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EYFS
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PRIMARY
5-10 years old

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SECONDARY
11-15 years old

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6th FORM
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Qatar's pioneering role in supporting education garners acclaim

Jordan's Minister of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Azmy Mahafzah, has emphasised that Qatar has provided initiatives and contributions of utmost importance in the fields of education, and has helped countries that need support to develop their educational systems, indicating that these efforts were not limited to the education sector only but several contributions in different fields were positively reflected on the general situation.

In special remarks to Qatar News Agency (QNA), Mahafzah said that these educational initiatives and projects provided by Qatar have a positive impact on the educational system in various countries that need assistance. He praised Qatar's education sector, which has witnessed remarkable progress during the past period, confirming the extent of the efforts made and that they are moving in the right direction.

Regarding his participation in the 14th Alecso Conference of Arab Ministers of Education, hosted by Doha, he said that this conference addresses important educational issues such as comprehensive education experiences, empowering teachers, inclusive education, promoting the Arabic language and giving it the necessary attention, developing curricula, and other important educational issues. He reviewed the importance of the documents included during the conference, which benefits all countries.

He indicated that the documents presented are a summary of the experiences of specialists in the educational process, which constitute a priority and a roadmap for countries interested in reforming their educational systems.

He added that the conference addresses issues related to poverty in learning and education in times of crises, digitisation of education, and the importance of digital transformation, especially since world countries attach utmost importance to the digital transformation file, and seek to use technology, especially artificial intelligence.

He highlighted the importance of the education issue, which is an important goal, an investment in the future, and a major economic empowerment tool, to which the countries of the world give great care, appreciating Qatar's efforts to properly host this conference, which deals with educational files of utmost significance.

In another context, the Jordanian minister addressed the importance of enhancing the skills that students need when entering the labour market. He stressed the need to address shortcomings and enhance vocational and technical education, which usually begins in schools and continues in universities.

He pointed out that in Jordan there is a technical vocational education programme (BTEC) that aims to better qualify students for the labour market and focuses on practical training and applied skills. It includes dozens of specialisations and works to enhance the skills that the student needs to keep pace with the requirements of the labour market. He stressed the importance of transforming education and enhancing the skills that students need when joining the labour market. He emphasised that the countries that succeeded in this are those that were able to educate generations and provide them with skills and facilitated several matters that could have been faced in the future by addressing all challenges. Regarding the integration of technology into the education sector in Jordan, he indicated that Jordan is in the process of transforming and developing the infrastructure to keep pace with the requirements of the era and that work is underway to use educational platforms and to digitise curricula, in response to modern scientific development using technology and artificial intelligence, in addition to the importance of developing teachers to use modern technology.

Mahafzah said managing the educational process is an issue that requires investment in technology. He indicated that the digital transformation project is a priority, and that work is being done on it.

Doha British School

Preparing Future Leaders for Global Success

As Qatar continues to evolve as a global hub of innovation and opportunity, Doha British School (DBS) stands proudly at the forefront of education, offering a world-class experience that prepares young minds for the challenges and possibilities of the future.

For nearly three decades, DBS has been a beacon of academic excellence, fostering the growth of curious, creative, and capable individuals, and today, it continues to lead the charge with cutting-edge facilities, dynamic learning pathways, and a relentless commitment to student success.

A Legacy of Excellence, A Future of Innovation

DBS is a partner of choice for families seeking a transformative educational experience. With campuses in Ain Khaled, Al Wakra, and Rawdat Al Hamama (Lusail) with over 3500 students, DBS continues to expand its presence across Qatar. The school serves students from Preschool to Sixth Form (ages 3 to 18), with an education that goes beyond traditional learning. Fostering curiosity, encouraging critical thinking, and nurturing a lifelong love of learning.

In 2025, DBS remains at the cutting edge of educational innovation. Through its affiliations with Artan Consulting and Educational Services (ACES), City University Qatar (CUQ) in partnership with Ulster University, DBS offers unparalleled opportunities for students to build bridges between academic theory and real-world application, all while shaping them into informed global citizens. Furthermore, ACES provides an articulation pathway for DBS students to seamlessly continue their academic journey at CUQ, ensuring a structured and comprehensive transition to higher education. These partnerships continue to expand DBS's educational offering, providing

students with pathways to achieve academic excellence in both regional and international contexts.

State-of-the-Art Learning Spaces and Global Pathways

DBS's approach to learning is driven by a focus on collaborative, interactive, and personalised education. The school's extensive use of technology integrates seamlessly into the curriculum, making learning more engaging, adaptive, and future-focused. Students are empowered to explore subjects with an innovative mindset, cultivating skills that will set them apart in a rapidly changing world.

In line with its commitment to providing world-class facilities, DBS offers a vast range of purpose-built learning environments:

- **STEAM Facilities:** Cutting-edge Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics spaces encourage interdisciplinary learning and creativity.

- **ICT/Computer Science Hubs:** Fully equipped hubs that allow students to engage with the latest technologies, preparing them for careers in emerging fields like AI, data science, and robotics.

- **Music and Art Studios:** Interactive studios where students can explore their creativity, honing skills in fine arts, performance, and music production.

- **Design and Technology Workshops:** Innovative spaces for students to engage in practical, hands-on learning, creating everything from prototypes to advanced models.

- **Indoor Swimming Pools and Gyms:** State-of-the-art sports facilities ensure students enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle while developing teamwork and resilience.

- **Auditoriums and Libraries:** Modern facilities provide spaces for performance, research, and study, further enhancing the immersive educational experience.

The new Al Wakra campus, which opened in September 2024, exemplifies DBS's commitment to providing a future-ready education. With its sustainable, environmentally-conscious design and expansive open learning spaces, it provides students with an enriched environment where creativity, collaboration, and curiosity thrive. The move to the new campus and the official inauguration on the 5th December underscores DBS's dedication to fostering an innovative and holistic learning environment.

Doha British School Al Wakra Inauguration Ceremony

The inauguration ceremony was graced by a host of distinguished guests, including Mr. Abdullah Al-Mansoori from the Department of Private Schools and Kindergartens in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education; Mr Duncan Hill representing His Excellency Neerav Patel, the British Ambassador to Qatar, other eminent dignitaries and most notably, the students and parents, whose vibrant presence underscored the significance of the day.

Academic Excellence Across Every Stage

From Early Years through to Sixth Form, DBS offers a rigorous and diverse curriculum, designed to challenge students and prepare them for success in an increasingly complex world. DBS is the only school in Qatar to offer four dynamic pathways: AS/A-Level, BTEC, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, allowing students to tailor their educational journey to their passions and career aspirations.

In 2024, DBS achieved a 100% pass rate for its IB Diploma and A-Level cohorts, with IB students outperforming the global average point score and A-Level students excelling beyond the UK national average. Additionally, the school received top accolades from the Pearson International exam boards, with Art/ Textiles, Maths, Science and Arabic students achieving the highest results in the Middle East and the world, respectively.

These remarkable achievements underscore DBS's commitment to academic excellence, supported by expert faculty, cutting-edge learning resources, and a strong focus on nurturing independent, critical thinkers.

A Vision of Global Citizenship

At DBS, education is not just about grades—it's about shaping well-rounded individuals who are equipped to navigate and thrive in an interconnected global community. The school places a strong emphasis on global citizenship, social responsibility, and the development of 21st-century skills. Students are encouraged to engage with the world around them, participating in projects that make a positive impact locally and globally. From sustainability initiatives to leadership roles, DBS students are empowered to become changemakers in their communities and beyond.

Embracing the Future with Technology

2025 marks a year of unprecedented innovation at DBS, with an ongoing commitment to integrating AI, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR) technologies into the curriculum. These tools are not just enhancing learning—they are transforming it, providing students with immersive and interactive experiences that bring subjects to life. Whether it's exploring ancient civilizations in VR, conducting simulated lab experiments, or solving complex problems with AI-driven solutions, DBS students are at the cutting edge of educational technology.

A Community of Excellence and Opportunity

DBS believes in the power of community. A community that is built on shared values of respect, curiosity, and achievement. With an inclusive and supportive environment, the school ensures that every student is given the opportunity to thrive, irrespective of their background or abilities. Its diverse and dynamic community of educators, students, and families work together to create an atmosphere of inspiration and collaboration, where students not only excel academically but also grow as responsible, compassionate individuals.

Join DBS in Shaping Tomorrow

As DBS enters its next exciting chapter, the school is more committed than ever to Shaping Futures and Building Dreams. Whether you're a parent seeking an education that prioritises both academic achievement and character development or a student ready to explore your potential, DBS offers the perfect environment to flourish.

With a focus on academic excellence, cutting-edge technology, and a strong sense of community, DBS is the must-visit school in Qatar for families seeking an innovative, enriching, and future-focused education. Join DBS as they continue to inspire the leaders and visionaries of tomorrow.

DBS in 2025 - Where Curiosity Meets Innovation, and Dreams Become Reality.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

How much is too much?

Parents today are surrounded with a wide variety of options for preschool activities and classes. From sports teams to performing arts, you can find a class for almost any interest your preschooler may have.

While many parents enroll their children in multiple activities, how much is too much enrichment for a preschooler? Is it possible to overdo it when it comes to giving your child an assortment of experiences at an early age?

While a taste of a few activities is great for allowing young children the opportunity to try some new things, it can be tempting for parents to want to try it all or to keep up with other parents and give their child every advantage. Unfortunately, activities and classes can become overwhelming and even stressful for young children if they are not used in moderation. Try a few of the tips below to help keep activities fun and exciting for your preschooler.

Save time for play

While it may seem important to have your child experience many different activities, there is plenty of research to support the importance of good old-fashioned play on children's development.

"Children develop physical, intellectual, creative, and social skills through play. They make plans, see them through, and share them with others as they create spaceships and shopping centers. They develop vocabulary and math skills when they set a table and pack for a safari. They take risks and build relationships when they invite others to share in the world they created," says Kim Cernek, Author and Executive Director of Sky Blue Scholars Early Learning Community.

- Be sure there is time in most days for unstructured play. Children who are enrolled in too many activities and classes will not learn to play and be imaginative, but will instead learn to rely on others to entertain them.

- Simple toys found in most households are the perfect props for imaginative play (dolls, trains, blocks, play food and dishes). You do not need expensive educational toys or games. Children will learn through simple play with the toys and objects around them.

- Invite a friend over for a playdate and both children will learn vocabulary and other skills from one another.

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Investigate interests

- Choose activities and classes based on your child's interests rather than just signing her up for random classes or choosing based on your own interests.

- Drop in on community activities and events which might spark interest. Attending an art show might lead to signing up for an art class or a cheering on a friend at his soccer game could lead to a curiosity about sports. On the other hand, you may also find your child has no interest in participating in certain activities.

- If she asks about certain activities or hobbies, visit the library and ask the librarian for recommended reading on the topic. Be sure to pick out a few books from the children's non-fiction section for photos and information about a wide variety of activities.

PRIMARY EDUCATION
The "Doha College Difference"

At Doha College, our Primary school stands as a beacon of academic excellence and holistic development. High-quality teaching, underpinned by research-based pedagogy, sets our students apart, preparing them for success in Secondary education and beyond.

Outstanding Achievements

Recent inspections reaffirm our "Outstanding" BSO rating, with students in UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) achieving results four years ahead of their UK peers in writing, reading, and maths. Our commitment to academic rigour ensures no child is left behind, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to excel.

Why Join in Year 4?

Year 4 marks the largest intake point in DC Primary, with an expansion to eight classes. This is the perfect opportunity to join our thriving community of learners. Our Year 4 exploration morning offers families a glimpse into the exceptional education and experiences that define Doha College.
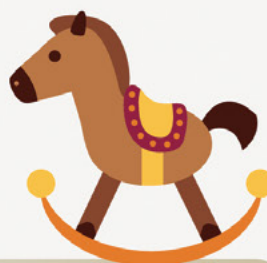
Derek Watson
Senior Vice Principal - Head of Primary

SECONDARY AND 6TH FORM
Preparing Leaders for a Global Future

At Doha College, our Secondary and 6th Form students don't just receive an education—they embark on a journey that prepares them to thrive in an ever-changing world. Rooted in our promise of "outstanding learning, outstanding opportunities," the Doha College difference is evident in every aspect of school life, from our rigorous academic standards to the character-building experiences that shape future leaders.

Jerome Scafe
Senior Vice Principal - Head of Secondary

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Empowering independence and inspiring leadership

Our curriculum goes beyond the classroom, fostering critical thinking, self-discipline, and intellectual curiosity. Students engage in real-world problem-solving through initiatives such as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and a range of independent research opportunities.

But academic excellence is just one part of the story. Leadership is embedded in our culture—from the prestigious Big 6 Leadership Team to Form Representatives and student-led committees that actively shape life at Doha College. Our students don't just learn about leadership; they live it.

Discover what our 6th Form students have to say about their experiences with us!

"Doha College has given me more than just an education—it's shaped who I am today. From leading the Model United Nations to excelling in the EPQ, I've gained confidence and skills that will stay with me forever. The guidance from teachers and the career support team has been instrumental in helping me secure a spot at my dream university."

— 6th Form Pupil - Class of 2025

Global recognition

By the Schools Index, Doha College is ranked the number one school in Qatar, among the top 15 in the Middle East, and among the top 100 in the world. It embodies excellence at every level. Our graduates leave with exceptional academic credentials and the resilience, adaptability, and cultural awareness needed to thrive in a globalised world.

Top **100**

Top **15**

No. **1**

A BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Join us and experience the Doha College difference.

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The Ministry of Education and Higher Education plays a key role in Qatar's green revolution by providing future generations with a suitable environment, contributing to community development, and raising awareness about sustainability and green buildings

Sustainability is one of the main axes in Qatar's comprehensive development process, and includes environmental, economic, social, urban sustainability, and others.

Qatar is keen to adopt the best international practices to ensure the sustainability of natural resources, in a way that serves current and future generations, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.

From this standpoint, Qatar pays great attention to sustainability and related green projects, as it is one of the strategic goals of the State and a global issue that its importance is highlighted in every summit, conference, or meeting as well as its priority in any current or future sustainable development plans, projects, and programmes.

Qatar has stressed the importance and vitality of the issue of sustainability and the consolidation of its culture in society, by including it in its National Vision 2030, and making it a focus of attention for citizens and residents, and in different short, medium, and long-term development plans, initiatives, and programmes, including the provision of modern infrastructure and urban development, capable of meeting the needs and aspirations of current and future generations, by adopting the best practices to achieve the goal of sustainability in various fields, including urban sustainability, and the transformation into smart and environmentally-friendly learning cities.

