SHERBORNE
QATAR
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS
Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Teamwork and Responsibility.

Our Values
ACHIEVING THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD

SHERBONE Qatar is the daughter school of Sherborne School, an historic and distinguished British independent school founded in 1550 under royal charter, by King Edward VI. Sherborne Qatar is a founding member of the Ministry of Education & Further Education’s Outstanding Schools Initiative. The Prep School runs from Pre School to Year 6 and the Senior School runs from Year 7 to Year 13. The Prep School is a member of The Independent Association of Prep School (IAPS), British Schools Overseas (BSO) and British Schools in the Middle East (BSME).

Our mission is to develop well educated, well rounded individuals who have high aspirations and achieve their potential, in a happy and nurturing school. This is what we are striving for with all our children as they embark on their educational journey with us at Sherborne Qatar Prep.

However, this won’t just come about from the high standards of teaching that will be happening in every class, or through effective and ongoing assessment, enabling us to focus on the individual needs of the children. It will also be down to the excellent pastoral care that runs right through our House system, Enrichment Clubs, charity work, realistic expectations the high standards that we expect from all children, here at Sherborne. A Sherborne education extends well beyond learning and academic achievement. Our aim is to develop resilience in our pupils, with strategies so they can think for themselves.

We want them to enjoy their successes but also to take on life’s disappointments, reflect on them and use them constructively. We want our pupils to live and learn honestly and responsibly, doing their best, to be their best, with a spirit of respect and kindness for their

“Across the age range, our pupils benefit from well qualified and experienced teaching staff”
school, teachers, friends, other pupils and our wider community. We want our children to take responsibility for their learning, to persevere with challenges and to understand the importance of teamwork.

Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility and Teamwork: these form our Core Values and are the essence of our school. We want our young people and staff to make our school and inspiring place to be.

We would love our Year 6 prefects to show you around our campus, so you can see for yourself.

Nick Fawcett, Headmaster.
SHERBORNE School is an independent boys’ boarding school re-founded in 1550 under a royal charter granted by King Edward VI. It has grown into a modern school of nearly 600 pupils and about 100 teaching staff. Surrounded by the bustling market town, the school attracts pupils from across the world. Shirburnians follow a diverse range of careers at the highest levels and include diplomats, bishops, politicians, journalists, actors, poets, and musicians.

Sherborne Preparatory School is an independent co-educational school for children aged 3-13 years. The school has a long and distinguished history and an enviable academic reputation as a feeder to many of England's leading independent schools.

Sherborne Qatar was founded in 2009 and is a joint venture between Sherborne School and Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Thani. Members of the Qatari royal family such as the Emir, HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, have attended Sherborne and Sheikh Abdullah and his wife Sheikha Amal have sent some of their sons there too.

Sheikh Abdulla was keen that Sherborne should join him in a partnership to bring to Qatar education opportunities and values that he had seen and liked at Sherborne. He says: “Ahmed our oldest son was transformed by Sherborne. The school’s approach helped him to discover different talents in himself and he was greatly nourished by the experience. We are extremely grateful for what a Sherborne education has given him. Sherborne has history, culture, discipline and a willingness to transform a child. That is what it did for our child and that is what we want to give to Qatar. We need to bring a more structured educational experience to our country. Qatar needs Sherborne’s culture, experience and tradition.”

Sherborne Qatar is a founding member of the Ministry of Education & Further Education’s Outstanding Schools Initiative and is overseen by the Ministry of Educations’s Private Schools Office. Sherborne Qatar is a self-financed, not-for-profit school with its own Board of Governors, of which Sherborne School has half of the appointed membership. Its ethos, brand and educational standards are overseen by and aligned to Sherborne School.
Sherborne Qatar Prep School is a British prep school in an international setting, offering an education based closely on British prep schools and the 2014 English National Curriculum. The language of instruction is English for all subjects except MFL.

The School covers Pre School to Year 6 and provides pupils with an enhanced British curriculum in an environment which aims to provide children with a creative and inspiring learning experience which prepares them for life beyond school. The school attracts children both from the local and international communities. Our aim is to develop well-rounded pupils and nurture their potential, both inside and outside the classroom.

The Pre School and year groups consist of four forms and the year group staff work closely together to ensure that a rich and varied programme is in place. Most teaching takes place within form groups but specialist staff develop the children’s skills in Music, Physical Education, Islamic Studies (for Muslim pupils) and languages. Year groups also work together for big projects, such as year group productions.

We have small class sizes, ranging from 16 pupils in the earlier years to 24 pupils in Year 5-6. Each class is staffed by a qualified British and British trained teacher. All Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 forms have classroom assistants and Years 3–6 share classroom assistants. Children are based in their own form rooms with their form teacher, but make full use of the outdoor facilities.

