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Wellington College International Announces Partnership to Bring a Wellington College Education to Qatar

Wellington College International is delighted to confirm a significant new partnership with Al Faleh Educational Holding, extending Wellington College’s distinctive educational ethos to the Middle East. This collaboration will see the creation of Wellington College International Qatar, a purpose-built K–12 school in Lusail City, opening in September 2028.

Expanding Wellington’s Global Family of Schools

Founded in 1853, Wellington College UK is one of Britain’s leading independent schools, renowned for its pioneering spirit, holistic approach, and commitment to nurturing future leaders. With thriving schools in China, Thailand, and India, Wellington College Education now brings its global mission to Qatar—delivering a world-class and holistic education to young people across continents.

A New Educational Landmark for Qatar

The Lusail campus will feature inspiring learning spaces, cutting-edge science, technology and arts laboratories, dedicated sports facilities, creative studios, and sustainable green environments. This ambitious project represents a bold step towards future-ready education, aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030, and combines Wellington’s British curriculum and holistic philosophy with Al Faleh’s deep understanding of local culture and educational priorities.

Leadership Quotes:

“Bringing Wellington College’s distinguished heritage to Qatar is a milestone for our education sector. Wellington College International Qatar reflects our shared commitment to academic excellence, character development, and preparing future leaders for an evolving world. This partnership strengthens Qatar’s vision for a knowledge-based society.” **Dr. Sheikha Aisha Al Thani, Chairperson of Al Faleh Educational Holding**

“At Wellington College, our educational ethos is rooted in nurturing intellectual curiosity and supporting all pupils to discover their unique selves, develop true character and resilience, and become global citizens keen to serve and help shape a better world. The opening of Wellington College International Qatar extends our family’s tradition of pioneering education

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which blends academic rigour with innovative pastoral care, inspiring young people to lead with integrity and make a positive impact on their communities.” **James Dahl, 15th Master, Wellington College**

“It’s a thrilling and very proud moment in Wellington’s long history for Wellington College International Qatar to be opening in Lusail City in 2028. This new chapter for our global family of schools exemplifies our worldwide mission: to bring our tradition of holistic education and character development to Qatar, empowering young people to thrive academically and personally in a rapidly changing world.” **Sir Anthony Seldon, Founding Director, Wellington College Education**

“We are honoured to be partnering with Al Faleh Education, one of the premiere school groups in Qatar. This collaboration will blend the best global practice with local insight, ensuring every student benefits from the world-class teaching and innovation that Wellington College is known for. Wellington College International Qatar will be the new benchmark for educational excellence in the region.” **Paresh Thakrar, Managing Director Wellington College International**

Looking Ahead

With construction scheduled to begin in early 2026, Wellington College International Qatar will welcome its first cohort of students in September 2028. This initiative represents a shared commitment to educational excellence, cultural collaboration, and the development of future leaders for Qatar and beyond.

Wellington College, UK

The Founding School, Wellington College (Crowthorne, England), was established through the vision of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and granted its Royal Charter in December 1853. Today, Wellington College stands as a globally recognised British co-educational boarding and day school, delivering a world-class holistic education to 1,200 students aged 13–18 within an inclusive and vibrant community.

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Wellington College International

WCI partners with Founders and their organisation who share our vision of holistic education and academic excellence. Our collective ambition is to be the leading educational institution in every operating region.

Wellington College Education

WCE is the global educational network of Wellington College, created to align and amplify the impact of all our international education initiatives. Through direct operations and strategic partnerships, WCE ensures that every endeavour contributes to a shared vision—

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