Urban sustainability has received wide attention from countries and specialised organisations. This relates to the design and development of cities and communities in a way that achieves a balance between human needs and the preservation of the environment and natural resources, and the provision of a healthy, educational, and living

environment for city residents to improve their quality of life.

In this context, Qatar has been keen to pay attention to this vital aspect in all its dimensions, and to launch several ambitious national initiatives that aim to increase green spaces, including planting 1mn trees by the end of 2022, and launching the initiative to plant 10mn trees by the beginning of 2023, in order to improve the quality of life in cities and achieve sustainable development, as well as transforming various areas and cities into an urban model for sustainable and environmentally-friendly planning, while identifying environmental controls and basic indicators that should be taken into account when carrying out sustainable planning for green cities to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment.

In turn, all of this contributed to eight Qatari cities receiving the title of Healthy City from the World Health Organisation, as well as seven Qatari cities

joining the Unesco Global Network of Learning Cities.

The Qatari cities that have successfully joined the Unesco Global Network of Learning Cities include Al Wakrah in 2017, Al Shamal in 2019, Al Sheehaniya in 2020, Doha, Al Rayyan, and Al Daayen in 2022 and finally Umm Salal in 2024. Work is currently underway on the eighth city, Al Khor and Al Thakhira.

The accession of Qatari cities to the Unesco Global Network of Learning Cities is a culmination of the state's efforts to adopt a strategy to spread the concepts of sustainability and integrate society into it by implementing programmes, projects, and initiatives in cooperation and partnership with civil society institutions, providing a suitable environment for current and future generations, contributing to the development of society, and spreading awareness of sustainability and green buildings.

The fact that seven Qatari cities have joined the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) Global Network of Learning Cities under the umbrella of the Unesco Institute for Lifelong Learning demonstrates Qatar's endeavours, which were made possible thanks to the efforts of the Ministry of Municipality's strategy of promoting sustainability and involving the community by launching relevant programmes, projects, and initiatives.

This achievement was also the result of a collaboration and partnership fostered together with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, represented by the Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science and civil society organisations, in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030, to provide future generations with a suitable environment, contribute to community development, and raise awareness about sustainability and green buildings.

Both Al Wakrah and Doha won the Unesco Learning City Award; the former won it in 2021 after competing with 60 other cities and making it to a list of top 10 cities recognised for outstanding achievements in the field of lifelong learning, whereas Doha won it in 2024 during the 6th International Conference on Learning Cities held recently in Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

These global achievements reflect Qatar's strong commitment to promoting lifelong learning and its foresight with regards to education as being a fundamental tool for sustainable development and forming adaptable communities capable of facing future challenges, in addition to being a fulfillment of the Qatar National Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals, namely Goal 4 on quality education for all and Goal 11 on building sustainable and resilient cities and communities.

Qatar gives special attention to infrastructure projects, investing in renewable energy, increasing green spaces in cities, improving waste management systems, recycling, and converting waste into energy, in line with global sustainability standards.

Call for investing in educational services

Under the theme "Education is Everyone's Responsibility," the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) marked the International Day of Education by holding various activities.

The celebration discussed modern educational issues such as artificial intelligence in education, the importance of encouraging investment in educational services, preserving human resources in light of the acceleration of the world of automation, and other topics related to education.

Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs Omar Abdulaziz al-Naama said that the International Day of Education, which is marked on Jan 24 of each year, is an important global occasion that was first adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2018 to highlight the importance of education in building societies, promoting progress in all aspects of life, and achieving the goals of sustainable development.

Al-Naama said that education is the basic right of every individual and the way through which the quality of life can be improved, horizons broadened, and ambitions achieved. He pointed out that this day reminds the entire world of the importance of providing education to all children and youth, and the need to eliminate all challenges that stand in their way, whether social, economic, or cultural.

He added that education is not only a means of acquiring knowledge, but it is a tool for empowerment, capacity building, and promoting human values of tolerance and equality. He noted that education enhances opportunities for sustainable development, contributes to promoting peace in societies, and is a fundamental pillar for building a strong economy capable of facing global challenges, which is what Qatar seeks to achieve through its 2030 Vision.

He said that the theme of the International

Day of Education 2025 focuses on an important issue, which is artificial intelligence and preserving human power in light of the acceleration of the world of automation and AI applications. He indicated that the MoEHE aims through this event to highlight investment opportunities in education to enhance human identity, consolidate human values, and anticipate the future together.

Director of the Educational Services Centers Department Iman Ali al-Nuaimi said that the theme "Education is Everyone's Responsibility" reflects the necessity of concerted efforts to provide educational opportunities that meet the requirements of the future. She indicated that the Educational Services Centers Department in the Private Education Affairs Sector is concerned with all affairs of educational and training centres within specific specialisations.

She stressed the importance of encouraging investment in educational services, noting the department's efforts to attract investors in general, and Qataris in particular, to invest in this vital sector.

Partnerships Manager at Al Fakhoora Programme at Education Above All (EAA) Foundation Abdullah Salem al-Bakri said the Foundation's projects extend currently to 53 countries and include about 80 educational projects, adding that the Foundation's programmes are diverse and each project targets a specific group to promote education.

He spoke about the Educate a Child programme which works in partnership with various organisations to achieve substantial progress in providing opportunities for children who have dropped out of school.

He added that the programme has so far reached 12mn children around the world, while touching on the Al Fakhoora programme which aims to promote the right to education in countries suffering from armed conflict, with a focus on refugees and displaced persons.

City University Qatar
A new era in higher education and student success

City University Qatar (CUQ), in partnership with Ulster University, is transforming higher education by offering innovative, industry-connected programmes aligned with national and global priorities. By fostering academic excellence, professional readiness, and a culture of continuous learning, CUQ is preparing graduates to lead in Qatar's evolving economy.

As a university aligned with Qatar's National Vision 2030, CUQ is committed to developing a highly skilled workforce. Through research, industry partnerships, and student-centred initiatives, it is shaping the educational landscape and contributing to national development.

Academic Excellence and Industry-Ready Programmes

CUQ bridges the gap between education and industry by offering specialised degree programmes, many of which are firsts in Qatar and the MENA region.

Artificial Intelligence – Training future innovators in AI-driven solutions and robotics.

Cyber Security – Preparing specialists in ethical hacking, digital forensics, and data protection.

Biomedical Engineering – Equipping students to develop life-saving medical technologies.

Game Design & Development – A first in Qatar, this programme meets the growing global demand for gaming professionals.

Electronic Engineering – Teaching students to design smart infrastructure and advanced technologies.

Law, Psychology, or Architecture – Providing career pathways in legal, social sciences, and urban development fields.
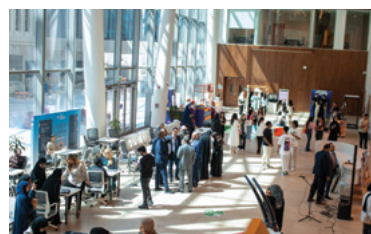
Comprehensive Student Support and Career Development

CUQ fosters a dynamic learning environment with strong student services, including mentorship programmes, career counselling, and industry-led workshops. These initiatives enhance career readiness and professional development.

The Career Lab Series: Preparing Students for Success

CUQ has launched the Career Lab Series, running from February to May, featuring expert-led discussions on emerging career fields. Covering Biomedical Engineering, AI, Business, and more, the series connects students with industry leaders to explore career opportunities and gain firsthand knowledge.

With its strong industry integration, CUQ is redefining higher education by preparing students to thrive in an evolving professional landscape.

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13th Apr	Law
16th Apr	Communication Skills
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11th May	Business
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How students can tailor their study habits to their strengths

Tactics:
auditory learners like to recite information out loud to remember it; give them a chance to repeat your points back to you by asking questions and calling for audience answers

Auditory Learners
Prefer to hear info rather than reading it or seeing it displayed visually

Education is not one-size-fits-all. Each student has a unique way of processing and retaining information, which is why understanding different learning styles is so important. The three primary learning styles—auditory, visual, and kinesthetic—offer valuable insights into how students can study more effectively. By tailoring their study habits to align with their preferred learning style, students can maximize their potential and improve their academic performance.

1. Auditory Learners:
Learning Through Sound

What is Auditory Learning? Auditory learners absorb information best when it is delivered through sound. These students are more likely to remember information they hear rather than what they read or see. They tend to excel in environments where verbal instruction is emphasized, and they may find it easier to remember details from lectures or discussions.

Characteristics of Auditory Learners:

- They often enjoy listening to podcasts, audiobooks, and music while studying.
- They tend to talk through problems or concepts aloud, which helps them understand and remember the material.
- They may prefer verbal explanations over written instructions.
- They often excel in oral exams or group discussions.

Study Tips for Auditory Learners:

1. **Use Audio Resources:** Listen to recorded lectures, audiobooks, or podcasts that relate to the subject matter. Apps like Audible and YouTube can be useful for finding educational content.

2. **Study with a Partner or Group:** Engage in discussions or study sessions with peers, talking through key concepts and explaining them aloud to reinforce learning.

3. **Record Notes and Listen Back:** Recording lectures or reading notes aloud can help reinforce information. Listening to recordings multiple times can boost retention.

4. **Teach Others:** Explaining concepts to others or discussing the material with family and friends can reinforce auditory learning.

5. **Use Music to Enhance Focus:** While some students benefit from silence, others find that background music helps them concentrate. Experiment with instrumental or low-energy music during study sessions.

2. Visual Learners:
Learning Through Sight

What is Visual Learning? Visual learners are students who learn best by seeing and observing. They tend to remember things they see, such as diagrams, charts, and written words. These learners process information more effectively when it is presented in a visual format.

Characteristics of Visual Learners:

- They are highly detail-oriented and can easily recall images or scenes from lectures.
- They often use color-coded notes, drawings, and mind maps to organize information.

- They may struggle with verbal instructions but thrive when given visual aids, such as PowerPoint slides, charts, and graphs.
- They enjoy reading and find visual stimuli such as videos, pictures, or graphs helpful for learning.

Study Tips for Visual Learners:

1. **Use Visual Aids:** Make use of diagrams, flowcharts, graphs, and infographics to represent information. Drawing mind maps or using sticky notes with different colors can help organize thoughts and ideas.

2. **Watch Educational Videos:** Platforms like YouTube, Khan Academy, or Coursera offer video content that can help reinforce material visually.

3. **Take Detailed Notes:** Write down key concepts in your own words, using bullet points, color-coding, or highlighting important terms to make your notes visually engaging.

4. Create Flashcards: Flashcards are a great tool for visual learners. Use them to test your memory, incorporating images or keywords that trigger recall.

5. Utilize Online Resources: Interactive learning tools such as online quizzes, educational games, and visual simulations can help reinforce learning for visual learners.

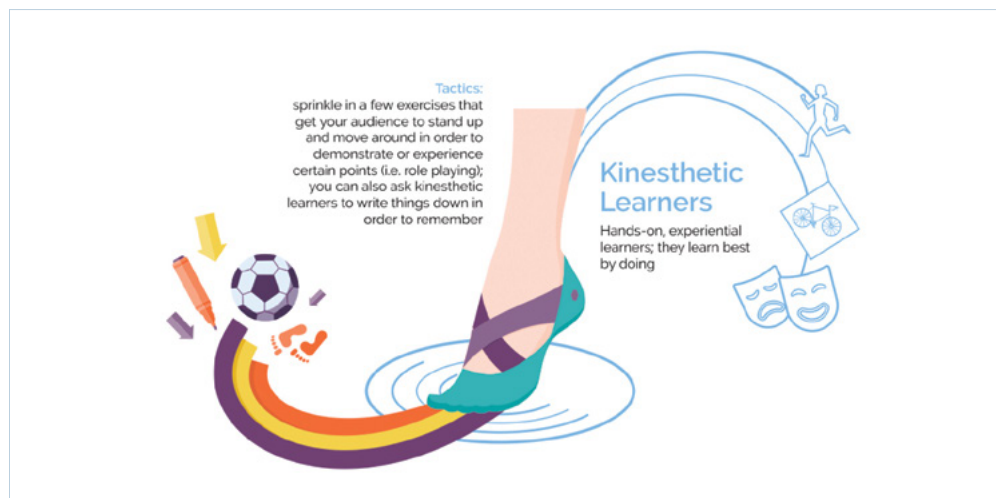## 3. Kinesthetic Learners:
Learning Through Movement

What is Kinesthetic Learning? Kinesthetic learners—often referred to as tactile learners—learn best through physical activity and hands-on experiences. These students thrive in environments where they can move, experiment, and engage in physical interaction with the material being studied. Kinesthetic learners often struggle in traditional classroom settings where sitting still and listening is required for long periods.

Characteristics of Kinesthetic Learners:

- They tend to prefer hands-on learning experiences, such as building models or conducting experiments.
- They often find it difficult to sit still for extended periods and may need to move or engage in activities to concentrate.
- They enjoy role-playing, interactive activities, or learning by doing.
- They remember information more effectively when they have physically engaged with the material in some way.

Study Tips for Kinesthetic Learners:

1. **Incorporate Physical Movement:** Try walking around or using hand gestures while studying. Some kinesthetic learners find that they remember information better when they engage their body in the learning process.

2. **Use Experiential Learning:** Participate in experiments, field trips, or hands-on activities related to the subject matter. If you're studying history, for example, visit museums or create historical reenactments.

3. **Write and Move:** For kinesthetic learners, writing things out by hand can help reinforce learning. Combine this with movement, such as walking around the room or using a standing desk.

4. **Teach Through Action:** Role-playing or demonstrating concepts in real life can help kinesthetic learners understand abstract ideas. For example, acting out a scientific process or using models can make concepts more tangible.

5. **Break Up Study Sessions:** Kinesthetic learners may struggle to focus for long periods. Break study time into shorter, more active sessions, and allow for regular movement breaks to stay engaged.

How to Identify Your Learning Style

Understanding your preferred learning style can be incredibly helpful in tailoring your study habits. To identify which style works best for you:

- **Self-Reflection:** Pay attention to how you study. Do you prefer listening to lectures or reading books? Do you find that you remember information better when you draw diagrams or write things down?

- **Ask for Feedback:** Teachers, parents, or peers may notice patterns in how you learn, such as whether you excel in discussions, writing, or practical applications.

- **Try Different Methods:** Experiment with different techniques to see which resonates with you the most. For example, try recording notes, using visual aids, or conducting hands-on experiments and evaluate which method yields the best results. While some students may exhibit a dominant learning style, it's essential to recognize that most people use a combination of auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learning strategies. By understanding your strengths and tailoring your study habits accordingly, you can enhance your learning experience, boost retention, and improve overall academic performance. Whether you're an auditory, visual, or kinesthetic learner, there's a wealth of strategies and resources available to help you succeed in your educational journey.

