





**BLOOM WORLD
ACADEMY**

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Context and Overview

Bloom World Academy (BWA), founded in August 2022 by Bloom Education is a co-educational school, providing world class programmes and facilities to a culturally diverse student community aged 18 months to 18 years old.

In its first year of operation, BWA is catering to admissions from Pre-KG to Grade 9, adding a Nursery programme and Grade 10 the following Academic Year 2023/24. Additional grade levels will be added each year thereafter until the full range of Nursery to Grade 12 is offered commencing Academic Year 2025/26.

The school is an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate school, offering the continuum of IB Programmes; Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP).

Mission

In the spirit of 'First, Best or Different' (Primo, Optimus, Diversum) our mission is to help nurture our truly international, inclusive, community of students as responsible and contributing citizens of the planet by encouraging fairness, altruism, intellectual curiosity, self-care, a passion for lifelong and life-changing learning, while ensuring they are equipped with the emotional and practical skills to help navigate through an ever-changing world.

Vision

To develop a world-class school like no other. A school which challenges stereotypes and convention to always create and deliver – through respect and support of the individual, the most equitable, holistic, potential fulfilling educational experience.

Eligibility

Admissions to Bloom World Academy is open to students of all nationalities and backgrounds who demonstrate the ability to access and benefit from the challenging International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes offered by the school.



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Age Requirements and Grade Level Placement

Bloom World Academy places students in age-appropriate grade levels in accordance with Ministry of Education and KHDA regulations. Refer to the table below as a guideline for appropriate grade level placements for academic year 2022-23.

Date of Birth for entry into 2022/23	Age Range	IB Curriculum (BWA)	American Curriculum	British Curriculum
01/09/2018 – 31/08/2019	3-4	Pre-K	Pre-K	FS1
01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018	4-5	KG1	KG1	FS2
01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017	5-6	KG2	KG2	Year 1
01/09/2015 – 31/08/2016	6-7	Grade 1	Grade 1	Year 2
01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015	7-8	Grade 2	Grade 2	Year 3
01/09/2013 – 31/08/2014	8-9	Grade 3	Grade 3	Year 4
01/09/2012 – 31/08/2013	9-10	Grade 4	Grade 4	Year 5
01/09/2011 – 31/08/2012	10-11	Grade 5	Grade 5	Year 6
01/09/2010 – 31/08/2011	11-12	Grade 6	Grade 6	Year 7
01/09/2009 – 31/08/2010	12-13	Grade 7	Grade 7	Year 8
01/09/2008 – 31/08/2009	13-14	Grade 8	Grade 8	Year 9
01/09/2007 – 31/08/2008	14-15	Grade 9	Grade 9	Year 10
01/09/2006 – 31/08/2007	15-16	Grade 10	Grade 10	Year 11
01/09/2005 – 31/08/2006	16-17	Grade 11	Grade 11	Year 12



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Date of Birth for entry into 2022/23	Age Range	IB Curriculum (BWA)	American Curriculum	British Curriculum
01/09/2004 – 31/08/2005	17-18	Grade 12	Grade 12	Year 13

Refer to the table below as a guideline for appropriate grade level placements for academic year 2023-24.

Date of Birth for entry into 2023/24	Age Range (years)	IB Curriculum (BWA)	American Curriculum	British Curriculum
01/09/2020 – 01/03/2022	18 months - 3 years	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
01/09/2019 – 31/08/2020	3-4	Pre-K	Pre-K	FS1
01/09/2018 – 31/08/2019	4-5	KG1	KG1	FS2
01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018	5-6	KG2	KG2	Year 1
01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017	6-7	Grade 1	Grade 1	Year 2
01/09/2015 – 31/08/2016	7-8	Grade 2	Grade 2	Year 3
01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015	8-9	Grade 3	Grade 3	Year 4
01/09/2013 – 31/08/2014	9-10	Grade 4	Grade 4	Year 5
01/09/2012 – 31/08/2013	10-11	Grade 5	Grade 5	Year 6
01/09/2011 – 31/08/2012	11-12	Grade 6	Grade 6	Year 7
01/09/2010 – 31/08/2011	12-13	Grade 7	Grade 7	Year 8
01/09/2009 – 31/08/2010	13-14	Grade 8	Grade 8	Year 9



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Date of Birth for entry into 2023/24	Age Range (years)	IB Curriculum (BWA)	American Curriculum	British Curriculum
01/09/2008 – 31/08/2009	14-15	Grade 9	Grade 9	Year 10
01/09/2007 – 31/08/2008	15-16	Grade 10	Grade 10	Year 11
01/09/2006 – 31/08/2007	16-17	Grade 11	Grade 11	Year 12
01/09/2005 – 31/08/2006	17-18	Grade 12	Grade 12	Year 13

In accordance with Ministry of Education and KHDA regulations, please note the following:

Students who have no previous schooling (Nursery – Grade 1)

Younger students who are just starting school are required to be placed according to their age (see table above).

