Parsons The New School	AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
Buckinghamshire	Manchester	Seton Hill	Queensland
Cambridge	Manchester Metropolitan	UC Santa Barbara	Swinburne
Cardiff (3)	Northumbria	University of Florida	Uni of South Australia
Cardiff Metropolitan (2)	Nottingham (5)	University of Illinois	SOUTH AFRICA (4)
Chester	Nottingham Trent (6)	USC	UAE
Chichester	Oxford Brookes (2)	CANADA	NYU AD (2)
City	Plymouth (2)	Mount Royal	Herriot Watt
Cornwall College (2)	Queen Mary (2)	Ryerson	Birmingham
Durham	Ravensbourne	Toronto Met	GAP YEAR (32)
Essex	Reading	UBC	
Exeter (10)	Royal Holloway (3)	University of Guelph	
Gloucestershire (2)	Sheffield (3)	University of Toronto (4)	
Greenwich	Sheffield Hallam	University of Waterloo (4)	
Imperial (2)	St Andrews	University of Western Ontario (2)	
Kent	Stirling		
Kings (2)	Swansea (4)		
Laine Theatre Arts	UCL (2)		
Lancaster (3)	University of the Arts (3)		
Leeds (6)	UofWE		

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

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