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# DESS COLLEGE

## SIXTH FORM PROFILE 2024-2025

"The physical space apportioned to our Sixth Form students would rival any University Campus and ensures that our students are afforded every provision necessary to allow them to thrive and learn"

**1860**

**STUDENTS  
Y7-Y13**

**47%**

**A\*-A  
A LEVEL**

**255**

**GRADUATES  
CLASS OF  
2024**

**76%**

**A\*-B  
A LEVEL**

**246**

**TO GRADUATE  
CLASS OF  
2025**

**85%**

**DISTINCTION/  
DISTINCTION\*  
BTEC**

Established in 2005, following demand from its Primary counterpart founded in 1963, DESS College is a British, overseas co-educational secondary school. We are proud to be inclusive and not for profit with exceptional facilities and an exhaustive range of extra-curricular activities. The development of our discrete, purpose built Sixth Form has been based on our ethos of providing exceptional teaching, facilities and experiences for our senior students who are afforded extra privileges alongside extra responsibilities.

Emphasis is placed on supporting our Year 12 and Year 13 students with their transition to universities all over the world, with record numbers using the information, advice and guidance presented to them to secure places at the very best institutions in the UK, USA, Canada, the Far East and Europe.

The Sixth Form experience at DESS College is rich and exciting led by a large team who are dedicated to ensuring that every student leaves DESS College well mannered, well rounded and well equipped to succeed.



### CORE BELIEFS

- Academic Excellence coupled with exceptional Pastoral Care
- Outstanding Provision rooted in extraordinary experiences
- Seamless transitions espoused from world-class information, advice and guidance.

### CURRICULUM

The Sixth Form curriculum at DESS College is bold and British, rich and varied and created to provide infinite pathways for our diverse students. Enhanced and enriched by a Super Curriculum the overall Sixth Form experience is one designed to ensure academic success alongside extraordinary experiences. There are three curriculum pathways at DESS College: Academic, Vocational and Mixed.

### INCLUSION

Proud to be inclusive, DESS College welcomes applications from all students. We have a team of 17 LSAs and 4 Student Advisors. The team offers a range of study skills, mental health and wellbeing support.

**254**

**GCSE  
STUDENTS**

**54%**

**GCSE  
9-7 (A\*/A)**

**20**

**GCSE  
OPTIONS**

### SUBJECTS OFFERED

#### GCE Advanced Levels (A Levels)

Art Photography, Art, Arabic, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT-Product Design, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, History, Information Technology, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Physics, Physical Education, Politics, Psychology, Spanish

#### Vocational Qualifications (BTEC & RSL)

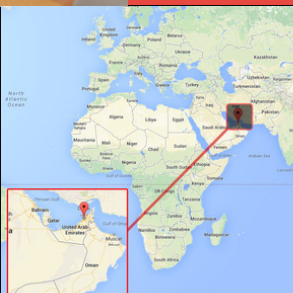
Applied Science, Creative Media, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Music Practitioner (MUSPRA)

#### Enrichment Subjects

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Mathematical Studies, AS Classical Studies, AS English, AS French, AS Spanish

### LOCATION

DESS College is located in Dubai, one of the seven Emirates that make up the UAE in the southeast of the Arabian Peninsula.



### NATIONALITIES

American, Algerian, Armenian, Australian, Bahamian, Bahraini, Belgian, Brazilian, British, Bulgarian, Canadian, Chilean, Chinese, Colombian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Egyptian, Emirati, Fijian, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Indonesian, Iranian, Iraqi, Irish, Italian, Jordanian, Kenyan, Korean, Lebanese, Malaysian, Mauritanian, Namibian, New Zealander, Pakistani, Peruvian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Singaporean, Slovak, South African, Spanish, Sri Lankan, Sudanese, Swedish, Swiss, Syrian, Tanzanian, Trinidad and Tobagonian, Turkish, Ukrainian



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## DESTINATION OF LEAVERS 2024

