



SHAIKHA HESSA GIRLS' SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

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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 (MSA) and Council of International Schools (CIS), and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Organization (IBDP). In addition, the school is authorized by Edexcel for the International GCSE program (grades 9 and 10). In May 2021, SHGS got reaccredited by the joint CIS-MSA again. The school achieved "Good" judgement in BQA (Bahrain Quality Assurance) for teaching and training in November 2017. We were proudly awarded 'Sufficient Response' in the BQA evaluation during the exceptional circumstances period, in Nov 2021. The school also underwent its Reauthorization cycle successfully from IB in 2017.

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 expatriate 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 twenty years. For the academic year 2023-2024, the school has 477 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 joint Middle States Association for Colleges and Schools (MSA) and Council of International Schools (CIS). The school also became an IBDP World School after undergoing the authorization process in May 2007, and it was reauthorized in 2012, 2017 and we are in the process of IB reauthorization. The academic year 2007-2008 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 the 21st century skills; problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking skills necessary for individual, family and community needs.

Students must complete a minimum of 28.5 credits to graduate. A minimum of 7 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.

During the world unpredicted pandemic situation, the school moved to three types of learning, in school face to face, virtual and Hybrid learning.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses	Credits
English 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Arabic 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Mathematics 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Sciences 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Islamic Studies	2 (0.5 per year)
Social Studies	3 or more
National Social Studies 9, 10	1 (0.5 each year)
Citizenship 11, 12	0.5 (0.25 each year)
Computer Studies 9, 10	1 (0.5 each year)
Physical Education 9, 10	1 (0.5 each year)
Electives	4
Total	28.5

SHGS 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

Gr 11 -12 Course Grading Scale- PE and Graphic Design

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
A	97and above	3.00
A-	93 - 96	2.75
B+	89 - 92	2.50
B	85 - 88	2.25
B-	81 - 84	2.00
C+	78 - 80	1.75
C	74 - 77	1.50
C-	71 - 73	1.25
D+	68 - 70	1.00
D	64 - 67	0.75
D-	60 -63	0.50
F	Below 60	0.00

Gr 11-12 Course Grading Scale -Integrated Science, Geography and General Math

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
A	90 - 100	4.00
A-	85 - 89	3.75
B+	79 - 84	3.50
B	73 - 78	3.00
B-	67 - 72	2.75
C+	61- 66	2.50
C	54 - 60	2.00
C-	48- 53	1.75
D+	42 - 47	1.50
D	35 - 41	1.00
D-	29 - 34	0.75
F	Below 29	0.00

Gr 11-12 Course Grading Scale -English Language B -HL

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
A	90 - 100	4.00
A-	86 - 89	3.75
B+	81 - 85	3.50
B	77 - 80	3.00
B-	72 - 76	2.75
C+	67 - 71	2.50
C	62 - 66	2.00
C-	57 - 61	1.75
D+	52 - 56	1.50
D	47 - 51	1.00
D-	42 - 46	0.75
F	Below 42	0.00

Gr 11-12 Courses Grading Scale- IBDP Higher Level

IBDP Scale	Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
7	A	84 and above	5.00
7	A-	77 - 83	4.75
6	B+	73 - 76	4.50
6	B	69 - 72	4.00
6	B-	65 - 68	3.75
5	C+	62 - 64	3.50
5	C	57 - 61	3.00
5	C-	54 - 56	2.75
4	D+	50 - 53	2.50
4	D	46 - 49	2.00
4	D-	42 - 45	1.75
3	F	28 - 41	0.00
2	F	15 - 27	0.00
1	F	0 - 14	0.00

Gr 11-12 Courses Grading Scale- IBDP Standard Level

IBDP Scale	Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
7	A	85 and above	4.00
7	A-	79 - 84	3.75
6	B+	75 - 78	3.50
6	B	71 - 74	3.00
6	B-	67 - 70	2.75
5	C+	59 - 66	2.50
5	C	52 - 58	2.00
4	C	50 - 51	2.00
4	C-	42 - 49	1.75
3	D+	38 - 41	1.50
3	D	33 - 37	1.00
3	D-	29 - 32	0.75
2	F	15 - 28	0.00
1	F	0 - 14	0.00

