

**Dwight School — Innovator in Global Education —  
to Open First Campus in the Middle East: Dwight School Dubai**

*Dwight joins with Brighton College UK to offer world-class standards of education to Dubai community on near million-square-foot “super campus”*

**New York, NY, November 29, 2016:** Dwight School in New York, the flagship campus of a global network of leading independent International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools, announces the opening of Dwight School Dubai in fall 2018. The new school — the first Dwight School in the Middle East — will share a “super campus” totaling nearly one million square feet with Brighton College UK and the Center of Excellence for Arabic Language, Culture and the Arts in the heart of Dubai, creating a world-class educational destination for up to 4,000 students combined.



*Architectural renderings*

**Dwight School Dubai**

“We are delighted to extend [Dwight’s](#) 145-year commitment to ‘igniting the spark of genius in every child’ to Dubai, where students will be part of one global Dwight family. Dwight has long pioneered opportunities for students to become innovative global leaders and our new school in Dubai will join those in New York, London, Seoul, and Shanghai that share this mission,” said Stephen Spahn, Chancellor of Dwight School, who is celebrating 50 years in education. The longest-serving head of an independent school in the U.S., Chancellor Spahn continued, “Dwight School Dubai will be a model of how to integrate local strengths to enhance learning and create mentoring opportunities beyond the classroom for students, while also equipping them with the skills needed to communicate and collaborate across national borders to solve challenges on a global scale.”

Dwight, the first school in the Americas to offer the comprehensive International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum for students ages 3-18, will bring its noted IB expertise to Dubai for K-12 students. The academically vigorous IB develops inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Recognized worldwide as the “gold standard” in pre-university preparation, the IB diploma will enable students in Dubai to apply to top-tier universities anywhere in the world and prepare them for successful careers in the global marketplace.

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### **Brighton College Dubai**

Brighton College Dubai will offer a K-12 British curriculum, seeking to replicate the phenomenal academic success of Brighton College in the UK. Established under Bloom Education's partnership with Brighton College, the most academically successful co-educational school in the UK, the school's partners now look forward to becoming trusted providers of innovative and future-focused education in the Emirate.

Richard Cairns, who has led Brighton College UK for the past ten years, said: "Brighton College is the UK's top co-educational school, renowned for combining academic excellence with a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities, all underpinned by a deep commitment to the individual needs and enthusiasms of each boy or girl. We are looking forward to opening Brighton College Dubai and to giving parents in Dubai the opportunity to offer their sons or daughters a truly world-class education in one of the world's greatest cities."

### **The Center of Excellence for Arabic Language, Culture and the Arts**

The Center will be dedicated to the development of intra-cultural exchanges, facilitate both teacher and student development, as well as promote a deeper understanding of the rich Arabic history and traditions.

Henning Fries, CEO of Bloom Education, the specialist education division of Bloom Holding established to operate world-class schools in the UAE and the wider GCC region, said, "Bloom Education is proud to collaborate with partners of such a high pedigree, which we are very confident will deliver outstanding academic results and an unsurpassed quality of education. Together with the schools' leadership and through their joint efforts, we will also launch the Arabic Center of Excellence, promoting the Arabic language, culture and the arts to the schools and parent community."

The construction of the state-of-the-art "super campus" is scheduled to begin in late 2016. The schools will also offer extensive athletic facilities, including tennis and squash courts, and a full soccer pitch with a 400-meter running track. Students will be accepted for enrollment into the 2018-19 academic year.

### **More About Dwight School**

Dwight School, founded in 1872, is a leading independent IB World School located on Manhattan's Upper West Side dedicated to igniting the spark of genius in every child. Kindling students' interests, Dwight develops inquisitive, knowledgeable, self-aware, and ethical citizens who will build a better world. A world-class Dwight education rests on three pillars: personalized learning, community, and global vision. The [Dwight Global Online School](#) extends Dwight's education to the cloud. Graduates attend leading colleges and universities worldwide, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, Columbia, Dartmouth, Cornell, NYU, Oxford, and the University of Edinburgh, just to name a few.

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