

2025 ANNUAL REPORT





“TKS authentically enacts its values, positioning itself as a model of IB education within the Kingdom...”

-2025 Re-Accreditation Report

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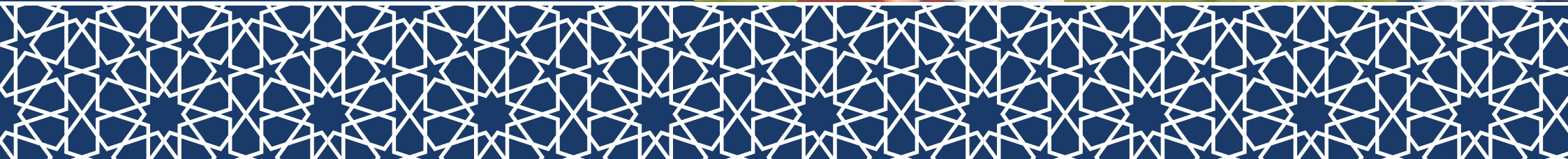
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Director's Reflection

Accelerating Impact at TKS

Dear Friends,

Under a refreshed strategic direction, 2025 has been a year defined by momentum. This report celebrates not only how far we have come but also how effectively we are moving forward.

In a rapidly evolving world, a static education is not sufficient. We are committed to an experience that is dynamic, interconnected, and deeply personal. We are not content with solely maintaining excellence in the present. We are actively pursuing education that is intentionally designed for the future.

Accelerating impact at TKS means our efforts are aligned in three key areas of focus:

- Personalized Learning: By offering a wide range of learning experiences tailored to individual strengths and passions, we ensure that our students do not simply achieve—they thrive.
- People: From our dedicated faculty and staff to our Alumni who are now making their mark across the globe, this report celebrates the individuals who turn our vision into reality.
- Partnerships: No school is an island. We are amplifying our reach through deep integration with KAUST, a steadfast commitment to advancing education in Saudi Arabia, and strategic international collaborations.

In 2025 TKS also achieved re-accreditation, a rigorous evaluation process which happens every five years. As part of the process, TKS hosted three teams from the International Baccalaureate (IB), the Council of International Schools (CIS), and Middle States Association (MSA).

The visit results confirmed what we already see evidence of daily: TKS is a world-class institution committed to excellence, innovation, and the holistic development of every student.

None of this is possible without the support of our entire TKS community. Thank you for being our partners in this journey. Together, we are not just witnessing the future of education; we are actively shaping it.