The world of art and music education

Education is often associated with subjects like mathematics, science, and language, but art and music play an equally crucial role in a well-rounded learning experience. While traditionally considered extracurricular activities, art and music education are essential for cognitive, social, and emotional development. These disciplines encourage creativity, improve problem-solving skills, and foster self-expression, making them indispensable in modern education systems.

The cognitive benefits

Numerous studies highlight the profound impact of art and music on brain development. Engaging in artistic and musical activities stimulates neural connections, enhances memory retention, and improves spatial reasoning skills.

Music education, for instance, has been linked to stronger mathematical abilities. Learning to read musical notes, understanding rhythm, and playing an instrument involve recognizing patterns and sequences, skills that directly translate to mathematical concepts. Students who participate in music programs often perform better in math and logic-based subjects due to their improved ability to recognize relationships between numbers and patterns.

Similarly, visual arts strengthen cognitive functions such as observation, interpretation, and analysis. Drawing, painting, and sculpting require fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, both of which enhance brain function. Additionally, engaging in creative projects helps students develop critical thinking by encouraging them to explore multiple perspectives and solutions to a problem.

Emotional and social growth

Art and music provide powerful outlets for self-expression and emotional processing. Children and adolescents often struggle to articulate their emotions through words alone, and creative disciplines offer alternative ways to express feelings, thoughts, and experiences.

Participating in a school orchestra, choir, or theater production fosters teamwork, discipline, and communication skills. These group activities require collaboration and teach students how to listen, adapt, and work harmoniously with others. In visual arts, students learn patience and perseverance as they refine their techniques, reinforcing the idea that effort and dedication lead to improvement.

Additionally, exposure to different artistic and musical styles promotes cultural appreciation and empathy. Learning about various artistic traditions helps students understand diverse perspectives, fostering a global mindset that is crucial in today's interconnected world.

Enhancing academic performance

Contrary to the misconception that art and music take time away from core academic subjects, research suggests that integrating these disciplines actually enhances overall academic performance. Schools that incorporate arts-rich curricula often report higher student engagement, reduced dropout rates, and increased motivation to learn.

Music training, in particular, improves linguistic abilities and reading comprehension. The process of learning to play an instrument enhances phonemic awareness—the ability to recognize and manipulate sounds within words—which is a key skill for reading proficiency. Similarly, participation in visual arts activities has been shown to improve writing and storytelling skills by encouraging students to think creatively and organize their ideas effectively.

Encouraging creativity

In an era driven by innovation and technology, creativity is one of the most valuable skills students can develop. Many of today's leading industries—such as design, advertising, entertainment, and technology—rely on individuals who can think outside the box and approach challenges with unique solutions.

Beyond traditional artistic careers, problem-solving skills gained from art and music education are beneficial in fields like engineering, medicine, and business. Companies increasingly seek employees who can adapt to new situations, generate fresh ideas, and communicate effectively—traits that creative education nurtures.

Qatar Skills
Training Centre

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CENTRE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING
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Pioneering Excellence in AI, VR, and Professional Development Across MENA

With an illustrious legacy spanning over 14 years, Qatar Skills (QS) has cemented its reputation as a leader in professional development, delivering transformative learning experiences tailored for individuals and organizations committed to continuous growth. As an industry trailblazer, QS offers a diverse portfolio of over a thousand meticulously designed training programmes, strategically aligned with the evolving demands of the modern workforce.

Dedicated to fostering lifelong learning, QS provides customized corporate training solutions that address specific organizational needs, alongside public programmes accessible through face-to-face, live virtual, and blended learning formats. By bridging the gap between knowledge and application, QS ensures that professionals across multiple industries—including oil and gas, industrial enterprises, telecommunications, automotive, banking, financial authorities, and healthcare—are equipped with cutting-edge expertise and practical skills.

Operating from the largest training facility in the MENA region, QS annually empowers thousands of professionals through specialized technical, functional, and management training programmes. As a mark of its excellence, QS holds accreditation from globally esteemed institutions such as CMI, ILM, IOSH, HABC, IoSCM, CII, IREM, ICF, IRCA, ISM, CIM, SHRM, ACCA, PMI, and Edexcel, among others, ensuring the highest standards of professional certification.

Setting a new benchmark in professional education, Qatar Skills has introduced revolutionary Virtual Reality (VR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) training programmes, redefining the learning landscape with immersive, hands-on experiences that enhance both technical acumen and strategic capabilities. These next-generation training solutions integrate AI-driven methodologies to foster an unparalleled level of engagement, equipping professionals with future-focused skills that drive innovation and business success.

As an integral force supporting Qatar's National Vision 2030, QS remains committed to advancing industry-relevant learning and technological excellence. By seamlessly integrating AI and VR into its training framework, Qatar Skills is paving the way for a future-ready workforce, empowering businesses to maintain a competitive edge in an ever-evolving global economy.

With an unwavering dedication to excellence, Qatar Skills Training Centre continues to lead the MENA region in professional training, setting new industry standards and shaping the workforce of tomorrow.

MoEHE, QCDC to set up career development ecosystem

The Minister of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE), in collaboration with Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC), hosted a deliberation session titled "Towards Establishing the National Career Development Ecosystem in Qatar: Contributing to the Realization of Qatar National Vision 2030." The session, held at the Ministry's headquarters, featured intensive discussions in specialized focus groups and saw wide participation from decision-makers, policymakers, and strategists across the education, training, and labor market sectors.

The session aimed to explore ways to enhance the role of career guidance and development in achieving Qatar's sustainable development goals (SDGs) by establishing the foundational frameworks and infrastructure for a comprehensive national ecosystem. This ecosystem will coordinate the efforts of relevant entities and career development partners from various sectors involved in human capital development. Additionally, the session sought to support investment in national talents and empower young generations to contribute to the sustainable development journey.

In her opening remarks, Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Affairs, Maha Zayed Al Ruwaili emphasized: "Continuous development and enhancement of student guidance and career counseling services are top priorities for the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. We strive to improve the quality of these services by updating guidance programs in line with educational and social developments and training academic counselors on the latest guidance methods to help students understand the requirements of local and international universities, various majors, and future careers." She added, "By identifying future job needs, we can align educational systems with these requirements, helping to bridge the gap between education and the labor market and elevating employment levels in the community in line with national and future priorities."

Acting Director of QCDC, Saad Abdulla Al Kharji highlighted the anticipated benefits of this collaboration in his opening speech, stating, "Establishing the national career development ecosystem will bring significant benefits to Qatar, enhancing the career readiness of current and future generations to meet the evolving and dynamic demands of the labor market in Qatar." He noted that the success of this initiative would lead to "strengthening our nation's career security, which is as crucial as any

other form ofsecurity in ensuring the future of Qatar's citizens. Additionally, it will enhance the integration between the education sector and the labor market, improving employability and the long-term productivity of our youth."

The deliberation session is part of the ongoing and robust collaboration between the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), QCDC, and other local and international partners. Participants presented their perspectives on the current state of the career guidance and development landscape in Qatar and the progress made in creating favourable conditions for establishing the national career development ecosystem.

The participants agreed on a future roadmap for the national career development ecosystem, transforming it into strategic goals, performance indicators, and an annual action plan in line with the

Ministry's 2024-2030 strategy, derived from Qatar's Third National Development Strategy. All partners will contribute to shaping, implementing, and evaluating this plan.

MoEHE affirmed that this session marks a new strategic starting point and an added value for fruitful cooperation among partners and all relevant stakeholders in leveraging existing opportunities to drive human development and contribute to the sustainable development journey and the realization of Qatar National Vision 2030.
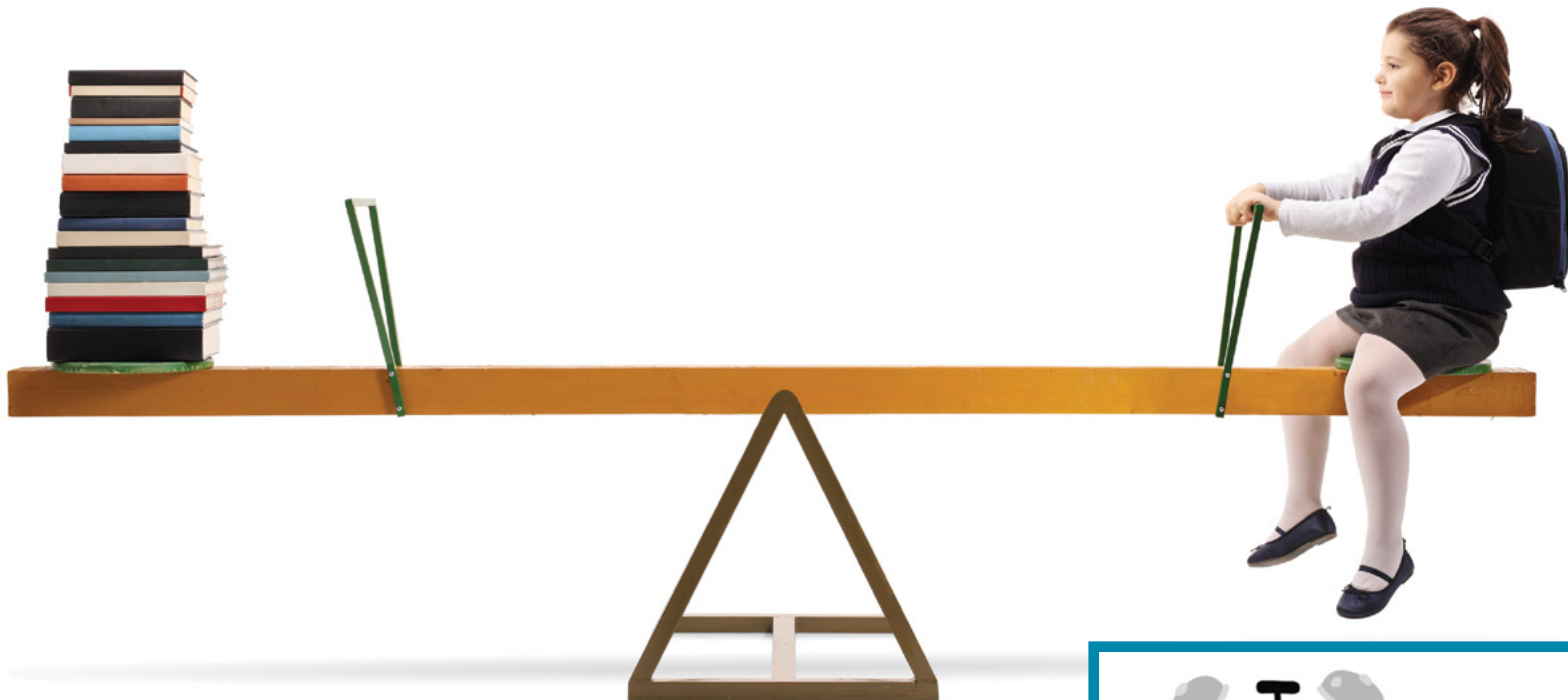
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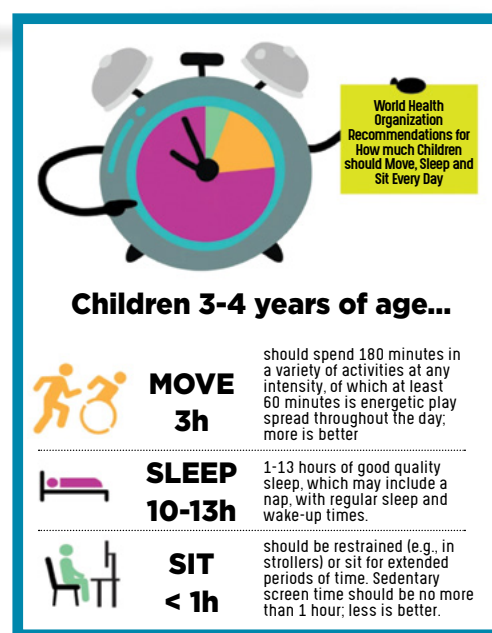## Balancing Academics, Activities, and Personal Life

By setting clear goals, prioritizing tasks, and staying organized, students can balance their academic responsibilities with extracurricular activities and personal time

Balancing academics, extracurricular activities, and personal time can be one of the biggest challenges for students. With tight schedules and multiple responsibilities, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. However, effective time management can make all the difference in reducing stress, improving productivity, and ensuring that students have time for everything—studies, hobbies, social life, and self-care. The key is to prioritize tasks, stay organized, and make intentional use of the time available.

1. Set Clear Goals and Priorities

Define Your Priorities:
Start by understanding what matters most to you. Are academic grades your top priority? Do extracurricular activities or a part-time job take precedence? Understanding your priorities helps guide your decisions and prevents you from overcommitting. Once you've identified your priorities, allocate your time accordingly.

World Health Organization Recommendations for How much Children should Move, Sleep and Sit Every Day

Children 3-4 years of age...

MOVE 3h	should spend 180 minutes in a variety of activities at any intensity, of which at least 60 minutes is energetic play spread throughout the day; more is better
SLEEP 10-13h	1-13 hours of good quality sleep, which may include a nap, with regular sleep and wake-up times.
SIT < 1h	should be restrained (e.g., in strollers) or sit for extended periods of time. Sedentary screen time should be no more than 1 hour; less is better.

Set SMART Goals:
Use the SMART goal-setting method to ensure that your goals are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. This makes your goals more actionable and helps you track your progress. For example, instead of saying, "I want to improve my grades," set a specific goal like, "I want to achieve a B+ or higher in all my subjects this semester."

Break Down Big Goals:
Big tasks can feel overwhelming. Break them down into smaller, more manageable tasks. For example, if you have an upcoming exam, break your study sessions into sections (e.g., reviewing one chapter a day) rather than cramming the night before.

2. Create a Structured Schedule

Use a Planner or Digital Calendar:
Keeping track of assignments, tests, extracurriculars, and personal activities can be challenging without a system. Invest in a physical planner or use a digital calendar app like Google Calendar, Apple Calendar, or Microsoft Outlook to organize your time. Colour-code different categories of activities (e.g., classes in blue,

S	**Specific**	Target a specific area of improvement	◉
M	**Measurable**	Quantity or suggest an indicator of progress	📊
A	**Achievable**	State what results can realistically be achieved, given available resources	📈
R	**Relevant**	Determine if the goal is in alignment with your values and long-term objectives	◎
T	**Time-bound**	Specify when the result(s) can be achieved	🕐

Join Nord Anglia International School Al Khor (NAISAK)
Where Excellence Meets Opportunity

At Nord Anglia International School Al Khor (NAISAK), students are empowered to reach their full potential in a world-class educational environment. Led by Principal James Hughes, NAISAK is committed to fostering academic growth and ensuring every student thrives, focusing on "individual progress, challenge, support, and accountability."

