



BATEEN
WORLD ACADEMY

Parent Information Pack 2025-2026



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Welcome from The Principal



Dear Families,

Welcome to Bateen World Academy! We are an inclusive and exciting school community enabling students to realise their full potential and become the best they can possibly be. We are extremely proud of our school and all it has to offer, and are pleased that you have opted to join our community.

Our globally recognised curriculum and passionate teachers provide outstanding learning opportunities that set us apart from other schools. We are a diverse community, welcoming families from all over the world and we aim to provide learning opportunities that appropriately challenge the unique needs of each child, allowing them to happily learn in a safe and caring environment.

We pride ourselves on our strong, varied educational program that challenges students to excel in their learning as they grow and develop their creativity and character. Our extensive program affords students many opportunities to engage in a wide variety of activities helping to nourish individual potential and inspire all to achieve their best.

Our curriculum is based on an adapted English National Curriculum and progresses through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) in Primary School through I/GCSE in Middle School, and culminates with the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) or the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) in Senior School.

In addition to the regular academic programme, we also provides opportunities for students to participate in a number of clubs and extracurricular activities to extend and enrich a wide variety of student interests in fun ways. Opportunities exist for students to join a number of sports teams, participate in music or drama, engage in cultural activities, as well as participate in a number of other great clubs and activities that allow students to learn new skills or develop existing ones.

We are pleased that you made the decision to join Bateen World Academy community and are excited at the prospect of learning with you.

We look forward to seeing you at school.

Thank you.

Neal Dilk

Principal, Bateen World Academy

Meet our Senior Leadership Team



Neal Dilk
Principal

Neal is from Canada and has worked in international education for more than 25 years, in schools in Canada, Korea, Japan, the Netherlands and UAE. He holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Lehigh University and Certificate in School Management and Leadership from Harvard University.

Neal has served as The Principal at BWA for 5 years and brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the field of education. With a passion for fostering academic excellence and holistic development, Neal has played a pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape at Bateen World Academy

His leadership is marked by a commitment to innovation in teaching methodologies and a student-centered approach aimed at preparing young minds for the challenges of tomorrow. He loves to see our amazing students in action, each and every day. Seeing their enthusiasm and excitement for learning, their creativity, imagination, and confidence. Under his guidance, Bateen World Academy continues to thrive as a beacon of educational excellence in Abu Dhabi.



Paul Ede
Head - Secondary

Born in London, raised in Toronto, Paul began his teaching career in Tokyo before settling in Abu Dhabi. The University of Toronto started him on his journey as a life-long learner, where he developed his craft for teaching before moving into leadership and completing a Master's degree at the University of Bath.

Paul has been working for IB World Schools for the past twenty years, with experience in teaching and leading in the Primary, Middle and Diploma Programmes. He is also a qualified school evaluator with the Council of International Schools which allows him to further his learning, working with colleagues from around the world.

When not in school, you can find him exploring the UAEs best camping spots and beaches with his family or trying to stay fit on the running and cycling tracks around Abu Dhabi.



Vanessa Keenan
Head - Primary

I am delighted to be leading this wonderful primary school and supporting teachers in implementing inquiry based learning for our children. Originally from Dublin Ireland, it has been my privilege to live in the UAE for the past 23 years with my husband and three children. I graduated from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland with a BA in Classical Civilization and Theatre Studies and hold an MA in International Education from University of Bath, UK. Currently I am undertaking a Doctorate in Education.

Over the past fifteen years I have held various roles in IB schools including Deputy Head of Primary and Early Years and PYP Coordinator. Part of this work included leading teams through IB evaluations and ADEK inspections. I am certified as a Concept Based Curriculum and Instruction Trainer and both a CIS and NEASC accreditation evaluator. This allows me to participate in school visits to support their development. I really enjoy working with schools who are committed to a progressive education and I am very happy to work with Neal and the rest of the team to ensure our children have the best possible education.







Matthew Smith
Assistant Principal
- Student Affairs

Matthew completed his degree and PGCE in the UK. He has nearly 20 years' teaching experience and has been at Bateen World Academy since 2014. His primary focus centres around leading comprehensive pastoral care and facilitating the development of students' character within the framework of the IB Learner Profile. He is also the schools Child Protection Coordinator and responsible for supporting the continued development of inclusion provision across the school.