Pre School and Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage and Years 1–6 follow the 2014 English National Curriculum. The classrooms and play areas are well equipped, vibrant, stimulating and cheerful and every classroom is fitted with an interactive whiteboard to enhance learning. Pupils have access to desktop computers, laptops and iPads, which are all used across the curriculum.

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PASTORAL care is at the heart of all that we do in the school because we regard it as integral to a successful school. Our aim is that, by the time they leave, all pupils should be well adjusted, rounded and confident individuals. The school is open and welcoming to pupils and parents and all pupils are valued and known as individuals. Form Teachers have the prime responsibility for the welfare of pupils in their forms. They will help pupils to develop their social skills, confidence, independence and the ability to work and play harmoniously together. We want our pupils to be caring and considerate of others and to respect fellow pupils and staff alike. A whole school PSHE programme includes a variety of developmental issues and Assemblies during the week both underpin the school’s values and celebrate pupil success. The school also has two nurses who administer to the pupils day to ailments and maintain an overview of the pupils’ health and physical development.

All pupils and most staff belong to one of five houses, which have a prominent position in the life of the school. They allow for the vertical integration of pupils, particularly through the various Inter House events which regularly take place. Allegiance is strong and the Inter House Cup is keenly contested.

We have a positive rewards system through which pupils earn Merits. These contribute to the Inter House Cup and towards personal certificates at different levels. Pupils can also become Star of the Week or Term. The sanctions policy considers that ‘Behaviour mistakes are learning opportunities’.

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ENRICHMENT

WE believe that education is a ‘whole life’ process, not just what happens in the classroom. The Prep School is enriched with a strong extra-curricular programme to extend pupils’ skills and interests. Pupils can participate in a range of sporting, arts and crafts activities, in school and at specialist centres like the Sailing Academy. We also have Rainbow and Brownie packs. Many pupils represent the school at Qatar Schools and BSME events.

We have a link with the charity Education Above All, giving our pupils an insight into education in a very different setting.

Pupils can contribute to school life through the School Council and Year 6 pupils can serve as Prefects with The Headmaster appointing Heads of School who help to greet and host some of our visitors to the school.

Clubs and activities

The Enrichment Programme takes place after school on most days of the week and is designed to enrich the curriculum and encourages the pupils to try things which they may not have done before. There are also Inter House events on many Wednesdays which include sports, performing arts and academic events.

The majority of activities are run by school teaching staff, who want to share their interests and passions with the children. Some are run by fully accredited outside agencies who have been invited to join our enrichment programme. Most activities are free of charge but some, particularly those run by outside instructors, (such as Sailing, Martial Arts and Golf) have a termly charge. Details of the forthcoming term’s Enrichment Programme and an invitation to ‘sign up’ are sent out on a termly basis.
THE creative arts are well represented at Sherborne Qatar Prep School. All pupils have Art lessons in class where they follow projects related to the current enquiry question. Additionally, there are joint year group projects which, in recent times, have produced year group murals and even a giant Sherborne Qatar banner constructed from all the pupils’ faces.

Pupils are also given the opportunity to participate in workshops run by the various Qatar Museums. Similarly, all pupils have Music lessons in class with all pupils participating in a range of practical and theoretical lessons. There are ensembles and choirs which pupils can join and pupils can also study various instruments.

All pupils participate in the annual Prep School concerts and there are also opportunities for performances outside school.

Pupils also have the opportunity to perform in the various year group productions which take place each year and which are often linked to the themes being studied. These are usually musicals and have ranged from *Extracts from Oliver* to *Around the World in Eighty Days* to *Peter Pan* to *What a Knight*. Performances are given to pupils, staff, parents and friends and are a much anticipated part of our annual cycle of events.
PE AND GAMES

PE and Games lessons are an integral part of school life and help teach pupils how to maintain a fit and healthy lifestyle.

The Pre-Prep PE and Games curriculum gives pupils the opportunity to develop teamwork, concentration, communication, hand-eye coordination and other core skills which can be used in a variety of sports. Gradually, pupils are introduced to the skills and tactics relating to a wide variety of sports.

The BSME Games is an annual sports competition, hosted by GCC countries in rotation and is the pinnacle of Preparatory School sport in the Middle East. The BSME Games includes Football, Basketball, Netball, Swimming and Athletics.

Team trials are held early in the year and then children are expected to attend training for the teams for which they are selected. In 2016 the Basketball team were BSME Basketball Champions.

We also participate in all the Qatar Schools’ events as well as various regional events.
For an application form go to: www.sherborneqatarprep.org
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Our Mission