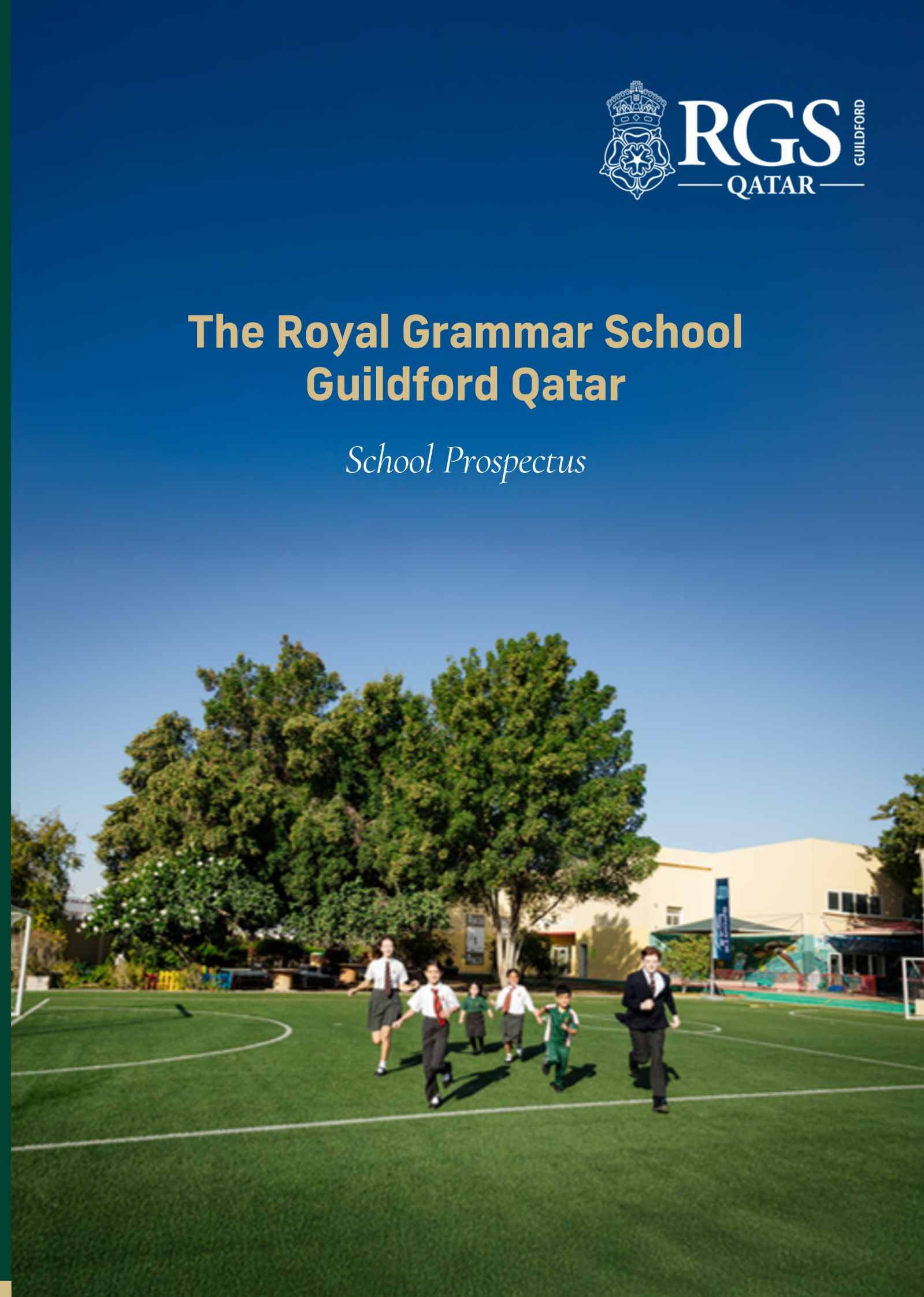


The Royal Grammar School Guildford Qatar

School Prospectus

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Welcome to the Royal Grammar School, Guildford in Qatar



*Mrs Fiona Scott
School Principal*

The Royal Grammar School Guildford, Qatar, (RGSGQ) is an independent British international school. Our partnership with The Royal Grammar School UK enables us to benefit from their rich tradition of over 500 years of academic success. RGSGQ was opened in 2016 and provides a world class values-based education for students from the age of 3-18.

RGSGQ is a vibrant, welcoming international school enabling our pupils to thrive in a dynamic, 21st century global environment. We have a strong commitment to internationalism with over 31 different nationalities that provides our pupils with an appreciation of different cultures and communities.