Matthew has also completed Penta School Inspection training during his time as Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning. Presently, Matthew is in the final stages of completing his National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH), which will further enhance his leadership skills.



Penny Andrianou
Assistant Principal - Teaching,
Learning and CPD

Penny is from the United Kingdom and has 11 years of experience in international education, complemented by six years of teaching in a London school. Throughout her career, Penny has emphasized continuous learning and skill development within the education sector. This dedication motivated her to earn a Master's (MA) in Education with a specialization in Leading Innovation & Change from St. Mary's University, London. Additionally, she holds the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) and is currently pursuing her National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). Penny has always had a passion for teaching and learning and for providing students with innovative and challenging learning experiences that develop their individual strengths and passions, enabling them to continuously grow and learn.

Penny sees this as an exciting time for education, offering an opportunity to embrace rapid technological changes and provide students with the skills and knowledge to navigate an ever-changing technological world.



Sean Clarke
Assistant Principal
- Assessment and Data

I have been a member of staff at Bateen World Academy for 11 years and have thoroughly enjoyed every minute working at the school. Prior to living and working in the UAE, I worked as a PE teacher in the UK.

I have completed the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders (NPQSL) and am currently working towards completing the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers (NPQH). I believe it is vital as an educator to role model lifelong learning and to stay abreast of educational changes and reform.

I strongly believe in the power of a collaborative working environment and regard it as fundamental for continual improvement.



Tagreed Saffour
Assistant Principal -
MOE Instructions

Tagreed received her bachelor's degree from Syria and obtained her professional educational diploma from ADU. With an extensive 18 years of teaching experience in international schools.

Since joining Bateen World Academy in its founding year of 2011, Tagreed has been driven by her passion for educational advancement. This dedication impelled her to pursue a Senior Educational Leadership Diploma from QRTA, further empowering her to lead and inspire others in the field of education.

Tagreed has a great passion for developing the Arabic language, inspiring its love, deepening the National Identity among the students and making it a source of pride for them to cherish and strive to represent its value and preserve its foundations. In an environment full of life and confidence empowering them with opportunities for creativity and innovation to shape their own future.



Chris Simpson
Manager - Operations
and Support Services

Chris is from the UK, and joined Bateen World Academy at the beginning of 2024, bringing a wealth of experience gained locally and internationally through various industries, including Aviation, Logistics, Retail and Telecommunications.

Chris has an eye for detail which ensures that every student, visitor and staff member feels safe and welcome whilst in the school environment.

Working closely with our internal and external stakeholders, Chris ensures the continual evaluation of our facilities to elevate the student and parent experience.

In his spare time, Chris loves to travel and immerse himself in various cultures, having visited more than 100 countries so far.

Welcome from our parent committee - Parents as Partners

“ I have been with Bateen World Academy for just a few months but what this school has contributed to my child's life is extraordinary! The school offers students an autonomous environment where they can flourish and grow as responsible and independent individuals. At the same time, the teachers and staff offer exceptional support to students in all situations. In this conducive environment, my child is able to identify the need to face challenges and gets the right guidance to do so. I am very happy and satisfied that we chose Bateen World Academy as the education system for our son in the formative and critical years of his life. ” **-Year 10 parent**

“ I am a very satisfied Y2 parent. Although Bateen World Academy is a huge school with lots of kids in the primary area we feel cocooned. It's like a second home for our daughter. It is colorful, has a lot of space and light. Teachers and principals are lovely and approachable. Questions and problems are answered and solved immediately. The admissions team, the finance department, school nurses and all the staff are helpful and quick to respond. The inclusion team and the pastoral team are very lovely, always eager to help. There are interesting coffee mornings for parents to help us to understand how/what our kids study and how we can support them. We felt welcomed since day one, and our daughter improved a lot academically and socially just in a few months. ” **-Year 2 parent**





Parent Testimonials

“ I can't express enough how incredible Bateen World Academy is! The pastoral care provided is truly exceptional, ensuring every student feels supported and valued. The teachers are not only highly skilled but also deeply committed to nurturing each child's potential. The campus itself is stunning, with state of the art facilities that enhance the learning experience. It's no wonder the kids absolutely love it there. Bateen World Academy is more than just a school; it's a second home where children thrive and grow. ” **-Year 4 parent**

“ I am writing to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding leadership and dedication you bring to Bateen World Academy. As a parent, I am continually impressed by the positive atmosphere and high standard of education at our school. Your approachability and willingness to listen to parents' concerns with both professionalism and warmth have made a significant difference in our school community. Your open-mindedness and receptiveness to feedback create an environment where parents feel valued and heard.

