

SCHOOL TOUR

Handbook

2026 Step-by-Step Guide to Jumeirah College



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COME VISIT US

We warmly invite families to experience Jumeirah College through a personalised school tour, conducted by a member of our Parent Relations or Registrar team. Tours take place daily at 8:45am, with Key Stage 3 and 4 tours offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Key Stage 5 tours on Thursdays. Each visit begins with an informal conversation, allowing us to get to know your child and tailor the tour to your interests and aspirations.

Key Stage 3 and 4 tours explore the main Jumeirah College campus. For Key Stage 3, this includes a focus on our Science laboratories and robotics facilities, while Key Stage 4 tours highlight labs and subject-specific GCSE classes. As creativity is central to life at JC, tours also include opportunities to view student artwork, alongside visits to our sports facilities, auditorium, library and the JC Hub (school canteen).

Key Stage 5 tours include a visit to our dedicated Sixth Form campus, The Palace, where families can explore the common room, study areas, the library and the Palace Café. Where possible, students and staff are available to discuss specific A Level subject choices, providing an authentic insight into Sixth Form life. All tours include the opportunity to meet a member of our Senior Leadership Team, who will be happy to answer questions and share our vision for student success. Tours conclude at approximately 10:00am with a dedicated question-and-answer session, ensuring families leave with a clear understanding of how Jumeirah College supports each student academically, pastorally and socially.

If you are unable to attend a physical tour or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Parent Relations Executive at l.hall_jcd@gemsedu.com. We would be delighted to support you and help you discover what makes Jumeirah College such a special place to learn and grow. We look forward to welcoming you to our community and partnering with you on your child's educational journey.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Jumeirah College, an Outstanding KHDA-rated school and proud member of the GEMS Education family, where academic excellence, personal growth and student wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. We believe that education extends far beyond examination results, placing equal emphasis on the holistic development of each child by nurturing confidence, character, curiosity and compassion. Within our vibrant, inclusive and multicultural community, students are supported by experienced and dedicated teachers who inspire a love of learning, challenge students to think critically and creatively, and encourage them to aim high while pursuing their individual passions.

Jumeirah College follows the National Curriculum of England, offering one of the broadest and most diverse subject pathways in Dubai at GCSE and A Level. This extensive academic provision enables students to personalise their learning journey and access outstanding progression routes to leading universities worldwide. Alongside a rigorous academic curriculum, our rich co-curricular programme in sport, the arts, leadership and service provides meaningful opportunities for students to develop resilience, empathy and leadership skills. Through these experiences, our students grow into confident, well-rounded young people, fully prepared to thrive at university and succeed in an ever-changing global landscape.



BUT WHY *Jumeirah College?*

Academic

Jumeirah College is an Outstanding, high-performing school recognised among the Carfax Education Top 100 schools worldwide and Top 10 in the UAE, with a three-year ALPS T score of 1 reflecting exceptional academic progress. Our students benefit from outstanding university placements, including Russell Group and Ivy League universities, enriched by expert talks, opportunities, and workshops, with robotics and AI embedded as a core part of the curriculum to prepare students for future success.

History

Jumeirah College is a well-established and highly respected school, celebrating its 25th anniversary and recognised as the longest-serving Outstanding secondary school by KHDA through consecutive DSIB inspections. Our strong heritage is reflected in consistent academic outcomes and the success of our alumni, many of whom speak proudly of the impact the College has had on their lives. In 2025, 41% of A Level grades were awarded A*-A and 71% A*-B, demonstrating sustained excellence over time.

Community

Jumeirah College is a connected, inclusive community shaped by experienced, selectively hired teachers and meaningful student leadership opportunities that encourage responsibility and service. In 2025-26, the College was shortlisted for the AI and Innovation MENA Excellence Awards through our student-led Innovation Committee, while our Charity Committee funded a school in Senegal via Dubai Cares' Build On project. Cultural events celebrate 71 nationalities, and parents and alumni inspire students as guest speakers.

Wellbeing

Jumeirah College is a happy, inclusive and high-performing school where student wellbeing is central to all aspects of school life, ensuring every student feels supported and valued. Our comprehensive wellbeing provision includes strong pastoral care, a wide range of enrichment opportunities and Bruno, our much-loved wellbeing dog, who supports students each Wednesday and Thursday and plays a key role during Anti-Bullying Week and Children's Mental Health Week, helping to foster confidence, resilience and positive relationships.