Extracurricular Opportunities

With over 60 extracurricular activities (ECAs) offered at no cost, NAISAK provides students with opportunities to explore interests in sports, the arts, and leadership. These activities help students develop essential life skills and prepare them for success beyond academics.

Academic Excellence

NAISAK has earned a 5-year QNSA accreditation with a "Highly Effective" rating, highlighting its dedication to excellence. Students consistently excel in international academic exams, including the Cambridge Learners and Pearson Education Awards. In 2023 and 2024, students achieved top marks in Qatar in subjects like Chemistry, Biology, French, Business, and Physics, reflecting their hard work and the school's commitment to success.

Global Learning Partnerships

NAISAK's partnerships with organizations like UNICEF, The Juilliard School, and MIT provide students with access to resources that enhance their learning. As Principal Hughes explains, "Through our partnerships with Juilliard, IMG Florida, and MIT Boston, we are giving our students opportunities they will not get anywhere else. These experiences will help them develop the skills and attributes they need to thrive in a challenging, dynamic world."

Teacher Development & Supportive Environment

Under Mr. Hughes' leadership, NAISAK prioritizes ongoing professional development for teachers, ensuring a positive and supportive environment where students excel both academically and socially.

Why Choose NAISAK?

Join NAISAK, where high academic standards, extracurricular opportunities, and global learning partnerships come together to provide an exceptional education. As Mr. Hughes states, "I truly believe we are the best school. But believing we are the best doesn't mean we stop striving for more. We're always working to create an even richer and more engaging environment for our students."

Apply today and give your child the opportunity to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

extracurriculars in green, personal time in yellow) to visualize your day more clearly.

Plan for the Week Ahead:
At the start of each week, review your commitments and plan out your tasks. This includes class schedules, deadlines, club meetings, or social events. This proactive approach helps you stay organized and reduces the likelihood of forgetting important tasks.

Set Time Blocks:
Create blocks of time in your schedule for specific tasks. For example, designate time for study, club meetings, exercise, and relaxation. Avoid multitasking—focusing on one task at a time improves efficiency and reduces stress. Stick to your time blocks as closely as possible, but allow flexibility for unexpected events or shifts in priorities.

Eisenhower Matrix
Urgent-Important Matrix
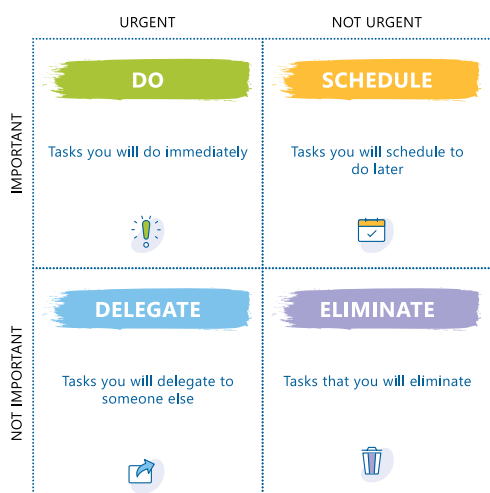
3. Learn to Prioritize Tasks

Use the Eisenhower Matrix:
The Eisenhower Matrix is a powerful tool for prioritizing tasks based on urgency and importance. Divide your tasks into four categories:

- **Urgent and Important:** Do these tasks immediately (e.g., study for an upcoming exam).
- **Important but Not Urgent:** Schedule these tasks for later (e.g., working on a long-term project).
- **Urgent but Not Important**: Delegate or minimize these tasks if possible (e.g., attending a meeting that doesn't contribute directly to your goals).
- **Not Urgent and Not Important:** Eliminate or reduce time spent on these tasks (e.g., excessive social media scrolling).

Tackle Tough Tasks First:
The longer you delay important tasks, the more overwhelming they can become. Start your day with the most challenging or time-sensitive tasks, and leave less demanding activities for later when your energy levels are lower.

4. Avoid Overcommitting

Know Your Limits:
It's easy to get caught up in extracurricular activities or volunteer opportunities, but overcommitting can lead to burnout. Be realistic about how much time

you can dedicate to each activity, and learn to say no when necessary. It's better to give 100% to fewer commitments than to stretch yourself too thin.

Review Your Activities Regularly:
At the beginning of each term or semester, assess your extracurricular involvement and ask yourself if it aligns with your academic and personal goals. If you're struggling to balance everything, consider reducing the number of extracurriculars or shifting your involvement in certain activities.

5. Practice Effective Study Techniques

Use the Pomodoro Technique:
The Pomodoro Technique is a time management method that involves working for 25-minute intervals followed by a 5-minute break. After completing four cycles, take a longer break (15-30 minutes). This method keeps you focused and prevents burnout during long study sessions.

Use Active Learning:
Instead of passively reading or listening to lectures, engage with the material actively by summarizing what you've learned, teaching it to someone else, or applying the knowledge in practice. This enhances retention and makes study time more efficient.

Avoid Procrastination:
Procrastination is a major time killer. Combat it by breaking tasks into smaller chunks, setting mini-deadlines, and rewarding yourself for completing tasks on time. The more you practice staying on task, the easier it becomes to manage your time effectively.

6. Take Care of Your Health

Prioritize Sleep:
Getting adequate sleep is crucial for memory consolidation and focus. Lack of sleep can significantly affect your productivity and mood. Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep per night to ensure you're well-rested and able to function at your best.

Exercise Regularly:
Physical activity isn't just important for your health—it also helps improve focus and mental clarity. Schedule regular workout sessions to stay energized. Even short walks or stretches between study blocks can make a big difference.

Take Breaks:
Studying or working non-stop can lead to burnout. Be sure to take regular breaks during study sessions and make time for personal relaxation. Breaks allow you to recharge and return to your tasks with renewed focus.

7. Stay Flexible and Adaptable

Expect the Unexpected:
Life is unpredictable, and unexpected events may arise that disrupt your schedule. Rather than stressing out, build flexibility into your routine by leaving gaps for unforeseen tasks or obligations. If something urgent comes up, adapt your schedule accordingly, but make sure to get back on track as soon as possible.

Reevaluate Your Plan Weekly:
Each week, assess your progress and adjust your plan if necessary. If you're falling behind on assignments or extracurriculars, reevaluate your time management strategies and make adjustments. Continuous reflection helps you stay on top of tasks and maintain balance.

8. Make Time for Yourself

Don't Forget Personal Time:
While academics and extracurriculars are important, it's equally important to take time for yourself. Set aside time for hobbies, socializing with friends, and engaging in activities that help you relax and recharge. A healthy work-life balance is essential for long-term success.

Practice Mindfulness or Meditation:
Mindfulness and meditation can help reduce stress and improve focus. Even just a few minutes of deep breathing or a quick meditation session can clear your mind and enhance productivity.

A School Built on Community:
Join Queen's Qatar from Early Years to Year 10

Queen's Qatar is more than just a school—it's a vibrant community where students, parents, and educators come together to create a dynamic and supportive learning environment. Admissions are now open for the next academic year, welcoming students from Early Years to Year 10.

A Globally Inspired British Education

Offering a British curriculum enriched with international perspectives, Queen's Qatar blends academic excellence with personal and social development. The programme fosters critical thinking, creativity, and resilience, preparing students for success in an ever-evolving world.

A True Community School

Families are at the heart of Queen's Qatar. Through engaging events and tailored programmes, the school builds strong connections between home and school, ensuring a collaborative and enriching educational journey.

Nurturing the Whole Child

Education at Queen's Qatar extends beyond academics. By nurturing creativity, empathy, and leadership, the school helps students discover their passions and develop essential life skills, empowering them to excel in all aspects of life.

Exceptional Teaching and Facilities

The dedicated teaching team provides personalised support in small class sizes, fostering a love for learning. The modern Al Markhiya campus features advanced science labs, creative art spaces, and top-tier sports facilities, ensuring students have access to the best learning environment.

Beyond the Classroom: Enriching Experiences

The Artemis Experience seamlessly integrates arts, sports, and science into daily learning, while the Artemex Programme offers opportunities to engage with the wider community. These programmes provide students with unique, hands-on experiences that inspire growth and creativity.

Join the Queen's Qatar Family

Queen's Qatar welcomes applications from Early Years to Year 10. Become part of a school that inspires students to become leaders, innovators, and compassionate global citizens.

QF guides students in becoming digital citizens

In today's technology-driven world, Qatar Foundation (QF) schools are integrating digital tools into classrooms to create dynamic, collaborative, and engaging learning environments. And by fostering innovation in a safe and supportive space, QF is helping to shape responsible digital citizens.

Lina Othman, creativity and innovation teacher at Qatar Academy Msheireb (QAM), part of QF's Pre-University Education, says: "Our school's vision and mission, alongside the International Baccalaureate's philosophy, advocate for helping students become lifelong learners and effective problem solvers.

"We aim to achieve this by providing them with a well-rounded learning experience, which, in turn, deepens their conceptual understanding of interconnected global issues."

According to Othman, this is accomplished through the integration of various learning tools, including devices such as iPads and Chromebooks, and specialised educational apps – as well as more traditional teaching methods.

"There are many benefits to using technology in the classroom," says Othman. "When students use digital platforms, they also develop skills that allow them to be thinkers, inquirers, and collaborators."

A key focus at QAM is fostering student agency — empowering learners to take ownership of their education. According to Othman, technology provides tools that enable students to express themselves in ways that align with their interests and cultural identities.

Through Artificial Intelligence (AI), QAM personalises the learning experience by analysing individual progress and tailoring lessons to suit diverse needs. For example, students have utilised AI generators to create modern Qatari art, designed local houses in Minecraft, reimagined traditional music by incorporating modern beats, and crafted recipes using Canva. According to Othman, this approach has resulted in higher levels of engagement.

At QAM, this approach to integrated learning goes hand-in-hand with promoting the safe use of technology. Students are taught to validate information, check credibility, and distinguish between real and fake news. The curriculum also covers how to avoid hacking, recognise clickbait and spam, and address cyberbullying.

"We also teach students how to communicate online, encouraging them to be respectful to people they've never met or don't know," she said. "Through global projects, like Skypathon where they connect with others online, we emphasise the importance of being open-minded and respectful in all digital interactions."

Part of Othman's role at QAM is to support and guide teachers through regular meetings and workshops. "I provide them with a lesson or skill to emphasise in their classrooms, but it doesn't always have to come from me; it should also be modelled by others," she added. "We discuss specific skills, such as citation, indexing, intellectual property, or copyright, and I offer ideas on how to teach these effectively to students."

ACS Doha Introduces the Artemis Promise Scholarships to Empower Future Leaders

ACS Doha proudly announces the launch of the Artemis Promise Scholarships, a groundbreaking initiative designed to support outstanding students and provide them with access to a world-class International Baccalaureate (IB) education. This scholarship programme reflects ACS Doha's commitment to academic excellence, global citizenship, and intercultural competence.

Expanding Educational Opportunities

The Artemis Promise Scholarships provide partial tuition remission at 25% and 50% for students entering Grades 4 to 11. These scholarships are designed to attract academically talented and well-rounded students who may not otherwise have access to ACS Doha's exceptional learning environment.

Dr. Nigel Winnard, Interim Head of School at ACS Doha, explains:

"We need all-rounders. Our goal is to nurture students who are not only academically excellent but also possess international-mindedness and the intercultural competencies essential in today's world. The Artemis Promise Scholarships are designed to support and develop these future global leaders".

Eligibility and Selection Process

The scholarship programme follows a competitive selection process to ensure that recipients embody ACS Doha's values of excellence, leadership, and integrity.

- **Who Can Apply?** Students entering Grades 4 to 11 with strong academic records and proficiency in English.
- **Application Requirements:** Candidates submit academic records, complete tests in English, Maths, and Critical Thinking, and attend an interview.
- **Selection Process:** A Scholarship Committee, chaired by the Head of School, reviews applications. Decisions are communicated within five working days.
- **Scholarship Renewal:** Awards are granted annually and renewed based on academic performance and good conduct.

More Than Financial Support

The Artemis Promise Scholarships are not just about funding education—they are about fostering personal growth, leadership, and future success.

Niall Brennan, CEO of Artemis Education, states:

"Our scholarships are more than just financial aid. They are a commitment to unlocking potential, guided by the Artemis Promise of excellence, opportunity, and care. We believe in developing the whole child, preparing them for a meaningful life and a successful future."

By supporting students from diverse backgrounds, ACS Doha reinforces its mission to create an inclusive and dynamic learning environment.

Why ACS Doha?

As a leading international school in Qatar, ACS Doha offers a rigorous IB curriculum that prepares students for higher education and future careers. The Artemis Promise Scholarships make this high-quality education accessible to more students, reinforcing the school's commitment to excellence.

How to Apply

For more information on the Artemis Promise Scholarships, visit https://www.acsdoha.school/admissions/artemis-promise-scholarships/ or contact the ACS Admissions Office.

Building the Future

By launching the Artemis Promise Scholarships, ACS Doha continues its mission of developing future global leaders. This initiative reflects the school's dedication to nurturing excellence and shaping students who will positively impact their communities and the world.

The changing landscape of learning

Education has undergone remarkable transformations over the centuries, evolving from traditional classroom instruction to digital learning environments that cater to diverse student needs. Today, as technology continues to advance at an unprecedented pace, the future of education is being reshaped by artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR), and personalized learning. These innovations are revolutionizing how knowledge is delivered, absorbed, and applied, preparing students for an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence is playing a pivotal role in education, automating processes and personalizing learning experiences. AI-powered platforms can analyze student performance data to identify strengths, weaknesses, and learning preferences, allowing educators to tailor instruction to individual needs.

Chatbots and AI tutors, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Bard, are becoming increasingly sophisticated, providing real-time assistance to students. These AI-driven tools offer instant feedback on assignments, answer questions, and suggest additional resources, reducing students' reliance on traditional one-size-fits-all learning models.

Additionally, AI is helping automate administrative tasks such as grading, scheduling, and student assessments, allowing teachers to focus on more interactive and engaging teaching methods. With machine learning algorithms continuously improving, the future of AI in education promises to create highly efficient and customized learning environments.

