



SHERBORNE  
QATAR

## Candidate Brief

# THE SCHOOL

Sherborne Qatar was founded in 2009 as the first overseas school developed by Sherborne School, Dorset. It was set up in partnership with Sheikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Thani (Chairman of Sharaka Holdings). It is a founding member of Qatar's Ministry of Education & Further Education Outstanding Schools Initiative. It offers a British curriculum, taught in English, and a British independent school ethos. It is a Department for Education accredited British School Overseas (BSO) and British Schools in the Middle East (BSME). The Headmaster of the Preparatory School is a member of the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS). The Bursar is a member of the Independent Schools Bursars' Association (ISBA).

The Qatar National Vision 2030 explicitly sets out the state's intention to offer the best education possible not only to the expatriate community, but also to the children of its own citizens. Therefore, Sherborne Qatar admits boys and girls from a wide range of nationalities, all of whom must be proficient in English. The predominant group of pupils is made up of first-language English speakers from expatriate families.

Sherborne Qatar is a school of over 1200 pupils, covering the full age range, from Pre-School through to Upper Sixth. The Preparatory School is in Al Rayyan and, about 15 minutes away, the Senior School is in Bani Hajer.

The curriculum is based on the National Curriculum for England. Pupils in Years 10 and 11 are prepared for I/GCSE examinations and in the Sixth Form for AS/A Levels (in September 2018 a Level 3 BTEC was also introduced to provide an alternative post 16 pathway). Demand for places at all levels is high and children are accepted only if they satisfy the admissions process. Alongside the full British curriculum, pupils can also learn Arabic, Islamic Studies and Qatar History.





There is a single Principal, who is CEO of Sherborne Qatar: the Prep School and Senior School each has its own Headmaster, Senior Leadership Team and Senior Management Team.

The Senior School aims to educate children for life in a global society, one in which many of them will be leaders of their generation.

Sherborne Qatar pupils will aspire to attend the best universities in both the old and new worlds and those institutions in Qatar that will make up the Hamad bin Khalifa University.

Although a young school, Sherborne Qatar benefits from the long and reputable history of its mother school. Our aim is to bring to Qatar as much of the life of a British independent school as possible, at all stages of our pupils' time in the school. The Preparatory and Senior Schools are based on the House system; all pupils wear the school uniform; all pupils are encouraged to participate in the wide-ranging enrichment programmes that are tailored to the ages of the pupils; drama, music, outdoor activities and sport play their part in the enrichment provision and are growing all the time.

In September 2021, to facilitate further growth, the Senior School will move to a superb new facility very close to the current site. The planning for this exciting development has been several months in the works, construction is underway, and a public announcement will be made shortly.

The new larger site will allow Sherborne Qatar to add many new facilities to our growing school and to expand our academic provision. The new site will include: 12 state-of-the-art science labs; ICT suites; DT and robotics rooms; a media suite; specialist art, drama and music rooms; a Sixth Form Centre; a 300-seater theatre; and, multiple sports areas, including 2 sports halls, a 25m swimming pool and a 100m running track.

It is an exciting time to join the Senior School, and as the school continues to grow there will be numerous opportunities for career advancement.

"Well behaved pupils that value the school and are keen to do well"

"Happy and engaged pupils who are reflective learners".

"A skilled, passionate and genuinely supportive teaching staff"

"The leadership team ensures the school runs well on a day-to-day basis. Routines and procedures are followed and understood by all".

*BSO Inspection*



The majority of teachers are British, or have trained in the United Kingdom, and have recent relevant experience of the age group they teach. Interviews for teaching posts take place in Central London, and are conducted by the Principal and Headmasters.

The links between Sherborne School and Sherborne Qatar are deep-rooted and will remain as one of the most distinguishing factors in the development of the Doha schools. There are plans for teacher exchanges, building on the established annual pupil exchange visits, and we continue to explore opportunities for further cooperation and adventure.

The Principal, two Headmasters, the Director of Arabic and the Bursar form the Sherborne Qatar Executive Team responsible for developing and establishing an outstanding educational institution and the first choice of school for both local and expatriate parents.

## QATAR

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2011, Qatar is still a young state. It recognises that its currently plentiful supplies of gas and oil will not always be there to sustain the economy, which is why there is a vision for a country that will contribute to the scientific, technological and medical research fields; a country that will act as a vibrant hub in the Middle East with strong diplomatic relationships across the spectrum of beliefs; and, a country that acknowledges its heritage but wants to develop at the leading edge of innovation and discovery.

There is little to want for in Doha. There are excellent facilities for daily life, from health clubs to shopping malls, golf courses to riding stables, cinemas to five-star restaurants. There is an international airport from which Qatar Airways fly to all parts of the globe.