The RGSGQ Vision is to be a community which is internationally recognised for the quality of learning, where our pupils can excel and develop into caring and confident individuals who are well prepared for the challenges ahead. We provide a supportive environment that will encourage your child to be the best they can be, both academically and creatively. Through their learning journey we aim to encourage our children to be life-long learners, working with

others to solve problems and hopefully make our world a better place.

We offer a traditional British Curriculum that follows the English National Curriculum from Early Years to Year 9. In Years 10 and 11 we offer a wide range of iGCSE subjects and IT BTEC - these courses are two (2) years in length and are externally assessed at the end of Year 11. Again, at Year 12 and Year 13, we offer a wide range of subjects at AS/A Level and BTEC. These qualifications prepare our students to gain access to universities across the world.

We have a truly British style Pastoral structure with a House System that provides the necessary care, guidance, and support for our pupils to thrive both socially and academically. At RGSGQ, our core values of Respect, Scholarship, Collaboration, Inclusivity, Courage, and Integrity form the foundation for lifelong character and success.

A broad and varied co-curriculum complements the focus on academic achievement and pupils are encouraged to embrace the wider aspects of school life through participation in the extra- curricular activities on offer. Our values-based ethos is at the heart of this, and pupils are encouraged to engage in a variety of activities that challenge and extend their learning.

There is a team of talented staff at RGSGQ who support, nurture and challenge the hardworking pupils who attend our school. Our pupil to teacher ratio is small and this enables teachers to support our students and allow them to flourish.

At RGSGQ we realise that the education of your children is something that cannot happen without the support of the parent body and greater community. There is a strong community feel that exists here, and to foster this, parents are encouraged to be active participants in the education of their children. Research clearly shows that when parents participate and are involved in their child's education, there is a greater likelihood of academic success for the child.

Come along and see for yourself what The Royal Grammar School Guildford Qatar has to offer.



RGS Guildford UK

A Strong Foundation

Whilst steeped in our traditions, we are also at the forefront of modern and innovative educational practices.

Tradition and Innovation

We are proud to mark ten years of academic excellence in Qatar, continuing a global reputation from RGS Guildford UK that spans over 500 years. RGSGQ has successfully transplanted our unique, bespoke British curriculum, designed to maximize the potential of every student. Our school ethos emphasises good behaviour, respect, and diligence, creating a supportive culture where children are empowered to become well-rounded, purposeful, and considerate global citizens.

Whilst steeped in our traditions, we are also at the forefront of modern and innovative educational practices. We listen to the latest educational research and enrich our curriculum accordingly. Our facilities and teaching equipment are some of the best in Qatar and our highly qualified, British-trained teachers are selected not only on the basis of qualifications, professionalism and experience, but also upon their passion and their extraordinary ability to engage and teach young people.

Our Enhanced Curriculum

Our language of instruction is English and we follow the British Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum and the National Curriculum for England. Our challenging RGSGQ curriculum is enhanced to inspire our children and to spark their natural curiosity and imagination. At RGSGQ our pupils are not just taught what to learn, but how to learn which instils a lifelong love of learning and a determination to excel.





Where it all begins...

Choose the right school in the Early Years, and your child can enjoy a lifetime of successful learning.

Early Years Department

Our Early Years Department consists of Foundation Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2, providing education for children aged three to five. The department is made up of bright, colourful, self-contained classrooms centred around a large library and indoor play space. Each classroom is fully equipped with high-quality learning resources and restrooms, and opens onto a secure, tree-lined playground with superb outdoor play equipment. Our large outdoor learning areas give children the opportunity to play, explore, and engage in hands-on activities—particularly as the weather cools—helping them develop a love of active learning both indoors and outdoors.

Each class is led by a dedicated homeroom teacher and learning assistant, ensuring learning is personalised and focused on each child's individual needs and next steps to help them make the best possible progress.

Both Foundation Stage 1 and Foundation Stage 2 follow the British Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework, which is based on the seven Areas of Learning and Development - Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Literacy; Mathematics (problem-solving, reasoning and numeracy); Understanding the World; Physical

Development; and Expressive Arts and Design. We provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive at their own pace. Almost all of our activities are based on structured play and exploration, allowing children to develop essential skills in literacy, mathematics, and expressive arts. Our imaginative role-play topics are changed regularly and encompass all areas of learning.

Children also enjoy weekly Arabic and Islamic Studies, along with specialist Music and Physical Education (PE) lessons.