Virtual reality and augmented reality

Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are transforming education by making learning more immersive and interactive. Instead of reading about historical events or scientific phenomena, students can experience them firsthand through virtual simulations.

For example, VR can transport students to ancient Rome, allowing them to explore historical landmarks and interact with digital reconstructions of the past. Similarly, AR can overlay digital information onto physical objects, enhancing subjects such as anatomy, engineering, and architecture. Medical students can perform virtual surgeries, while physics students can conduct experiments in simulated environments, reducing costs and risks associated with traditional labs.

As VR and AR technology become more accessible, classrooms of the future may no longer be confined to four walls. Instead, students could explore the

universe, dive into the ocean, or walk through the human body—all from the comfort of their learning space.

Personalized learning

One of the most significant shifts in modern education is the move toward personalized learning. Traditional education follows a standardized curriculum, often disregarding the unique pace and learning style of each student. However, adaptive learning systems are changing this approach by adjusting content based on individual progress.

Personalized learning platforms use AI to analyze how students interact with course material, identifying areas where they excel and where they struggle. This allows for customized lesson plans that ensure students grasp concepts at their own pace. For example, if a student finds a particular math concept difficult, the system may provide additional exercises or alternative explanations until mastery is achieved.

Beyond academics, personalized learning also fosters creativity and critical thinking. Instead of rigid curriculums, students may have more freedom to choose projects, explore interdisciplinary topics, and develop skills relevant to their career aspirations.

The role of EdTech

The rise of EdTech (educational technology) is reshaping the way knowledge is delivered. Online learning platforms like Coursera, Udemy, and Khan Academy provide high-quality educational content to students worldwide, breaking down geographical barriers and making learning more accessible.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have gained popularity, allowing students to learn from top universities without the constraints of location or cost. These platforms offer flexible learning schedules, making it easier for working professionals and students with diverse needs to access education.

Additionally, hybrid learning models—combining online instruction with in-person experiences—are becoming more common. Schools and universities are integrating digital resources with classroom discussions, creating a blended approach that

enhances engagement and comprehension.

Skills-based learning

As the job market evolves, education systems are shifting focus from traditional rote memorization to skills-based learning. The demand for critical thinking, problem-solving, and technological proficiency is higher than ever, prompting schools to incorporate coding, robotics, and data science into their curriculums.

Vocational training and apprenticeships are also gaining traction, offering students hands-on experience in various industries. Companies and educational institutions are increasingly collaborating to provide skill-based programs that align with real-world job market demands. This shift ensures that students are not just acquiring knowledge but also developing practical skills that prepare them for the workforce.

Global education and accessibility

One of the greatest advantages of modern technology in education is its ability to make learning more inclusive and accessible. With the

expansion of internet access and affordable digital tools, students from remote and underserved communities can access the same quality education as those in urban centers.

Innovative solutions like solar-powered classrooms, mobile learning apps, and AI-driven translation tools are breaking language barriers and providing education to millions who previously lacked access. As technology continues to bridge the gap, the future of education will be more equitable, ensuring that every student has an opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Challenges and ethical considerations

While technology is revolutionizing education, it also presents challenges and ethical concerns. The reliance on AI and digital tools raises questions about data privacy, cybersecurity, and the potential for bias in AI-generated content. Additionally, not all students have equal access to advanced technology, creating disparities in digital learning experiences.

Educators and policymakers must address these issues by implementing guidelines that protect student data, ensure equitable access to technology, and provide training for teachers to effectively integrate digital tools into their teaching methods. A balanced approach—blending technology with human-centered learning—will be essential in creating an inclusive and effective educational landscape.

The future of education is a dynamic and evolving landscape, shaped by AI, virtual reality, personalized learning, and innovative teaching methods. As technology continues to advance, the traditional classroom will become more interactive, adaptable, and student-focused. The integration of digital tools will not replace teachers but will enhance their ability to create engaging, tailored learning experiences that cater to each student's unique needs.

While challenges remain, the potential benefits of these educational advancements far outweigh the risks. By embracing change and leveraging technology responsibly, we can ensure that education remains a powerful tool for shaping the minds of future generations, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

UNITED SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL, THE PEARL

Discover a high-quality British curriculum with world-class facilities

Since opening in August 2022, United School International (USI) has quickly established itself as a major addition to the education landscape in Doha, and a vital part of the thriving community on The Pearl. The school's combination of high-quality teaching, academic excellence and world-class facilities has made it one of Doha's most sought-after schools.

The USI ethos rests on a set of core principles: excellence, respect, responsibility, integrity and compassion. The school is committed to delivering an ambitious, internationally acclaimed education, where students are supported and encouraged on their educational journey, through an enhanced British curriculum, to becoming valued global citizens. This outstanding education is delivered in a campus comprising of outstanding facilities, including two swimming pools, a 500-seat auditorium, full size football pitch, STEAM and Robotics studios, specialist Design & Technology and Food Technology rooms, and a multi-purpose sports hall.

USI's teachers are well-qualified, highly experienced professionals who have been chosen to provide students with the best possible education and pastoral care. The social and emotional development of students, at each stage of their education, is an essential aspect of the school community.

A Pathway to IGCSE and IA Level

This spring, the first group of Year 11 students at USI will take their IGCSEs. The school's Sixth Form will open for the 2025-26 academic year, and their first cohort of Year 12 students will begin their IA Level or BTEC studies, allowing them to progress on to universities and colleges around the world. As students progress through the year groups at USI, they gain the critical thinking skills and social attributes that prepare them for the next stage of their education, guided by the school's expert teachers.

The curriculum at USI is well-balanced, providing time for core subjects as well as music, drama, art and sports. The curriculum encourages analytical and critical thinking, as well as creativity and innovation. It promotes social cohesion and respect for Qatari society's values and heritage, and builds a truly international community built on tolerance and understanding.

Extra-Curricular Activities

At USI, the learning does not stop at the end of the school day. Students have access to an extensive extra-curricular programme, led by USI's own teachers as well as many of Doha's finest external activity providers. Not only does this help busy parents with the school pick-up, it also allows students to try new activities or enhance their participation in subjects and activities that inspire them.

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YEAR OLD TECH VISIONARY INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF
INNOVATORS

Rayan receiving the "Proud of You" Award from Qatar's Ministry of Education and Higher Education for his outstanding performance in co-curricular activities.

At just 13 years old, Rayan Majeed is already making waves in the world of technology, business, and design. A student at MES Indian School in Doha, Rayan has distinguished himself as a young innovator with a deep passion for artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, and creative problem-solving. His remarkable achievements have earned him recognition across various platforms, positioning him as a rising leader in his field.

From developing AI-driven solutions to exploring groundbreaking business ideas, Rayan's journey is a testament to the power of curiosity and determination. His work not only showcases his technical expertise but also reflects a visionary mindset that aims to inspire and empower the next generation of changemakers. As he continues to push boundaries and embrace new challenges, Rayan is proving that age is no barrier to making a meaningful impact in the ever-evolving world of technology and innovation.

Most recently, Rayan was honoured with the 'Proud of You' Award by Qatar's Ministry of Education and Higher Education for his outstanding performance in co-curricular activities. In 2024, he secured first place in the Teenpreneur Inter-School Pitch Perfect Challenge at DPS Modern School Doha, demonstrating his exceptional ability to develop and present high-impact, innovative ideas.

He also made history as the youngest attendee at the World Summit AI Qatar 2024, where he further distinguished himself by winning an IBM Workshop, showcasing his deep passion for artificial

Rayan became one of the youngest attendees at the World Summit AI Qatar 2024.

intelligence. Additionally, he became the youngest participant in Buildspace, a global startup and tech-building community with over 66,000 members.

Buildspace serves as an accelerator where innovators work on projects, network, and gain experience in AI, Web3, and technology. His participation highlights his drive to stay ahead of industry trends and connect with some of the brightest minds in the field.

Leveraging his expertise, he has already launched his own entrepreneurial venture. He is the founder of ArtofWave.in, a cutting-edge design firm specializing in bold, modern branding. His proficiency in UI/UX design is evident in projects such as Instafleet, Cybership, and Amazon-funded startups, where he seamlessly integrates functionality with aesthetic excellence.

Beyond design, Rayan is deeply involved in artificial intelligence (AI) and is currently developing a revolutionary AI startup named Hasub—an all-in-one AI system designed to enhance human professional daily life. This ambitious project aims to streamline workflows, automate decision-making, and empower professionals across industries.

Rayan is an active member of Toastmasters Gavels Clubs, TEDxYouth, and Global MUN, constantly refining his public speaking, leadership, and communication skills. He was the Design Lead and youngest committee member for TEDxYouth@MESIndianSchool 2024, crafting the event's branding under the theme 'Comedy of Errors.'

Beyond his businesses and projects, Rayan has a deep passion for networking and collaboration. He actively connects with industry leaders, innovators, and visionaries, always seeking opportunities to learn, share ideas, and create meaningful impact. He is also building and connecting with Gen Z communities on Discord, with young minds worldwide to collaborate on groundbreaking projects.

As he advances on his journey, he receives unwavering support and encouragement from his school, mentors, and parents—his father, Majeed, and his mother, Naseeha—both of whom are working professionals and dedicated community workers in Doha, actively contributing to various social and civic initiatives.

With his forward-thinking mindset, Rayan is on a mission to shape the future of AI, technology, and design. His journey is just a beginning, but his vision is clear—to create, inspire, and lead the next generation of innovators.

Raising financially literate kids

Financial literacy is one of the most valuable life skills parents can teach their children. Understanding how money works, the importance of saving, and how to make smart financial decisions can set kids up for a lifetime of financial security and independence. The earlier children are introduced to these concepts, the more likely they are to develop healthy money habits that will benefit them in adulthood.

In today's fast-changing world, where digital transactions and consumer temptations are at an all-time high, equipping children with money management skills has never been more important. Teaching financial literacy helps kids develop responsible spending habits, differentiate between needs and wants, and avoid common financial mistakes. It also builds their confidence in handling money and helps them set and achieve financial goals. Without financial education, children may grow up with poor money habits that lead to financial struggles in adulthood.

Teaching money basics to young children

At an early age, children are naturally curious about the world around them, making it the perfect time to introduce simple financial concepts. Parents can start by showing them coins and bills, explaining their values, and demonstrating how money is used for purchasing goods. They can also introduce the idea that money is earned by working and not simply given. Assigning small tasks in exchange for a reward helps children understand the effort behind earning money.

Encouraging young children to save is another crucial step. Giving them a piggy bank and helping them set small savings goals, such as buying a toy, teaches patience and delayed gratification. Parents can also help them distinguish between needs and wants by using everyday examples, such as explaining that food is a necessity while a new toy is a desire. Interactive activities, such as playing store with fake money, reading children's books about money, and using a clear savings jar to visually track their progress, make learning fun and engaging.

Introducing money management to school-age kids

As children grow, they can handle more advanced financial concepts. At this stage, they can begin

managing small amounts of money and making decisions about how to use it. Parents can introduce allowances with a purpose, encouraging children to divide their money into spending, saving, and sharing categories.

Opening a simple savings account at a bank can also be a great way to teach kids how banking works. Taking them to the bank, showing them how deposits and withdrawals function, and allowing them to track their balance can help them understand the value of saving over time.

Setting savings goals is another essential lesson. Teaching children to save for something they really want, like a bicycle or a gaming console, rather than spending impulsively helps them develop financial discipline. Parents can also involve them in small financial decisions, such as giving them a budget for shopping trips and letting them choose items while staying within that budget. Keeping a spending journal can further help kids understand where their money is going and encourage better decision-making.

Financial independence skills for teenagers

Teenagers are at a crucial stage where they are making real financial decisions, from managing allowances to earning their first paycheck. This is the ideal time to introduce budgeting, credit management, and even basic investing. Parents can guide their teens in creating a simple budget, helping them allocate money for essentials, savings, and discretionary spending.

Understanding debt and credit is another important lesson. Many young adults struggle with credit card debt because they were never taught how credit works. Explaining

the risks of borrowing money, interest rates, and the importance of a good credit score will help teenagers make informed financial choices in the future. Teaching them smart shopping habits, such as comparing prices, using discounts, and avoiding impulsive purchases, will also help them become more financially responsible.

Introducing teens to the concept of investing can be beneficial in building long-term wealth. Parents can start with simple explanations about stocks, savings accounts, and compound interest. Some teens may even be interested in using stock market simulators to learn how investments work in a risk-free environment. Encouraging them to earn money through part-time jobs, freelancing, or small business ideas, such as tutoring or selling handmade crafts, can also teach them the value of financial independence.

Practical strategies for parents

Parents play the most significant role in shaping their children's financial habits. Leading by example is one of the best ways to teach financial literacy. Children who see their parents budgeting, saving, and making thoughtful spending decisions are more likely to adopt those habits.

Instead of simply handing out money, parents can tie allowances to chores or achievements, reinforcing the connection between work and earnings. Encouraging delayed gratification by teaching kids to wait and save for what they want can also prevent impulsive spending habits. Involving children in family financial discussions, such as budgeting for groceries or planning a family trip within a set amount, can give them hands-on experience in financial decision-making.

With technology playing a significant role in modern finance, introducing children to banking apps, digital wallets, and beginner-friendly investment platforms can prepare them for the future.

Raising financially literate kids doesn't have to be complicated. By introducing money concepts early and reinforcing them through hands-on experiences, parents can equip their children with the skills they need to make smart financial choices in the future. Whether it's saving in a piggy bank, budgeting an allowance, or learning about investments, every lesson contributes to building a strong financial foundation.

With the right guidance, today's children can grow into financially responsible and independent adults, capable of managing their money wisely and securing a bright financial future.

How to help Kids understand

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Here are the 5 healthy habit forming ideas for teaching young kids about money

PENNY JARS

Materials:
1 Jam Jar
Fabric, burlap or felt
Stickers and Markers
Glue

Instructions:
Let kids pick out the fabric for the jar
Cut a slot in the fabric for change
Next, deposit the glue on the jar
Slowly cover the jar with fabric
Encourage kids to decorate the entire jar how they like
Allow to dry until glue is hardened before use

INTRODUCE AN ALLOWANCE

Whatever you pay them each month, they should work to earn their allowance. Keep chores age-appropriate...and safe.

Common Household Chores for Youngsters:
Making their bed
Using a feather duster to clean a nightstand or bureau
Picking up toys and books

For Older Kids
Setting the table
Loading the dishwasher
Taking out the trash
Assisting with yard work
Helping to care for a family pet (food walking, etc.)