Furthermore, I would like to commend Ms. Sadiya Malik for her exceptional teaching skills and positive attitude. She has not only nurtured the children's academic growth but has also instilled in them a love for learning. I have noticed a significant improvement in our children's education, thanks to her dedication and commitment to excellence. I am truly grateful to be part of such a supportive and nurturing school environment.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of all students at Bateen World Academy. Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff for their hard work and dedication. ” **-Parent**

“ We have been at Bateen World Academy for around 2 years now. My son is in year 8 and I can say he is very happy at school. We feel the school is a safe place to be at and they take issues very seriously. They have a pastoral team and always advise the students to speak to someone whenever needed. Reception and admin team are super supportive and friendly. Management and teachers are extremely approachable and always ready to help parents in any issue. Open door policy and great communication. The building and facilities are lovely. Wide and great selection of extra curriculum activities. ” **-Year 8 parent**

“ The school is a second home for my child and I believe that Bateen World Academy will ensure a bright future for her. I appreciate the method of teaching which the teachers incorporate in the school. The feedback from the parents is addressed in an effective way. Bateen World Academy has the facilities, supportive teachers and staff to help improve student's learning. ” **- FS2 parent**

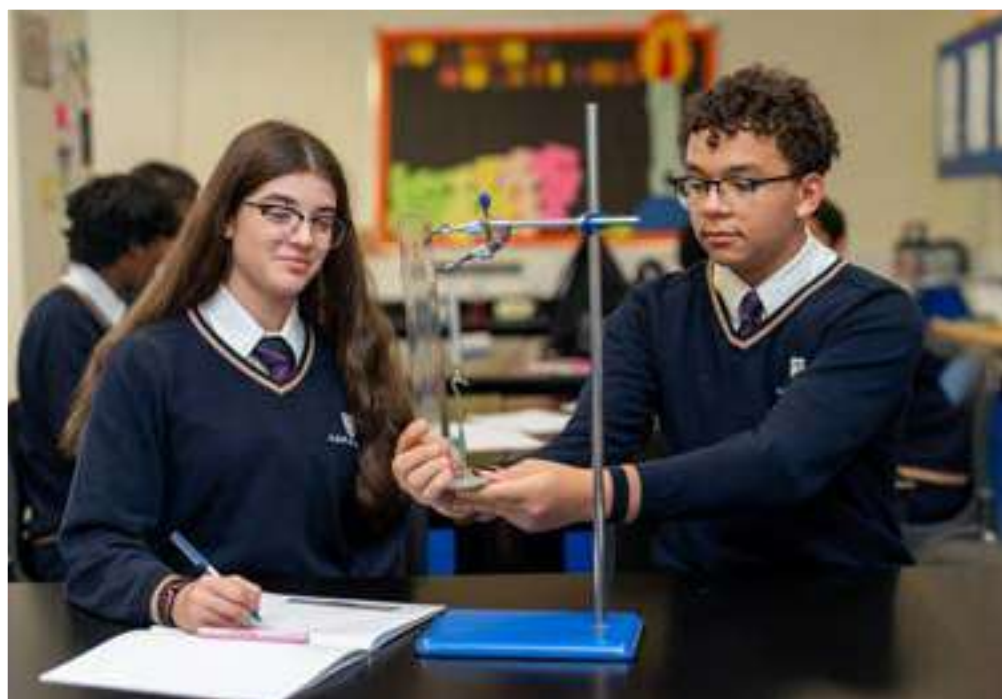
“ Bateen World Academy has been a second home to our daughter and even to us since we moved to Abu Dhabi . Alma loves being at school and I personally love being here too, such a great environment and lovely people around. I thank the team leaders for being very supportive and helpful. I highly appreciate your efforts to always answer our questions and make us, and our child feel safe and welcomed, despite your hectic and full schedules.

Alma participated in so many beneficial events here at school such the science fair and the sustainability fair. And her efforts was always highly appreciated. ” **-Year 1 parent**

“ I chose Bateen World Academy for my daughter because I was looking for a school that can fit and improve her personality and strength. I don't want a school that teaches then examines the student then gives marks, I needed a school that teaches life skills besides the other subjects.

