

## **Doha College Admissions Assessment Charter**

Doha College is a selective entry school with a focus on academic excellence. As part of the admissions process, applicants are required to meet the entry requirements by means of an entrance assessment. In addition to the academic assessment, we will contact the applicant's current school to request a confidential reference.

Assessments are designed to ensure that students coming into the academic environment at the College are equipped to cope with the pace and challenge of the curriculum that is delivered within the classrooms.

Entry levels for each year in Primary school would be in line with age related expectations as per UK National Curriculum.

Entry levels for Secondary would be based on the average Cognitive Ability Test scores for that year group in addition to other criteria inclusive of but not limited to pastoral context.

Subject to availability, applicants successful at the assessment will either be offered places or banded onto a waiting list for future intake.


### **Entrance Assessments**

- FS1 and FS2 entrance assessments will consist of the Early Years team working with small groups of children encouraging them to complete simple social activities and practical tasks. Through this process we are able to establish if the applicant is able and ready to work within our Early Years environment.
- KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) entrance assessment will consist of curriculum based phonics, writing and maths tasks. (Duration – 45 minutes -60 minutes)
- KS2 (Year 3– Year 6) entrance assessment will consist of curriculum based reading, writing and maths tasks. (Duration – 60 minutes - 90 minutes)
- All secondary (Year 7 – Year 12) entrance assessments will consist of a standardised Cognitive Ability Test and an additional English writing paper if deemed necessary. (Duration 2 hours)

***The language of instruction at Doha College is English therefore all students must be fluent in written and spoken English in order to be able to access the assessments.***

### **Terms and Conditions of Entrance Assessments**

#### **Assessment Costs**

- Assessments for Early Years and Year 1 are held at a non-refundable charge of QR 200.
  - Assessments for Year 2 – Year 12 are held at a non-refundable charge of QR 500.
  - Parents are notified of the assessment outcome in writing from the Admissions office, usually within 14 working days of the assessment.
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### **Assessment Outcome:**

If successful at the assessment and meeting the entry requirements, the applicant may be offered a place or banded onto the waiting list for future intake, subject to availability in the required year group. The applicable banding on the waiting list will be shared with parents as part of the assessment outcome.

If unsuccessful at the assessment, feedback on the areas of weakness as indicated on the curriculum based tests is provided as part of the assessment outcome. Meetings with the assessors will not be set up to discuss assessment outcome, and other than written feedback on areas of weakness as indicated on the test we are unable to engage in further discussion about the outcome.

Assessment papers are strictly confidential and will not be shared with the parents under any circumstances as this would compromise the assessment process.

**Re-assessments are not offered as normal process.** Decisions on reassessment requests will be made based on the levels presented at the initial assessment. If selected for a re-assessment, the applicant may appear for the test after a term from the initial test. This will be offered free of cost. If not eligible for a re-assessment, the applicant may apply for the following academic year.

All decisions on places are carefully considered by members of the Leadership group. Doha College is proud of the integrity of its admission process and would respectfully inform parents that our decisions regarding entry are final.

Doha College Admissions Department