TEACHING ACCOUNTING 101

Allowance Accountability
Save earnings in a bank account
Help kids account for their earnings
Use spending as teachable moments
Teach kids how savings can grow

HOST A GAME NIGHT

Play a finance-based game and help kids learn about what that money means

Board Games
Monopoly
Life
Pay Day
Buy it Right
Money Bags
Monopoly Fortnite
Big Money

TALKING ABOUT FAMILY FINANCES

Simple moments can teach kids the value of a purchase and help them ask important questions before thet make a purchase, too.

In-Store Conversations
Talk to kids about your purchase budget
Explain payment plans
Help kids understand how to cost compare when shopping

Empowering Global Learners

The Transformative Impact of Dual Language Education at AIA-Lusail

In today's interconnected world, the ability to communicate in multiple languages is more valuable than ever. Dual language education is a powerful approach to fostering communication, literacy, and cross-cultural understanding among learners. By integrating two languages into the curriculum, dual language programs can equip learners with the language skills that will prepare them for future success in the world.

While a typical classroom may offer limited exposure to another language, dual language classrooms fully integrate both languages into everyday learning. The goal is full proficiency in both languages. Learners think, learn, and grow in two languages, ensuring that they become fluent speakers, readers, and writers. There are numerous benefits to this type of learning environment. Dual language classrooms encourage collaboration, inclusiveness, and positive peer relationships, contributing to a strong sense of identity and belonging. The learners develop enhanced creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while gaining deeper insights into different perspectives, traditions, and histories, which foster empathy and global citizenship.

The Arab International Academy-Lusail dual language curriculum is a perfect fit for the International Baccalaureate (IB) because it places a strong emphasis on academic success, cultural sensitivity, and inquiry-based learning.

As a candidate IB school, it strives to foster bilingual, internationally aware learners who can think critically and interact with others from different backgrounds. The IB views language as a tool for learning, and their Primary Years Programme (PYP) provides learners with diverse opportunities to develop academic language in various contexts while engaging in transdisciplinary inquiries.

The IB's mission to create globally aware citizens is furthered by the way dual language education

allows learners to discover and interact with different cultures and perspectives while studying global issues.

At AIA – Lusail, dual language serves as the cornerstone of the educational approach in the PYP. The school strives to achieve a balance between teaching Arabic as a mother tongue and fostering interaction with the global community through English. Their teachers are at the heart of this. When you step into their classrooms, you will be introduced to highly educated teachers from around the world that guide our learners as they grow into confident, bilingual, international-minded citizens. While their learners engage in their units of inquiry through concepts taught equally in both languages, this does not mean content is simply translated from one language to another. Instead, their dual language approach fosters authentic connections between languages, allowing the learners to gain conceptual understanding and transfer skills across both English and Arabic. This is accomplished in all academic domains including science, social studies, math, and single subjects such as art and physical education. To achieve this, their teachers collaborate and reflect with one another throughout the day, ensuring that learning experiences transition smoothly between languages while maintaining academic rigor and continuity. This approach supports students in becoming flexible, multilingual thinkers who can navigate complex ideas in multiple languages.

AIA-Lusail takes dual language learning to the next level by ensuring teachers and learners receive the support and resources they need to succeed. Their leadership team consists of literacy and numeracy coaches, who are not only specialists in their fields

but also well-versed in the IB philosophy. Their coaches collaborate with teachers in curriculum planning and lesson design to promote the seamless development of both languages. They also support teachers by modeling best practices in inquiry-based and dual language strategies as well as in developing engaging and authentic assessments that measure progress in both languages.

At AIA-Lusail, their commitment is to nurture lifelong learners who are confident communicators, adaptable thinkers, and compassionate global citizens. By providing a dual language curriculum, the school is investing in a future where IB graduates will have enhanced cognitive abilities, expanded career opportunities, and a deep appreciation for diverse cultures.

More than just learning two languages, students at AIA-Lusail are gaining a world of possibilities—a future where they can connect, innovate, and lead on a global stage.

How to help students succeed

Student success should be a teacher's number one priority. For some students, success will be getting a good grade. For others, it might mean increased involvement in class. You can help all of your students attain their full potential, regardless of the way they measure success. Following are strategies that you can employ to help students succeed.

Set high Expectations

Cultivate an academic environment in your classroom by setting high, but not impossible, expectations for your students. Push students to achieve higher standards and they will eventually get there—and along the way, offer lots of praise. Some may take more time than others, but all students want to be told, "You're smart and you're doing a good job." Give high school students college material to read and tell them, "This story/book/math concept is taught in first-year colleges around the country." Once the students tackle and master the material, tell them, "Good job students — I knew you could do it."

Establish a routine

One of the key ways to help young children behave at home is to create an effective and consistent schedule for them to follow. Without this type of structure, young children often end up misbehaving. Secondary school students are no different. While classroom procedures often take a bit of time and effort to implement at the beginning of the school year, once established, they create a structure that will allow you to focus on teaching rather than handling disruptive issues.

Classroom management should also become a part of the daily routine. If rules have been made clear from day one, rules and consequences are posted throughout the classroom, and you consistently tackle any and all problems as they arise, students will fall in line and your classroom will run like a well-oiled machine.

Practice the 'Daily Fives'

Do the same opening activity during the first five minutes of class and the same closing activity the last five minutes so that students know, "OK, it's time to start class, or, "It's time to get ready to leave." It could be something as simple as having students get out their classroom materials and sit at their desks ready to begin at the start of class and putting away their materials, sitting down and waiting for the bell to ring at the end of class.

If you are consistent with your daily fives, it will become second nature to your students. Establishing routines like this will also help when you need to get a substitute. Students don't like to deviate from the established norms and will become advocates in your classroom to make sure things run smoothly.

Grow continually

New ideas and research that can enhance your day-to-day teaching become available yearly. Keeping up with the latest information through online forums, workshops and professional journals can make you a better teacher. This will lead to increased student interest and greater success. In addition, teaching the same lessons each school year can become monotonous over time. This can result in uninspired teaching. Students will definitely pick up on this and become bored and distracted. Including new ideas and teaching methods can make a huge difference.

Vary instruction

When you vary teaching methods, you provide students with a greater opportunity to learn. Every student has different strengths and weaknesses. Instead of just focusing on one method that only appeals to a single learning style, varying your teaching techniques allow you to cater your lessons to different learning styles. Students will be more successful if they are not bored.

For example, instead of lecturing for an entire 90-minutes class, do 30 minutes of lecture, 30 minutes of work—involving as much music, videos and kinesthetic movement as possible—and then 30 minutes of discussion. Students like it when you change things up and they're not doing the exact same thing every class period.

Care about every student

This might seem obvious, but every year, do a gut check concerning the students in your class. Are there any students you have written off? Are there students who are difficult to reach or who just don't seem to care? Students can sense your feelings about them, so be very careful with your own beliefs.

Regardless of your personal feelings, it is important that you work with each of your students to ensure their success. Be excited with them. Act like you want to be at work and you're happy to be there and see them. Find out what their hobbies are, take an interest in their personal lives and try to incorporate some of that into your lessons.

Be transparent & helpful

How to succeed in your class should be easy for all students to understand. Provide students with a syllabus at the beginning of the year that explains your grading policies. If you assign a complicated or subjective assignment such as an essay or a research paper, give students a copy of your rubric beforehand. If students participate in science labs, ensure that they understand exactly how you will be grading their participation and their work.

For example, if you just toss a C- on an essay but you haven't edited it or explained why the student got that grade, your student has no buy-in and will likely put little effort into the next assignment. Make students check their grades frequently, or provide them with printouts so they're constantly aware of where they stand in your class. If they've fallen behind, meet with them and create a plan to usher them toward success.

Help your child manage stress

Adults often reminisce about their carefree childhood. They forget that those days were not always so stress-free. Children don't have to worry about paying the bills or losing their jobs like adults do — but there is plenty in life that might be concerning them, including:

Too much going on

Many children leave school and go directly to sports, music lessons, or other activities. Extracurricular activities can provide many benefits, but if your child has no downtime, they can also cause stress.

Disagreements with friends

Children have arguments with their friends just like adults do. They need to learn ways to deal with their disagreements without losing their close friends.

Fears about the world around them

Stories about school violence, natural disasters, and political turmoil are prominent on every news source. The Internet makes it difficult for parents to control when and how their kids hear such information, which can cause significant worry for some.

Concern about school performance

Most children experience stress about how they're doing in school at some points. Struggling students in particular can spend much of their day feeling inept. They need help figuring out what the root of the school problems are and figuring out what to do about them.

What can parents do to help?

If you notice that your child seems unusually stressed or unhappy, talk to her about it. Use a tone that conveys that you genuinely care about what is happening rather than a "What is it now?" kind of tone.

Children, particularly boys, often have trouble expressing their emotions, and helping them identify their feelings can be helpful. You can say, "You seem to be worried about something. What's on your mind?" This may open the door for a heart-to-heart conversation about what your child is finding stressful.

As well, help your child think of positive ways to relieve his stress. Children need exercise and creative play time. They might need a healthy snack or to get some extra rest. Encourage your child to do something really fun that takes his mind off his worries.

And if you think the stress is school-related, seek help for your child there. Call your child's teacher or the school psychologist to ask for a meeting.

TNG
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Bloom's Taxonomy at the Heart of Teaching and Learning at TNG School

The pursuit of effective teaching and learning methodologies is perpetual in the field of education. As educators, we strive to create meaningful learning experiences for our students. Our goal remains the same in today's modern classroom: to foster deep understanding, critical thinking, and skills development.

At The Next Generation School, the core philosophy revolves around embracing Bloom's Taxonomy as a guiding principle for shaping young minds. Through this approach, deeply ingrained in TNG's ethos, students can achieve academic excellence and develop holistically.

The Power of Bloom's Taxonomy

Bloom's Taxonomy developed by Benjamin Bloom and his team of educational psychologists during the 1950s is a framework that has been widely implemented and respected for many years. The framework consists of three domains that offer a structured approach to categorize learning objectives and enable educationists to comprehend the intricacy of cognitive, affective, and psychomotor processes involved in learning.

Bloom's Taxonomy
Cognitive Domain

Lower Order 1 2 3 4 5 6 Higher Order

Remember | Understand | Apply | Analyse | Evaluate | Create

1. Cognitive Domain focuses on intellectual skills, ranging from Remembering to higher-order thinking skills like evaluating and creating.

Bloom's Taxonomy
Affective Domain

Lower Order 1 2 3 4 5 Higher Order

Receiving | Responding | Valuing | Organizing | Internalising

2. Affective Domain explores emotional responses, values, and attitudes. It is about shaping students' feelings and beliefs.

Bloom's Taxonomy
Psychomotor Domain

Lower Order 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Higher Order

Perception | Set | Guided Response | Mechanism | Covert Overt Response | Adaptation | Origination
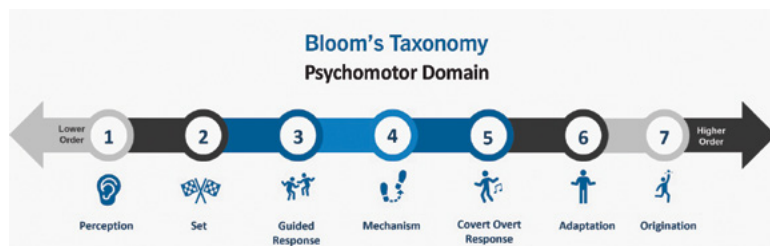
3. Psychomotor Domain deals with physical skills and coordination. It is relevant for activities and physical actions such as hands-on assignments or arts.
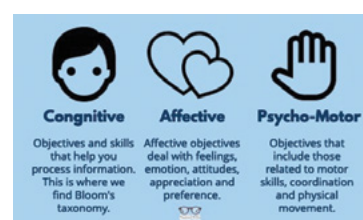
Bloom's Taxonomy in Practice at TNG

At TNG, we have embraced and integrated Bloom's Taxonomy practices as the beating heart into our teaching and learning philosophy in several key ways.

1. **Curriculum Design:** Our lesson plans align with Bloom's levels. We scaffold learning experiences, gradually moving students from remembering to creating.

2. **Assessment:** We design assessments that mirror Bloom's Taxonomy. Multiple-choice questions test remembering, while essays and projects assess higher levels of thinking.

3. **Classroom Strategies:** Our teachers use a variety of strategies. They ask open-ended questions, encourage discussions, and provide opportunities for hands-on exploration.

4. **Student Engagement:** By tapping into the affective and psychomotor domains, we nurture well-rounded learners. Emotional intelligence, teamwork, physical skills and creativity.

Holistic Development at TNG

Beyond academics, Bloom's Taxonomy also nurtures affective and psychomotor growth, Emotional intelligence, teamwork, and physical skills. We recognize that education extends beyond textbooks— Character, resilience, and empathy are all aspects of education that go beyond textbooks with the framework of Bloom's.

Cognitive Objectives and skills that help you process information. This is where we find Bloom's taxonomy.

Affective Affective objectives deal with feelings, emotion, attitudes, appreciation and preference.

Psycho-Motor Objectives that include those related to motor skills, coordination and physical movement.

In Conclusion, Bloom's Taxonomy is a practical guide and a useful tool for effective teaching and learning. As educators at TNG, we have experienced and appreciate its importance in developing curious minds, encouraging analytical thinking, fostering critical thinking and equipping students for a constantly changing world. The application of Bloom's Taxonomy at the core of our teaching and learning process has improved Quality education.

Tips for thriving in a second language

In an increasingly globalized world, learning a second language is more than just an academic pursuit—it is a valuable skill that opens doors to cultural understanding, career opportunities, and personal growth. Whether a student is learning a new language for school, travel, or professional reasons, mastering it requires patience, dedication, and the right strategies. While some individuals seem to pick up languages effortlessly, success largely depends on effective learning methods, consistent practice, and the right resources.

Immersion

One of the most effective ways to learn a language is through immersion. The more a learner surrounds themselves with the target language, the faster they will become comfortable using it. This does not necessarily require living in a foreign country—creating an immersive environment can be done at home by incorporating the language into daily life.

Listening to music, watching movies, and reading books in the target language can expose students to natural speech patterns and vocabulary. Watching content with subtitles helps reinforce comprehension and pronunciation. Additionally, setting phone and computer language settings to the target language forces learners to interact with it regularly, reinforcing vocabulary and usage.

Practice speaking from day one

Many learners hesitate to speak until they feel confident, but waiting too long can slow progress. Actively using the language, even at a beginner level, helps build confidence and fluency. Engaging in conversation—even with basic phrases—accelerates the learning process.

