

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Overview

As our students' education at Pearling Season International School continues from KS2 to KS3 (Lower Secondary), we endeavour to broaden their study while broadening their minds. KS3 comprises three year groups: **Year 7** (ages 11-12), **Year 8** (ages 12-13) and **Year 9** (ages 13-14).

The planned three-year programme, based on the National Curriculum for England, enables our students to confidently transition from content covered in Key Stage 2 and prepares students for progression to Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) where IGCSE courses are followed in a wide range of subjects. In Years 12 and 13 students will work towards AS/A2 levels.

The aim of the curriculum is to expand the student's knowledge of a wide range of subjects, while encouraging them to analyse and make connections between them. Particular emphasis is placed on English language skills, building up spelling, punctuation, grammar and other essential skills which are central to success across the whole curriculum. Our KS3 Curriculum builds on their prior knowledge and gives them the tools and confidence to critique what they hear and see, and to embark on their own learning outside of the classroom. Extra-curricular activities extend the opportunities for students even further.

PSI follows an approach to learning that stresses that every child has the capacity to succeed, regardless of their starting point. Your child will be challenged to work closely with others, inspired to take leadership roles, and encouraged to develop the assuredness and ambition that transforms promising minds into future achievers.

We strive to help every student reach an exceptional level of numeracy and literacy and students are grouped according to their ability in English and mathematics. We encourage our learners to be internationally-minded and to respect all cultures and experiences. In Years 7, 8 and 9 there are two tutor groups with up to 24 students in each. Most classes are mixed ability and boys and girls are taught together except in P.E. We believe that every child can build the confidence to excel, to work with others, and to lead where necessary.

The KS3 Curriculum is a course that encompasses English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Information Communication Technology, Art and Design, Music, Physical Education, Modern Foreign Languages, Arabic and French, Qatar History and Islamic Studies for native and non-native students.