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IB ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS INTO THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AND THE IB CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME AT REPTON SCHOOL DUBAI.

Admissions policy or description of selection process (DP and CP only) Includes: • description of how enrolment in the programme is promoted and supported (CP) • description of how enrolment in the full diploma and not only individual diploma courses is promoted and supported (DP) • description of how students are advised regarding their options • description of how clearly stated criteria used for admission are made available to the whole community. Takes into consideration that: (CP) • economic factors that may limit students' access to IB programmes • students from groups who have been historically underrepresented do not feel disenfranchised.

(Taken from <https://pypatpwe.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/guide-to-programme-eval.pdf>)

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Repton School Dubai Mission and Values

Mission statement: The rigorous pursuit of excellence, inside and outside the classroom, combined with a passionate concern for the wellbeing of each individual.'

Values: Alongside the pursuit of academic excellence, Repton Dubai is proud of the outstanding pastoral care provided for all students and proud too of the traditions and core values that underpin all that goes on at the school. Combining the culture, energy and dynamism of the UAE, with the rich heritage and traditions derived from our close partnership with Repton School in the UK, standards and traditions that have stood the test of time, we are determined to remain a world class school and a beacon of excellence where people matter, and the whole Repton community, pupils, staff and parents, work together to develop young people who are confident yet compassionate, courageous and curious.

Repton Dubai aims to develop open-minded, knowledgeable and nurturing young people who help to create a more peaceful world through international-mindedness and respect.

Repton School Admissions Policy:

Boys and girls are admitted to Repton Dubai as day pupils from 3 years old up to the age of 18, and as boarders from the age of 11 (Year 7 in the Senior School). We offer a curriculum which incorporates the best elements of the English National Curriculum, is academically demanding and designed to extend and challenge our pupils. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme offered to students over the age of 16. The programmes aim to develop students who have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge – students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically, who are internationally minded and ready for the next phase in their Education.

The school year runs from September to June but we are able to admit pupils through the year if places are available (subject to KHDA transfer guidelines). Children are placed under age appropriate year groupings as per the UK National Curriculum, however this is subject to approval from the educational authorities if the child is coming from a non 13 year grading system. Below is a table demonstrating the year groups and ages of entry:

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Table of Equivalences:

Grades of Students in 12 Year System (American/International Schools etc.)	Year Groups of Students in 13 Year System British	Age on 1st September
Nursery	Nursery (FS1)	3
K.G. 1	Reception (FS2)	4
K.G.2	Year 1	5
Grade 1	Year 2	6
Grade 2	Year 3	7
Grade 3	Year 4	8
Grade 4	Year 5	9
Grade 5	Year 6	10
Grade 6	Year 7	11
Grade 7	Year 8	12
Grade 8	Year 9	13
Grade 9	Year 10	14
Grade 10	Year 11	15
Grade 11	IB1	16
Grade 12	IB2	17



School Registration:

All prospective parents need to complete a registration form, which constitutes the basis of your application to Repton Dubai. Along with the Registration Form you will need to submit a copy of your child's passport and a copy of their latest school report which shows the year group in which they have been studying.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of AED500.

Please note that there is a section on the registration form which asks for details of any medical condition, disabilities or learning difficulties. You must disclose any factor which may affect your child's ability to cope independently within the normal school situation. If your child has learning difficulties and has an IEP, this must be presented as part of the application. Failure to disclose any learning difficulties or medical conditions at the time of application may result subsequently in a place being withdrawn. Any offer made by the school is subject to being able to meet the individual needs of the child.

The International Baccalaureate Organisation supports the belief that student diversity of all kinds can be included as a resource and as opportunities for enriched learning within the Diploma Programme and the Career-related Programme. The role of the Head of Inclusion in Repton Senior School is to liaise with teachers, the school leadership team and the IBDP and CP Coordinators to provide support for differentiated learning, inclusive access arrangements and individual learning needs.

Entry Assessment Requirements:

Repton is an academically selective school and all children who are considered for a place are assessed. The intention of the assessment process is to evaluate a child's potential for future success. We look for potential, not just specific to particular activities, but also in behaviour, attitude and character. The assessment process is carefully designed to be a fair measure of a child's ability in a number of areas. All assessments are age appropriate.