Students transferring from a school within the UAE

All students will be placed as per their promotion grade as indicated on their previous school's Transfer Certificate.

Students transferring from outside of the UAE

- Younger students from Nursery to Grade 1 are required to be placed according to their age (see table above) regardless of if they have attended school previously.
- Grade 2 and above students will be placed as per their promotion grade as indicated on their previous school's Transfer Certificate.

Primo Programme – Independence Expectations

Upon entering our Primo Programme (Pre-K – KG2), a child is expected to be ready to participate fully during the day and in all aspects of the curriculum. In order to support a child's learning, we encourage independence, including the ability to separate from caregivers and parents each morning. A child is also expected to take care of his/her own personal needs independently such as using the toilet, eating, changing clothes for swimming, and monitoring personal belongings.



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Transfer Certificate Requirements

In order to comply with the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) regulations, all students must submit a Transfer Certificate (TC) from their previous school (see table below). A colour copy must be submitted prior to the first day of attendance. The TC can be submitted in English or Arabic. The TC needs to be completed on the school's official letterhead paper, signed by the school Principal and stamped.

Please refer to the below table for clarification on the required attestation from your home country.

Location	Attestation required KHDA
New to school (Nursery – Grade 1 entry)	No TC required
Transferring from Nursery (Nursery – Grade 1 entry)	No TC required
Another school in Dubai (All Grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KHDA TC with school stamp required
School in another Emirate of the UAE (All Grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC with school Principal's signature and school stamp required (TC must be in Arabic) • Signed and stamped by the Ministry of Education in current Emirate
GCC Countries (Grade 2 onwards only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC with school Principal's signature and school stamp on school letterhead • Attestation from Ministry of Education in current school's country as well as UAE Embassy in current school's country
Middle East (excluding the UAE & GCC countries) South and Central America Asia Former Russian States Eastern Europe Africa New Zealand (Grade 2 onwards only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC with school Principal's signature and school stamp on school letterhead • Attestation from Ministry of Education in current school's location as well as UAE Embassy in current school's location <u>or</u> UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dubai and country's Embassy in Dubai/Abu Dhabi



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Western Europe Australia Canada North America (Grade 2 onwards only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TC with school Principal's signature and school stamp on school letterhead
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If your child's current school follows the Academic Year September – June, the TC must clearly state that your child has successfully completed the current grade level, and been promoted to the next grade level for Academic Year of entry at BWA.

If your child's current school follows the Academic Year January – December or April – March, the TC must clearly state your child's current grade level at the time of transferring to BWA.

Ministry of Education Grade Equivalency Requirements (Grades 9 – 12 only)

Students transferring schools **from a different Curriculum within the UAE** to join Grades 9 to 12 must seek approval from the UAE Ministry of Education (MOE) **prior** to starting school. In order to ensure students receive equivalency certificates when transferring between Curricula, parents are required to complete the following steps:

Step 1: Parents must attest their child's end-of-year report/s from the education authority their child's previous school follows (from KHDA if they are transferring from a private school in Dubai, ADEK if they are transferring from a school in Abu Dhabi etc). Attestation is required for all end-of-year reports from Grade 9 onwards. For students new to Grade 9, attestation is only required for the Grade 8 end-of-year report. *Attestation from Dubai schools can be completed online using the DUBAINOW App [here](#).

Step 2: Parents must complete the equivalency via the MoE website ([here](#)) through the attestation service option, by uploading the attested end-of-year report/s and any other documents required as per the site.



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Arabic Language Requirements

All students from Grades 1-9 are required to learn Arabic as per the UAE Ministry of Education by-laws. Classes are differentiated for native and non-native speakers and the programmes incorporate the Ministry for Education syllabus within the curriculum. BWA believes that an early start in Arabic is beneficial and therefore begins its Arabic instruction in Pre-K.

As an additional requirement, students who are registered with a **passport from one of the Arab countries listed below** are required by law to attend Arabic A for native speakers until the end of Grade 12. Students who are not fluent in Arabic and are from an identified Arabic country may register for Arabic B after KHDA approval.