Brand New FACILITIES

Facility Enhancement - Completion 2025

Jumeirah College has completed a major programme of facilities enhancement over the past 24 months, resulting in a transformed, future-focused campus that supports outstanding teaching, learning and student wellbeing. This investment includes the completion of The Palace, a dedicated Sixth Form centre with café, state-of-the-art science laboratories, modern classrooms, a robotics suite and enhanced sports facilities including padel courts and covered external courts.

The campus now also benefits from a new auditorium, an extended and refurbished dining hall, remodelled specialist spaces for Art and Design, Photography, Music, Arabic and ICT, a larger and more accessible library, new Food Science and fitness suites, upgraded Drama and Performing Arts facilities, a new Main Reception and office area, a refurbished student entrance atrium and a redesigned swimming pool with improved spectator seating. These completed enhancements reflect the College's commitment to providing exceptional facilities that enrich the educational experience of every student.

Facilities

- 25-metre swimming pool
- Auditorium
- Cricket practice nets
- Design and Technology
- Football pitch
- Innovation/Robotics Space
- JC Hub
- Multi-purpose sports hall
- Music Rooms & Recording Studio
- New Science Labs
- Off-campus grass pitches
- Off-campus volleyball and basketball courts
- Outdoor table tennis
- Padel courts
- Tennis and netball courts



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Smooth Transition

Year 7

Successful applicants are invited to attend a Year 7 Taster Day in May, where Year 6 students are introduced to JC through a fun and supportive programme led by our Student House Captains. Students learn about our four houses: Sina (Red), Gibran (Blue), Fihri (Green) and Majid (Yellow), all named after influential Arabic philosophers, before taking part in-house games, learning house chants, meeting future classmates and experiencing a selection of engaging JC lessons with our teaching team. Our aim is for students to feel confident, connected and genuinely excited about joining JC.

The academic year begins with a carefully planned staggered start, with the first three days dedicated exclusively to Year 7 students. Day one includes a campus scavenger hunt designed to familiarise students with their new environment while building friendships. We strongly encourage all Year 7 students to participate in at least two ECA's, helping them develop new interests, confidence and a sense of belonging. One of the highlights of the year is our Make a Friend Day, where students enjoy a fun, bonding trip to Wild Wadi water park.

Throughout Years 7, students benefit from a wide range of cross-curricular enrichment activities that bring learning to life. These include Art and Arabic collaborations exploring Arabic calligraphy, Robotics and History lessons using virtual reality headsets to step back in time, and Food Science and French lessons where students make crêpes while communicating entirely in French.

In September, families are invited to our Marhaba Evening, where parents meet their child's Form Tutor and Head of Year, both of whom remain with students from Year 7 through to Year 11, ensuring continuity of care and support. Students are initially set in Mathematics in Year 7, with setting introduced in English and Science from Year 8.

Joining After Year 7

For students who join Jumeirah College after Year 7, we place the same strong emphasis on care, wellbeing and a seamless transition into school life. By this stage, the Form Tutor and Head of Year already know the class well and are able to ensure that new students settle quickly and confidently alongside their peers.



All students complete a daily wellbeing check, allowing Form Tutors and our dedicated wellbeing team to monitor how students are feeling and to provide timely support where needed, ensuring everyone is happy and thriving at JC. Students joining Years 8, 9, 10 or 12 are first welcomed through a coffee morning with other new starters, providing an opportunity to build connections with peers while parents meet their child's Form Tutor and Head of Year, ask questions and gain reassurance. Each new student is also assigned two buddies, one within their form group and another within a teaching class. The Buddy will offer day-to-day guidance and friendship, helping them feel supported and fully part of the JC community from the outset.

We actively encourage all students to take on leadership roles throughout their time at Jumeirah College. Opportunities include Key Stage 3 and 4 Head Girl and Head Boy roles, as well as the chance for Year 12 students to apply for overall Head Girl and Head Boy positions or to lead and contribute to student committees. Strong partnerships with parents are central to our community and are supported through weekly Parent Partnership sessions covering topics such as effective revision strategies and the impact of physical education on academic success. Parents are also invited to termly coffee mornings, two Parent-Teacher Conferences each year, weekly Coffee with the Careers Counsellors sessions held every Friday in the JC Hub from 8:00am to 9:00am, and a dedicated GEMS Family First welcome coffee morning at the start of the academic year for families relocating to Dubai. This initiative provides new families to the UAE with the opportunity to connect, share experiences and feel fully supported as they settle into life at Jumeirah College.

