



MES CAIRO IS AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

The British Government Department for Education (DfE) operates an inspection scheme which is designed to measure British Schools Overseas (BSO) against the standards that apply to independent schools in Britain. This inspection scheme is designed to inform and reassure parents about the quality of education offered by the school.

In March 2016 MES Cairo went through its second BSO Inspection. Five important visitors scrutinised every aspect of our Primary School and British and IBDP Sections of the Secondary School. They visited more than seventy lessons during their three days on campus and read every pertinent school policy. They interviewed groups representing all stakeholders, including parents, students, teachers and other employees, as well as senior staff and the Board of Governors. They examined our tracking and monitoring of assessment data, scrutinised our curriculum and lesson planning, and measured the success of our students in UK examinations. We provided evidence for their consideration of our extensive links with the UK and with universities in particular. Their purpose was to reflect objectively on how well MES Cairo measures up to its own Mission Statement, as well as the standards expected of top quality schools offering a British curriculum overseas.

On a four-tier rating scale of; Unsatisfactory, Satisfactory, Good and Outstanding, MES Cairo was recognised as Outstanding. This continued on from the success of our first BSO accreditation in November 2011. You can read the full 2016 report on our website. Meantime, enjoy reading the highlights below and join us in feeling deservedly proud of the quality of education we have on offer to students who are following a British curriculum.





Quoted directly from the BSO Report March 2016:

“MES Cairo meets all the standards for British Schools Overseas”

“The quality of education provided by Modern English School Cairo is outstanding.”

“The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils at MES Cairo is outstanding and a strength of the school”

“The premises and accommodation are outstanding.”

“Leadership and management are excellent. The governance role fulfilled by the board is outstanding.”

“They (the SLT and the Board) are uncompromising in their drive to improve attainment, and maintain the highest levels of achievement for all pupils irrespective of their ability, over a sustained period of time”

What the school does well

There are many strengths. They include...

- The highly effective and pro-active involvement of the Board of Governors in the strategic direction of the school
- The senior leadership team who are highly effective in providing clear direction and moving the school forward



- High teaching standards across the school
- The quality of the curriculum planning and implementation enabling all students to achieve well, exceeding English National and International Baccalaureate averages
- The school is highly effective in enabling all students to develop their personal skills and qualities. Students are thoughtful, well behaved, treat others with respect and have well developed social skills



- Safeguarding of all students is a priority. It is under-pinned by excellent pastoral care and robust welfare, health and safety policy and procedures
- The whole school community, teaching, non-teaching, administration and ancillary staff work as a team to promote high quality learning and care for all students'
- The school is held in high regard by the wider community and parents. Students are proud to be members of the school and value the opportunities it provides"

This recognition means a great deal for our school, our staff and our students. Not only does it serve to reassure us that we are doing well, but it also means that we are providing the very best of British education compared with other schools in Egypt and elsewhere. There are only 147 schools in the world who have achieved BSO accreditation and only 10-15% reach the criteria that defines them as outstanding.

This status helps us to attract the very best teachers, and is of significant interest to universities around the world when they receive applications from MES Cairo students. We are world class!

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