Dr. Michelle Remington
Director, The KAUST School



2025 HIGHLIGHTS



HOSTED BY TKS IN KSA FOR THE FIRST TIME



WILKES UNIVERSITY IN-PERSON RESIDENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL EdD PROGRAM



ISTA GLOBAL DRAMA FESTIVAL



GCC GOLF INVITATIONAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

UNIQUE LEARNING JOURNEYS & OPPORTUNITIES



PYPx STUDENT-LED RESEARCH SHOWCASE



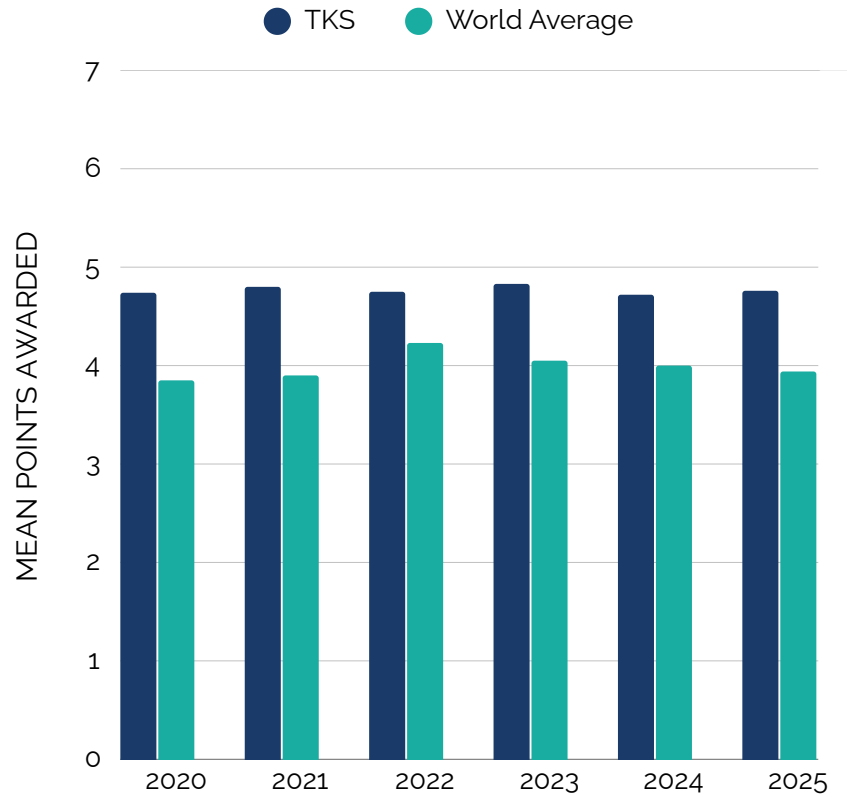
MODEL UN ANNUAL KSA CONFERENCE HOSTED 300 STUDENTS 5 SCHOOLS



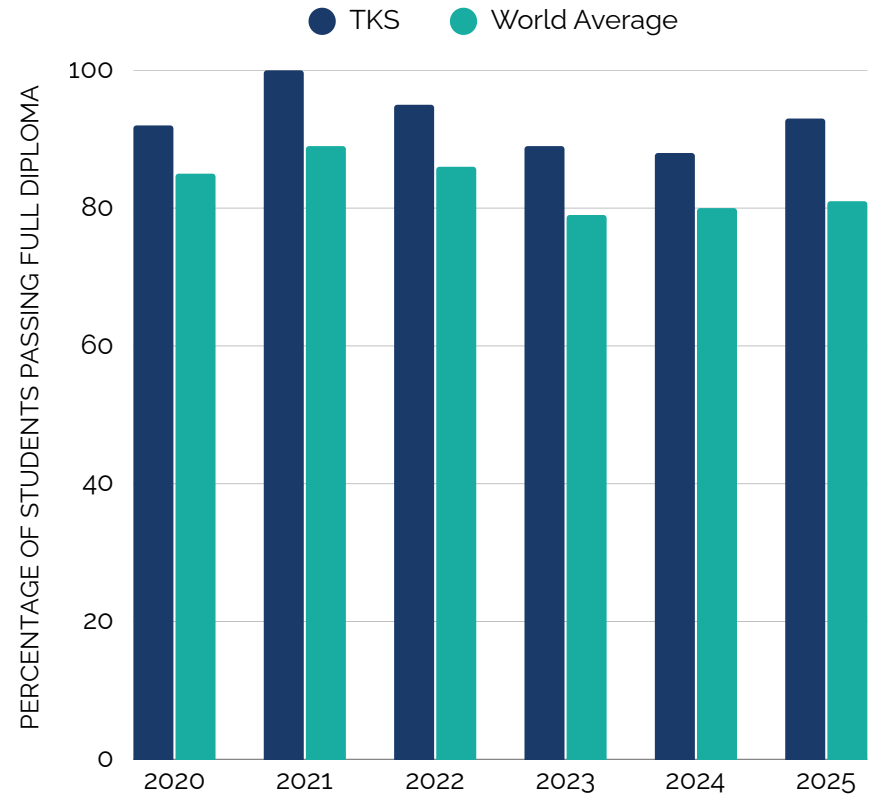
SAIKAC MUSIC FESTIVAL HOSTED 150 STUDENTS 11 SCHOOLS

ACHIEVEMENTS

IB PERSONAL PROJECT COMPARISON



IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM PASS RATE



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Distinction honors received at the Canadian Computing Competition



