

Information for parents

14th December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam, dear parents,

We moved into the new school building in Academic City in the summer of 2015. During the last school year we have implemented some measures that improved the situation in the new school building even further, even though it was already very good. For example, in the classrooms and public areas soundproofing measures were performed, among other things, the access regulation was optimised, a floodlighting system was installed in the sports ground and a pool cooling and heating system was installed in the pool. The laboratories were completed and the basketball field was installed in the sports hall.

The school must have a financially solid basis that allows it in the medium and long term to not only be able to offer the staff – our most important resource for your children – suitable and attractive conditions but also to bear the financing, maintenance and energy costs of the new building with a clearly improved quality.

We are not a profit-oriented establishment but the portion of state support for schools abroad is only very meagre and school and Kindergarten fees are therefore more or less our exclusive source of income. For these reasons the school will be making an application to the "Knowledge and Human Development Authority" (KHDA) to increase the school fees for Kindergarten and school by 4.9% for the coming school year 2017/18.

The board and school management were also guided in their decision to adjust the fees for the school year 2017/18 by the aim of maintaining and further enhancing the high quality and the service of DISD.

As already started and announced in the current school year, grade 5 will be an exception. Grade 5 was always shown separately from secondary level I in the past in the fee categories as the "orientation level". A gradual adjustment of the school fees in line with secondary level 1 is being planned here, which was already started in the school year 2016/17 and will now be continued. We are therefore planning an increase of 9.9% for grade 5 in the school year 2017/18. The costs arising in grade 5 through, e.g. personnel and room costs, are no different from those in secondary level 1.

Due to cost increases in the various areas of the bus transport it is necessary to adjust the bus fees in such a way that the bus transport will continue to cover its costs. The costs for the full bus transport from the school year 2017/18 will amount to 10,855.-- AED per year (previous year 10,590.-- AED).

We appreciate your understanding and your support for this necessary measure.

Board

School Management