

Secondary Curriculum Overview – Newton British School Muraikh

Introduction

At Newton British School Muraikh, our curriculum is grounded in the National Curriculum for England and thoughtfully adapted to reflect Qatar's unique cultural setting and the diverse backgrounds of our international student community. With learners representing many nationalities, we are committed to offering a rigorous, inclusive, and forward-focused education that supports academic excellence and nurtures confident, compassionate global citizens.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9)

Our Key Stage 3 programme provides the essential foundations for academic progress, critical thinking, and personal growth. Students learn through a broad and balanced curriculum delivered by subject specialists, ensuring alignment with British educational standards while integrating Qatari values, heritage, and identity.

Subjects in KS3

- English (First and Second Language)
- Mathematics
- KS3 Science (Integrated Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- Arabic (First and Second Language)
- Islamic Studies (for Muslim students) / Citizenship (for non-Muslims)
- History
- Qatar History
- Geography
- ICT
- French (or EAL support as required)
- Art and Design
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education
- P4C (Philosophy for Children)

We place a strong emphasis on cross-curricular links, collaborative learning, and independent inquiry. P4C encourages students to develop reasoning skills, emotional intelligence, and confidence in expressing ideas—key attributes for success in Key Stage 4 and beyond.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11)

During Key Stage 4, students begin their IGCSE journey with a blend of core subjects and elective options. This structure allows learners to tailor their studies to their strengths, interests, and long-term aspirations. While core subjects provide essential academic grounding, optional subjects offer flexibility and choice.

Core Subjects

- English First Language and English Literature (English Second Language available for EAL learners)
- Mathematics
- Arabic (compulsory for Arab students)
- Physical Education (non-examined)
- Islamic Studies or Citizenship

Optional Subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Business Studies
- Environmental Management
- Travel and Tourism
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- BTEC IT
- French
- Art and Design
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education (GCSE)

Students typically select six to seven optional subjects. Modular pathways are available in some subjects, giving students flexibility and opportunities for early entry depending on performance. The inclusion of pathways such as Travel and Tourism reflects our commitment to preparing students for a globalised and dynamic future.

Key Stage 5 – Sixth Form (Year 12)

Our Sixth Form programme prepares students for university study and future careers through a robust International AS Level (IAS) curriculum offered through Pearson Edexcel and Cambridge International (CIE). While most students complete Year 12 as their final year, progression requirements vary based on university destinations.

Students typically study: - Four IAS subjects in Year 12

Minimum requirement for completing KS5: A pass in at least two IAS subjects.

Subjects Offered in KS5

- Arabic
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics (Pure Mathematics, Mechanics, and Statistics)
- English General Paper

- Business Studies
- ICT
- BTEC IT
- Travel and Tourism

Learners also access leadership opportunities such as Head Boy/Girl and Prefect roles, alongside a range of extracurricular activities and community service programmes.

Holistic Education and Values-Based Learning

We aim to develop well-rounded individuals through a curriculum that promotes character development, social responsibility, and cultural understanding. Our values-based approach includes:

- **British Values:** Democracy, mutual respect, individual liberty, tolerance, and the rule of law
- **Qatar National Identity Programme:** Appreciation of Qatari heritage and Islamic values
- **Global Citizenship:** Encouraging perspective-taking, responsibility, and intercultural awareness
- **AI and Future Readiness:** Building digital literacy, problem-solving ability, and innovation skills essential for the 21st century

Newton British School Muraikh remains committed to delivering a high-quality education that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and character required to thrive in an evolving world.