UAE, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Syria, Bahrain, Iraq, Yemen, Oman, Mauritania, Libya, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti and Union of Comoros.

Islamic Education Requirements

In accordance with the UAE Ministry of Education by-laws, students who are Muslim (as identified on their passport or during the KHDA registration process via the 'religion' option) must take Islamic Education from Grade 1 to the end of Grade 12. The Islamic A and B courses incorporate the Ministry of Education syllabus for Islamic Education within the curriculum.

English Language Proficiency Requirements

As per the School's admissions philosophy, admissions are open to students of all nationalities and educational backgrounds, regardless of English proficiency level up to Grade 8. From Grade 9 onwards, BWA expects students to be able to communicate in English at least at level CERF A2 level and in Grade 10 and above at CERFL B2 level.

Students whose first language is not English are expected to display commitment to prioritising their development of English upon joining BWA. These students will be formally supported in learning English for them to access and benefit from the challenging international curriculum offered by the school. Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme is taught by English language experts.

Students from Primo requiring English support will be recommended to participate in the Integra



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learning support program for English as an Additional Language for 2 or 4 lessons a week of 40 minutes each.

Students of Determination

We believe that every student has potential and distinct, unique strengths and skills. Our goal is to nurture that potential to help our students learn and grow.

We do this through a customised curriculum, providing an individualised and tailored programme of learning, identified through our robust and comprehensive assessment of students' skills, knowledge, interests, and development areas.

We recognise that students have learning differences and, through individual evaluations, we seek to understand and address these differences. We work collaboratively with students and their families to recognise and remove barriers, which may at times impact their achievement, participation and learning.

Our dedicated Integra Programme supports students who may have an imbalance in their academic performance, either struggling in a subject or needing accelerated programming, as well as those who need support in developing their study or self-organisation skills. The Integra Programme also includes specialists who provide targeted support to students for whom English is an additional language. It is our goal that all of our students have access to the additional support they need within the core school day, thereby reducing the burden on parents to seek external tutoring support.

In terms of external IB MYP or IB DP examinations, appropriate access arrangements are made in line with IB regulations in order to ensure that all students registered for examinations are supported according to their needs. Inclusive access arrangements can range from providing additional time, separate examination rooms, readers or scribes.

Supporting Every Learner's Needs

BWA takes pride in being a fully inclusive school which focuses on understanding each and every learner, whether be their personal strengths, ambitions, hobbies or specific learning needs. During the Admissions process, we liaise closely with our new joining parents, the student and the previous



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educational provider to gain a full picture of how best we can support the student prior to joining BWA.

To ensure your son/daughter has a smooth transition into BWA the following information can be very helpful for our team to understand how best to support your learner's needs.

- Any medical, psychological or educational assessments/reports that will help the school in supporting and meeting your child's needs. Such materials are helpful in enabling us to provide the best education for your child.
- If you suspect any learning difficulties or challenges, which have not been formally identified, and you believe would be helpful for us to know, kindly notify the Admissions Manager.
- After enrolment, any notable learning concerns within the first month of learning may indicate further internal or external specialist assessments to be conducted in order to further identify and overcome any barriers to learning.

BWA commits to the implementation of the KHDA Inclusion guidelines, which provides an equal pathway for entry, for every child, regardless of their profile.

Class Size and Adult to Student Ratio

The current class sizes and adult to student ratio are as follows, however they are subject to review depending on the requirements of the school, and may vary slightly depending on enrolment and Personal Pathway choices:

Early Excellence Centre (Nursery)

- Maximum 15 Students, 1 Teacher, 2 Teaching Assistants (TA)

Primo (Pre-KG)

- Maximum 16 Students, 1 Teacher, 1 Teaching Assistants (TA)



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Primo (KG1 – KG2)

- Maximum 20 Students, 1 Teacher, 1 Teaching Assistants (TA)

Lower Junior School (Grades 1 – 2)

- Maximum 24 Students, 1 Teacher, 1 Teaching Assistant (TA)

Upper Junior School (Grades 3 – 5)

- Maximum 24 Students, 1 Teacher, Rotational Teaching Assistants

Senior School (Grades 6 – 12)

- Maximum 24 Students, 1 Teacher

Step-by-Step Admissions Procedure

STEP 1:

To begin the application process, please complete the Bloom World Academy online application form [here](#).