Qatar has been chosen to host the World Cup in 2022. There are large-scale sports tournaments and competitions held in Doha every year. There is a full-time philharmonic orchestra, a superb opera house and open-air amphitheatre. There are art galleries and museums that tell the tale of not only eastern, but also occidental history and contemporary art. Extensive opportunities for water sports and outdoor activities exist.

Qatar is an exciting place in which to be, and Sherborne Qatar is delighted to be part of this country's development of a long-term future.

Useful websites: [www.visitqatar.qa](http://www.visitqatar.qa)      [www.qatarliving.com](http://www.qatarliving.com)      [www.marhaba.qa](http://www.marhaba.qa)



# THE APPOINTMENT

Sherborne Qatar is seeking to appoint appropriately qualified graduates from September 2020. We welcome applications from both experienced and recently qualified teachers. Sherborne Qatar works in collaboration with appropriate UK agencies so that NQTs can complete their induction year.

## APPLICATION

Please complete the TES online application form (Quick Apply) and upload a covering letter explaining why you wish to apply for the post and what skills and qualities you can bring. Completed applications should be submitted by Friday 17th January, 2020. Interviews will take place in London from Saturday 26th January, 2020. Please note we do not accept CVs. Successful applicants will be required to travel to Qatar on approximately Wednesday 19th August, 2020 for induction training before the start of term.

For further information regarding Sherborne Qatar, please visit [www.sherborneqatar.org](http://www.sherborneqatar.org).

Sherborne Qatar is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including reference checks with previous employers and criminal record checks.

### Continuing Professional Development

Sherborne Qatar believes in the importance of CPD for all its teachers. There is a critical difference, however, between boosting one's own CV and engaging in professional development as part of the overall school development. Opportunities for professional development will be offered over the course of the two-year contract.

All new members of the teaching staff will have a mentor, who will support and guide them through many aspects of the initial year, working alongside the Head of Department. We aim to guarantee that posts are successfully confirmed at the end of the probationary period.



# SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

All contracts are for an initial period of two years and can be renewed. All employment contracts have a six-month probationary period and are subject to Sherborne Qatar being able to obtain the necessary Residence Permit for the teacher (and resident family dependents up to a maximum of spouse and two children). Sherborne Qatar will meet the costs associated with the sponsorship of the teacher (and resident family dependents up to a maximum of spouse and two children).

Teachers are employed with single or married or family status. Dependents must be resident with the teacher in Qatar in order for married or family status to be maintained.

## Salary/Summary of benefits

Teachers receive a tax-free monthly salary paid in arrears in Qatar Riyals into a bank account held in Qatar. The Sherborne Qatar salary scale ranges from QAR 10,043 to QAR 16,223. There are responsibility allowances of between QAR 500 and QAR 1,000 per month.

A gratuity equal to three weeks' salary for each year of employment is paid on the final day of the contract.

The School meets the full cost of tuition fees for the first child and 75% for the second child at Sherborne Qatar Preparatory School or Sherborne Qatar Senior School. The school will not pay tuition fees at any other school.



At the beginning and end of the employment contract, the School meets the cost of a flight for the teacher (and resident family dependents up to a maximum of spouse and two children) from country of origin to Doha and return.

The teacher and any qualifying dependants will receive an annual flight allowance, calculated annually and based on a Doha-country of origin-Doha economy ticket with Qatar Airways.

At the beginning and end of the employment period, a freight allowance is paid against receipts to a maximum amount of QAR 2,500 for the teacher, QAR 1,000 for the spouse and QAR 500 each for up to a maximum of two resident dependent children.

There is also a generous monthly travel allowance, in addition to the basic salary.

Employees are provided with furnished accommodation. Teachers must meet the cost in full of telephone and satellite television packages.

Those who work at Sherborne Qatar must make arrangements for their own pension provision.

## **Holidays**

Teachers are entitled to take holiday during the usual Sherborne Qatar holiday periods; holiday cannot be taken during Sherborne Qatar term time. Teachers may be required by the Headmaster to work for short periods after the end and before the beginning of any term, for example INSET week.

## **Medical**

The School meets the cost of private medical insurance through its providers (which covers treatment in Qatar, but excludes dental and maternity cover) for the teacher. The teacher pays for the spouse and resident dependent children in the scheme (currently at an annual cost of QAR 2,777 per person), but can opt out. The alternative arrangement for the spouse and resident dependent children is the Hamad Medical Card, which entitles them to be treated at the Hamad Medical Centre hospitals, the NHS equivalent in Qatar.

Teachers who choose to use another private medical scheme will not receive any assistance with those fees.

## **Safeguarding**

Sherborne Qatar is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974). Applications are subject to appropriate police checks as required. Successful applicants outside of UK will be required to provide an approved statement from the similar authority in the country in which he or she is currently based, and all other countries that they have resided in outside of the UK.

