



# Shaikha Hessa Girls' School

## High School Profile 2013-2014



*Shaikha Hessa Girls' School (SHGS) is the first and only all girls private school in the Kingdom of Bahrain, established in 2001 serving Nursery through Grade 12.*

*SHGS is accredited by the Ministry of Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and International Baccalaureate Organization. In addition the school is a member of the Council of International Schools (CIS), and of Edexcel for the IGCSE programme.*

### **THE MISSION**

Our mission is to promote leadership, critical thinking, and life-long learning in a secure, healthy, all female environment by providing quality international programmes in education for students in order to achieve students' potential as individuals as well as global citizens with emphasis on Arabic and Islamic values in an effective joint home-school partnership.

### **THE COMMUNITY**

The Kingdom of Bahrain is an archipelago of low-lying islands located in the Arabian Gulf off the Eastern shore of Saudi Arabia. Since becoming an independent State in 1971, the Kingdom of Bahrain has witnessed great economic growth. It has transformed from an essentially agricultural base, where the main products were pearls and dates, to a modern industrial, business and service center and is today acknowledged as being the banking hub of the region. Bahrain is also using its oil revenues diligently in order to provide a modern physical and legal infrastructure without having to resort to traditional forms of taxation. The majority of the population is Muslim Arab Bahrainis, in addition to the significant ex-patriot communities. Islam is the official religion of the Kingdom of Bahrain. However, followers of other religions enjoy freedom of worship. Arabic is the official language, but English is widely spoken.

### **THE SCHOOL**

SHGS has expanded in numbers and in grades over the last eleven years. For the academic year 2013-2014 the school has 502 students in Nursery through twelfth grade. Over the years classes were added and various expansions have been made to satisfy the growing demands of the school. SHGS is accredited by the Middle States Association for Colleges and Schools and is a member and candidate of the Council of International Schools and candidates for the accreditation. The school also became an IBDP World School after undergoing the authorization process in May 2007, and it was reauthorized in 2012. The academic year 2008-2009 culminated the first graduating class of SHGS. The following year saw the first graduating class earning a Dual Diploma, a combination of the IBDP Diploma and the SHGS High School Diploma.

Furthermore, the school was authorized to offer Edexcel's IGCSE curriculum in 2011, with the first external examination in 2013.

## **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum at Shaikha Hessa Girls' School reflects our philosophy the students is the center of the learning process. Therefore we strive to educate and develop the whole student's individual, intellectual, physical, emotional and creative identity. Around this philosophy we have developed a curriculum that will grow with the school and its students.

The curriculum encourages student exploration, discovery and experimentation in a pleasant academic environment. The focus of the curriculum is on experiences and lessons that develop students' writing skills, verbal fluency, comprehension, computational skills, analytical abilities and other skills needed to effectively meet a variety of challenges. The curriculum brings together intellectual, creative, social and emotional considerations, guiding the students towards problem- solving and decision-making skills necessary for individual, family and community needs.

Students must complete a minimum of 28 credits to graduate. A minimum of 7.5 credits is required each year in Grades 9 through 12. Each core subject is given 200 minutes of instructional time per week. IBDP higher level courses are given 240 minutes of instructional time per week. The school year is 36 weeks in length consisting of two 18-week semesters. Grade reports are issued at the end of each nine-week session.

### **Graduation Requirements**

| <b>Required Courses</b>       | <b>Credits</b>    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| English 9, 10, 11, 12         | 4                 |
| Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12          | 4                 |
| Mathematics 9, 10, 11, 12     | 4                 |
| Science                       | 4                 |
| Islamic Studies               | 2 (0.5 per year)  |
| Social Studies                | 3 or more         |
| National Social Studies 9, 10 | 1 (0.5 each year) |
| Computer Studies 9, 10        | 1 (0.5 each year) |
| Physical Education 9, 10      | 1 (0.5 each year) |
| Electives                     | 4                 |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>28</b>         |

