

Summary of the inspection report on

Al Mawakeb School, Al Garhoud

Publication Date of report

Month	Year
May	2009

School established for

14 years

School type	Private	Name of Principal	Nubough Nasr
Date of inspection	January 2009	Number of students on roll	2,497
Curriculum provided	US	Contact telephone	04 2851415

Dubai School Inspection Bureau identified:

#### Key strengths of the school:

- Students' knowledge and understanding in science;
- The attitude and behaviour of the younger students;
- Teachers' subject knowledge.

#### Dubai Schools Inspection Bureau requires that the school take the following action to secure further improvement:

- Raise the standard of English and Arabic to include extended writing and critical thinking throughout the school;
- Develop teachers' skills in classroom management, in meeting the needs of all students and in assessment of their learning;
- Raise the expectations for behaviour and academic performance in the boys' sections;
- Review the rigour of the mathematics and English curriculum in Grades 10 to 12;
- Broaden the scope and types of assessments used by teachers throughout the school to include formative assessments and to build critical thinking skills;
- Use external benchmarks and assessments in Grades 1 to 12 so that attainment can be compared with international standards;
- Address the safety issue related to the development of a school evacuation plan for all students;
- Develop a school improvement plan to address the above issues, to be available to parents and to a governing body independent of the management company's governing board. Such a body should hold the school leaders accountable for their performance and for high quality student learning.

Level 4: Outstanding

Level 3: Good

Level 2: Acceptable

Level 1: Unsatisfactory

How well does the school perform overall?

Acceptable

#### Next steps:

Al Mawakeb School has to prepare an action plan indicating how they will address the main findings of the report, and to share that plan with parents. The next inspection will report on the progress made by the school.

#### About Inspections:

##### The purpose of inspection

The inspection was part of a strategy to evaluate educational standards and quality in all of the schools in Dubai. The inspection covered core aspects of the work of the school at all stages. Inspectors assessed the students' progress in key subjects, in particular, Arabic, Islamic Studies, English, mathematics and science (Grades 6 to 12). They evaluated important aspects of the work of the school including the quality of teaching and learning, the arrangements to protect and support students, including health and safety, leadership and management and the school's capacity for improvement.

##### The framework for inspection

All schools in Dubai were evaluated against seven central questions based on internationally accepted research into school effectiveness. Inspectors' evaluations concluded with a final judgement regarding the overall performance of the school. In the first cycle of inspections the judgement used for every school was:

### Description of inspection levels

**Level 4:** Outstanding quality – exceptionally high quality of performance or practice.

**Level 3:** Good quality – the expected level for every school in Dubai.

**Level 2:** Acceptable – the minimum level of acceptability required for Dubai. All key aspects of performance and practice in every school should meet or exceed this level.

**Level 1:** Unsatisfactory – quality not yet at the level acceptable for schools in Dubai. Schools will be expected to take urgent measures to improve the quality of any aspect of their performance or practice that is judged at this level.

More information regarding the Inspection levels can be found in the online version of the Initial Quality Inspections Handbook at [www.khda.gov.ae](http://www.khda.gov.ae).

### Inspectors assessed the following aspects of the work of the school:

- How good is the students' progress?
- How good is the students' personal and social development?
- How good is the teaching and learning?
- How well does the curriculum meet the educational needs of the students?
- How well does the school protect and support students?
- How good are the leadership and management of the school?
- How well does the school perform overall?

### What happens next year?

A full report will be provided to parents in the second year. This will include information regarding inspectors' judgements on each of the quality indicators assessed.

### Where can I get further information from?

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