MORE THAN

Academic Excellence

Extra Curricular Activities & Committees

Jumeirah College offers a vibrant and inclusive [extra-curricular](#) and committee programme, with students able to participate from Year 7 onwards. Our approach to sport is inclusive and participation-focused, encouraging all students to stay active and involved, while school teams are trial-based to ensure appropriate competition; information about team trials is shared with students at the beginning of the academic year. Alongside sport, students can join a wide range of committees, some of which operate an application process where numbers are limited, while others actively welcome new members. Students are also encouraged to show initiative and leadership by running their own ECAs for younger students. Each term, we offer an extensive range of activities, most recently over 120 options, including sports led by our PE department, performing arts activities such as improvisation, choirs and orchestra, academic clubs including Model United Nations and TEDx Youth, creative arts such as Architecture Club and crochet, as well as the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level, with Gold participants completing their expedition in Nepal this year. Our thriving chess club has also enjoyed outstanding success, winning the DASA Chess Cup for the past three consecutive years.

International Trips

- Berlin
- China
- Japan
- Kenya
- London
- Madagascar
- NASA (Houston)
- New York and Boston
- South Africa
- Spain
- Umrah
- Vietnam

We also have some additional international excursions that are open to squads and particular subject areas. For example our Year 11 Geography fieldwork excursion to Sri Lanka, our BSME, Sports Tours, and World School Games to Doha, our International Award Gold Expedition to Sri Lanka and our Young Musician of the Gulf Competition in Bahrain.



WE LOVE *Questions*

What are the class sizes?

Year 7 - Year 11: The maximum class size is 25 students.

In practical subjects such as Design & Technology and Food Science, classes are typically limited to 20 students.

Year 12-13: A Level classes have a maximum size of 16 students, allowing for more individual support.

What are the school timings?

Monday-Thursday: 7:40 - 3:10

Friday: 7:40 - 11:30

We advise students to be in school at least 15 minutes before school starts to allow them time to get organised for the day.

How many nationalities are there?

We have students from 71 different nationalities. The main nationalities are British, Indian, Pakistani, French, American, Chinese, and Canadian.

What are your university offers like?

We see a [wide range of university](#) offers each year, both in the UK and internationally. Students go on to Russell Group universities as well as strong institutions across Europe, North America and other destinations, depending on their interests and goals. This is supported by our three dedicated career and university counsellors, who work closely with students throughout Sixth Form to guide them through subject choices, applications and next steps, ensuring each student applies to pathways that are right for them.

Are there subject choices in Year 7 - 9?

The only subject choice available is between French or Spanish; all other subjects are compulsory in Years 7, 8 and 9. We refer to these as the taster years, during which students have the opportunity to explore a broad curriculum, develop their passions and discover their interests.

Food Science, Design and Technology, and Robotics are taught on a rotational basis each term. A sample timetable is shown below; where Food Science appears, this would be replaced on a termly basis by Design and Technology or Robotics.

Students who are native speakers of French or Spanish are required to opt for the alternative language. Where appropriate, native speakers may be supported through early GCSE entry, typically sitting the examination at the end of Year 8 or Year 9.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:45 - 07:50	AM Registration	AM Registration	AM Registration	AM Registration	AM Registration
07:50 - 08:40	Design Technology	Science	English	English	Science
08:40 - 09:30	Design Technology	Art	Geography	Mathematics	Music
09:30 - 10:20	Geography	Computing	Spanish	Drama	Geography
10:20 - 10:40	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:40 - 11:30	Mathematics	Mathematics	Music	Arabic	English
11:30 - 12:20	English	English	Science	Social Studies	
12:20 - 13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:00 - 13:30	Study Period	Form	Form	Moral Education	
13:30 - 14:20	Arabic	History	Mathematics	Arabic	
14:20 - 15:10	Computing	Arabic	History	Spanish	

What are the GCSE options?

The compulsory GCSE subjects are English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science. Students may study either Triple Science or Combined Science, depending on their aptitude and teacher recommendation; choosing Triple Science does not reduce the number of optional subjects available. Unlike many UK schools, Jumeirah College does not operate option blocks, allowing students the flexibility to select any combination of subjects that suits their interests and strengths. As a result, students typically study 9–10 GCSEs, compared with the UK average of around 8 GCSEs. In addition to the compulsory subjects, students select four further GCSE options from the following: Arabic, Art, Business, Computer Science and ICT, Design and Technology, Drama, Economics, Food Science, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Photography, Physical Education and Psychology.

