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# MAYOOR PRIVATE SCHOOL L.L.C ABU DHABI

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COVERSTORY

Providing students with a learning environment that is safe, caring and educationally stimulating.



ayoor Private School is an Indian Curriculum school in Abu Dhabi, which inspires all its students to dream and equip them with the skills to become lifelong learners. A school that pays an enormous amount of attention to each child, it has revered a gold standard in shaping the lives of its students. It is recognised as one of the best schools across the country and continually works to provide better education to its students every day.

#### THE DAWN OF THE School

In the year 2014, the chairman of Al-Sayegh group, Mr. Abdul Jabbar Al Sayegh, felt the need to explore the field of education, to help the Abu Dhabi Indian Community. This led to the establishment of Mayoor Private School in Abu Dhabi. With a marvelous aim

to provide quality education to the expat population, it unfurled its wings and took flight in April-2014, in Abu Dhabi. The institute continually promises to reach greater heights of academic, co-scholastic and creative excellence. This institution stands apart among the plethora of mushrooming CBSE schools, primarily because of its emphasis on 'student-centered learning' wherein the spontaneous growth and holistic development of the child are ensured.

#### THE VALUES OF THE School

Mayoor Private School, Abu Dhabi, aims to foster the process of holistic growth of each student under its care. It emphasizes intellectual, personal, emotional & social growth, encompassing all domains of knowledge. The serene ambience amid nature, the stunningly attractive infrastructure, the encouraging

countenance and words of the facilitator, the multifaceted learning techniques, the candid parent–facilitator interaction and the wholehearted and motivating support from the management makes Mayoor the most sought after Indian school in Abu Dhabi. It provides a caring, friendly and confident learning environment, wherein excellence is achieved by creating ethical, proficient and high performing global citizens.

The Core Values are an intricate and in tegral part of the school. Each student has the right to receive an opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Through active interaction of the administration, faculty, students, and parents; each student achieves his/her academic goals, develop a love for learning, which in turn ensures his/her success and happiness.

Parent involvement is a pivotal part of students' learning at Mayoor. They play an important role in the school development and improvement process. Coffee Mornings with the Principal, training sessions and social gatherings, reaffirm the faith that school can be a place to bring the whole family and community together.

#### THEIR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

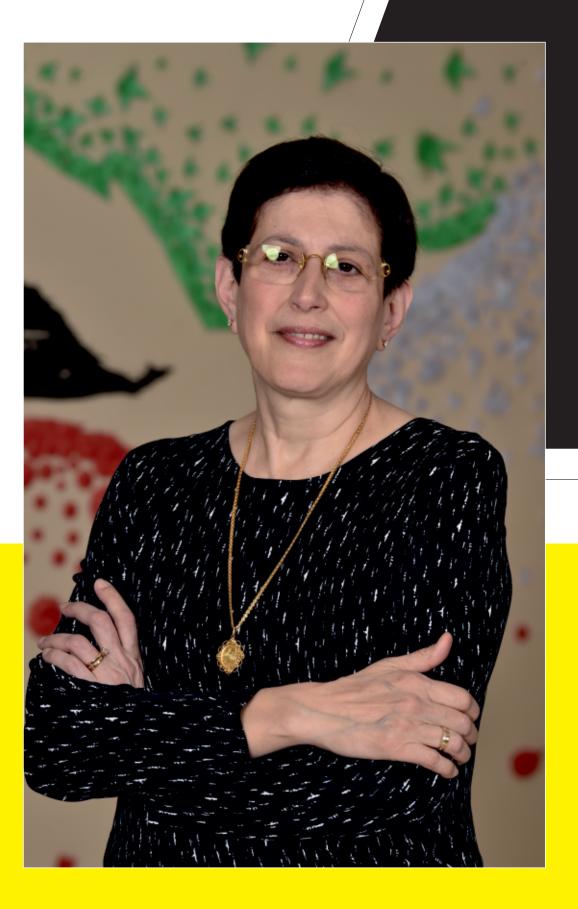
The purpose of education is to prepare today's generation to face tomorrow's world. They believe that their efforts are towards developing confident learners and intelligent thinkers. They aim to empower the students with the right tools to face this dynamic world. Every child has intrinsic value and can learn, provided he/she is given an appropriate learning environment. They like to believe that they owe their students far more than what is detailed in a syllabus and that education should prepare students for the jobs that will exist

10 years later. 21st-century education requires a strong technological foundation. The one-to-one laptop foundation at Mayoor will help students develop 21st-century skills and bring out holistic development in every student. The school uses and integrates Information Technology as one of the ways to teach the skills, knowledge and behaviour that students need as responsible citizens in a global world.

#### THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Mayoor School offers CBSE Curriculum, which provides the platform for learning and ensuring continuity. A thorough assessment and a strong focus on the development of 21st-century skills of Creativity, Collaboration, Communication and Critical Thinking, helps students to become creative thinkers and lifelong learners.





Mayoor focuses on the all-around development of students in consonance with the holistic approach to education and therefore, emphasizes the integration of co-curricular domain with the curricular domain in an equitable manner.

Secondary Curriculum provides students with a broad and balanced understanding of subjects including languages, Mathematics, Science and Social Science to enable students to communicate effectively, analyze information, make informed decisions, construct their worldview in alignment with constitutional values and move ahead in the direction of becoming productive citizens. The focus is on the development of 21st-century skills in settings where each student feels independent, safe and comfortable with their learning. To achieve this aim, students must acquire adequate knowledge and skills in other core areas like Health and Physical Education, Life Skills, Value Education, Art Education, Work Education and other Co-Scholastic areas. Education at Mayoor focuses on the students that can think scientifically, mathematically or artistically to face the real-world challenges in an information and technology driven world to enhance their inherent potential.

The Curriculum is delivered through novel methods of Project-Based learning, individual learning and various student-centric collaborative activities. The Curriculum includes





strategies to incorporate the knowledge of the history of the UAE and to respect the culture of UAE and Islam with commitments to the local heritage of Abu Dhabi and to develop a strong national identity. The school has a strong focus on extracurricular activities for the students as well as professional development for the teachers. Ongoing training is offered to teachers to enhance student learning. Teachers and students work together not just in the classroom, but also beyond the classroom. They also welcome parents to get involved with the day-to-day learning of the child/children, by opening up various avenues of communication, such as weekly newsletters, weekly coffee mornings and access to the class website.

#### Learning is often taken beyond the classroom.

'Experiential Learning' ensures learners reflect on their learning experience of doing something. The strong leadership vision of the principal understands the need for students to move out of closed spaces and get into the real world. Various international trips like 'NASA Space Camp' to Huntsville, Alabama in the US, 'CAS trips' to Prague and Indonesia, etc. were a regular part of students' learning journey in Mayoor during the pre-Covid era. Students were also exposed to the DELF Diploma in Paris, where they studied interactively with international students in school, most of the day. This exposure helped students develop various social skills, along with providing them with innovative and engaging learning experiences.



Students are provided with opportunities to explore the philanthropic aspect through various projects like 'Operation Smile' where students plan and engage themselves in charity events to fund the purpose of bringing a smile to the kids with cleft lips and cleft palate. Students are given opportunities to be part of various charity events in the school where the proceeds of these events are shared with Red Crescent and other charitable organizations. Students are empowered and are at the forefront of various initiatives of the school development and improvement programs too.

Students are encouraged to take up leadership responsibilities as early as kindergarten. Senior students are prompted to campaign for themselves to win over the yearly elections to be a part of the 'Student Council' body. Class leaders are not chosen by the teachers but are voted by their peers. This fosters a sense of democracy in the students and prepares them to make the right choices.

#### PRESERVING THE INDIAN CULTURE IN ABU DHABI

Though the school is based in the UAE, it follows a curriculum specified by the Central Board of Secondary Education, mapping it against international standards. As per the guidelines by the CBSE, various activities that cover wide aspects of Indian culture are carried out within the school academic year. Celebration of National events like Republic Day, Independence Day, Constitution Day along with cultural festivals like Diwali and Eid are a regular part of the school calendar activities. The school protects the interests of all Indian students and makes sure that they are informed and proud of the rich heritage of India.



