



## Principal's Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to Noya British School, a place where every student has the opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed!

Noya British School is honoured to be part of the Aldar Schools network, a global leader in education with a commitment to excellence. Joining a family of several schools, we share a collective vision of shaping future leaders and providing a world-class education to a diverse student population with Aldar Education. Our vision is to create an inclusive and vibrant learning community in the heart of Yas Island where we prioritize academic excellence and holistic development in a nurturing and inspiring environment.

It has been an exciting journey so far and I am equally excited about the journey ahead! I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new staff, touring the school site, meeting parents and students at our open days and coffee mornings and also interacting with parents during our bi-weekly webinars.

Throughout the month of May, we will be holding a series of events in order for you to get to know more about the school, meet the Senior Leadership Team and receive the necessary support with the admissions process and your enquiries. Rest assured that all your questions are important and we are here to support you and your children as you start your journey at Noya British School.

I look forward to meeting you and your children very soon!



**Ms Rachael Giles, Principal**

## Events in May

**Coffee Mornings with SLT** every Thursday 10.00 - 12.00

Aldar HQ, Yas Mall (next to Home Centre)

To book, please click on the links below:

Thursday 9th May: Book [HERE](#)

Thursday 15th May: Book [HERE](#)

**Open Day at Yas American Academy**

18th May 12pm - 5pm

Book [HERE](#)

**Parent Webinar** Monday May 13th 12pm - 1pm

Book [HERE](#)

**Play dates** (FS - Year 1) every Sunday 12pm -

4pm at Yas American Academy

Contact [admissions@noya.sch.ae](mailto:admissions@noya.sch.ae) for details





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## Interesting Facts about Noya British School

- Noya British School is the first Aldar School.
- Aldar Schools promise high-quality and accessible education
- Noya British School is the first British school in Yas Island
- Total capacity of 3,000 students, with an initial 500 students expected to join in its inaugural year
- Noya British School is set to open in September 2024
- Noya British School will offer the British curriculum to students ranging from FS1 to Year 6 in the first year and eventually to Year 13
- The design of Noya British School is very unique. It was recently featured in an Ed Design Article: [EdDesignMagazine](#)
- Nationality of students: Over 50 different nationalities so far from all over the world!
- Nationality of teachers: Mainly British but also Irish, Australian, Jordanian, South African, Taiwanese, Indian, Filipino, Venezuela, Trinidad & Tobago, Egyptian & Bahrain.
- School hours will be 7.30am - 2.30am (Years 1 - 6) FS will have an option for pick up at 12.30pm.
- Noya British School will have a House system where all students will belong to one of the following houses: Fox, Camel, Oryx, Falcon



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## Meet Our Counsellor



I am Lauren Pandit and I am the School Counsellor for Noya British School. I moved to Abu Dhabi from the UK in 2023. My passion for children's mental health first developed when I completed my undergraduate degree in Psychology at Northumbria University in 2010. I then went on to complete my Masters in Social Work at Durham University in 2013 and have been a qualified Social Worker for the past 10+ years. I started off my career working in a children and families team where I completed direct work with children to ensure that their wishes were

at the center of our support plans. I worked with parents and took a holistic approach to see how we could best support the family. I then progressed to working in a mental health team, working alongside the Children and Adolescent mental health teams providing support to extremely vulnerable children and adults who were struggling with their mental health. In 2016 I completed further training at Northumbria University and qualified as an Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) where I could assess and support those with the most enduring and severe mental health difficulties.

I have worked with both children and adults offering support to improve mental health and overall wellbeing. I have substantial experience of supporting children who are neurodiverse, children with eating disorders and also with anxiety disorders. Throughout my career I have completed further psychological therapies training and have developed a vast toolbox of techniques and strategies to help support mental wellbeing.

My superpower is my ability to develop trusting relationships with the children that I work with, I ensure that the sessions are fun and we work together to fix the problem that the child is experiencing. I am very proactive and plan initiatives on how to prevent children from struggling with their mental health. I am extremely passionate about ensuring that children have a happy and positive schooling experience which will therefore improve their academic outcomes.

I am married and have 2 children who will also be attending Noya British School.



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# Meet our Teachers



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**MR ALASTAIR  
BROUGH**

Bachelor's degree in Primary Education  
from Griffith University Australia.

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WELCOME TO NOYA  
**MS ELOISE  
RAPSEY**

1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours in Primary Education.  
Originally from Cornwall, England.

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**MS REBECCA  
BRISTOW**

BA in Education Studies from  
University College London &  
PGCE from Kingston University London

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**MS HARSHA  
KARSAN**

BA in Early Years Education & a PGCE  
from the University of Buckingham.

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Here at Noya British School. our interview process is rigorous; all our teachers are carefully selected according to their university degree, teaching qualifications, curriculum experience and alignment with our vision and educational philosophy. Our teachers are very excited to be joining a brand new, state-of-the-art, UK curriculum school and we look forward to introducing you and your children to our teachers soon!



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## Our Approach

At Noya British School, we embrace the enriching qualities of the National Curriculum for England, a globally respected standard that goes beyond textbooks. Recognised for its academic excellence and comprehensive educational approach, it provides students with more than just knowledge; it fosters a love for learning that extends far beyond the classroom. Moreover, at Noya British School, we take pride in promoting national and international identity as an integral part of our diverse curriculum.

Our curriculum places a strong emphasis on equipping students with critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, challenging learners at all levels. Whether through collaborative projects, hands-on activities, or thought-provoking discussions, the curriculum aims not just to educate students in core subjects but also prepare them to navigate and contribute to an ever-changing, interconnected world. Our highly skilled teachers are not just educators; they are facilitators of exploration.

