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Independent SCHOOLS Show

UAE brings global education names together this November

Independent Schools Show returns to Abu Dhabi and Dubai with international schools, expert guidance and talks on the choices shaping children's futures

- Two events in one week: Abu Dhabi on 19 November and Dubai on 21 November 2026
- International participation: Schools from the UAE, UK, Switzerland, Jordan and India
- Education in focus: Curriculum choices, student wellbeing, school transitions and university preparation
- Complimentary entry: Families can meet school leaders, admissions teams and education specialists in person

UAE, 6 October 2026: The Independent Schools Show returns this November, bringing international education leaders to Abu Dhabi and Dubai to help families explore the choices available to their children. The two events reflect the UAE's role as the region's education hub, connecting local families with schools and expertise from around the world.

Organisers expect a record number of schools to be represented in the UAE during the week, giving families a valuable opportunity to meet leading education figures and compare options without travelling overseas.

Meet schools from around the world

Confirmed participants include:

- UAE: Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai at both events, with North London Collegiate School Dubai also joining the Dubai show
- UK: Eton College, Fettes College, Benenden School and Malvern College at both events, with Charterhouse and Wycombe Abbey among the additional Dubai participants
- Jordan: King's Academy at both events
- Switzerland: La Garenne International School at both events
- India: Shrewsbury International School India at both events

Education specialists, including Bonas MacFarlane, will also be available to discuss school choices, applications and longer-term planning. Full confirmed exhibitor lists appear in the notes to editors.

The education questions behind the school choice | families direct access to people who can help them consider:

- Academic fit: Which curriculum and teaching approach best suit a child's strengths and ambitions?
- Wellbeing and support: What should parents ask about pastoral care and settling into a new school?
- Timing a move: When is the right stage to change schools or consider boarding?
- Future opportunities: How can school and subject choices support university applications internationally?

Dubai talks at a glance | School leaders, education specialists and parents will explore these decisions through a programme of talks:

- 10.00 to 10.30am Parents' experiences of choosing and settling into boarding school
- 11.00 to 11.30am Comparing the International Baccalaureate, A Levels and BTECs
- 12.00 to 12.30pm Considering school transitions at 8+, 11+, 13+ and 16+
- 1.00 to 1.30pm Weighing education in the UAE against boarding in the UK
- 2.00 to 2.30pm How UK schools support preparation for universities internationally

Programme subject to change. For the latest timetable and Dubai registration, visit <https://schoolsshow.co.uk/dubai-tickets>.

Event details

- Abu Dhabi Thursday 19 November 2026 | 5.00–8.00pm
African Lounge, Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi.
- Dubai Saturday 21 November 2026 | 9.30am–2.30pm
Sheraton Mall of the Emirates, Dubai.
- Admission: Complimentary with registration. Visit schoolsshow.co.uk for event information and registration links.

The shows are presented in partnership with London Square.

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Confirmed Abu Dhabi exhibitors

Benenden School; Bishop's Stortford College; Canford School; Cognita Group of Schools Ltd; EF International Academy; Eton College; Fettes College; Finborough School; Glenalmond College; Gresham's School; King's Academy, Jordan; La Garenne International School; Lomond School; Loretto School; Malvern College; Merchiston Castle School; Mill Hill Education Group; Papplewick School; Queen's College London; Shrewsbury International School India; St Albans Education Group (STAEG); Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai.

Confirmed Dubai exhibitors

Bedales School; Benenden School; Bruton Lloyd LLP; Canford School; Charterhouse; Cognita Group of Schools Ltd; EF International Academy Ltd; Eton College; Fettes College; Finborough School; Glenalmond College; Gresham's School; King's Academy, Jordan; La Garenne International School; Lomond School; Loretto School; Ludgrove School; Malvern College; Merchiston Castle School; Mill Hill Education Group; Minerva's Virtual Academy; North London Collegiate School Dubai; Papplewick School; Queen's College London; Shrewsbury International School India; St Albans Education Group (STAEG); St Catherine's School; St Mary's Calne; Sunningdale School; Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai; Wycombe Abbey.

Sponsors: London Square and Bonas MacFarlane Education. School participation varies by event.

About the Independent Schools Show

Established in 2007, the Independent Schools Show brings families together with independent schools and education specialists. Its London show and international events help parents explore educational options and make informed decisions about their children's schooling.

About Bonas MacFarlane

Founded in 1992 by Charles Bonas, Bonas MacFarlane is an education consultancy supporting families with school and university choices, admissions, tutoring and mentoring. Its approach combines individual guidance with long-term educational planning, helping children develop confidence and find an environment suited to their needs.