STEP 2:

To complete the application process, an Application Fee of AED 525/student (non-refundable, non-transferrable and non-deductible) along with the documentation listed below needs to be submitted to the Admissions team. The application fee may be remitted via the payment link on the application form by debit/credit card, [by bank transfer](#) or in person through our Accounts Department by debit/credit card, cheque, or cash.

The following documents are to be submitted [here](#) at the initial registration stage (all documents should be in colour and submitted in .pdf format):

- Copy of the student's passport
- Copies of father/mother/guardian passports
- Progress reports (in English) from the last two years including most recent term/semester report (Nursery reports for Nursery – KG2 applicants if applicable).



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Reports requiring translation to English must be stamped and signed as official translation.

- Copy of any recent standardised assessments i.e. MAP or CAT4 (if available)
- Reports of any previously identified special educational needs including individual education plans, educational psychologist reports or other relevant therapist reports (if applicable)

Documents to be submitted **after** a student has been accepted and enrolled (if not readily available at the time of application):

- Copy of student's Emirates ID card (both sides)
- Copies of father/mother/guardian Emirates ID cards (both sides)
- Copies of passport-size photographs of student and father/mother/guardian
- Copy of student's immunisation records (since birth)
- Transfer Certificate (if applicable)

STEP 3:

To ensure we meet all students prior to reviewing their applications, one of the following grade-wise playdates/assessments/interviews need to be scheduled, either onsite or virtually:

- **Nursery – KG2 applicants:** an onsite playdate in one of our Primo classrooms needs to be completed (approximately 20-30 minutes)
- **Grade 1 – 10 applicants:** an onsite CAT4 assessment needs to be completed (approximately 1.5 hours)
- **Grade 6 – 10 applicants:** an onsite or virtual interview needs to be completed with a member of our Senior Leadership Team (approximately 20-30 minutes) as well as an onsite CAT4 assessment (approximately 1.5 hours)
- **Grade 11 applicants:** an onsite or virtual interview needs to be completed with a member of our Senior Leadership Team (approximately 20-30 minutes) as well as an onsite CAT4 assessment (approximately 1.5 hours), a creative writing sample (approximately 20-30 minutes), and completion of a student questionnaire (approximately 20-30 minutes).
- **Grade 12 applicants:** it is unusual to be able to accept candidates in Grade 12 as the subject combinations need to correspond to the student's previous IB programme. However, if this is the case and the candidate satisfies admission requirements, an offer to join the CP or DP can be made.



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STEP 4:

Once the above steps have been completed, the student's application is sent to the Admissions Committee for review and a decision will be communicated to the family within 48 hours.

Students granted a place at Bloom World Academy will be required to secure their seat through the payment of a registration fee of AED 4,000/student. This deposit is payable within 7 days of the date of the offer letter and is non-refundable. The deposit will automatically be offset against the annual tuition fees.

STEP 5:

Prior to their first day of school, your child will be invited to attend a session at the school to give them an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their class and their teachers, as well as provide us with the opportunity to get to know your child and to commence the customisation of their Learning Achievement Passport (LAP).

Decisions on Admissions and Placements

Offers of admission are at the discretion of the Principal and Vice Principals. When considering an application, a holistic view of the child is taken into account, including review of academic records, behaviour records, recommendations from previous schools, involvement in extracurricular activities, community service work and attitudes towards learning.

Admission is offered to students who:

- Have potential to achieve academic success in the curriculum of Bloom World Academy;
- Embody the attributes of the IB Learner Profile;
- Will contribute positively to the Bloom World Academy Community;
- Have parents with an understanding or a desire to be part of an international education; and
- Have parents who are supportive of the School's mission and philosophy and agree to the Parent Code of Conduct



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Admission requirements to join the Diploma and Career-related Programme for internal and external candidates:

Grade 11 DP Entrance Requirements

Overall, in order to access the DP curriculum:

- MYP candidates require MYP Grades 5+ in at least 5 subjects including English, Maths and Science
- MYP candidates require grades 5+ for study at DP Standard Level
- MYP candidates require grades 6+ for study at DP Higher Level
- GCSE candidates require GCSE grades 6 to 9 in at least 5 subjects including English, Maths and Science
- IGCSE candidates require IGCSE grades 6 to 9 in at least 5 subjects including English, Maths and Science
- Other candidates require at least grade 5 in BWA entrance assessments

The selection process is holistic and based on the school's discretion. It takes into consideration the candidates' general aptitude, ambition, approaches to learning and contribution to the school community as a whole. The candidates' open- and international mindedness as well as their interpersonal skills play an equally important role.

