



MUNA
BRITISH ACADEMY

PARENT INFORMATION PACK

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Muna British Academy.

As Abu Dhabi's longest-standing Outstanding school, Muna has built an exceptional reputation for academic excellence. However, what truly makes our school special isn't an inspection judgement, it's our community.

From the moment children join Muna, they become part of a caring, inclusive community where school quickly feels like a second home. I believe children achieve their very best when they feel happy, valued and inspired, and together we create an environment where learning is exciting, friendships flourish and every child is known as an individual.

Our partnership with parents sits at the heart of everything we do. I want families to feel genuinely connected to school life, whether that's through celebrations, workshops, performances or simply sharing in their child's learning journey. Together, we build a community where children thrive.

At Muna, we are committed to ensuring every child makes outstanding progress whilst enjoying every step of their educational journey. As our Secondary School continues to grow, I look forward to building the same proud legacy for our older students through an ambitious curriculum focused on innovation, future-ready skills and exceptional experiences both inside and beyond the classroom. From leadership opportunities and competitive sport to performing arts, international educational visits and real-world learning, we want every student to leave Muna confident, compassionate and ready to shape the future.

I am incredibly proud to be joining the Muna family and look forward to welcoming you personally.

IAN PUGH

PRINCIPAL, MUNA BRITISH ACADEMY



MEET OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



JANINE JOHNSTON
HEAD OF PRIMARY

Originally from Northern Ireland, I moved to Dubai in 2008 and remained in the UAE ever since. Teaching and leading in three outstanding schools during this time provided me with a wealth of experience working with exceptional students and educators. I began my career as a class teacher with experience of teaching across primary. I quickly progressed into a leadership role due to my passion for helping others and bringing about positive changes for students and the whole school community.

Subsequently, my leadership journey began in the role as Head of Years progressing to Deputy Head. As I enter my third year at Muna, I am excited for what the future holds as we continue our legacy on our new campus.

Providing the best educational experiences for all students is one of my key drivers alongside ensuring all children feel safe, valued and happy while at school. I have had the pleasure of leading on areas including learning and teaching, assessment and curriculum design.

I obtained my BA (Hons) degree from Queen's University Belfast. I also achieved a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Management from the University of Leicester, UK and I am currently completing my National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). I am a firm believer in the importance of lifelong learning, and I continuously aim to learn more, improve, and develop as a teacher and leader.

Muna British Academy is a very special school. I have the privilege of working alongside a dedicated team of educators who are deeply committed to fostering a culture of excellence. It has been incredibly rewarding to collaborate with staff, students, and parents to drive meaningful improvements in learning, teaching, and overall student well-being.

As Head of Primary, my focus remains on ensuring that every child receives the highest quality education in a nurturing and inspiring environment. I am passionate about empowering both pupils and teachers to reach their full potential, fostering a culture of curiosity, resilience, and lifelong learning.

I look forward to continuing this journey at Muna British Academy in state-of-the-art new facilities on Saadiyat Lagoons where we will further strengthen our commitment to innovation, inclusion, and outstanding educational experiences for all.

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SANDRA ELIZABETH HUGHES
HEAD OF SECONDARY

Originally from the picturesque village of Llanfairpwllgwyngyll in North Wales, I completed my early education entirely through the Welsh language. This is something I am incredibly proud of and has shaped my deep understanding of language acquisition, allowing me to better support students learning English as an additional language.

I went on to study Mathematics at Cardiff University, before completing my PGCE at the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff. My passion for mathematics was inspired by my own teachers and the clarity the subject brings – a discipline where reasoning, logic, and precision underpin every outcome.

With over 20 years of experience in education, I began my career in South Wales, progressing from classroom teacher to Head of Department. In 2015, I moved to Abu Dhabi to join Aldar Academies, where I have held a range of leadership roles, including Mathematics Teacher, Head of Year, and Assistant Principal.

As Founding Head of Secondary at Muna British Academy, I have the privilege of shaping a new and ambitious secondary phase alongside a dedicated and talented team. Building on the strong foundations of the Primary phase, our focus is on creating a seamless and inspiring learning journey where every student is supported to thrive.

At Muna Secondary, we are committed to ensuring that every learner experiences challenge, choice, and opportunity. A key part of this is our innovative EDGE Programme, which enables students to explore a range of subjects and interests through carefully designed modules. This approach supports students in discovering their strengths and developing the confidence to become independent, curious, and ambitious learners.