## **References**

It is also a requirement of the recruitment procedure that a post cannot be confirmed unless satisfactory written references have been received, at least one of which must be from the current employer and all of which must be professional in nature.







# HEADMASTER'S STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

All schools not only offer many more opportunities and activities than used to be the case but the expectations of parents, pupils and external agencies are higher and more demanding too.

In light of the greater involvement of and interest taken by parents in virtually all aspects of school life, it would be unwise not to try to live up to the raised expectations of our clientele. For the pupils to be well served in a school such as Sherborne Qatar, all members of the teaching staff need to contribute on a broad front to the life of the school and in line with the Teacher's Standards.

It is expected, therefore, that all colleagues will be involved in the major aspects of the school's life, which are

- teaching (including preparation and regular appropriate marking of all written work)
- pastoral care (including acting as a Tutor)
- being an active member of the House (the Senior School has an inter-house event every two weeks on a Thursday Period 6)
- physical, social and cultural activities
- supporting school events outside of normal working hours

In addition, there are general responsibilities that all share, such as:

- in-service training and continuing professional development both in one's own subject and in other relevant areas of interest
- participating in local excursions and overseas trips
- keeping up to date with legal requirements (e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Assessments)
- regular attendance at whole-school events (e.g. assemblies, plays, concerts, competitions)
- monitoring pupils' behaviour and dress as a matter of routine
- communicating with colleagues to ensure the smooth running of the school
- various duties (e.g. playground supervision, dining hall supervision, invigilation)

All colleagues are expected to contribute to the co-curricular life of the School and to take an active role in the Enrichment Programme throughout the year, for example

- by being involved with sports teams and events
- by organising and encouraging clubs or artist endeavour
- by participating in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award

By its very nature in a developing school, this list is not exhaustive.

Clearly, not all areas of involvement are the same in terms of time or intensity. Thus a heavy commitment in one aspect of school life might be balanced by a low involvement in another aspect of school life. Such situations will need the Headmaster's agreement.

High expectations and a multiplicity of opportunities are what will distinguish Sherborne Qatar as an 'outstanding' school rather than just a 'very good' one. Moreover, our shared goals will encourage real collegiality and our common sense of purpose.

# DRESS CODE

All members of staff serve as role models for Sherborne Qatar pupils and the wider community. All colleagues should therefore dress professionally and appropriately, showing respect for local traditions and expectations. Members of staff are expected to follow the dress code whenever pupils are in school. The Headmaster may relax the dress code for specific occasions.

Clothing must conform to the local customs and cause no offence to any parent or local visitor. It should be neat, clean and in good repair at all times. Colleagues should not wear visible jewellery or similar artefacts that are culturally sensitive, distracting or which cause disruption to the educational environment.



Year 12 pupils undergoing sailing skills as part of their Silver Award (DofE)



# JOB DESCRIPTION – HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Reporting to: the Deputy Head Academic and / or the Director of Learning

Responsible for: teaching staff and other relevant personnel within the department

Liaising with: the Senior Team, Heads of Department, teaching and support staff, and parents

## Purpose

- to raise standards of pupil attainment and achievement within the curriculum area and to monitor and support pupil progress
- to be accountable for leading and managing, for pupil progress and for development within the curriculum area
- to develop and enhance the teaching practice of others
- to ensure the provision of an appropriately broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum for pupils studying in the department, in accordance with the aims of the school and the curricular policies determined by the Board of Governors and Headmaster
- to manage and effectively deploy teaching and support staff, and financial and physical resources within the department



## MAIN DUTIES

### Operational and Strategic

- to review and develop as necessary: specifications, resources, schemes of work, marking policies, assessment, teaching and learning strategies in the department
- to oversee day-to-day management, control and operation of course provision within the department, including effective deployment of staff and physical resources
- to monitor and follow up pupil progress
- to implement school policies and procedures
- to work with colleagues to formulate aims, objectives and strategic plans for the department which have coherence and relevance to the needs of pupils, and to the aims, objectives and strategic plans of the school
- to oversee the application of ICT in the department
- to be aware of and review as necessary Health and Safety policies and practices

### Curriculum

- to liaise with the Deputy Head Academic and / or the Director of Learning to ensure the delivery of an appropriate, comprehensive, high quality and cost-effective curriculum programme
- to be accountable for the development and delivery of the department's curriculum
- to remain up to date with and respond to subject-specific developments, and teaching practice and methodology