### Awards, Honors And Recognitions

Apart from being rated as a 'Good' School by ADEK right from the first year of inspection, the school has also hosted various 'Learning Walks' for other schools in Abu Dhabi. Mayoor is at the forefront when it comes to sharing best practices. The school has won various awards, like

- Best Environmental Educator and Best Outdoor Education Awards by Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi
- Honour for Academic Excellence by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- Emirates Environment Group Award
- Emirates Recycling Award
- Excellence in Education and

Leadership by Asia GCC AwardsBest Principal in the International

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  Zonal Award by the SOF Foundation
- Most Amazing Principal 2019, 2018 and 2017 in Abu Dhabi
- Technology Award in Dubai
- Common sense School Award
- Roots and Shoots Award
- STEM Inter School Competition
- Best School using Technology Award by International School Association
- Best Teacher Award for 2 consecutive years from the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and many more in a short span of 7 years.

#### A SCHOOL DEFINING THE FUTURE

One of the unique features of the school is the 'No Bell' system. All the staff members and students follow the digital clock placed throughout the school corridors to make note of the time and move around accordingly. Students' learning time is never disturbed through loud sounds or unnecessary interruptions, like wishing the teachers or elders in between the class time.

A normal CBSE school has a set curriculum and most of thembelieve in executing the content that is available in the textbook. '1-to-1 Laptop Learning' was initiated right from 2014 in the school. The Principal, Ms. Anna, believed that learning can be more effectifit goes beyond books and hence there are no textbooks in Mayoor till Grade 6. The school has achieved 100% CBSE Grade 10 and 12 results every year. This is a result of the strong foundation in the early years and the modifications in the curriculum to meet the needs of every student.



When it came to ensuring quality standards in education, the school management came up with the idea of getting the school certified for ISO 9001:2015 for the quality management system and thereby took Mayoor School to greater heights by being the only CBSE school in the region to be an ISO certified school. This has not only helped the school setting systems in place, but also has influenced the school improvement planning and the inspection process.

Within two years of 1-to-1 laptop learning, Maker Technology was introduced to students and parents. Regular 'Maker Saturdays' ensured that parents experience the importance of STEM in student learning. Mayoor School was the first to set up their own 'Innovation Lab' and provide a dedicated 1 hour of the regular school day to the students, to explore the various STEM projects connected to the program. This remains one of the most looked-forward-to sessions for the students as they get to do hands-on work and explore their creativity and innovation skills. Artificial Intelligence and Robotics are also introduced in Mayoor from a very early stage. Exposure to all these platforms has helped in developing confident students who problem solve, critically think, collaborate effectively, and are excellent communicators, while using technology for learning.

#### RESPONSE TO VIRTUAL LEARNING AND THE PANDEMIC

Right from its inception in the year 2014, Mayoor School has been a one-to-one laptop school. All students right from KG to senior secondary are very comfortable using technology in their daily learning. Students are trained to use technology responsibly and are given leadership responsibilities in this area right from an early age. All this prior learning helped the school transition smoothly into Distance Learning during the Pandemic period.

When the whole world was wondering whether learning can continue in the current scenario, Mayoor staff and students were already trained to move to Distance Learning. The school uses G-suite as the learning management system. Students were already comfortable with the platform and could effortlessly use any new applications for their learning and assessment. This garnered well-acclaimed praise from the parent community during the pandemic. The whole journey of 'Distance Learning' at Mayoor is a strong example for other schools.

The efforts of the school were equally praised by ADEK during the Distance Learning inspection. The Principal, Ms. Anna was instrumental in ensuring that the students get the best possible educational experience even during these

difficult times. She trained her staff to deal with the situation and is taking Mayoor to greater heights, as it continues to be the best CBSE school providing blended education in Abu Dhabi.

Every member of the staff at Mayoor strives for the betterment of students and also for the fundamental issues that impact teaching and learning. The only message for anyone who would like to experience learning at Mayoor School, Abu Dhabi would be - 'Discover the Difference'.