My daughter and I are very happy in the school, from day one, we felt as part of a family and always welcomed. My daughter made many friends, and me as a mother, I feel comfortable with the school community. ”

-Year 1 parent





Student Leadership

Within the school, we have a wide variety of leadership positions open for students to apply for, if they seek further opportunities to develop their skills. Student leaders will have opportunities to develop innumerable leadership skills including responsibility, teamwork, and communication.

Some of the positions available to apply for are: Head Boy & Head Girl - primary and secondary. Student Ambassadors, Student Council, House Captains, MUN and prefects, to name but a few.



Parent Communication

We also regularly communicate with our Bateen community via LIVE Aldar app, email, Toddle and SMS. Please ensure you have given us your preferred mobile number to receive the SMS messages as we don't want you to miss a thing!

If you have any general school related questions, please feel free to contact our Parent Relations Executive on **pre@bateenworldacademy.ae**

In addition we have an active parent committee - Parents as Partners - who will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions you may have.



THE CURRICULUM

Key Stage 3 at Bateen World Academy (Years 7-9)

At Bateen World Academy, our Lower School programme offers a rich, rigorous, and future-focused curriculum designed to develop innovative and agile learners. Spanning Years 7 to 9, students engage with a broad range of subjects that foster academic excellence, creativity, and personal growth. We blend the IB philosophy with the structure of the English curriculum, ensuring both breadth and depth across disciplines.

The IGCSE Programme (Years 10-11)

The IGCSE Programme at Bateen World Academy marks an important stage in each student's academic journey, where learners begin to specialise in subjects aligned with their strengths, interests, and future aspirations. Grounded in our school vision to nurture agile and innovative learners, and guided by the IB learner profile, the IGCSE years develop independent, resilient, and globally minded students who are well-prepared for further academic pathways.

Senior School Pathways (Years 12-13)

Bateen World Academy's Senior School offers two exceptional pathways for students in Years 12 and 13: the

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP). These internationally recognised qualifications support our vision to nurture agile, innovative learners who are ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

The IBDP is a rigorous, academically challenging programme designed for students aiming to pursue university education globally. It encourages students to explore six subject groups alongside the core components of Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), which foster critical thinking, research, and holistic development.

The IBCP is tailored for students seeking a career-related focus. It combines the academic rigour of IB Diploma subjects with real-world learning through a recognised career-related study and a CP Core that includes Personal and Professional Skills, Service Learning, a Reflective Project, and Language Development. This pathway offers excellent preparation for direct employment, vocational study, or university.

With expert guidance, small class sizes, and a supportive learning environment, BWA Senior School ensures that each student is equipped to achieve their personal goals—whether they aspire to academic excellence, professional readiness, or both.



Our Curriculum

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YEAR	CURRICULUM
FS1 - Year 6	International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
Year 7 - 9	English National Curriculum
Year 10 - 11	I/GCSE
Year 12 - 13	International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme

Bateen World Academy offers a wide range of subjects and has a broad curriculum provision. Students will also follow all components of the mandatory Ministry of Education (MOE) subjects which includes Arabic, Islamic, Social Studies and Moral Education which are typically taught in Native and Non Native groups.

Life outside the classroom will be rich and varied for Bateen World Academy students. Many opportunities will be available, including soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, vocal music, baking, drawing, drama, yearbook, mathematics, French, Spanish, Quran, just to name a few. We will offer ECA's (Extra Curricular Activities) for students from FS2 to 13. The ECA's will begin in September and the timings will be communicated at the beginning of the academic year.

Please note: School bus departure times are the same every day. Parents will be required to arrange alternative pick-up on the days students take part in ECA's.



ADEK Rating



Outstanding



School Day Timings

Gates open at 7:30 am

Monday to Thursday: 7:40am - 3:00pm
Friday: 7:40am - 12:00pm



Drop off / Pick up

Each year group has a dedicated gate where they are dropped off and picked up from.

Late arrivals and pick ups must go through the main reception.



Parents entrance via all gates is only permitted with a Parent Pass. All parents will be required to wear their pass at all times whilst in the school.



Parents / Guardian Pass

STUDENT NAME	YEAR GROUP	FORM

Guardian 1		Insert Photograph
Relationship to Child		
Mobile Number		
Guardian 2		Insert Photograph
Relationship to Child		
Mobile Number		
Guardian 3		Insert Photograph
Relationship to Child		
Mobile Number		

The Parent/Guardian Pass form is available via the welcome pack. Once your pass is available to collect, you will be contacted by the reception team.