A closer look at our Primary Education ...

Primary Department

RGSGQ provides a secure and nurturing environment where children are encouraged to develop their intellectual, social, and physical abilities. We place a strong emphasis on individual growth, while inspiring every student to see themselves as a valued and contributing member of both the school and the wider community.

Pupils in Years 1–6 are taught by their class teachers for the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, and Topic. They also benefit from access to a dedicated Science laboratory, enriching practical learning experiences and fostering curiosity.

Our topic-based approach brings together subjects such as History, Geography, and Art & Design under engaging themes like The Victorians, The Human Body, or Natural Disasters. This integrated model helps pupils make meaningful connections between areas of learning, deepening understanding and engagement.

The curriculum also includes Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE), and all lessons are underpinned by our six core values: Scholarship, Courage, Inclusivity, Integrity, Respect, and Collaboration. Specialist teachers deliver Music, Physical Education (PE), and Languages in dedicated classrooms, ensuring pupils receive high-quality, focused instruction.

Each class in Years 1 and 2 is supported by a dedicated Teaching Assistant, while Key Stage 2 classes share Teaching Assistants to provide targeted support where needed. Class sizes are capped at 24, allowing teachers to focus on the needs and progress of each individual child.

Children genuinely enjoy coming to school. We celebrate a range of international events throughout the year — such as Book Week, International Week, and World Children's Day — making learning engaging, memorable, and fun. A thorougher transition programme ensures that by the end of Year 6, our pupils are well prepared — both academically and socially — for the excitement and new challenges of Secondary School.

The kids had an incredible experience at RGS. The school has been a place where they felt supported and inspired. The teachers are very passionate and caring, and the facilities are top-notch. There is always something exciting happening, whether it is a creative project or an outdoor activity. I've seen



them grow both in confidence and in loving the learning process. They've made new friends. RGS is not just a school — it is a community that nurtures every child's potential.

*Mrs Maryam Almadhoun
Primary School Parent*



Secondary School ...

Our reputation is built upon the success of our pupils. We have the expertise to support them through their exams and the experience to guide them towards the ideal university for their future.

Mr David Keery, Head of Secondary School

The Secondary School runs from Year 7 to Year 13 through Key Stage 3 (Year 7 to 9), Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) and Key Stage 5 (Year 12 to 13). When pupils move into the Secondary School they are taught by individual subject teachers and classes are more focused on formal subjects.

As pupils get older and move into Key Stage 4, they begin to focus on their preferred subjects and iGCSE exams are taken at the end of this stage in different subjects. Students can also choose to follow the BTEC pathway.

In Key Stage 5, the Secondary School remains firmly committed to traditional AS, A-Level, and BTEC qualifications which are accepted by universities around the world. Pupils who have successfully completed their iGCSEs will select their preferred subjects to study in Year 12 which will prepare them for university and then the start of their careers. Their subject selection at this stage will influence their choice of degree course at university. We take pride in supporting all our pupils through the exciting choices and the hard work that goes into their last year at the RGSGQ.

Although mindful of the demands of formal examinations towards the latter part of Secondary School, the emphasis remains on encouraging pupils to explore beyond the formal curriculum and to continue to develop a true love of learning. Universities are increasingly looking at the whole person, not just examination results.

At RGSGQ, we take pride in our pupil's academic success and their pathway to university. However, our commitment to their growth goes beyond that. We strive to equip our students with the skills and values needed to become not only successful professionals but also compassionate, responsible parents, partners, and friends.



Rich with diversity ...

Languages

In accordance with the Ministry of Education in Qatar, all Arabic pupils receive Arabic, Islamic Studies and Qatar History. Non Arabic children study Arabic, French and Spanish, with the option of studying Islamic. All pupils are taught the Qatar History from Year 1-9 in Arabic or English.

Music, Sport & Art

We are fortunate to enjoy fantastic music and sports facilities at the RGSGQ, as well as plenty of large, open spaces in which to practice and perform. We have a dedicated Music Room, Art Rooms, two (2) impressive Sports Hall, Science, DT rooms, a large all weather sports pitch, athletics track and undercover basketball courts. We also have a swimming pool for PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.

It is an absolute pleasure to be an RGSGQ parent, and to watch the incredible academic and personal growth of my child.

Mr Jeremiah Correa, Secondary School Parent

Music can be heard throughout the school and plays an important part in school life. Primary pupils receive specialist music lessons, where we offer a range of practical and theoretical music lessons.

