



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Secondary School

## How long has Jebel Ali School been in operation?

Jebel Ali has been an integral part of the Dubai school landscape for over 44 years and as such, is one of the oldest schools in Dubai.

## What curriculum does Jebel Ali School follow?

We are a British Curriculum school. See [‘Our Curriculum’](#) for further explanation of our curriculum.

## Is Jebel Ali School a not for profit school and what does that mean?

Jebel Ali is a not for profit school and a Royal Decree school, one of only a handful in Dubai. This means that we have no shareholders or investors therefore Jebel Ali School is funded entirely by our parent body. For more information on what a not for profit school offers your child, please watch [this information video](#) from our Principal, Mrs Robinson.

Jebel Ali school along with the other not-for-profit schools are considered Dubai's "Ivy League" schools as stated below by the independent review team at Schools Compared.com.

*“Jebel Ali School sits within an elite group of Dubai’s “Ivy League” not-for-profit schools that have, collectively historically leveraged that status to provide an overall outstanding level of education for their children, despite operating with a lower level of fees than their Tier 1 competitors”. Schools Compared Review - November 2019.*

## What are the annual fees for Jebel Ali School?

Current fees are AED 69,850, paid termly in 3 installments. See [‘Our Fees’](#) for further information.

## Does my child need a debenture to join Jebel Ali School and what is a debenture?

As a not for profit school with no shareholders or investors we fund the school entirely through our parent body. To ensure that we are fully resourced and providing your child with the best teachers and facilities we ask that every child entering the school pays an AED 25,000 debenture. A debenture is like an interest free loan to the school and is returned to you when your child leaves Jebel Ali School. Further explanation can be found at [‘Debentures Explained’](#).



## What is the KHDA rating for the school?

Our KHDA rating is very good with outstanding in English, Maths and Science. Visit the [KHDA website](#) to see more.

## What is the staff retention rate at Jebel Ali School?

We have one of the highest staff retention rates in Dubai at 94%.

## What is the parental satisfaction rating?

According to WhichSchoolAdvisor.com “Jebel Ali School is one that is almost uniformly recommended by parents” and one which “records the highest satisfaction levels of its peers for academic attainment, feedback and school discipline”. View the [WhichSchoolAdvisor survey](#) for more results.

## Where is Jebel Ali School located?

We are located in Damac Hills, just off Hessa Street in a state of the art building which opened in 2016 - view the [Jebel Ali School Location](#). Prior to this Jebel Ali School was located in Jebel Ali village.

## How many students are in Jebel Ali School?

Currently, JAS has 1250 pupils from FS1 through to Year 11

## How many forms/classes are in each year group?

In the Secondary school, Year 7 has 5 forms and all other year groups have 4 forms.

## How many students per form/class?

In the Secondary school, each class has on average 20 students.



### Are Jebel Ali teachers fully qualified?

Every teacher at Jebel Ali School is fully PGCE qualified and has vast experience teaching KS3 subjects and GCSE qualifications. The average number of years experience amongst our current staff is 450 years.

### What is the staff to student ratio in each form/class?

KS3	GCSE	A-level
On average, <b>20:1</b> student to staff ratio	On average, <b>10:1</b> student to staff ratio	On average, <b>5:1</b> student to staff ratio

### How will I know how my child is progressing during Secondary School?

Each child is continually assessed and their learning and developmental successes are tracked and monitored.

Throughout secondary school, we assess attitude and attainment each term across all subjects. Teachers carefully track individual attainment against target grades and report back to parents through written reports and parent consultation evenings. In Year 10 and Year 11, students are assessed against GCSE assessment criteria in their selected subjects.