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Unique Courses Offered



New courses offered in 2025 include:

- Advanced Acting
- Advanced Stagecraft
- Advanced Digital Arts
- Personal Fitness
- Public Speaking

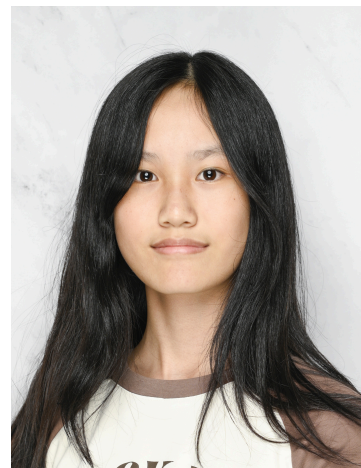
World-Class Science: TKS Student Ranks Top Tier

Harvard Science Olympiad Results

This year, TKS stepped onto a prestigious new stage as 27 students from Grades 7–10 participated in the inaugural Harvard Undergraduate Science Olympiad Middle East. This rigorous competition challenges students to look beyond the textbook, testing their ability to integrate Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Math to solve complex, real-world problems.

The Harvard Science Olympiad is designed to identify the region's most promising young scientific minds, emphasizing interdisciplinary thinking over rote memorization. With thousands of entrants from schools across the Middle East, the competition was fierce. From this massive pool of talent, only 100 students—50 from the middle school level and 50 from the high school level—qualified to advance to the elite second round.

Amidst this competition, Grade 10 student Ziqi Wang distinguished herself by breaking into the top tier, securing a spot in the top 50 for the Grade 9–10 level. Ziqi's success and the participation of her peers demonstrates a self-selected challenge and an extraordinary dedication to science. At TKS, students are encouraged to pursue their interests and passions as part of the inquiry-based IB curriculum and through various projects throughout the year.

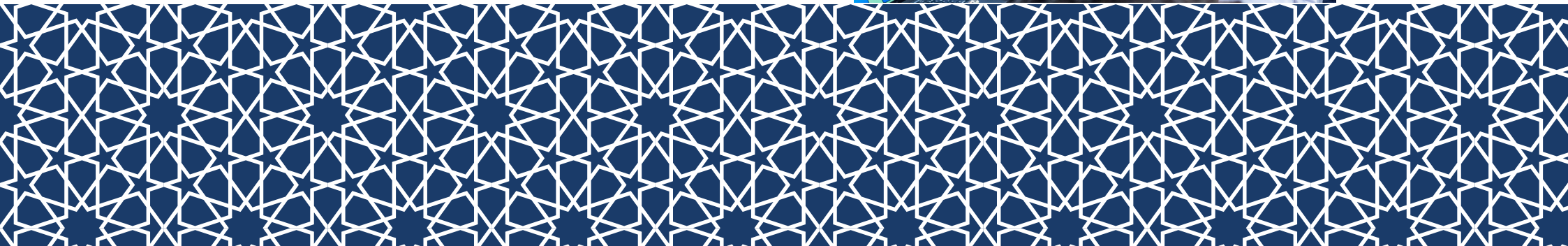


Left: Grade 10 student Ziqi Wang, who ranked in the top 50 competitors in the region at Harvard Science Olympiad (HUSO) held in Dubai.



The inquiry-based science curriculum at TKS emphasizes student-led discovery.

Throughout the year, TKS students have many opportunities to share their learning at large-scale community events such as Plant Science Family Night.