UK	Manchester (7)	Northeastern	American University of Paris
Bath (5)	Manchester Metropolitan (3)	NYU	Spain (5)
Bath Spa	Newcastle (2)	Purdue (5)	Ireland (2)
Bournemouth	Northumbria (5)	UCSB	Poland (2)
Bristol (3)	Nottingham (6)	University of California	Italy
Brunel (2)	Nottingham Trent (7)		Switzerland
Cardiff (3)	Oxford	CANADA	
Cardiff Metropolitan	Oxford Brookes	Concordia (2)	AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
City, University of London (2)	Plymouth Marjon	Indiana University	Sydney
Coventry	Plymouth	Bloomington	Queensland
Durham	Queen Mary	McGill	University of Waikato
Edge Hill	Reading	McMaster	Other (3)
Edinburgh (6)	Salford	Queens	
Exeter (11)	SOAS	UBC	
Glasgow (5)	Surrey (3)	U of T (2)	SOUTH AFRICA (2)
Hartpury	UAL	EUROPE	UAE
Heriot-Watt	UCL (3)	Amsterdam (2)	AUS
Kent	UCLAN	Eindhoven	Birmingham (14)
Kings	University of East London	Groningen (2)	Canadian University
Lancaster (2)	Urdang	Leiden	NYU AD (4)
Leeds (7)	Warwick (2)	Maastricht	Middlesex (2)
Leeds Beckett	York (2)	Rotterdam	RIT
Leeds Conservatoire (2)		Twente (2)	
Leicester (2)	US	THIM School of	GAP YEAR (28)
LIPA	Arizona State (3)	Physiotherapy	
Liverpool (7)	Duke	Nicosia (3)	
Loughborough (7)	Grand Canyon University	Charles University (2)	
LSE (3)	Kansas Wesleyan		

## CLASS OF 2023

**255**  
GRADUATES  
CLASS OF  
2024

**89%**  
IN HIGHER  
EDUCATION

## DESTINATION SUMMARY

**54%**  
UK

**9%**  
USA &  
CANADA

**26%**  
REST OF  
WORLD

**11%**  
GAP YEAR



## EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Advanced Board Games, Arabic Cooking Club, Art Club, Art Craft and Arabic Calligraphy, Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals, Aspiring Artists Club, Aural, Badminton, Basketball, Body Combat, Bil Arabi, Biology Practical Skills, Brain Boosters, Chamber Choir, Chess Club, Climbing, Crotchet Therapy, Creative Art Society, Dance Fitness, Debate, DESS Bakes, DESS Dance, DESSonomics Review, DESS Shares Podcast, DESS Weekly Quiz, Digital Leaders, Drama LAMDA, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Dungeons and Dragons, Eco-Committee, Elite Singers, Enterprise, E-Sports, Exploring Science, Football, French and Spanish public speaking, Futsal, Gaelic Football, Games and puzzles club, Golf ECA, Graphic Design, Handmade Accessories, Hardball Cricket, Homework & revision support club, Holy Quran Club, HPQ (Level 2: Higher Project Qualification), Investor Club, Italian for FUN, Jazz Band, Junior Politics, Junior Rock Band, KS4 English Emporium, LAMDA, Lego Club, Les Club De Amis, Literacy Lounge, MASH UPI, Maths in Chemistry, Model United Nations, Motorsports, MUSPRA Level 2, News at DESS, Netball, Paper Sculpture Club, Piano Duets, Puzzle Club, Race for Good, Robotics, Rock band, Rounders, Rugby, Running Club, Science Crest Award, Sculpture Club, Sim Racing, Strength and Conditioning, Strings Group, Swim and Run, Table Tennis, Tennis, Textiles Discovery, The Curiosity Collective, Training Band (Flute and Clarinet), UKMT, Volleyball, Waterpolo, Wellbeing, Whole School Musical, Whole School Musical Band, Why Equations are beautiful?, World Scholar's Cup, Yoga, Yoga for Beginners, Yoga & Meditation.

## SOCIETIES / CLUBS

- Biology Society
- Business & Economics
- Chemistry Society
- Computer Science
- Criminology & Sociology
- Debating Society
- Desonomic Review
- English Society
- Environmental society
- History Society
- Investor's Club
- Law Society
- Language Society
- Maths Society
- Media Society
- Medical Society
- Model United Nations
- Motor Sports Club
- Oxbridge Society
- Philosophy & Politics
- Physics & Engineering
- Psychology Society
- TEDx
- Travel Society
- World Scholar's Cup

## ACCREDITATION



## KEY CONTACTS

Mr Andrew Gibbs  
Principal

Mr Matthew Cotgrove  
Head of School

Mrs Lucy Petith  
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