Students can find language partners through language exchange programs or apps like Tandem and HelloTalk. Practicing with native speakers or fellow learners through virtual conversations improves pronunciation, listening comprehension, and the ability to think in the new language. Language meet-up groups and conversation clubs also provide opportunities to practice in a supportive environment.

Use spaced repetition and mnemonics

Memorizing vocabulary is a fundamental part of learning a new language, but traditional rote memorization can be ineffective. Instead, spaced repetition systems (SRS) help reinforce words and phrases at optimal intervals, ensuring long-term retention. Apps like Anki, Memrise, and Quizlet use SRS technology to help learners review words before they forget them.

Mnemonics, or memory aids, are another powerful tool. Associating unfamiliar words with images, stories, or similar-sounding words in one's native language makes them easier to recall. For example, the Spanish word "perro" (dog) can be linked to the image of a pet running through a park, creating a strong memory association.

Focus on useful vocabulary and phrases

Instead of trying to learn every word in a dictionary, students should prioritize the most commonly used words and phrases. Language frequency lists help learners focus on high-impact vocabulary that they are likely to encounter in conversations.

Additionally, learning phrases rather than isolated words makes communication more natural. Phrases like "How much does this cost?" or "Where is the nearest train station?" are more useful in daily life than simply memorizing individual nouns and verbs. Language learning apps and phrasebooks often provide pre-set dialogues that help learners acquire practical expressions.

Interactive and digital learning tools

Technology has revolutionized language learning, offering interactive resources that cater to different learning styles. Mobile apps like Duolingo, Babbel, and Rosetta Stone provide gamified lessons that make learning engaging. Platforms like Coursera and EdX offer structured courses led by university professors, while YouTube channels dedicated to language learning provide pronunciation guides and grammar explanations.

Additionally, podcasts and audiobooks in the target language help improve listening skills and expose learners to native speech. Many platforms offer slow-spoken language content, which is ideal for beginners.

Think in the target language

Shifting from translating in one's head to thinking directly in the target language is a major milestone in fluency. One way to develop this skill is by naming objects, describing daily activities, or narrating thoughts in the new language. Keeping a diary or writing short sentences about daily experiences helps reinforce sentence structure and vocabulary.

For example, instead of mentally translating "I am going to the store" from English to French, students should train themselves to naturally think, "Je vais au magasin," without consciously converting words. This transition helps learners internalize the language and develop fluency faster.

More Than a Beginning

How ASD's Lower Elementary School Shapes Future Leaders

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For over 35 years, the American School of Doha (ASD) has stood as a pillar of excellence in education within the vibrant Doha community. Renowned for its commitment to nurturing lifelong learners and compassionate global citizens, ASD provides a transformative educational journey, beginning with its dynamic Lower Elementary School.

Serving children aged 3 to 8, the Lower Elementary School is home to 550 young learners. This foundational stage represents much more than an entry point to ASD; it is an intentionally designed environment where learning, collaboration, and creativity are actively fostered. The Lower Elementary School's philosophy is rooted in the belief that each child is capable and brimming with potential. Through meaningful interactions with their environment, peers, and teachers, learners develop essential skills and competencies that set the stage for success in the journey ahead.

Central to this thriving community is an exceptional faculty and staff of over 80 dedicated professionals. These educators bring a wealth of expertise, passion, and experience to their roles, ensuring that every child receives personalized support and guidance. The faculty and staff's collective dedication to continuous professional learning and innovation enriches the Lower Elementary School's robust, articulated curriculum, which spans Early Childhood through Grade 2. This curriculum is thoughtfully crafted to honour the natural progression of a child's development while fostering a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

The Early Childhood program, designed for children aged 3 to 5, exemplifies ASD's commitment to holistic and inquiry-based education. Recognizing that play, exploration, and inquiry are the primary languages of young children, this program creates an engaging and joyful atmosphere where students thrive. Classrooms are vibrant spaces filled with opportunities for hands-on discovery, collaborative problem-solving, and imaginative play. Teachers are facilitators, guiding children to ask questions, test ideas, and build an understanding of the world around them.

In this nurturing environment, children develop critical skills such as communication, collaboration, and problem-solving—skills that serve as the foundation for more structured academic learning in Kindergarten and Grade 1. The Early Childhood program at ASD is more than preparation for future grades; it is a celebration of childhood itself, where

every experience is an opportunity to grow socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

As students transition to Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2, the focus shifts to blending play-based learning with more formal academic instruction. This balanced approach ensures that children continue to feel supported and inspired while gradually building their literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking skills. Small class sizes and differentiated instruction allow teachers to meet the diverse needs of each student, fostering confidence and independence as they progress through their educational journey.

ASD's Lower Elementary School is also deeply committed to cultivating a sense of community and belonging. With families from diverse cultural backgrounds, the school celebrates its international spirit while fostering connections that strengthen the fabric of the community. Regular events, celebrations, and parent partnerships ensure families feel actively involved in their child's education and connected to the school's mission and vision.

Beyond the classroom, ASD's Lower Elementary students benefit from a wide range of co-curricular activities and exceptional facilities designed to enrich their learning experiences. Whether exploring the arts or developing physical fitness, students are encouraged to discover their passions and develop a well-rounded set of skills.
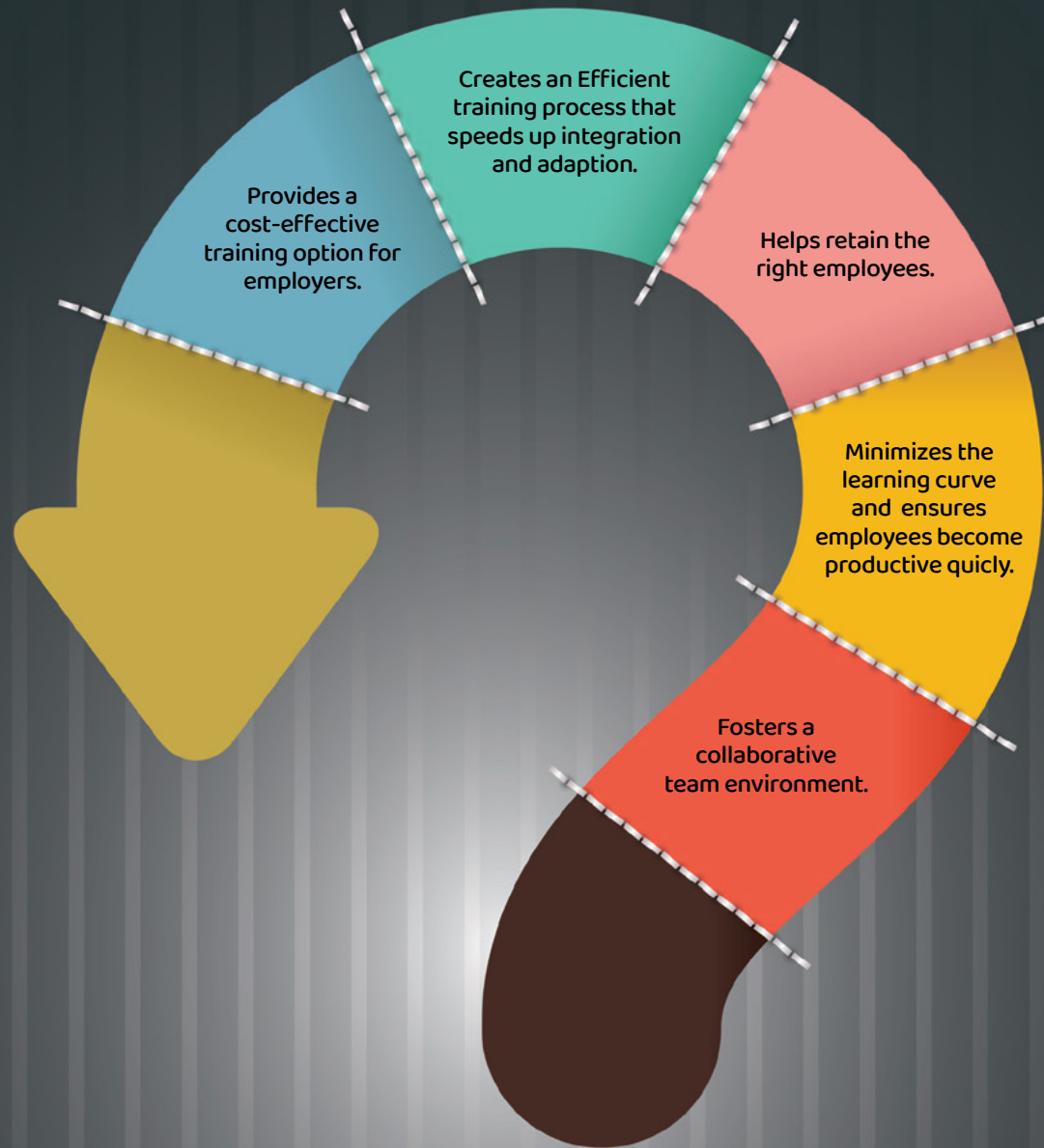
The American School of Doha's Lower Elementary School is more than an entry point to a child's educational journey at ASD; it is a vibrant community where children are empowered to dream big, take risks, and embrace the joys of learning.

With a dedicated and professional faculty, an innovative curriculum, and a nurturing environment, the school ensures its youngest learners have the confidence and curiosity needed to thrive in an ever-changing world. In every sense, the Lower Elementary School at ASD lays the groundwork for a lifetime of achievement, shaping future citizens and compassionate and engaged members of society.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING

An Alternate Path to Success

As the global job market continues to evolve, traditional academic paths are no longer the sole route to a successful career. Vocational training, with its focus on practical, job-specific skills, has emerged as a vital alternative for students seeking to enter the workforce equipped with tangible expertise. This shift highlights the growing importance of technical and vocational education in building skilled workforces across industries.

What is Vocational Training?

Vocational training, often referred to as technical education, emphasizes hands-on instruction in specific trades or professions. Unlike traditional academic programs that focus on theoretical knowledge, vocational training is designed to prepare students directly for the job market. Fields such as healthcare, construction, automotive repair,

information technology, and culinary arts are among the many areas benefiting from vocational education.

The Case for Vocational Training

One of the most pressing challenges faced by industries worldwide is the skills gap, the mismatch between the skills workers possess and those

The Future of Vocational Training

As industries continue to innovate, vocational training must evolve to keep pace with emerging technologies and trends. Fields such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and green technologies will require specialized training programs. Additionally, integrating soft skills, such as communication and problem-solving, into vocational curricula will enhance employability and career growth.

Governments, educators, and industry leaders must work together to elevate vocational training as a credible, respected, and valuable educational pathway. By doing so, societies can build resilient workforces equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Vocational training is no longer just an alternative; it is a critical component of modern education systems. By providing practical skills, fostering economic growth, and empowering individuals, vocational education paves the way for success. As perceptions shift and opportunities expand, the future of vocational training holds promise not just for students, but for entire industries and economies.

demanded by employers. Vocational training addresses this gap by equipping students with relevant, in-demand skills that align with industry needs. For example, the rapid growth of renewable energy has created a demand for technicians skilled in solar and wind energy systems, a need that vocational programs are uniquely positioned to meet.

Traditional four-year degree programs require significant time and financial investment. Vocational training, often shorter and more affordable, enables students to enter the workforce sooner. This is particularly appealing in economies where immediate employment is a priority.

Vocational education has also been instrumental in combating youth unemployment. Programs that combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training, such as apprenticeships, allow young people to gain work experience while earning a certification. Countries like Germany and Switzerland have excelled in this model, with their dual-education systems providing a seamless transition from school to work.

Vocational training is not just for entry-level jobs. Many programs offer pathways to advanced certifications and degrees, allowing individuals to specialize further or transition into leadership roles. For instance, a student trained as a medical assistant can pursue further education to become a registered nurse or healthcare administrator.

Global Perspectives

Countries around the world have implemented successful vocational training models. Germany is renowned for its dual-education system, which integrates vocational training with classroom learning, producing highly skilled workers and maintaining one of the lowest youth unemployment rates in Europe. In Australia, the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) system provides diverse vocational courses that cater to a wide range of industries, from agriculture to information technology. Qatar has also made significant strides, with initiatives such as Qatar's Technical Secondary School and partnerships with global institutions aligning vocational training with the country's development goals under Qatar National Vision 2030.

While global examples provide inspiration, vocational training must be tailored to meet the specific demands of local industries. For instance, in developing economies, vocational programs focused on agriculture, construction, and renewable energy can drive economic growth and reduce poverty.

Challenges and Solutions

Vocational training often struggles with the perception that it is a lesser option compared to traditional university education. Addressing this requires public awareness campaigns and showcasing success stories of vocational graduates thriving in their careers. Ensuring the quality and relevance of vocational programs is also crucial. Collaboration between educational institutions and industry stakeholders can help design curricula that reflect current market needs. Expanding access to vocational training for underprivileged and marginalized communities is essential for equitable development. Scholarships, subsidies, and flexible program structures can help overcome financial and logistical barriers.

Arkansas State University with GSI
Empowering Educational Leaders in Qatar

The need for visionary, adaptable, and culturally aware school leaders in Qatar and the GCC has never been more critical. Recognizing this, Arkansas State University (A-State), in collaboration with the Global Studies Institute (GSI) in Qatar, offers the Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Educational Leadership. This transformative program is designed to equip aspiring educators and administrators with the skills, knowledge, and global perspectives necessary to lead schools and educational institutions into the future.

A Unique Partnership

The partnership between A-State and GSI combines expertise, cultural exchange, and a shared vision for educational excellence. "This program bridges theory and practice, offering a global perspective while remaining rooted in local contexts," says Dr. Shaker Lashuel, Executive Director of the GSI/A-State partnership.

Curriculum for Impact

The MSE in Educational Leadership covers essential topics for effective school leadership, including School Law and Ethics, Curriculum Development, Data-Driven Decision Making, and

Organizational Leadership. Dr. Riyam Chaar asserts, "The MSE program changes students' vision of leadership, sharpens their management skills, and promotes collaborative leadership for successful schools."

Flexibility for Professionals

The program is offered in the evening, allowing students to balance their professional responsibilities while advancing their education. "The flexible structure made it possible to pursue my passion for educational leadership without sacrificing my career," shares Zeina Rihani, a school leader in the program.

Cultivating Leaders with Local Impact

Graduates of the MSE in Educational Leadership program are prepared to inspire and lead. The program cultivates leaders ready to take on roles such as principals, vice-principals, department heads, and educational consultants.

It fosters a mindset of continuous improvement and innovation, essential for addressing the unique challenges of educational institutions in Qatar and beyond. "The program deepened my understanding of leadership and equipped me to foster innovation and equity in education," shares Ms. Rihani.