BY THE NUMBERS

Our People

ACCELERATING IMPACT:

1735
Students

73
Nationalities

376
Faculty &
Staff

92
Graduates



MAKING THEIR MARK WORLDWIDE



Class of
2025

Where
They
Are Now

Europe
32.6%

North
America
27.2%

Saudi
Arabia
19.6%

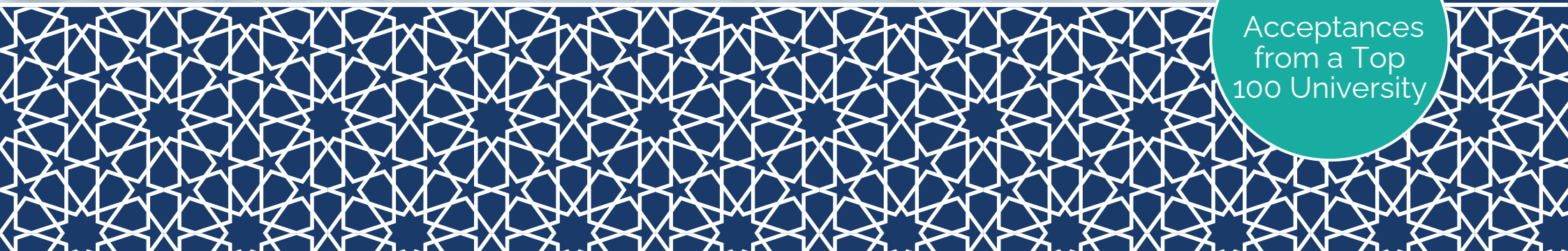
Other
MENA
4.3%

Oceania
3.3%

Asia
2.2%

42

Acceptances
from a Top
100 University



Our People: Faculty & Staff

69+

Faculty presenting at conferences globally

52

IB roles held by TKS Faculty such as Examiners & Workshop Leaders

63%

Faculty with over 15 years experience

159

Faculty with Master's Degrees or higher

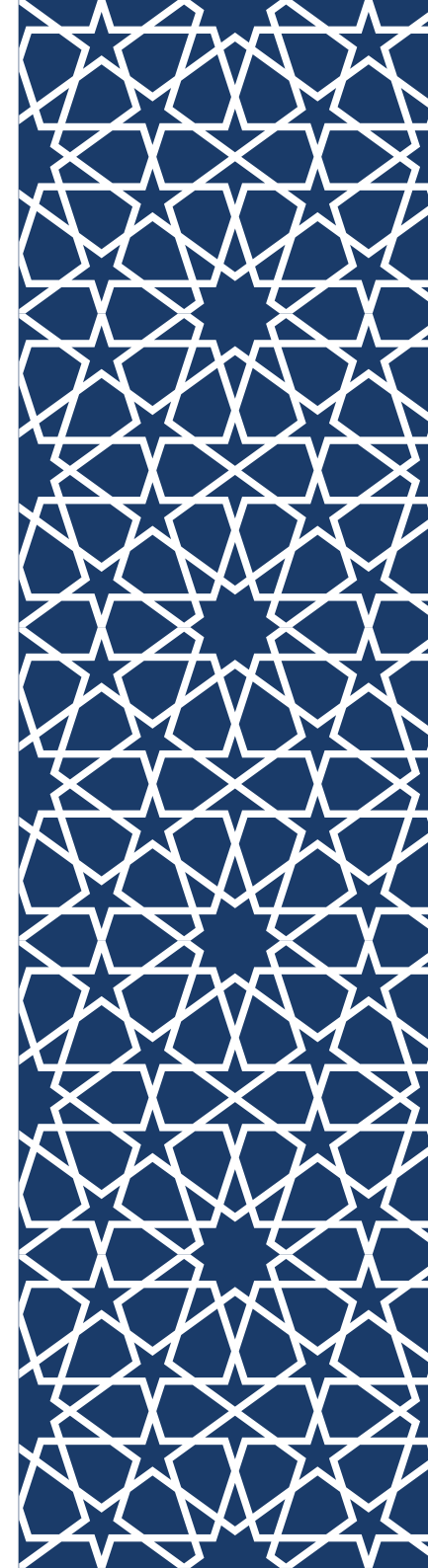


Our People: Executive Committee



First Row: Professor Sir Edward Byrne AC, Professor Omar Knio, Samer Samman, Professor Arwa Al-Aama, Amr Atiah

Second Row: Professor Raquel Peixoto, Mohamed Abdel-Aal, Professor Thomas Finkbeiner, Richard Sobieray, Kathy Farrell