School Uniform



OPTIONAL ITEMS: Fleece Hoody, House PE Tshirt (students will be advised their house within the first 2 weeks of term), Back Pack, Sports Bag

You can purchase items online at <https://uat.magrudy.com/uniforms/aldar-albateen-academy>
Alternatively, you can visit Magrudy's store in Al Wahda Mall.

Transportation

As parents we know that your main priority is ensuring that your children get to and from school safely. Therefore, we work closely with Emirates Transport to offer a variety of routes and pick up locations across Abu Dhabi. The transportation teams have been given first aid, child protection and safety training.

If you would like to make use of the bus transportation service for your child, we are pleased to announce that registration for school transport for new students and renewal for current students can be done online through the below link or by using the below application which can be found in the AppStore for IOS users and Play Store for Android users.

<https://one.et.ae>

For any queries, please feel free to reach out to EmiratesTransport at Albateen@et.ae

The operator will then respond to collect information on your location and payment preferences.

Contact Information:

 **Coordinator: Mrs. Alya Ahmed Mousa**

 **+971 508113650**



There is a Code of Conduct in accessing the transport service. Parents who wish to use transportation are requested to support us in ensuring health & safety is adhered to by their children.



Darna Rewards

The Darna Rewards Programme is a free mobile application to earn points upon payment of tuition, or for experiences and purchases across Aldar and participating brands; the points can be then redeemed for future payments.

To apply, register through the Darna Rewards application by using the same e-mail provided to the school. Your points accrued will be then added to your account.

To redeem your points, simply email your request to **finance@bateenworldacademy.ae** and we will assist you.





Bring Your Own Apple Device

In order to support learning whilst adhering to the latest health and safety guidelines, we request all students from Year 3 to Year 13 to “Bring your own Apple device” (BYOAD).

BYOAD will ensure students are building on their increasing independence, whilst having access to their work anytime, anywhere. The innovative teaching and learning methods will be able to be transferred back to the physical classroom and ensure students continue to be able to express and engage in learning in diverse ways.

The use of Apple devices in school will be carefully planned and monitored by staff and used to enhance the learning experience. Bateen World Academy operates a secure and closed network and the full details of safe use can be found when agreeing to the terms and conditions as part of the BYOAD Policy and safety package. All students from Year 3 to Year 13 will be trained at an age appropriate level how to integrate technology into their everyday learning.

It is essential to emphasise that your child’s learning is the key focus around this initiative and there will still be a huge focus on active learning where possible as well as speaking, listening, writing and drawing and that devices will be used mainly as a tool to access resources and record learning. Students will continue to learn away from their device and our highly skilled teaching staff will plan lessons very carefully to allow for this.

To support Bateen World Academy’s status as an Apple Distinguished School, it is mandatory for students to bring an Apple device to school. The latest Apple devices offer superior battery life, faster processing power, and enhanced longevity.

LINK TO ONLINE STORE

**LINK TO PARENT
INFORMATION SESSION**



YEAR GROUPS

RECOMMENDED DEVICE

Year 3-6

iPad with keyboard
(9th Gen or later, iPad Air or Pro 4th Gen or later)

Year 7-9

iPad with keyboard
(9th Gen or later, iPad Air or Pro 4th Gen or later)

Year 10-13

MacBook M1-M3 or Pro

Nutrition / Catering

Food Nation LLC. was established in 2016 to and the aim was to provide nutritious, innovative food offerings bursting with flavor to schools across the UAE. Food Nation uses only quality raw products and all products are made from scratch, ingredients are non-processed, additive free and use healthy fats over trans-fats that are found in many processed foods.

Food Nations, 'Eat Bright' programme creates products with specifically targeted nutrients to improve academic performance; ensuring essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals, proteins and healthy fats are included in our meals. Use of clever food combining and alternative cooking techniques results in delicious foods, packed with "hidden goodness", which children love.

Food served in our cafeterias, and menus are rotated on a three weekly basis to ensure variety and a balanced nutritious programme. Payment can be made via payment cards or online.

Simply download the Spare App from App Store/Google Play for Easy to order and pay options:

Years 1 & 2 Via a 'To the Class' delivery service by Food Nation.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 From the Food Nation Kiosk in the Upper Primary area during 1st and 2nd break.