A Commitment to Excellence and Innovation

Arkansas State University has a long-standing reputation for excellence in education. The university's commitment to fostering innovative teaching practices and leadership strategies is evident in every aspect of the curriculum. Combined with GSI's dedication to enhancing educational opportunities in Qatar, the program stands as a beacon for aspiring educational leaders. "The program emphasizes evidence-based approaches, bridging research and practice for real-world impact," reflects Noura Ismail, an MSE student who joined the program this spring.

Join a Community of Change-Makers

The MSE in Educational Leadership at Arkansas State University, in partnership with the Global Studies Institute in Qatar, is more than a degree. Dr. Lashuel added, "It is a journey towards transformative leadership."

Whether you are an experienced educator looking to step into a leadership role or a passionate professional aiming to drive change in the educational sector, this program offers the tools, support, and inspiration you need to succeed while you work here in Qatar.

The role of universities in preparing students for the gig economy

The modern workforce is undergoing a dramatic transformation, driven by technological advancements, shifting economic landscapes, and changing attitudes toward work. Traditional full-time jobs are no longer the only path to career success, as the gig economy—characterized by short-term contracts, freelance work, and independent projects—continues to expand. With platforms like Upwork, Fiverr, and Uber redefining employment, universities must adapt their educational models to equip students with the skills and mindset necessary to thrive in this evolving professional environment.

Understanding the gig economy

The gig economy is based on flexible, temporary, and freelance jobs, often facilitated by digital platforms. Unlike traditional employment, where individuals work for a single employer, gig workers manage multiple clients, take on project-based assignments, and have greater control over their work schedules. While this model offers benefits such as flexibility, autonomy, and diverse income streams, it also presents challenges, including job insecurity, lack of benefits, and income fluctuations.

As this workforce model grows, universities must go beyond conventional degree programs and prepare students for the realities of independent work. The traditional education system, designed for stable, long-term employment, must evolve to emphasize entrepreneurial skills, digital literacy, financial management, and adaptability—key attributes needed for success in the gig economy.

Nurturing entrepreneurial and business skills

One of the most important ways universities can prepare students for gig work is by fostering entrepreneurial thinking. Many gig economy participants function as independent contractors or self-employed professionals, requiring them to manage their own business affairs, market their skills, and handle client relations.

To meet these demands, universities should integrate entrepreneurship courses into a variety of degree programs, not just business studies. Teaching students about business planning, pricing strategies, tax obligations, and contract negotiations can help them build sustainable careers in the gig economy. Institutions can also offer workshops on personal branding, networking, and marketing to help students attract clients and establish a competitive presence in their chosen fields.

Digital literacy and technological proficiency

The gig economy is largely powered by digital platforms, making technological proficiency essential. Whether freelancing in graphic design, software development, writing, or consulting, students must be adept at using digital tools and platforms. Universities should ensure that students develop strong digital literacy skills, including proficiency in productivity software, data analytics, social media marketing, and cybersecurity.

Coding and programming skills are particularly valuable in the gig economy, as they provide opportunities for remote and high-paying freelance work. Even students outside of STEM fields can benefit from basic coding knowledge or digital content creation skills. Online portfolio development should also be encouraged, enabling students to showcase their work and attract potential clients.

Developing soft skills

Success in the gig economy requires more than technical skills; strong soft skills are equally important. Universities should emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving, adaptability, and communication—qualities that allow individuals to navigate an unpredictable job market.

Collaboration and networking skills are particularly crucial. Unlike traditional workplaces that offer structured team environments, gig workers must actively seek out partnerships, build professional relationships, and maintain client engagement. Universities can help by encouraging group projects, mentorship programs, and industry networking events where students can develop connections and learn from experienced professionals.

Experiential learning and real-world exposure

Hands-on experience is one of the best ways to prepare students for gig work. Universities should expand internship programs, cooperative education opportunities, and project-based learning to give students direct exposure to gig-style work. By working on real-world assignments, students can develop a portfolio, gain professional credibility, and establish a client base even before graduation.

Freelance incubators and startup hubs within universities can provide students with a platform to test their skills in a low-risk environment. Offering resources such as coworking spaces, legal guidance, and mentorship from successful freelancers can empower students to start their gig careers with confidence.

Additionally, universities should collaborate with gig economy platforms to create exclusive opportunities for students. Industry partnerships can provide students with direct access to freelance projects, helping them transition smoothly from academia to self-employment.

Teaching financial and career management skills

Unlike traditional employees who receive fixed salaries and benefits, gig workers must manage irregular income streams and handle their own financial planning. Universities should introduce financial literacy courses that cover topics such as budgeting, saving for taxes, securing health insurance, and retirement planning for freelancers.

Career guidance offices should also evolve to support students interested in freelance careers.

Instead of focusing solely on traditional job placements, career advisors should offer resources on gig platforms, legal considerations, and strategies for maintaining a steady flow of projects.

Emphasizing lifelong learning and upskilling

The gig economy requires constant upskilling, as new technologies and industry demands evolve rapidly. Universities should instill a mindset of lifelong learning, encouraging students to continuously update their skills through online courses, certifications, and industry workshops.

Micro-credentials and short-term certification programs can be especially beneficial for gig workers who need to stay competitive in a fast-changing market. By offering flexible, modular learning options, universities can ensure that students remain relevant and adaptable throughout their careers.

The rise of the gig economy presents both opportunities and challenges for the future workforce. As traditional career paths shift, universities must take a proactive approach in preparing students for this new landscape. By fostering entrepreneurial skills, digital literacy, financial management, and adaptability, higher education institutions can equip students with the tools they need to succeed in an independent, flexible work environment.

Through hands-on learning experiences, industry partnerships, and a focus on lifelong skill development, universities can ensure that graduates are not only prepared for the gig economy but also empowered to thrive in it. The future of work is evolving, and education must evolve with it to produce graduates who are resilient, resourceful, and ready for the dynamic opportunities ahead.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT MAJOR

Factors to consider for a successful career

Choosing a major is one of the most important decisions a student makes in their academic journey. It influences future career opportunities, job satisfaction, and financial stability. However, with hundreds of options available, selecting the right major can feel overwhelming. While some students have a clear vision of their career path,

4 STEPS TO CHOOSING THE RIGHT MAJOR

01 Consider your preferences

02 Consult persons who are already working in those industries

03 Take combinations into considerations

04 Examine your Career possibilities and graduate school options

others struggle to determine which field best suits their skills and aspirations.

To make a well-informed decision, students should consider multiple factors, including personal interests, career prospects, financial implications, and evolving industry trends.

By carefully evaluating these aspects, they can choose a major that aligns with their long-term goals and leads to a fulfilling career.

The first step in selecting a major is to reflect on personal interests and strengths. A major should align with subjects that excite and engage a student, as studying something enjoyable increases motivation and improves academic performance. Self-assessment tools, such as career aptitude tests and personality assessments, can help students identify their strengths and match them with suitable fields.

Passions and hobbies can also serve as a guide. For instance, a student who enjoys problem-solving and analytical thinking might excel in engineering or computer science, while someone with strong communication skills and creativity might thrive in journalism, marketing, or public relations. Seeking advice from teachers, career counselors, and professionals in different fields can also provide valuable insights into potential career paths.

While personal interests are crucial, practical considerations must also play a role in choosing a major. It is essential to research job market trends and evaluate the long-term career prospects of different fields. Some industries are growing rapidly, while others face decline due to automation or changing economic conditions.

Fields such as technology, healthcare, and renewable energy offer promising career opportunities, while traditional sectors like print media and manufacturing are evolving or shrinking. Reviewing employment rates, average salaries, and industry demand for specific degrees can help students make an informed decision. Websites such as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LinkedIn, and job search platforms provide valuable data on industry growth and job availability.

Additionally, students should consider the level of job security and advancement potential in their chosen field. Some careers offer clear progression paths, while others require constant adaptation

and skill upgrades. Researching real-life success stories and speaking with professionals in various industries can offer a realistic perspective on different career trajectories.

Higher education is a significant financial investment, and students should weigh the costs of their major against potential earnings. Tuition fees, student loans, and living expenses must be factored into the decision-making process. While passion is important, selecting a major with limited job prospects or low earning potential can lead to financial struggles after graduation.

For example, degrees in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields often lead to high-paying jobs, while careers in the arts and humanities may offer lower initial salaries and require additional qualifications or networking to succeed. However, financial rewards should not be the sole determinant; job satisfaction, work-life balance, and personal fulfillment are equally important.

Scholarships, grants, and work-study opportunities can help ease the financial burden. Exploring alternative educational paths, such as online courses, vocational training, and community colleges, can also be a cost-effective way to acquire skills before committing to a full-time university program.

In today's dynamic job market, having a flexible skill set is valuable. Many students worry that choosing the wrong major will limit their future opportunities, but in reality, many degrees offer transferable skills that apply to multiple industries. For instance, a business major can work in finance, marketing, or entrepreneurship, while a psychology major can pursue careers in human resources, counseling, or research.

Interdisciplinary studies are becoming increasingly popular, allowing students to combine different fields to create a unique career path. Double majors, minors, or elective courses in complementary subjects can broaden job opportunities. For example, a student interested in technology and business can study information technology with a minor in management, enhancing their employability in tech-driven corporate environments.

Before committing to a major, gaining hands-on experience through internships, part-time jobs, volunteer work, or job shadowing can provide a clearer understanding of different career paths. Many students realize that a field they were initially excited about does not match their expectations once they experience it in the real world.

Networking with professionals, attending career fairs, and joining student organizations related to different fields can help students explore various industries and build valuable connections. Speaking with alumni or industry mentors can offer practical advice on career paths and job expectations.

Choosing a major is a significant decision, but it is not a permanent one. Many students switch majors during their studies as they discover new interests or gain a better understanding of their career goals. Universities often allow students to explore different subjects in their first year before declaring a major.

Additionally, the modern job market values skills and experience over rigid academic qualifications. Many successful professionals work in fields unrelated to their undergraduate degrees. Upskilling through certifications, online courses, and workshops can help individuals adapt to new industries if they decide to change careers later in life.

Selecting the right major requires a balance of passion, practicality, and financial considerations. By evaluating personal strengths, researching job market trends, considering financial implications, and gaining real-world experience, students can make an informed decision that aligns with their long-term aspirations.

While choosing a major is an important step, it is not the sole determinant of career success. Lifelong learning, adaptability, and a willingness to explore new opportunities play a crucial role in building a fulfilling and successful career. Ultimately, the best major is one that aligns with both personal interests and professional goals, paving the way for a bright and rewarding future.

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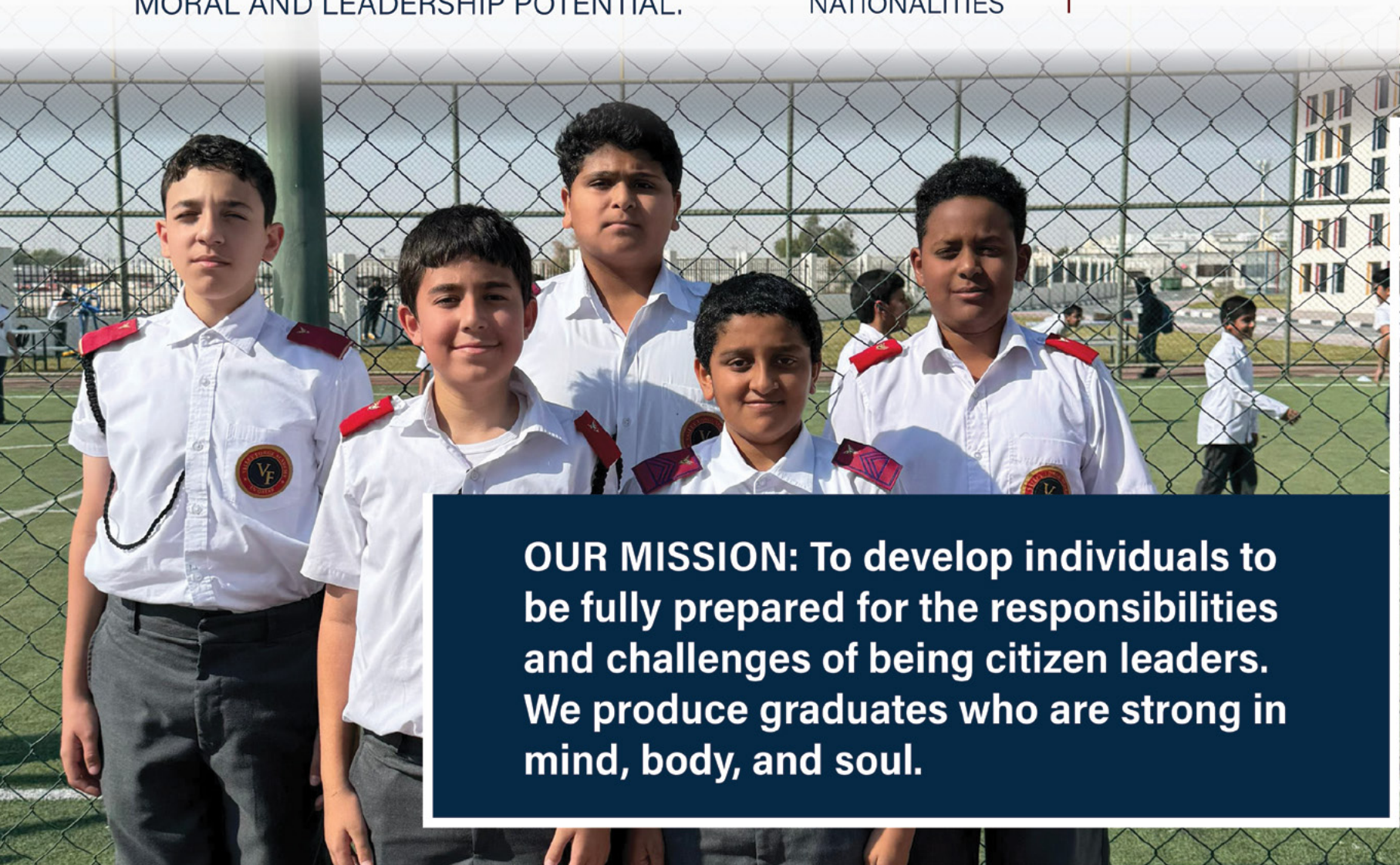STUDENTS

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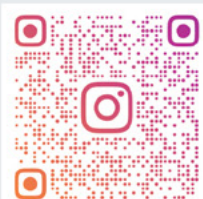🔥 **PERSONAL MOTIVATION**   🏋 **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

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