## What does the Secondary curriculum cover?

<b>Key Stage 3 Curriculum</b> Year 7 to 9 (ages 11-14)	<b>Key Stage 4 Curriculum</b> Year 10 and 11 (ages 14-16)
<p><i>Core Subjects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Maths</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Arabic (for Arabic students)</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Moral Education</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> </ul> <p><i>1x Language:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish</li> <li>• Arabic</li> <li>• French</li> </ul> <p><i>Other Subjects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Art &amp; Design</li> <li>• Design &amp; Technology</li> </ul> <p>You can find further information on the Key Stage 3 curriculum on the links below  <a href="#">Key Stage 3 curriculum overview</a></p>	<p><i>Core Subjects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Maths</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Arabic (for Arabic students)</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Moral Education</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> </ul> <p><i>Languages:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish</li> <li>• Arabic</li> <li>• French</li> </ul> <p><i>GCSE Options available at JAS:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• GCSE PE</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Art &amp; Design</li> <li>• Design &amp; Technology</li> <li>• Photography</li> </ul> <p>You can find further information on the Key Stage 4 curriculum on the link below  <a href="#">Key Stage 4 curriculum overview</a></p>



## What are the facilities for Secondary School children?

Jebel Ali School has 3 purpose built standalone buildings:

- Foundation Studies (FS1-2)
- Primary (Year 1-6)
- Secondary and Sixth Form (Year 7 upwards)

The Secondary building houses:

- All classrooms for Year 7 through to Year 11
- A large Library
- 3 Music Rooms (and 5 practice rooms)
- 2 Drama Studios
- 3 Art & Photography Studios
- 2 ICT Rooms (including a Mac Suite)
- 1 Design Technology Workshop
- A large Auditorium
- A Lecture Theatre
- A dedicated Secondary Reception area
- A large cafeteria

Each Secondary classroom has use of an interactive TV which is used to facilitate student-led and teacher-led learning.

## What are the school timings in Secondary School?

Years 7 to 11 7.40am until 3.20pm

Extra-curricular activities would usually run before school at 6:45am to 7:30am, and afterschool 3:30pm to 4:30pm. All our school timings can be found [here](#).



### **How much homework do students receive?**

Secondary students follow a homework schedule that includes regular homework for core subjects (English, maths and Science) and homework for other subjects spread across the week. Homework is set through Google Classroom and deadlines are visible to parents and students.

### **Is there a cafeteria at Jebel Ali School?**

Yes, we have a cafeteria located in the Secondary building. All secondary students can use the cafeteria, which offers hot and cold meals, every day. The majority of children bring their own healthy snack boxes to school every day with enough food for both break times.

### **Is Jebel Ali School a bring your own device school?**

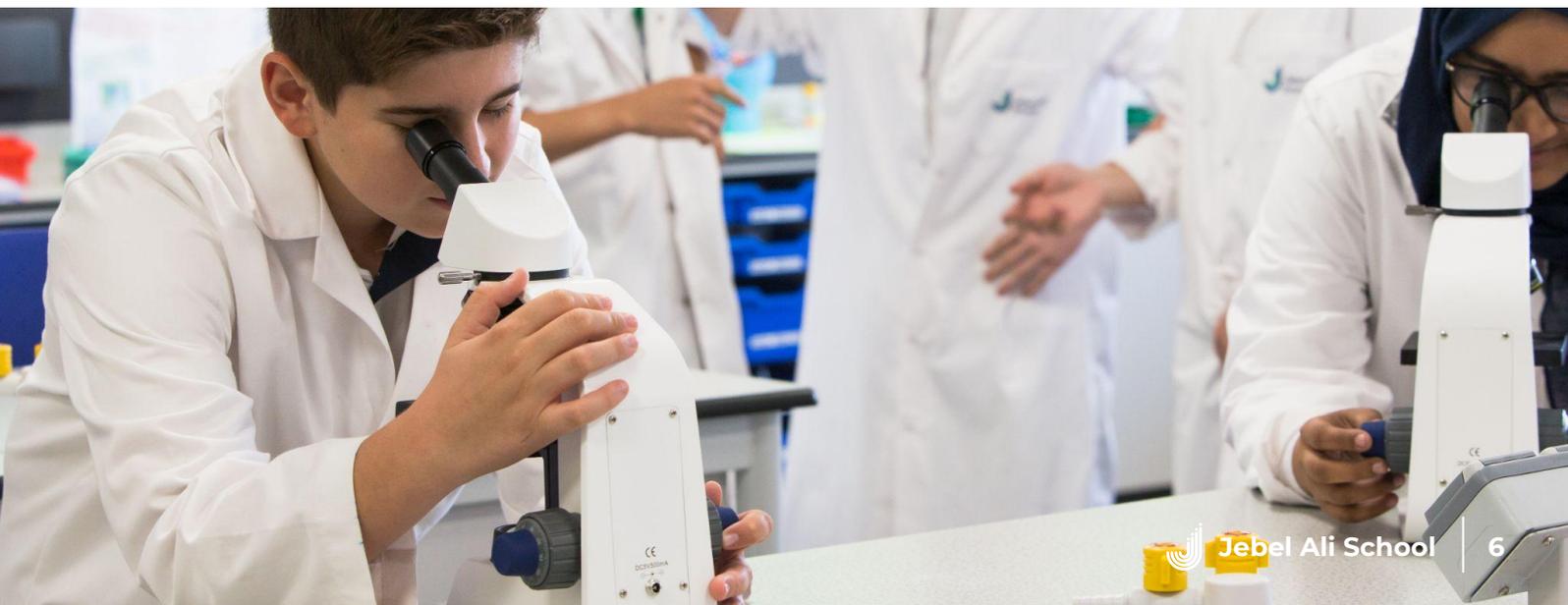
Yes, at JAS Secondary we have a blended learning environment where we use the latest technologies to facilitate learning. All students are required to own and carry a Chromebook each day. More information and guidance on this purchase will be issued upon joining.