## GRADING

### Regular Courses Grading Scale

| Letter Grade | Percentage Range | Grade Points |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| A            | 93 and above     | 4.00         |
| A-           | 90 - 92          | 3.75         |
| B+           | 87 - 89          | 3.50         |
| B            | 83 - 86          | 3.00         |
| B-           | 80 - 82          | 2.75         |
| C+           | 77 - 79          | 2.50         |
| C            | 73 - 76          | 2.00         |
| C-           | 70 - 72          | 1.75         |
| D+           | 67 - 69          | 1.50         |
| D            | 63 - 66          | 1.00         |
| D-           | 60 - 62          | 0.75         |
| F            | Below 60         | 0.00         |

### IBDP Courses Grading Scale

#### Higher Level

| Letter Grade | Percentage Range | Grade Points |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| A            | 84 - 100         | 5.00         |
| A-           | 77 - 83          | 4.75         |
| B+           | 73 - 76          | 4.50         |
| B            | 69 - 72          | 4.00         |
| B-           | 65 - 68          | 3.75         |
| C+           | 62 - 64          | 3.50         |
| C            | 57 - 61          | 3.00         |
| C-           | 54 - 56          | 2.75         |
| D+           | 50 - 53          | 2.50         |
| D            | 46 - 49          | 2.00         |
| D-           | 42 - 45          | 1.75         |
| F            | Below 42         | 0.00         |

#### Standard Level

| Letter Grade | Percentage Range | Grade Points |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| A            | 85 - 100         | 4.00         |
| A-           | 79 - 84          | 3.75         |
| B+           | 75 - 78          | 3.50         |
| B            | 71 - 74          | 3.00         |
| B-           | 67 - 70          | 2.75         |
| C+           | 59 - 66          | 2.50         |
| C            | 50 - 58          | 2.00         |
| C-           | 42 - 49          | 1.75         |
| D+           | 38 - 41          | 1.50         |
| D            | 33 - 37          | 1.00         |
| D-           | 29 - 32          | 0.75         |
| F            | Below 29         | 0.00         |

## IGCSE Courses Grading Scales

| Letter Grade | Percentage Range | Grade Points |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| A            | 81 - 100         | 4.00         |
| A-           | 71 - 80          | 3.75         |
| B+           | 66 - 70          | 3.50         |
| B            | 61 - 65          | 3.00         |
| B-           | 57 - 60          | 2.75         |
| C+           | 54 - 56          | 2.50         |
| C            | 51 - 53          | 2.00         |
| C-           | 48 - 50          | 1.75         |
| D+           | 45 - 47          | 1.50         |
| D            | 42 - 44          | 1.00         |
| D-           | 36 - 41          | 0.75         |
| F            | Below 36         | 0.00         |

### GPA CALCULATION

GPA is computed using the above quality points. The academic transcript contains semester and final year grades including a letter grade, credits earned, GPA and Average Percent. Cumulative GPA and percentage are calculated for grades 10, 11, and 12. Each semester weighs 50%. Students must complete a minimum of 28 credits to graduate.

### CLASS OF 2013

There were 26 graduates in the Class of 2013.  
Total Full IBDP Diploma students: 8

- 1 earned a 4.0+
- 4 earned 3.5 - 3.99
- 5 earned 3.0 - 3.49
- 7 earned 2.5 - 2.99
- 8 earned 2.0 - 2.49
- 1 earned less than 2.0

### STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

| 77% of the Class of 2013 took the SAT |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Middle 50% Critical Reading           | 245-400 |
| Middle 50% Math                       | 295-435 |
| Middle 50% Writing                    | 355-445 |

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY SHGS GRADUATES

- Ahlia University, Bahrain
- AMA University, Bahrain
- Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- American University of Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- American university of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance, Bahrain
- Cardiff University, United Kingdom
- Concordia, Canada
- Jordan University, Jordan
- Leeds University, United Kingdom
- Polytechnic, Bahrain
- Prince Mohammed Bin Fahad University, Saudia Arabia
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Medical University of Bahrain
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