

Beech Hall School Riyadh (BHSR) – Deputy Head Teacher (Arabic and Islamic Studies)

The Deputy Head (Arabic and Islamic) will hold a key role on the Leadership Team and will work in conjunction with the Executive Principal and Heads of School to support a clear strategy that sits alongside the ethos of the whole school. The post holder will offer visionary leadership and play a crucial role in the day to day management of the educational offering in the school, as well as offering wider support to the team.

They will ensure that the Arabic and Islamic Studies curriculum and timetable is well planned, covering all areas of the specifications from the Ministry of Education. The post-holder will also be responsible for leading on the staffing of this department thus providing adequate teaching resource for the timetable.

Accountability

- Line managed by the Executive Principal

Core responsibilities:

Vision – support and promote the vision, purpose and education strategy for the school and work in partnership with the leadership, students, staff and parents, as well as Chatsworth Schools. Ensure that the systems and processes are in place for this vision to come to fruition.

Culture – support a culture where every individual is valued, and their opinion sought and where it is the norm to work collaboratively. Ensure that all those involved in BHSR are committed to its values and aims, motivated to achieve them, and involved in meeting long, medium, and short-term objectives and targets which secure the educational success of the school and happiness of the students. Ensure the students' wellbeing is nourished from the Early Years onwards through excellent pastoral leadership.

Development Plan – support the creation of a plan that will support the school through the initial start-up phase into a period of embedding and developing best practice, securing continuous school improvement. This will also see the post holder taking on responsibility for specific aspects of the SDP, in agreement with the Executive Principal.

Learning and Teaching – ensure that the Arabic and Islamic curriculum being taught is broad, holistic and sequential, and that all requisite components are planned for and delivered to the highest standard.

- Work in conjunction with the Leadership Team to develop the curriculum and approach in seniors bringing together the Beech Hall School Riyadh Tapestry and the IEYC, IPC, IMYC, American Curriculum and IB, alongside the MoE curriculum for Arabic and Islamic Studies

- Support the development of a pedagogical approach that is future-facing, incorporating the following areas of the BHSR Tapestry in all aspects of the school day:
 - BHSR Mindset
 - BHSR Health and Wellbeing
 - BHSR Digital Literacy
 - BHSR Global
 - BHSR Sustainable Leadership
 - BHSR Entrepreneurs

- Support a CPD programme that supports all staff to teach effectively in line with best practice internationally, and one that ties in with the ethos and vision of the educational model at BHSR
- Develop the CPD programme for the Arabic and Islamic team, ensuring that staff are able to deliver lessons which are based on academic research and best practice in line with the school's learning and teaching handbook
- Lead on systems for quality assurance for Arabic and Islamic lessons that are measurable and that lead to growth and development in a collegiate and supportive manner. This must sit in conjunction with the monitoring of the rest of the school's curriculum
- Oversee the school assessment of Arabic and Islamic, ensuring that all assessments are carried out in an organised manner, and that all materials are available. Ensure any external assessment is carried out in the correct conditions
- Create a culture of aspiration, ensuring that there is ample challenge and ambition for every child
- Lead on the school's wider appreciation and understanding of Arabic culture, and Saudi culture, ensuring that this is celebrated clearly and widely
- Deliver excellent lessons themselves

Pupil wellbeing – support the implementation of effective pastoral care programmes to enhance the well-being and personal development of students

- Contribute to a monitoring system for pastoral matters and review regularly looking for patterns
- Promote a safe and inclusive learning environment, fostering positive relationships between students, staff and parents. Ensure a high level of provision for the pastoral needs and well-being of every pupil
- Provide guidance and support to students in their personal and academic growth

Inclusion – working with the Director of Inclusion, nurture a climate that is fully inclusive, celebrating the strengths, habits, and skills of every child, including those with specialist learning needs. Regardless of need or challenge, every child will be a valued and included member of the learning community.

- Work alongside the Director of Inclusion in delivering outstanding provision for pupils with special educational needs, and support teaching staff in delivering an immersive and inclusive education for every child, in a tailored way

Links with stakeholders – ensure effective communications with all members of the school community including:

- Support the effective and timely communication systems between home and school
- Attend meetings as appropriate with the board and provide reports as required
- Promote the school at key marketing events within Saudi Arabia and beyond, to support the marketing and admissions function of the school

Operational Leadership:

- Lead on all aspects of the school licensing process with all Saudi Ministries and Governmental Offices, ensuring the school meets all compliance matters and meets all licensing requirements in a timely manner
- Lead on the school's relationship with the Ministry of Education and RCRC, ensuring that the school is always compliant and always meeting the needs and requirements of both parties
- Lead on the school's SEF process as required by RCRC and the MoE
- Oversee and update the staffing matrix to ensure that Arabic and Islamic lessons are taught by specialists and that all staff have the right number of teaching periods, planning periods and other school duties. This includes for Arabic for native speakers and non-native speakers
- Ensure that all relevant learning and teaching and pastoral policies and procedures pertaining are fit for purpose and embedded in a clear and consistent way

Staffing recruitment and management

- Contributing to recruitment through contributing to interviews and observations
- Using the staffing matrix to plan staffing in an organised and proactive manner, in liaison with the senior leadership team
- Ensuring safeguarding policies are followed

- Devising and delivering a robust induction for all senior staff
- Line managing certain staff at Beech Hall School Riyadh as appropriate

Collaboration - Engage closely with peers in the region to establish best-in-class quality/standards befitting of the school's name. Develop & maintain solid, lasting relationships with the regulators, the Board and the School's Operator.

This job description does not constitute a complete description of duties. The post holder will carry out the professional duties of a teacher, and may be required to undertake other duties as reasonably requested by the Executive Principal.

Person Specification

The successful candidate for Deputy Head is likely to fit the following profile:

Skills and Knowledge Requirements

- Deep understanding and experience of the challenges and demands of leadership in an all-through, international educational setting
- Experienced senior practitioner and leader
- Experience of leading Arabic and Islamic Studies at a whole school level
- Demonstrable experience of developing and leading high performing teams
- Recognised academic and intellectual credentials
- An intellectual enthusiasm for wider educational developments, particularly with relation to developments in technology supporting academic outcomes and effective teaching & learning.
- Capable, strategic and involved in social media to help promote and market the school
- A willingness to learn and develop, remaining ahead of the curve with regards to pedagogy and research
- Good awareness of the cultural and operational challenges of managing a school in the Middle East or an international context.
- Cultural sensitivity and the ability to relate to parents, pupils, and stakeholders of the school from a wide variety of countries and cultural backgrounds
- A keen supporter of inclusive education



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