

Summary of the inspection report on

Al Maaref Private School

Publication Date of report

Month	Year
May	2009

School established for

22 years

School type	Private	Name of Principal	Ms. Jamila Zein
Date of inspection	February 2009	Number of students on roll	1385
Curriculum provided	US	Contact telephone	04 2988881

Dubai School Inspection Bureau identified:

Key strengths of the school:

- Students felt safe and enjoyed being at school;
- Students' personal and social development from KG to Grade 4;
- The attitude and behaviour of girls across the school.

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

- Improve the standard of teaching and learning, particularly the level of challenge for all students;
- Develop a common framework for curriculum design and lesson planning and expand the curriculum to include music, art, drama and physical education for both boys and girls;
- Use external benchmarks and assessments so that attainment can be compared with international standards;
- Comply with transport regulations;
- Build on the outcomes of staff review and students' assessment data to identify school improvement priorities, in particular in teaching, learning and formative assessment;
- Develop governance roles through the creation of a Board of Governors in order to hold the school to account and to review the vision and strategic direction of the school;
- Review and upgrade the use of resources and facilities, especially in information and communication technology (ICT), art, the library, science facilities and use of the theatre.

Level 4: Outstanding

Level 3: Good

Level 2: Acceptable

Level 1: Unsatisfactory

How well does the school perform overall?

Unsatisfactory

Next steps:

The school has been asked to prepare an action plan indicating how it 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.

Inspectors will monitor the progress made by the school over the next three months.

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.

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.

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