Having completed my National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) it has allowed me to further strengthen my leadership practice and strategic vision. It is incredibly rewarding to apply this learning as we continue to develop Muna Secondary further this year.

I am proud to lead a school community that is inclusive, aspirational, and forward-thinking, and I look forward to continuing this journey as we create a secondary experience where every student is inspired to achieve their full potential.

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AVALON ORR

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PRIMARY ASSESSMENT

I graduated from the University of Glasgow in 2005 with an MA (Hons) in Psychology; while studying for this degree, I found I had a particular interest in Developmental and Educational Psychology and decided to go on and study Primary Education.

I completed my PGDE in Primary Education from the University of Strathclyde in 2006. I worked in inner-city primary schools in Glasgow before embarking on a wonderful experience of travelling in Asia and Australia for a year. On my return to Scotland, I decided to combine my passion for teaching and travel and move to the UAE in 2010.

I have been a proud member of the Aldar Academies family for fifteen years, working at Yasmina British Academy and Muna British Academy. Since arriving at Muna in 2020, I have overseen our assessment programme. I am passionate about ensuring that data becomes impactful and shapes the individual educational journeys of children. I believe that the children should be central to everything we do; teachers should see the learning through the eyes of their students, setting challenging goals and facilitating the students' learning journeys so they can reach their full potential, with no cap on expectations.

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CHARLOTTE CLARK

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PRIMARY PASTORAL CONTROL

I grew up in Devon, England, before moving to Cheltenham to study at the University of Gloucestershire, where I completed a BEd Honours in Primary Education. After beginning my teaching career in the UK, I relocated to Abu Dhabi in 2018, where I have had the privilege of developing my career within British curriculum education.

Since moving to the UAE, I have progressed through a variety of leadership roles, including Class Teacher, Middle Leader, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, and most recently Primary Headteacher, leading the EYFS and Primary phases of the school for the past two years. My career progression has been driven by my passion for learning and teaching and my commitment to ensuring that every child receives the very best education possible.

I am passionate about developing well-rounded, successful learners who love coming to school each day. I believe that education should nurture not only academic success but also confidence, character, wellbeing, and a lifelong love of learning.

Alongside my teaching and leadership experience, I have completed the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) and I am a certified Leadership Coach. I am committed to supporting the growth and development of both students and staff and confidently believe that strong, positive relationships between children, families, and colleagues are the foundation of every successful school community.

I am incredibly excited to be joining the team at Muna British Academy and to have the opportunity to work within such an outstanding school. I look forward to building upon the exceptional pastoral provision already in place and further enhancing the sense of community, wellbeing, and belonging as we embrace the exciting opportunities that come with our fantastic campus at Saadiyat Lagoons.

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SIRASH SIDHIQ
OPERATIONS MANAGER

With over 18 years of professional experience, including 14 years in the education sector, I am dedicated to creating safe, sustainable, and high-performing learning environments that support outstanding educational outcomes. As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, I lead operational excellence to ensure the school delivers an exceptional experience for students, staff, and families.

Throughout my career, I have partnered with leading education groups and had the privilege of serving as the founding Operations Manager for two new schools, overseeing their successful establishment and growth.

I hold a Master's degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Economics, complemented by professional certifications in health and safety, sustainability and project management, and health and safety.

I am proud to be part of Muna British Academy and look forward to working in partnership with our parents and wider school community to support every student's success.



WELCOME FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

We are so grateful for the nurturing and supportive environment at Muna British Academy. Both of my children have blossomed and truly enjoy learning. The strength of the school are the students and teachers! The school provides an excellent environment for children to thrive academically and socially. Ghaith has excelled academically and developed strong public speaking skills. He was also active in athletics, representing the school at BSME 2025. Suhail has expanded his knowledge and curiosity for learning even outside the school boundaries. I am very grateful for their learning journey and the positive impact it has on their overall development. **-Salama Alawadhi, Mother of Ghaith & Suhail**