Gr 9-10 Courses Grading Scales - IGCSE (All subjects)

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points	Grade Points Math Higher Tier /English Language A Higher
A	89 and above	4.00	5.00
A-	83 - 88	3.75	4.75
B+	77 - 82	3.50	4.50
B	71 - 76	3.00	4.00
B-	65 - 70	2.75	3.75
C+	60 - 64	2.50	3.50
C	55 - 59	2.00	3.00
C-	50 - 54	1.75	2.75
D+	46 - 49	1.50	2.50
D	40 - 45	1.00	2.00
D-	36 - 39	0.75	1.75
F	Below 36	0.00	0.00

Gr 9- 10 Course Grading Scales - IGCSE Math Foundation (G11 & G12 2023-2024)

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
A	97 - 100	4.00
A-	94 - 96	3.75
B+	91 - 93	3.50
B	87 - 90	3.00
B-	84 - 86	2.75
C+	76 - 83	2.50
C	68 - 75	2.00
C-	60 - 67	1.75
D+	52 - 59	1.50
D	44 - 51	1.00
D-	36 - 43	0.75
F	Below 36	0.00

Gr 9 - 2022 Batch Onwards Course Grading Scales - IGCSE Math Foundation

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Points
A	96 - 100	4.00
A-	90 - 95	3.75
B+	84 - 89	3.50
B	78 - 83	3.00
B-	72 - 77	2.75
C+	66 - 71	2.50
C	60 - 65	2.00
C-	54 - 59	1.75
D+	48 - 53	1.50
D	42 - 47	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 23

There were 42 graduates in the Class of 2023

Total Full IBDP Diploma students: 1

- 2 earned more than 4.00
- 15 earned 3.50 - 3.99
- 12 earned 3.00 - 3.49
- 9 earned 2.50 – 2.99
- 2 earned 2.00 - 2.49
- 2 earned 1.50-1.99

COLLEGES, INSTITUTES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY SHGS GRADUATES

- Ahlia University, Bahrain
- Ajman University, United Arab Emirates
- Ajman University of Technology, United Arab Emirates
- AMA International University, Bahrain
- American University of Bahrain, Bahrain
- American University of Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- Applied Science University, Bahrain
- Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- Ascham Bryan College, United Kingdom
- Bacashecere University, Turkey
- Bahrain British University, Bahrain
- Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance, Bahrain
- Carleton University, Canada
- Cardiff University, United Kingdom
- Concordia University, Canada
- Egnatia Aviation- Pilot Training and Flight School, Greece
- European University, Cyprus
- Florence Design Academy, Italy
- Gemological Institute of America, Hong Kong
- Imam Abdulrahman bin Faisal University, Kingdom of Arabia Saudi
- The Inchbald School of Design, United Kingdom
- Jordan University, Jordan
- Keele University, United Kingdom
- King's College London, United Kingdom
- Kingdom University, Bahrain
- Leeds Beckett University, United Kingdom
- Leeds University, United Kingdom
- Lumina Universit  t, Romania
- University of Malaysia, Malaysia
- Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
- Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- Northumbria University, United Kingdom
- Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- Polytechnic University, Bahrain

- Prince Mohammed Bin Fahad University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Qatar University, Qatar
- Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom
- Regent's University, United Kingdom
- Richmonds University, United Kingdom
- Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Medical University of Bahrain
- Royal University for Women, Bahrain
- Ulster University, North Ireland
- United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates
- University College of Bahrain, Bahrain
- University of Bahrain, Bahrain
- University of Brighton, United Kingdom
- University of California San Diego, United States of America
- University of Leeds, United Kingdom
- University of London, United Kingdom
- University of Manchester, United Kingdom
- University of Northumbria, United Kingdom
- University of Reading, United Kingdom
- University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Webster University, Switzerland
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