



## An inviting school community, delivering a high quality college preparatory program



GEMS American Academy is a diverse international K-12 American/IB School offering both the Primary Years Programme and Diploma Programme with 2,000 students, comprised of 80+ nationalities speaking 40 languages and a faculty of 180. Established in 2007 and accredited by CIS and NEASC, GAA is the flagship American curriculum school for GEMS in Abu Dhabi and sister school to Dubai American Academy. GAA offers an academically rigorous and relevant program of studies specifically designed as a student-centered, inclusive and adaptive approach to learning.

Our program brings together the best curricula in the world incorporating International Baccalaureate (IB) Scope and Sequence, Project AERO (American Education Reaches Out/Common Core), National Arts Standards, and the UAE Ministry of Education. Arabic language, culture and UAE agenda initiatives are honored and woven throughout our program.

### OUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

GAA offers students the opportunity to take ownership of the outcomes they are trying to achieve. Our Academic performance stands testament to the quality of teaching and learning at the school. Our SAT and PISA scores are well above National and Global benchmarks.

#### SAT RESULTS

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing  
 GAA Average: **605**  
 National Average: **533**

#### MATHEMATICS

GAA Average: **655**  
 National Average: **527**

#### PISA RESULTS

##### Reading Literacy

GAA Average	<b>530</b>
UAE Average	<b>432</b>
International Benchmark	<b>500</b>

##### Mathematical Literacy

GAA Average	<b>548</b>
UAE Average	<b>435</b>
International Benchmark	<b>570</b>

##### Science Literacy

GAA Average	<b>515</b>
UAE Average	<b>434</b>
International Benchmark	<b>500</b>

### RATED 'VERY GOOD' BY ADEK

The performance of GAA has been rated as follow:

Students' Achievement	<b>Very Good</b>
Students' personal and social development, and their innovation skills	<b>Very Good</b>
Teaching and Assessment	<b>Very Good</b>
Curriculum	<b>Outstanding</b>
The protection, care, guidance and support of students	<b>Outstanding</b>
Leadership and management	<b>Outstanding</b>

### FOCUS ON INNOVATION

We have implemented a K-12 Makerspace that challenges learners to continuously think outside of the box. In our KG Makerspace you will find KG1 students and KG2 students learning coding skills and the design process. Across all grades, the GAA Makerspace is designed for students to utilize in order to solve complex problems that are aligned with their units of inquiry.

Personalized and innovative learning in a caring and principled environment. At GAA, we place high importance on building positive and supportive relationships, and on creating an environment where we are excited about learning, work collaboratively and celebrate together our Academic, Artistic and Athletic success.

**Mr. Robert Rinaldo**  
 Head of School





## GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

<b>SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION</b>	Pre-K – KG2 : 7.45am - 2.45pm Grade 1 - Grade 5 : 7.45am - 2.55pm Grade 6 - Grade 12 : 7.45am - 3.00pm After School Activities : 3.00pm - 4.00pm
<b>ACCREDITATIONS &amp; RATINGS</b>	Accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC); Guided by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK); IB Primary Years Programme (IBPYP), IB Diploma Programme (IBDP).
<b>ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Learner support (ELL)</li> <li>Learning Support (LS)</li> <li>Gifted &amp; Talented</li> </ul>
<b>ISLAMIC &amp; ARABIC PROGRAMS</b>	In accordance with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) requirements.
<b>AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	GEMS American Academy - Abu Dhabi provides a rich extra-curricular program that supports health and development, providing opportunities for students to develop talents and explore new interests. Activities include both individual pursuits and team building for students from Grade 1 onwards that are developmentally appropriate. Students may choose from a wide variety of activities.
<b>MAIN FACILITIES AVAILABLE</b>	500 seat auditorium, 6 science laboratories, Sports hall (with 6 courts), covered play area, 2 swimming pools, 4 full-sized tennis/basketball courts, full size soccer pitch, black box theater, recording studio, two green screens, two libraries and a clinic.
<b>OTHER REMARKS</b>	Our Parent Association hosts numerous annual events, including the International Food Festival. Parents are welcomed as an integral part of the GAA community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GAA has a warm &amp; welcoming Community Spirit.</li> <li>Bus Transportation provided by Bright Bus.</li> </ul>

GRADES	2023-2024 ANNUAL FEES (AED)
Pre-K	50,520
KG 1 - KG 2	54,660
GR 1 - GR 12	76,160

**ENROLLING NOW!**

Pre-K to Grade 12

GEMS American Academy, PO Box 145161  
 Khalifa City A, Abu Dhabi, UAE



## THE GEMS DIFFERENCE



**We are trusted by parents around the world**

We are passionate about education and have been trusted by parents for over 60 years.



**We are a family of committed teachers**

Everyday, our 20,000 dedicated teachers make a difference to the lives of over 190,000 students.



**Our students lead locally and internationally**

GEMS students have won over 2,100 international, regional and local awards in science, arts and sports.



**Our students excel and attend the top universities**

GEMS students have been accepted into 1,050 universities in 53 countries – including all eight Ivy League universities in the US and all 24 Russell Group universities and colleges in the UK.



**We are deeply committed to philanthropy**

Our philanthropic arm, The Varkey Foundation, supports initiatives that change lives around the world.



**We make quality education accessible**

GEMS Rewards is an exclusive rewards programme for our community of students, parents and staff, designed to reduce the impact of school fees and further enhance their lifestyle.



**We see genius in every child**

We believe that a quality education is the key to unlocking the greatness that lies within every child.