



Aldenham Prep School Muscat

Aldenham Prep School Muscat – The Opportunity for International Education

Oman is committed to education. There has been rapid reform over the last 30 years and Oman has been keen to ensure that its own people can be educated enough to staff the labour market in a way contrary to other gulf states who often rely on expatriates. Although the Omani education system itself has made huge strides, there is welcome for international education from private providers specifically to give choice and additional quality to the local Omani population in addition to the expatriate community.

There are many International Schools in Muscat, delivering a range of curriculums. However, although some of these schools themselves are reasonably well established, there are no long established UK Independent Schools present, and as such, Aldenham is bringing something completely different by offering the same quality education it has been providing for so long in the UK. Please note also that this is not a franchise or license where the School is Aldenham in name only. The connection between Aldenham Prep School Muscat and the UK Foundation will be strong and the support provided by the UK HQ will make this a very strong offer in Muscat.

Aldenham Prep School Muscat will be established in a prime location close to Qurum Park, Muscat. This highly sought after area will provide us with the chance to provide convenient and attentive coeducational education for children from Reception to Year 5. (In Oman, the first cycle of the basic education phase is described as KG1-4 and mirrors these years, so although it is unusual to end at Year 5 in a UK school, it is not unusual in Oman for a Prep School to end at this point. Clearly in larger schools which run all through to UK Year 13, the division would more naturally end after Year 6). The Aldenham Education Group plans to open another K-12 (Reception to Year 13) school in Muscat and Aldenham Prep School Muscat will be a natural feeder for this.

Aldenham knows that what it offers will be extremely attractive in Oman, as one of the key areas of Educational Reform in Oman is the desire to prepare young people for the real world. The Aldenham Foundation ethos with its holistic education is ideally suited for this.



Aldenham Prep School Muscat – The Aims of the School

The School will be able to provide an education based on the UK primary curriculum with appropriate local provision of Arabic and Islamic Moral education as required under our licence from the Ministry of Education. The main curriculum will be delivered in English. The School will be offering parents the same quality of education which is so desirable and seen in the Aldenham Prep School based on our main school site in Hertfordshire, UK.

The key aims of Aldenham Prep School in the UK will form the basis of the key aims for Aldenham Prep School Muscat. The Principal will be able to use the success of Aldenham's primary curriculum in the UK to apply to children in Oman:

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- *To encourage a love of learning in order to aspire to academic excellence, and a broad education for all pupils*
 - *To foster good relationships and partnership between staff, pupils, parents and the wider community*
 - *To ensure that each individual pupil is nurtured and encouraged to make the most of their own special talents*
 - *To emphasise the importance of the social, moral and spiritual dimensions of community life in a modern society*
 - *To provide a well-planned, well organised environment giving children rich and stimulating experiences*
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The School Principal will be able to establish for the children of the new school a sense of values and an approach to education which is welcoming and highly attractive. The school will be international in outlook whilst grounded in UK educational programmes which are so highly regarded across the world. The new Principal will be responsible for establishing this programme in close collaboration with the Aldenham team in the UK and will be able to benefit from a programme of induction at the Aldenham UK site in the summer of 2020.

Aldenham Prep School Muscat – Governance and Local Compliance

The Aldenham Education Group will support the new Principal in meeting the compliance needs of the local and national authorities in Oman. We have strong links with the Ministry of Education in Oman and aim to appoint experienced administrative staff who can manage necessary liaison in this regard.

The Principal and staff team will report directly to the Aldenham Education Group. There will also be a separate advisory group of Governors which will contain members from the Aldenham Foundation and others more locally to the School who will act as critical friends and will be on hand to support the Principal as the school grows.



Aldenham Prep School Muscat – The Project to Date

There will be one class of around 25 children for each year group (Reception to Year 5) and the children will be educated in a superbly modernised facility over three floors. The creative conversion and extension of an existing building will be completed by early 2020 and the School will open its doors to pupils in all years from September 2020. Some design renderings are below.