Repton uses paper based tests and Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT) to assist in the selection process. All children from Y7 onwards take CATs which are computer based. Early Years, Junior and Prep School applicants are given age appropriate assessments based on work our current pupils undertake.

Assessments are carried out in school or arrangements can be made for children to sit the tests at their current school. For Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2, assessments can only be conducted in school. If you are not able to bring your children to school at the time of application, we may, in some instances, be able to make a conditional offer contingent on your child passing the assessment once they arrive in Dubai.

For entry to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme applicants must achieve a minimum standard in their IGCSEs or equivalent. The requirements for are a minimum of six grade 6s. Applicants will be interviewed and must demonstrate participation in wider school life and understanding of IB philosophy.

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For entry to the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme applicants must achieve grade 5 in both English and Mathematics IGCSE and 5 grades at 5 or above in total. They need to demonstrate an interest in Business / Sport and have a good pastoral record. For the IB Diploma Programme courses taken within the CP programme the entrance requirements are the same as within the Diploma Programme. Applicants will attend an individual, personalised interview with a member of the IB Team and must demonstrate participation in wider school life and understanding of IB philosophy.

Especially in Year 10 and Year 11, Repton Dubai students are introduced to the IB Groups and are fully aware of their options. Parents' consultation evenings ensure that students ask questions about their pathway and begin the IB years with a pathway in mind. Admission to IB is dependent up iGCSE grades received but the combination of a personalised programme is grown out of communication. We often state 'we know your children' and retention into IB1 is at its highest rate (from 23% retention in 2015 to 64% retention in 2020).

Applicants' Pool Policy:

Repton is a popular school and competition for places, particularly in all our younger year groups, is particularly intense. We endeavour at all times to live up to our motto 'the best for every child'. This means that we limit class sizes and the overall number of children in the school. Regretfully, this means that we cannot offer places to all applicants.

As in some of the top UK universities and public schools, Repton operates an Applicants' Pool. Once an application has been received, this is recorded in our system and the applicant's name is added to our pool. Applicants are then invited for assessment. There are a range of factors taken into account when inviting an applicant for assessment but payment of the registration fee is crucial. Where there are limited places for a year group, the Admissions Committee decides who will be invited for assessment. The Committee, which reports to the Board of Governors, comprises senior staff and is entirely divorced from the Admissions Department.

Priority for places does go to siblings of pupils already in school. The deadline for application for siblings is 1st November for entry in the following September. This deadline applies to all year groups throughout the school and is strictly adhered to.

All families who have applications in the Applicants' Pool and who have not been successful in gaining a place for that year will be contacted at the end of the academic year to check if they would like their child's application to remain in the Pool for the forth-coming year. If there is no response to this, the child's name will be automatically removed.

Offer of Place:

If a child qualifies with an entry assessment, there is availability of place in their applied year group, and they meet all KHDA transfer guidelines, they are then issued an offer of place. Families are given one week

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from the date of offer to confirm their places. Legal documentation and payments are then required to confirm their child's enrolment into the school. The following is the minimum documentation required:

- Acceptance of Place form
- 4 Passport Pictures
- Copy of Pupil's Birth Certificate
- Pupil's Immunization/Vaccination Records
- Both Parent's Passport Copies
- Pupil's Passport Copy
- Pupil's UAE Visa Copy (Non Nationals)
- Pupil's Family Card (UAE Nationals)
- Original Transfer Certificate with correct attestations
- Copy of Most Recent School Report

All children who attend Repton Dubai must provide a transfer certificate, regardless of the country and educational curriculum they are coming from.

Embedding the Policy into Practice

This policy will be introduced to the Repton community through multiple pathways including staff meetings, CPD sessions and Heads of Department meetings. The policy will also be featured on the Repton Website. New staff will be familiarised with the document during induction.

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the whole school improvement plan and the IB Action plan.

The Leadership team will review the implementation of this policy throughout the school on a regular basis.

Reviewed by Assistant Head (IB Development) Lisa Hollis / September 2020

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