****Note:** Pre-ordered food is to be collected at the Kiosk

Years 7-13 Available at the Food Nation Counter in the Canteen





Payment Information

To pay tuition fees, you can either pay via a bank transfer or cheque.

Please note that when you make a direct deposit to our bank account, we do not necessarily recognise your payment unless you provide us the bank deposit slip. Kindly send a copy of the bank deposit receipt to the following email finance@bateenworldacademy.ae immediately, so we can allocate funds accordingly and send you a confirmation receipt.

For online transfer, please see the below bank details.

Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
Bank Branch: Abu Dhabi Main Branch, P.O Box 2934 Abu Dhabi
Account Name: Aldar Academies-AlBateen S.LLC-BR4
Account Number: 10482902020005
IBAN: AE720030010482902020005
Swift Code: ADCBAEAA



School Fees Cashless Payment Options

Dear Parents

We are writing to notify you about a change in the school's policy regarding tuition fee payments.

To help collect payments in an efficient and streamlined manner and provide convenience to both yourselves and our school teams, we will no longer be accepting any cash transactions for your child's school fees.

Below are the payment options now available to you:

- **Bank Transfer** - Please include the Student Codes and Invoice References in the payment description fields and please send an email confirmation of the payment to the school's finance email address.
- **Cheques** - Please put these in a sealed envelope with the Student Codes and Invoice References on the reverse of the cheque and submit it via the dedicated drop box placed at the school premises. Upon clearance of the cheque, a receipt will be issued to the registered email address within 3 working days.
- **'Payit'** mobile phone application - the UAE's first all-in-one digital wallet by First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) and available for download for free on iOS and Android devices.

The school will not be able to accept credit or debit card transactions.

We believe this change will benefit how our schools operate more efficiently to serve you and help reduce the need for handling or transporting cash.

For ease, invoices will be shared to your registered email address and will be available on the parent portal. We would kindly ask that fees are paid by the due date mentioned on the invoice.

We are here to help you however we can, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's finance team.

Kind Regards

Aldar Education – Finance

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Key Contacts

- **Attendance**
Attendance@bateenworldacademy.ae
- **Main Reception**
reception@bateenworldacademy.ae
- **Primary Reception**
primaryreception@bateenworldacademy.ae
- **Finance**
finance@albateenacademy.sch.ae
- **Admissions**
admissions@bateenworldacademy.ae
- **Registrar**
registrar@albateenacademy.sch.ae
- **Parent Relations Executive**
pre@bateenworldacademy.ae





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you'll have everything
you need at your
fingertips:**



STORE ACCESS

Navigate easily to partner stores like Food Nation and Magrudy from the dashboard.



TIMETABLE VIEW

Check your child's daily and weekly schedule via the calendar section.



TERM TIME MANAGEMENT

View term reports and attendance records to keep track of your child's academic progress.



NOTIFICATIONS

Get real-time updates on activities such as announcements, pending payments, completed transactions, and new request submissions etc.



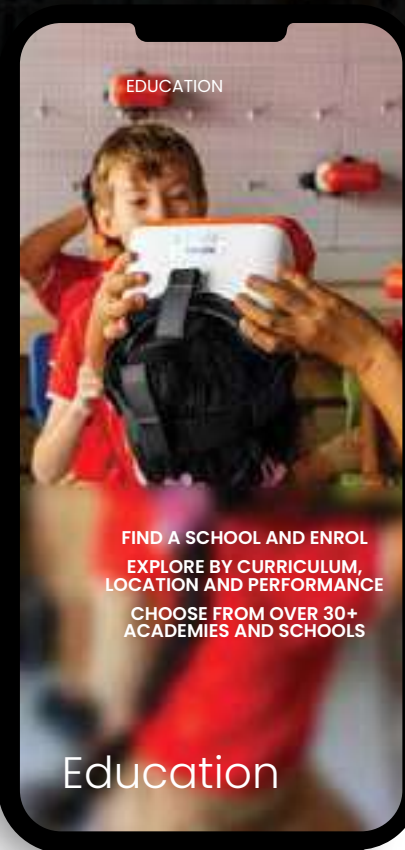
FEEDBACK SUBMISSION

Provide feedback under various categories to help improve services.



SEAMLESS PAYMENTS

Pay school fees securely and track your transaction history through the integrated wallet.





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