Grade 11 CP Entrance Requirements

Overall, in order to access the CP curriculum:

- MYP candidates require MYP grades 4 in at least 5 subjects including English, Maths and Science
- MYP candidates also require a grade 5+ in their 2-4 DP subjects at SL
- MYP candidates would also need grades 6+ for study at DP Higher Level, should they wish to do so
- Candidates need to express a passion for their selection of BTEC subject and preferably have some experience in this vocational subject
- In order to achieve equivalency to study at tertiary education in the UAE, it is crucial to consult the most recent decree of the Ministry of Education.



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Terms and Conditions

Documentation

Bloom World Academy can only accept applications with all of the required supporting documentation. New students to Bloom World Academy who are unable to be registered with the KHDA due to incomplete documentation could be fined by the KHDA. Bloom World Academy will not be responsible for any such fines imposed by the KHDA.

Application Fee

A one-time non-refundable/non-transferable application fee of AED 525 inclusive of VAT is payable at the time of application.

Registration Deposit

A school may charge up to 10% of the student's annual tuition fees as a registration fee to confirm that selected students will opt to take up the offered places. This fee should be deducted from the total tuition fees for the academic year in which admission is being sought.

Tuition Fees

Parents are required to pay the balance of the first term fees at least one month before the beginning of the academic year and hand in post-dated cheques/credit card authorisation forms for the subsequent term/s.



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Grade	KHDA Approved Fees	Founders Discounted Tuition Fees (22/23)	Discounted Tuition Fees (23/24)
Pre-K	AED 50,000	AED 40,000	AED 40,500
KG1	AED 53,000	AED 47,000	AED 49,500
KG2	AED 55,000	AED 50,000	AED 53,000
Grade 1	AED 60,000	AED 55,000	AED 58,000
Grade 2	AED 60,000	AED 55,000	AED 58,000
Grade 3	AED 60,000	AED 55,000	AED 58,000
Grade 4	AED 60,000	AED 55,000	AED 58,000
Grade 5	AED 60,000	AED 55,000	AED 58,000
Grade 6	AED 70,000	AED 64,000	AED 67,000
Grade 7	AED 75,000	AED 67,000	AED 71,000
Grade 8	AED 75,000	AED 67,000	AED 71,000
Grade 9	AED 78,000	AED 72,000	AED 75,000
Grade 10	AED 78,000	-	AED 75,000
Grade 11*	-	-	-
Grade 12*	-	-	-

*Grade 11 to be offered from Academic Year 2024/25 – tuition fee pending KHDA approval

*Grade 12 to be offered from Academic Year 2025/26 – tuition fee pending KHDA approval

Non-Payment of Fees

In line with Ministry of Education and KHDA regulations, non-payment of tuition fees within set payment deadlines may result in:

- Withholding of the student's school reports, references, and/or examination results
- Temporary or permanent expulsion or exclusion from the School

Existing Students/Re-Registration Fee

A school may charge up to 5% of the student's annual tuition fees as a re-registration deposit to confirm the return of existing students in the new academic year. This deposit will be deducted from the total tuition fees for the following academic year. The School will advise of the amount and due date. Re-registration for continuing students will not be accepted unless all outstanding fees due have been paid in full, and KHDA registration requirements have been completed.



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Sibling Discounts

We offer families with two or more children a sibling discount of 5%. Sibling discounts are applicable on the Founders Fees for 2022/23 and 2023/24 entry, and may not be used in conjunction with any other discounts.

Child	Sibling Discount
Eldest child	0%
Second child and above	5% discount on tuition fees, for duration of the child's enrolment at school

**Sibling discounts will continue for younger family members after their elder siblings have graduated.*

Tuition Fee Refund

In accordance with the KHDA Tuition Fee Framework, both existing and new student deposits will not be refunded if the student decides not to return to Bloom World Academy or accept the place offered for the next academic year due to the selection of another school in Dubai. However, the school may choose to refund the deposit under special circumstances. If the family are relocating outside of Dubai, under the KHDA Tuition Fee Framework, the deposit paid would be refunded. The School will ask for evidence of the relocation and this will need to be submitted to the Accounts Department when requesting a refund.

In the case of refund and recovery, the school fees will be calculated as follows as per Ministry of Education bylaws:

- If the student attends school for two weeks or less, a month's school fees will be charged
- If the student attends school more than two weeks and less than one month, two months' school fees will be charged
- If the student attends for more than a month, the full term's school fees will be charged

The value of the fee per month is calculated by dividing the total tuition fees by 10.