KAUST COLLABORATIONS

Partnerships

ACCELERATING IMPACT:



PLANT SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT
THIRD EDITION



SOAPBOX DERBY SPONSORED BY
KAUST CORE LABS + DEPARTMENTS



MATE ROV REGIONAL (KSA)
+ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (USA)



**MATE ROV
COMPETITION**

TKS WINS REGIONAL &
ADVANCES TO WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
FOR THE 3RD
CONSECUTIVE YEAR



COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK



NTI VISIONARIES OF TOMORROW



MANGROVES PLANTING



TIE BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION



2025 Highlights

86 WISER Interns from TK5

59

TK5 Student presenters at KAUST competitions

1000

Attendees at Plant Science Family Night

International Partnerships



International Baccalaureate®
Baccalauréat International
Bachillerato Internacional

Wilkes University



COUNCIL OF
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOLS



ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT of
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



University of
Northern Iowa.



AISH
FOR HEADS | BY HEADS



Kingdom Impact

445

Participants in Thrive offerings



12

Elevate Interns enrolled in the UNI PGC Program

Thrive Learning Institute Continues to Gain Momentum

Schools across the region are increasingly looking to TKS as a model of educational excellence. In 2024, TKS launched Thrive Learning Institute, the premiere professional development and adult learning arm of TKS, dedicated to elevating education in Saudi Arabia and empowering educators both in Kingdom and around the world.

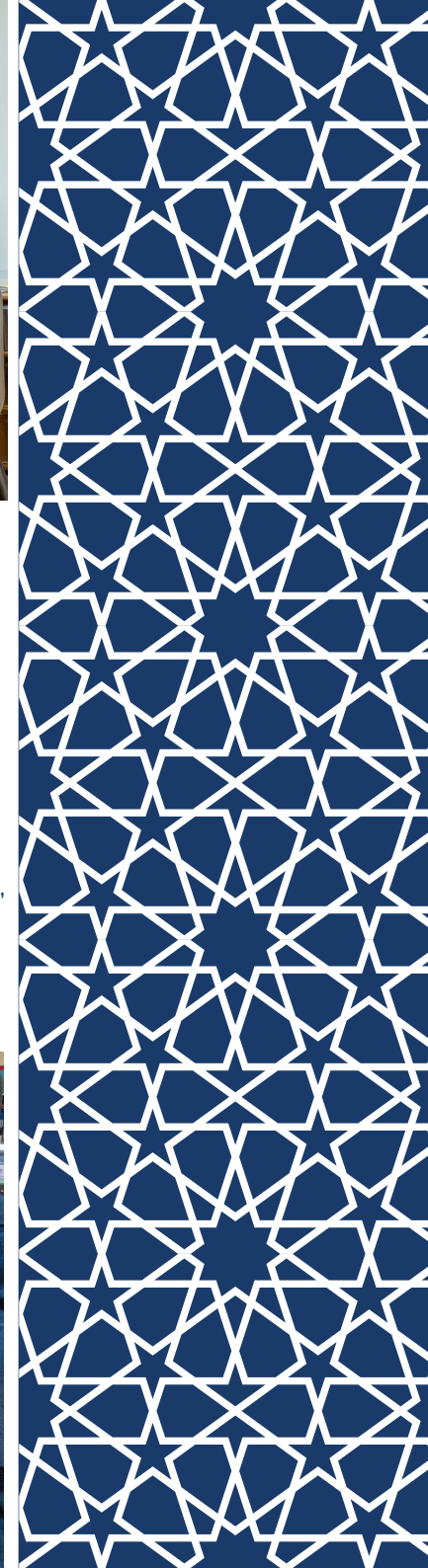
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Registered for Thrive Early Years conference

Thrive Learning Institute offers workshops, study tours, classroom immersion visits, and discovery tours. In December, TKS welcomed more than 300 educators from across Saudi Arabia to the Thrive Early Years Conference. All of the conference sessions were led by TKS faculty and staff.

50+

Schools Engaged in Thrive events and experiences



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