### **What is the nationality breakdown of students in Jebel Ali School?**

45% of our student population is British/Irish. The other 55% is made up of 53 different nationalities.

### **What sporting facilities are available at Jebel Ali School?**

JAS has excellent sporting facilities. From our outdoor full size playing pitches to our indoor facilities, Jebel Ali children have access to some of the best sports facilities in Dubai. Indeed, Jebel Ali School has the largest indoor sports building in the Emirate. The building is over 3 floors and consists of 2 very large sports halls, an outdoor 25 metre pool along with a learning pool for FS students. The building also houses a fitness suite for secondary and sixth form students.



### **Does each student get a locker?**

Each student receives a locker that they are able to store books, equipment and belongings in. This locker is located near their form/tutor room. (Please note that lockers are currently not available due to COVID-19 restrictions.)

### **Is Jebel Ali School known as a sporting school?**

Absolutely, for over 40 years Jebel Ali School has been providing top notch sporting options for children. From Swimming to Rugby, Cricket to Athletics, from Basketball to Ultimate Frisbee we offer children in Primary and Secondary school the opportunity to join in every sport, no matter their ability. Sport at Jebel Ali is not just about winning (which we do a lot) it's about everyone being on a team. The importance of this cannot be overstated as we believe that sport teaches children how to win and more importantly how to come back if you don't win.

### **What Extra-Curricular Activities are available for Secondary students?**

Students Year 7 upwards can extend and enhance their learning through over 50+ secondary ECA's run by our in-house team, the majority of which have no cost. (Please note ECA's are currently not available due to COVID-19 restrictions.)

### **Does Jebel Ali have a learning support team?**

We have a very experienced SEND team who offer support programs for children who may require some learning support or who present as Exceptionally More Able programme (EMA), previously Gifted and Talented.

### **Can we tour Jebel Ali School?**

In "normal" times absolutely, we run special Secondary tours every Monday morning at 1000 which are led by our Secondary Leadership Team. Unfortunately, this is not possible at the moment.



### **Are there school buses?**

As a not for profit school, we run buses when we have a minimum of 15 students per bus. Currently we run two bus routes, the first route goes to Jebel Ali Village and Discovery Gardens taking in Green Community DIP. The second route goes to the Springs Lakes and Meadows areas. The current cost of our bus service (for this academic year) is AED8,500.

### **Can I apply online?**

Yes you can apply direction through our website [at this link](#). Please arrange the application fee prior to completing the application form, as the bank transfer copy will need to be uploaded before you submit. To make the payment, please find our bank details [here](#). Upon receipt of the registration fee and application of your child, you will be placed on our waiting list.

### **Who do I contact if I need any further information?**

Please contact our admissions team on 04 8846485 or email [admissions@jebelalishool.org](mailto:admissions@jebelalishool.org) and one of our team will get back to you.





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