Choosing Muna for our children has been one of the best decisions we've made. Adnan and Yara have grown so much, not only academically, but in confidence, kindness, and character. The teachers are exceptional, and every member of staff is so warm, welcoming, and approachable. What truly sets Muna apart is its incredible sense of community. From the teachers and support staff to the leadership team, everyone genuinely cares. It's not unusual to see a member of the leadership team stopping to tie a child's shoelaces or taking the time to greet families by name. That culture of kindness and care filters through the entire school, making it feel less like a school and more like a family. We feel incredibly grateful to be part of such a special community. **-Suzan AlKhatib, Mother of Adnan & Yara AlHusseini**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Within the school, we offer a variety of opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills. Students can put themselves forward to join a range of leadership teams, including the Student Leadership Team, School Council, Eco Council, Muna News Team, Playground Leaders, House Captains and Sports Captains, alongside many other positions of responsibility.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is of great importance to all at Muna. Email is our official means of communication and is streamlined to two days a week. Information pertinent to year groups is sent on Tuesdays, while information regarding the whole school is sent on Fridays.

A Principal's Newsletter is shared each Friday, which includes information about school events, students' achievements and upcoming activities. In addition, curriculum newsletters are shared from year groups and departments every two weeks. Reminders are sometimes shared via SMS, so please ensure you inform the school of any changes to your contact information.

PARENTS/GUARDIAN ID

Upon registering at Muna British Academy, each parent is required to complete the “Adult Identification Form” which our team then processes in order to create an Adult ID card to allow you to safely access the school premises.

All parents and guardians wishing to pick up their child or enter the school are required to wear or show their Muna British Academy Parent Pass, which will be on a yellow lanyard.

NUTRITION/CATERING

Food Nation LLC was established in 2016 with the aim of to provide nutritious, innovative food offerings bursting with flavour to schools across the UAE. Food Nation uses only high-quality ingredients and all products are made from scratch, ingredients are unprocessed, additive-free and use healthy fats over trans fats that are found in many processed foods.

Food Nation’s, ‘Eat Bright’ programme creates products with specifically targeted nutrients to improve academic performance, ensuring essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals, proteins and healthy fats are included in our meals. The use of clever food combinations and alternative cooking techniques results in delicious foods, packed with “hidden goodness”, which children love.

Food is served in our cafeterias, and menus are rotated every three weeks to ensure variety and a balanced, nutritious programme. Payment can be made via payment cards or online interactive app available on both Google Play and App Store:



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Google Play**



**Download on the
Apple Store**

SCHOOL UNIFORM



DRESS
FS1 & FS2



POLO T-SHIRT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



NAVY PINAFORE GIRLS
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



NAVY SHORT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



NAVY SKORT GIRLS
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



NAVY TROUSER
BOYS & GIRLS (OPTIONAL)
FS1 - YEAR 6



WHITE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT
BOYS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



WHITE SHORT SLEEVE BLOUSE
GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



WHITE LONG SLEEVE BLOUSE
GIRLS (OPTIONAL)
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



NAVY TROUSER
BOYS & GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



NAVY LONG SKIRT
GIRLS | OPTIONAL
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



NAVY FULL SKIRT
GIRLS | OPTIONAL
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



P.E. T-SHIRT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



P.E. SHORT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



P.E. TRACK PANTS
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



BLACK ROMPERS
FS1 - YEAR 13



SWIMMING TRUNKS
BOYS
FS1 - YEAR 13



BLACK
SWIMMING COSTUME
GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



FLEECE HOODY
BOYS & GIRLS | OPTIONAL
YEAR 1 - YEAR 13



NAVY BLUE BLAZER
BOYS & GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



V-NECK SWEATER
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



NAVY BLUE CARDIGAN
GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 4



BASEBALL CAP
YEAR 3 - YEAR 13



LEGIONNAIRE
CAP
FS1 - YEAR 2



TIE | BOYS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



SCARF
GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 13



SPORTS BAG
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 13



BLACK P.E. / SWIM BAG
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 13



BLACK BOOKBAG
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 6



BLACK BACKPACK
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 13

You can purchase items in store or online at www.magrudy.com/category/uniforms, or use the QR code below:





BUS INFORMATION

Emirates Transport

The buses we use have been inspected by the Department of Transportation (DoT) and have been given approval to operate. The transport team has received first-aid, child-protection and safety training.

If you would like to make use of the bus transportation service for your child, please contact Emirates Transport at **almuna@et.ae**. The operator will then respond to collect information on your location and payment preferences. You can also contact the coordinator:

Muhammad Rafeeq on 0508479912 for any further enquiries.

