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Press Release

Sponsored by Qatar Airways, Oryx International School Students Excel at the Orbital Education Model United Nations Conference in Budapest 2026

9 out of 12 Oryx delegates were awarded Best Delegate and Best Ambassador honours

Oryx International School proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of its student delegates at the Orbital Model United Nations (MUN) Conference 2026, held in Budapest, Hungary, from 2-3 February 2026.





Hosted at the Milestone Institute in the heart of Hungary's capital, the two-day international conference brought together delegates from five distinguished Orbital Education schools, united in their commitment to diplomacy, collaboration and global citizenship.

Representing Oryx International School with professionalism and integrity, twelve student delegates travelled to Budapest, generously sponsored by Qatar Airways. Competing alongside peers from across Europe and the Middle East, our students demonstrated exceptional skills in public speaking, negotiation, critical thinking and leadership hallmarks of the Oryx educational experience.

Their dedication and preparation were reflected in remarkable success:

An impressive nine members of the Oryx delegation were recognised with either Best Delegate or Best Ambassador distinctions, highlighting the exceptional calibre of our students among an international field of participants.

A Conference of Purpose and Equality

The Orbital MUN Conference 2026 opened with inspiring addresses from distinguished diplomats and educational leaders, setting a powerful tone of equality, cooperation and shared responsibility.

Across multiple global committees, delegates debated pressing international challenges, including:

- Sustainable population growth
- Access to Natural Resources
- The roles of religion in politics
- Resource Driven Wars
- World Hunger Prevention and Measures

Throughout both formal and informal caucuses, Oryx students articulated their assigned country positions with confidence and intellectual rigour. They engaged respectfully with opposing viewpoints, built consensus, and drafted resolutions addressing complex global issues.

Day 2 saw high energy debates culminate in resolution writing and the Closing Ceremony, where attendance certificates and Honourable Mentions were presented. The event concluded with a celebratory Gala Dinner and Dance, an opportunity to strengthen friendships across cultures and continents.

"Being a chair at an international conference has truly shown me that despite the differences in nationality, procedure, and location, students from different backgrounds can still work together to formulate realistic resolutions to better the world. The success of the orbital MUN in Budapest was due to the hard work and dedication of those participating and organising during the two conference days, but also the countless hours on Zoom (and emails) that were put in before the conference to make sure the chairs were ready and that all the procedure was up to standard."

-Rulan Rossouw - MUN Member

Leadership Beyond the Conference

What makes this achievement even more remarkable is the leadership our students demonstrated upon their return to Doha. Following the Budapest conference, the same cohort of delegates led the first Oryx International School MUN event for students from schools across Doha embedding their learning into our own school community.

The Model United Nations programme is firmly established within Oryx International School, with over 100 students actively participating. Experiences such as this strengthen students' global perspectives, resilience, empathy and commitment to international cooperation.

Mr. Bird, Executive Principal of Oryx International School, commented:

I am immensely proud of our Oryx International School delegates who travelled to Budapest for the Orbital MUN Conference. To have nine out of our twelve representatives return with 'Best Delegate' or 'Best Ambassador' honours is a testament to the exceptional calibre and dedication of our students on the international stage.

However, my pride deepened further during the week following their return, as I witnessed these same students lead the first-ever Oryx-hosted MUN event right here in Doha. Observing our students manage an event attended by peers from across the city was a revelation. The meticulous organisation, the fluid management of the staging, and the sophisticated debate management they displayed were nothing short of professional.



A Commitment to Global Citizenship

As an Orbital Education school serving a diverse international community of over 90 nationalities, Oryx International School places global awareness and intercultural understanding at the heart of its provision. Opportunities such as the Orbital MUN Conference reinforce the school's five core values: **Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Compassion** while equipping students with the skills required to thrive in an interconnected world.

As our delegates departed Budapest, they returned not only with awards, but with renewed confidence, strengthened friendships and a deeper belief in the power of dialogue to shape a better future.



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About Oryx International School:

Educating more than 2,000 students, Oryx International School delivers the best of British Education exclusively for the children of employees of Qatar Airways and its approved subsidiaries.

Owned by Qatar Airways and operated by Orbital Education, the school provides the highest standard of facilities and the best British International education in a safe, caring and welcoming environment.

The school Mission is to deliver an engaging, value rich, broad and balanced 'British International Education Programme' to the children of the employees of Qatar Airways by highly qualified and experienced UK curriculum teachers.

The Vision of the school is to ensure that students leave Oryx International School enabled, confident and ready to face the challenges that their next stage of life will bring. Students' in their time studying at the school, will have developed effective behaviours that will enable them to thrive and succeed as global citizens of the 21st century, thanks to our school Values and unique approach to education.

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