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Press Release

Oryx International School Sixth Form Students, Go On To Attend A Selection Of The World's Most Prestigious Universities.

As a new academic year unfolds, the Oryx Class of 2025 embarks on a bold new chapter, stepping into the world of Higher Education with ambition and purpose. From almost every corner of the globe, our graduates have earned places at some of the world's most prestigious universities; a powerful testament to their hard work, resilience, and dreams taking flight.

The 2025 graduating class received a plethora of university offers earlier this year, granting them the opportunity to choose a university pathway best suited to their future career ambitions and professional goals. Many of these offers were "Unconditional", while other students received exclusive Scholarship opportunities.



Representing over 90 nationalities, Oryx International School provides students with a rich, globally-minded education, both academically and pastorally. It is therefore unsurprising that our Sixth Form graduates go on to pursue higher education at leading universities and institutions across almost every continent.

Studying under the English National Curriculum allows Oryx students a hands-on, practical learning approach, that prepares them to face the challenges of tomorrow's society and embeds in them the school's five key values of Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Compassion.

The school's full <u>list of 2025 University Destinations</u>, makes for impressive reading. Not only for the countries and institutions themselves, but also in regard to the fields of specialism that Oryx graduates have chosen to pursue for their future.

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From the Creative Arts, Architecture and Design, through to Medicine, Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and of course, as to be expected from the Qatar Airways school; Engineering, Computing and Maths; as we are proud to grow the next generation of budding aviators.

In Europe and the UK, we are particularly proud of the students that have been welcomed to Russell Group Universities this year. The <u>Russell Group</u>'s 24 university members are world-class, research-intensive universities. These institutions are unique, in that each of them comes with its own history and ethos, but they collectively share some distinguishing characteristics that culminate in this mark of excellence.

This year Oryx graduates adorn the corridors of:

- The London School of Economics and Political Sciences
 - o Ranked Number 1 in The Times Educational Supplement Best Universities of 2026
- Southampton University
 - Where one of our extremely talented musicians, was honoured with the **Southampton** Arts and Humanities Deans Global Talent Scholarship.
- University of Liverpool
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Nottingham

In Asia, Kyushu University welcomed an incredibly talented Oryx graduate to study Electrical Engineering and Computer Science under a full scholarship, which includes a monthly living allowance and return flights for the start and end of the course. While we were also delighted to hear that one of our students has now begun their university studies at the University of Nottingham, a proud Russell Group member, in Ningbo, China.

Meanwhile in The Americas and Canada, the University of Toronto warmly welcomed a further two Oryx graduates, the first to study Biochemistry and the other who is now studying Social Sciences. In parallel, the University of Palermo in Argentina, welcomed an Oryx graduate to undertake their university Degree in Sound Design and Music Production earlier this month.

In Oceania, the academic year runs January to December, so while some of graduates have Offers to attend some prestigious institutions, including the University of Queensland, where one Oryx Graduate plans to study Law, and the second Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; paperwork is currently being finalised to conclude their applications or scholarships.

Mrs Smith, Principal, commented "As a truly international school, the wider Oryx community and I are extremely proud of all of our Sixth Form Graduates from the Class of 2025 and we very much hope that you will remain an active part of the Oryx Family, as you join the ranks of our Oryx Alumni Community. We look forward to hearing about your adventures into Higher Education and beyond, and look forward to being able to welcome you back to our own events – such as Careers Week – where our Oryx Alumni play a pivotal role in inspiring future generations who follow them."



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Ensuring Oryx graduates are well informed about the future possibilities that lie before them, is the responsibility of Mr Amaso, the school's University & Careers Lead. Mr Amaso begins working with the students in Year 09, the final stage of Key Stage 3, as the students diligently prepare and take their first steps into tailoring their school studies, all of which will later lay the foundation stones for their University Degree course.

In Key Stage 4 – Years 10 and 11 – as the students sit their IGCSE exams, they are required to choose a series of optional elective subjects, to compliment the mandatory subjects of English, Maths and Science. These exams are the precursor to the student's working with Mr Amaso and the wider Senior Leadership Team in the Oryx Secondary school, to choose all subjects and academic pathways for their Sixth Form studies, which can extend across AS/A Levels or BTEC courses.

Mr Amaso, alongside the Secondary school Senior Leadership Team, then works to support the students with the demands of their chosen course subjects, and later on university entrance interviews; a responsibility that they each take very seriously. Which is why praise must be extended to the school's academic and examinations staff, for their wonderful work and support – which are the cornerstone of the students' success.

Mrs Sarah Dewey, Head of Sixth Form at Oryx International School added,

"It is such a pleasure to see our students continue into such prestigious Higher Education institutions across the world. This illustrates that an education at Oryx International School, is truly one of the best and supports our students to continue their education and follow their passions and dreams. I am extremely proud to work with an incredible team of academics, who truly inject their ardour for teaching, to ensure that our students enjoy their lessons and create a lifelong love of learning."

Oryx International School, opened its doors in 2016 and has since seen four graduating cohorts, the latest being the Class of 2025.

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.



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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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