



King's Group

Press Release

King's Group, signs agreement for a new school in Bahrain

King's Group, one of the most prestigious educational institutions internationally, has signed an agreement to open a new school in Bahrain. The school, which will be constructed in a campus of around 25.000 m², is expected to be completed in the second half of 2018 and will cater to approximately 1.700 pupils once at full capacity.

- “Having been at the forefront of British education internationally for almost 50 years, primarily in the UK, Europe and Latin America, it was only natural that we look to the GCC to continue our growth. It is with great pleasure that we begin this venture with Bin Faqeem Education in Bahrain. We firmly believe in the future and potential of this country and are delighted to be in alliance with such a strong partner” Nicholas Fry, Vice Chairman of King's Group commented.
- Since its opening in 1969, the organisation has grown into the well-renowned international educational institution King's Group, with a total of nine British schools in the UK, Spain, Panama and Latvia, as well as a flourishing network of UK Academies.

King's Group, in partnership with Bin Fqaeeh Education, will open the new school, in the outskirts of Manama, the capital city of Bahrain. The new school, currently under construction, is expected to be completed in the second half of 2018, while its opening has been projected for no later than September 2019. Like its sister schools in King's Group, the College in Bahrain will offer the English National Curriculum and the students will learn from native British and British trained teachers.

The new school will be located at the heart of Bahrain, on the crossroads of the two main arteries of the country, in a campus of approximately 25.000 m², and it has been designed to hold approximately 1.700 pupils at full capacity. The school will grow organically: for its opening, it will initially offer places for younger children and as these pupils get older, they will progress through the school until eventually all Year Groups will be open, catering up to Year 13, age 18.

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Bin Faqeeh Education, King's Group's partners in this new project, is a dedicated Bahrain-based company that forms part of the portfolio of differentiated businesses spearheaded by Mr. Faisal Abdulwahid Faqeeh, a prominent Bahraini businessman.

"Bin Faqeeh Education represents our premier venture into the education field, and we are very pleased to be taking this step along such an established and well-respected partner as King's Group" said Mr. Faqeeh

About King's College Schools and King's Group

Sir Roger Fry, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally, founded the first King's College school in 1969 and, since then, **the prestigious educational institution has grown to a total of nine schools in UK, Spain, Latvia (to be open in September 2017) and Panama, with more than 4,300 students in total.**

Thanks to the success of the institution, the excellent academic results achieved each year by its students and subsequently the university destinations accessed by pupils as a result; **King's Group has become one of the most important and prestigious international educational institutions in the world.** (40% of students currently attend one of the Top 200* universities in the world, according to the *Times Higher Education Ranking 2016)

Testament to the academic and pastoral excellence that the schools embed, are also the results of the **Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) inspections** that take place at all schools within the Group. The latest results which saw the school in Alicante achieve "Excellent" in every category.

The main goals as an educational institution are to **provide students with a rigorous and comprehensive British education and to live the Group's Vision of being "at the forefront of British education internationally."**

In addition to the schools, **the Group also owns other educational and non-educational entities, those being: King's College International** (offering summer camps and academic year abroad programmes), **King's Training** (language training and coaching for professionals) **and Nexalia Services** (catering services).

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