All pupils enjoy creative art lessons and their work can be seen adorning the school walls and noticeboards. Displaying and celebrating our pupil's work is essential for building confidence and developing a sense of pride and competition.



We challenge and support pupils, so that they are able to achieve their very best academically and socially.

Mr Douglas Allan, Head of Primary School

More than just in the classroom ...

Outside of the Classroom

At RGSGQ, learning extends beyond the classroom. Visiting speakers on special topics, visits, and trips play an important role throughout the school. We celebrate a number of events such as International Week, Book Week, Maths and Science Days, as well as visiting local museums, farms & parks, and trips connected to curriculum topics.

Extra-Curricular

We run a wide range of clubs that are driven by the interests of the pupils and the staff. They include dance, music, tennis, football, art, languages and games. There is no limit to the activities we welcome if it is possible and enough children are interested.

Pastoral Care

At RGSGQ, we provide a supportive pastoral environment which meets individual needs, and promotes the development of happy and considerate pupils. Children succeed best when they feel cared for, secured and comfortable in their surroundings and have clear boundaries of expectations.

The pastoral care of all the pupils is coordinated by every class teacher and is overseen by the Deputy Head Pastoral. Pastoral care is the cornerstone of RGSGQ and our philosophy is clear - a happy child that feels safe, cared for, and valued will learn and thrive.

Technology at the forefront ...

Technology

At RGSGQ, modern technology in the classroom is vital and complements our traditional teaching methods, both of which are fundamental in providing an essential balance of long established values and progressive learning.



The result is that pupils progress rapidly in IT skills across the year groups, from games and eBooks in Foundation Stage 1, to producing presentations, animations and videos in the later stages of the primary and secondary school.

The wealth of resources and opportunities provided by the RGSGQ help our pupils to gain confidence and learn skills way beyond average expectations. From coding to using AI in learning, RGSGQ equip children to thrive in the ever-changing world of technology.

*Mr Martin O'hare
Deputy Head of Secondary School*

Your school, your community ...

I've had a very positive experience in RGSGQ for both of my kids. They've integrated very quickly and cope very well. It's such a safe environment and it's more like a second home for my kids, which gives me a lot of comfort. On the other side, what makes me really happy is the academics. I believe it is one of the best in Qatar, and they're doing very well — not only academically but also in terms of developing the kids socially, physically, and supporting their mental well-being as well.

*Mrs Amani Nassar
Primary School Parent*

The Community

We have a thriving school community. RGSGQ is very social and friendly and we organise many activities and events each year to bring our families together. Monthly coffee mornings and full school events such as the annual fayre, International and National Days, help to generate a strong bond amongst our parent body. We are fortunate to have an active Parent Teacher Association who are always willing to lend a helping hand and make our school a better place for our children.

Through the House System, our pupils belong to smaller groups within the community and participate in numerous competitions which include competitive sport and art activities. Pupils proudly wear the house t-shirts for regular house events and assemblies and can earn house points for good work and behaviour. Inter-house competitions provide opportunities for friendly rivalry and help to bolster team spirit and house identity.



Awarding our young achievers ...

The Primary School have a celebration assembly every week to recognise and praise pupils who have worked exceptionally hard during the week.

Star of the Week

Star of the Week certificates are presented to pupils who have shown academic achievement, progress, or excellent all-round behavior.

We pride ourselves on a highly effective rewards system that acknowledges and celebrates the achievements and successes of all our pupils.

*Mrs Asma Hanif, Deputy Head of
Primary School*

Join us and be part of our rich tradition ...

Admissions

EYFS and Primary

Admission to the school is by assessment, with most children not even realising they are being assessed at all. We feel this helps reduce the stress of the assessment process for both parents and children.

Younger children are assessed within the classroom setting and they usually have so much fun, some don't want to leave.

We ensure that all of the children are happy and relaxed at the start of the assessments, beginning with a conversation to find out more about each individual. Primary children will work with our Head of School or Deputy Head.

Secondary

Secondary school pupils complete an online assessment which provides a standardised measure of cognitive reasoning ability.

Whilst assessing the children is essential, we are also aware that anxious children are unable to perform to their best potential. It is for this reason that we also conduct our tests year round, often on a one-to-one basis and never more than a few children in an assessment group at a time.

How to find us

Address

We are located just off Al Shamal Road, a few minutes' drive from IKEA and Doha Festival City, and approximately a 10-minute drive from Landmark.

The Pearl, West Bay Lagoon and Lusail are just over 20 minutes away, making the RGSGQ accessible to more families.

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