What are the Sixth Form options?

Jumeirah College Sixth Form offers a broad and well-established range of A Level subject options, including Arabic, Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, History, Information Technology, Mathematics, Media Studies, Music, Food Science, Photography, Physical Education, Politics, Physics, Product Design (Design & Technology), Psychology, Sociology and Spanish. Sixth Form subject choices are determined by a student's GCSE results and conditional offer, ensuring that each student follows an academic pathway that reflects their strengths, supports their aspirations and enables future success. Full details of entry requirements and subject pathways are outlined in the Prospectus.

When are the ECAs?

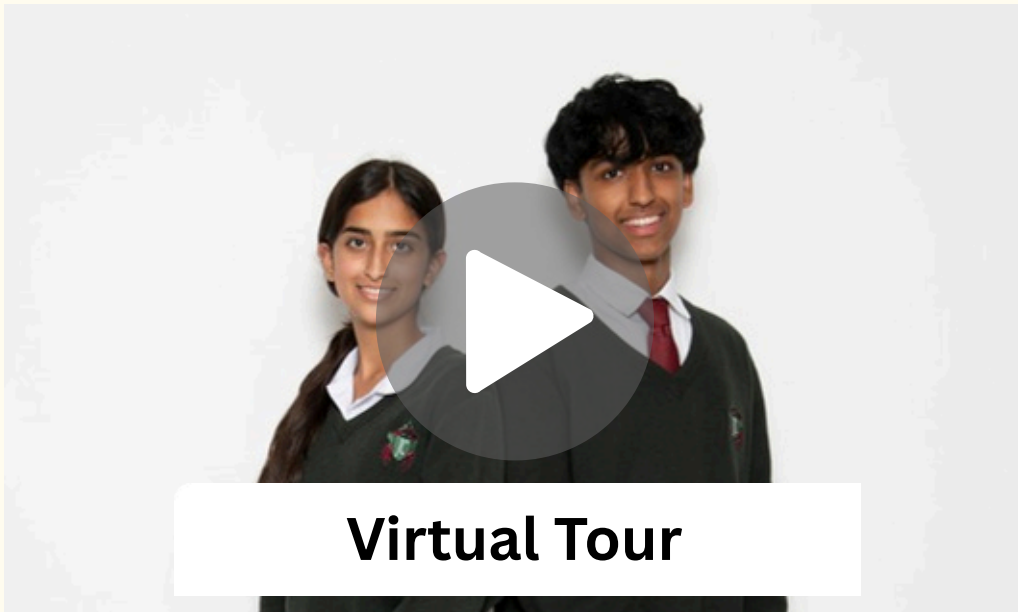
Our **Extra-Curricular Activities** (ECAs) run before school, at lunchtime and after school, offering 120+ activities for students to choose from. The ECA booklet is shared at the start of each term for student sign-up. Some activities have limited places, while others are drop-in. The programme includes a wide range of academic, sporting and creative opportunities.

EXPERIENCE LIFE

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Do you have a virtual tour?

We certainly do. Below, you'll find links to videos including a Virtual Tour, Meet the Principal, and Year 7.



2026-2027

Applications

Apply Now



If you have the opportunity to visit Jumeirah College, our team will guide you through the online application process following your school tour. Please note the application fee of AED 525 applies to non-GEMS applications. Please refer to our Admission process [here](#).

GEMS for Life

GEMS for Life is our commitment to supporting students and families well beyond graduation, providing connections and opportunities. Through this initiative, students gain access to university partnerships offering preferred admissions routes and scholarship opportunities at leading universities worldwide, alongside clear career pathways including internships, mentorships, and expert guidance through the GEMS network. Graduates also become part of a global alumni community, fostering meaningful connections.

GEMS Rewards

The GEMS Rewards programme is a loyalty scheme designed for the GEMS community, helping families save on everyday experiences. Members enjoy discounts with hundreds of partners across dining, retail, entertainment, wellness, and travel, while earning and redeeming GEMS Points towards school fees, uniforms, transport, and more. The app also allows families to book travel, purchase gift cards, and access referral programmes with ease.

FAB GEMS Credit Card

The FAB GEMS Credit Card, offered in partnership with First Abu Dhabi Bank, is an exclusive financial solution for GEMS parents, providing up to 4.25% savings on school fees, 0% interest instalment plans for up to 12 months, and education protection coverage of up to AED 500,000 per child. Cardholders also benefit from cashback, discounts, and reward points, which can be redeemed towards school payments and travel.