### Recruitment and Deployment of Staff

- to work with the appropriate colleagues to ensure that staff development needs are identified
- to undertake Appraisals and/or Reviews including lesson observation
- to make appropriate arrangements for classes when teaching staff are absent, liaising with the cover supervisor or relevant colleagues to secure appropriate cover
- to participate in the recruitment process for teaching posts when required
- to ensure effective induction of new staff in line with school procedures
- to motivate colleagues to ensure effective working relations
- to be responsible for the day-to-day management of colleagues within the department and act as a positive role model

### Quality Assurance

- to establish and develop the process of setting of targets within the department
- to establish common standards of practice within the department and develop the effectiveness of teaching and learning styles
- to contribute to the school procedures for lesson observation
- to seek and implement modification and improvement where required
- to produce an annual examinations analysis



## **Management Information**

- to ensure the maintenance of accurate and up-to-date information concerning the department in iSAMS, the management information system
- to analyse and evaluate pupil performance data provided and take appropriate action in response

## **Communications**

- to ensure that all department members are familiar with departmental aims and objectives
- to hold regular, minuted department meetings
- to disseminate information from meetings of the Heads of Departments
- to ensure effective parental communications (in line with school guidelines)
- to liaise with other schools, higher education, industry, examination boards, awarding bodies and other relevant external bodies
- to represent the department's views and interests at all times

## **Marketing and Liaison**

- to contribute to the school liaison and marketing activities, such as the collection of material for press releases, newsletters, curriculum brochures, the school website and so on
- to lead the development of effective subject links with other schools and the wider community

## **Management of Resources**

- to manage the available resources of staff, finance, space and equipment efficiently within the limits, guidelines and procedures laid down, including deploying any allocated department budget
- to work with the Deputy Head Academic and / or the Director of Learning to ensure that the department's teaching commitments are effectively and efficiently timetabled and roomed

## **Pastoral Care**

- to be familiar with the school's Child Protection Policy and to report concerns to the appropriate Child Protection Officer
- to ensure school rules are observed in the department, so that effective learning can take place
- to monitor and support the overall progress and development of pupils within the department
- to act as a tutor and to carry out the duties associated with that role
- to contribute to cross-curricular teaching, such as PSHE and Qatar History as required

## **Teaching**

- to undertake an appropriate programme of teaching in accordance with the duties of a standard classroom teacher

## Other Specific Duties

- to play a full part in the life of the school community, to support its distinctive mission, and to encourage colleagues and pupils to follow this example
- to continue personal professional development as agreed
- to undertake any other duty as from time to time required but not mentioned in the above

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken may not have been identified.

Colleagues are expected to comply with any reasonable request to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

All members of staff are expected to be courteous to their colleagues, to provide a welcoming environment to visitors, an appropriate response to those making enquiries by telephone and to respond in a timely fashion to those making enquires via email.

This job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation, may be changed by the Headmaster to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the job title.

# JOB DESCRIPTION – SUBJECT TEACHERS

Essential Qualifications: educated to degree level, DfE recognised teaching qualification

Reporting to: Head of Department

## Tasks and Duties:

- work within all school policies and guidelines
- accept the authority of line managers and those with delegated responsibility for specific areas or activities
- plan, prepare and deliver effective lessons in line with department and school curricular aims
- provide suitable academic challenges that will allow each pupil to reach his or her potential
- prepare pupils for public examinations
- self-evaluate and review teaching methods, materials and schemes of work and make changes as appropriate
- commit to in-service training (INSET), mutual lesson observation and continuing professional development (CPD)
- maintain a well-managed classroom with a good work ethos
- assess pupils' work effectively in a timely fashion and provide appropriate comments
- maintain an up-to-date subject knowledge



- maintain records and write reports on pupils' progress and development
- discuss progress with pupils, parents and colleagues
- provide cover for absent colleagues
- assist in the invigilation of examinations
- attend departmental meetings, staff meetings, parents' meetings and whole school events
- assist with curricular and co-curricular activities beyond lesson time
- undertake pastoral duties as required, for example as a House Tutor
- provide opportunities to foster the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils

This list is not exhaustive. All teachers are expected to fulfil any reasonable request made by the Headmaster.

## PROFESSIONAL SPECIFICATION

We are looking to appoint teachers who in interview and by virtue of their qualifications and experience best demonstrates that they have -

- suitable qualifications for the responsibilities of the post
- the ability to fulfil the responsibilities of the post with energy, enthusiasm and excellence
- strong interpersonal and communication skills
- good listening skills and respect for all pupils
- the ability to explain clearly and have good presentation skills
- the ability to form relationships and to motivate pupils
- the ability to generate enthusiasm for the work of the department
- the ability to achieve high standards in teaching effectively throughout the age and ability range
- subject knowledge and application
- classroom management
- experience of assessment, recording and reporting pupils' progress
- a willingness to be involved in the co-curricular life of the school
- a commitment to personal and professional development
- a sense of humour; and can adapt to living in a demanding environment