DARNA REWARDS

Darna Rewards Programme is a free application available to parents and enables them to earn points upon payment of tuition or for experiences and purchases across Aldar and participating brands, which can be redeemed for future payments.

- Parents need to register through the Darna Rewards application by using the same email provided to the school.
- The points accrued will be added to the parent's account within 7 days.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing innovative learning opportunities, Muna British Academy has implemented a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative for students in Years 4–9. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to use their own technology to personalise and further their learning. Students have access to Microsoft Teams through their Office 365 accounts, allowing them to access their work from any location. They also have access to One Login, where they can use a wide range of educational programmes to support their learning.

We still, of course, use books for written work, but using their own devices can support the learning taking place within the classroom. BYOD also gives parents an opportunity to see what their child has been learning at school. The platforms mentioned above provide excellent tools for sharing homework, along with the supporting resources.

If you plan to buy a personal device for your child to use in school, you must purchase an iPad (9th generation or higher).

Device Eligibility:

Years 4–9: Students are expected to bring their own iPad (9th generation or newer).

Year 3: Students may bring their own iPad (9th generation or newer); however, this is optional.

Years 1 and 2: Personal devices are not permitted. The school provides adequate devices for learning activities.

FS1 and FS2: Personal devices are not permitted.



ONLINE EDUCATION PLATFORMS

All children have access to a Microsoft 365 account, through which they can use all Microsoft applications. One Login is used to access all educational applications, including CENTURY and Accelerated Reader.

SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

Monday–Thursday

EYFS (FS1–FS2): 7:30 am–2:00 pm

Primary School: 7:30 am–2:40 pm

Secondary School: 7:30 am–3:00 pm

Friday

EYFS (FS1–FS2): 7:30 am–11:20 am

Primary School: 7:30 am–11:20 am

Secondary School: 7:30 am–11:20 am

Drop-off and Pick-up

Each year group has a dedicated doors and areas for drop-off and pick-up. Students arriving late must enter through the main reception.

Students on school buses will leave at 3:00 pm Monday–Thursday and 11:20 am on Friday.

Extra-curricular activities are offered to all children from FS1 upwards. The ECA programme will commence in late September and will be from 2:20–3:00 pm for EYFS (FS1–FS2) and 3:00–3:45 pm for Primary and Secondary.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

We accept payments through the integrated wallet in the ALDAR LIVE app, bank transfers, online payments, cheques and credit cards (via a POS machine). Cash payments are not accepted under any circumstances.

Please note that when you make a direct deposit into our bank account, we may be unable to identify your payment unless you provide us with the bank deposit slip.

Kindly send a copy of the bank deposit receipt to the following email:

finance@almunaacademy.sch.ae immediately, so we can allocate funds accordingly and send you a confirmation receipt. For online transfers, please see the bank details below:

Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank

Bank Branch: Abu Dhabi Main Branch, P.O. Box 2934 Abu Dhabi

Account Name: Aldar Academies–AlMuna P.S.LLC–BR 2

Account Number: 10482902020003

IBAN: AE290030010482902020003

Swift Code: ADCBAEAA



Your School App – Live Aldar

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THE APP TODAY!**



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App Store



SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

Order school uniforms, school devices and school meals directly in the app.



YOUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

A single calendar for all school events, class timetable and more.



FAMILY & STUDENT DASHBOARDS

View your family or individual student key information in one simple dashboard.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Real time visibility on your child's school attendance.



ACADEMIC UPDATES

View your child's subjects, teachers and keep track of your child's academic progress.



COMMUNICATION

Receive school communication in one convenient place, no more searching through emails. A single inbox with announcements, newsletters and more.



SERVICE REQUESTS

Raise a request for support or provide feedback seamlessly through your app.



SEAMLESS PAYMENTS

Pay school fees securely and track your transaction history and statement of accounts through the integrated wallet.

ADEK RATING



OUTSTANDING

BSO RATING



OUTSTANDING

DROP OFF / PICK UP

Our well monitored gates are open for the periods of drop off and pick up. The ability to use any gate at the end of the day ensures that we allow parents a greater selection of public parking around the perimeter of the school. A flexible period of 15 minutes both at the start and end of the day helps in creating a calm and enjoyable start and end of the day experience for both children and caregivers.

KEY CONTACTS

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