



Press Release

Oryx International School Receives “*Outstanding School Award*” from Pearson Edexcel, while Students Achieve Pearson “*Outstanding Learner Awards*” from 2024 I/GCSE & A Level Examinations.

Oryx International School has been recognised as “Outstanding” by UK Examination Board Pearson Edexcel, the “Outstanding School Award” is presented to schools who have produced Outstanding Pearson Learners.

Meanwhile, Year 12 & 13 Students at Oryx International School have been recognised with “Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards” to highlight excellence in their 2024 I/GCSE and A Level Examinations.





The school were delighted to welcome the Senior Regional Development Manager for Pearson Edexcel, Mrs Ameena Soysa to Oryx to present these prestigious awards to Mr Laidlaw, Executive Principal and current Year 12 students and Year 13 students, for the examinations they sat in the Summer series of 2024.

The Pearson “Outstanding School Award” is a new award that the company have recently launched to honour those schools, showcasing excellence by producing students that achieve the “Outstanding Learner Awards”. Receiving the award this year was a highlight for the school, to which Mr Laidlaw Executive Principal commented *“I am truly honoured to receive this award on behalf of the school community. Our academic and examinations teams work so hard to support our students towards excellence, and this is a true honour to have their dedication recognised to this extent.”*

While Ms Soysa, added *“I am delighted to see that Oryx International School has been recognised by UK Examination Board Pearson Edexcel for its Outstanding Pearson Learners Awards.”*

The Awards were presented to Mr Laidlaw and honorary students, during the school's annual “IGCSE Celebration Evening” whereby students, their parents and family members are invited to celebrate a social evening of achievement and fun, alongside their peers and colleagues.

“Having Ms Soysa join us for our Pearson Edexcel awards presentation this year was a huge honour which made our students feel extra special” commented Mrs Laidlaw, Head of the Exams Department, *“her presence at the Awards Evening was an added highlight and surprise for our students and their families, which we will all treasure for many years to come. You could literally feel the emotion in the air as students were invited on stage to receive their Outstanding Student Award Certificates and Medals presented personally from Ms Soysa. We are extremely grateful for the continuous support and assistance we receive from our Pearson Edexcel team.”*

Every year Pearson examination board recognise and celebrate Pearson Edexcel learners around the world who have demonstrated academic excellence at the very highest levels in their exam performance. The “Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards” (OPLAs) are presented to those learners in each exam series who have achieved the highest subject mark in their country, in the region, and around the world.

The Oryx OPLA's are among the 2200 award winners from 750 schools across 82 countries globally, who have successfully achieved these standards in their Pearson Edexcel exam(s) in the 2023/24 academic year. The OPLA Award Criteria and the complete list of Schools with OPLA achievers can be found on the Pearson website here: <https://shorturl.at/rr9oU>





At Oryx International School we were honoured to observe our students incredible achievements across the following categories:

- **The Highest Mark in the Region (Middle East)**

Was awarded to:

Alexandros K for GCSE Greek

Pietra K S for IAS Geography

Spyridon K for IAS Greek

- **The Highest Mark in Qatar**

Was awarded to:

Konstancja V for GCSE Italian

Misha Z H for IGCSE Art & Design: Fine Art

Nicole K C for GCSE Portuguese

Mariana V T for IAS Spanish

Mr Imran Sidat, Head of Secondary School at Oryx, added *“I am immensely proud of everything our students have accomplished over the past year. Their outstanding performances have earned Oryx International School the Pearson Outstanding School Award, alongside numerous accolades such as the High Achievers Award, recognition for the Highest Mark in Qatar, and the incredible achievement of the Highest Mark in the Middle East.*

These extraordinary accomplishments are a testament to the dedication, talent and relentless hard work of our students, supported by the unwavering commitment and expertise of our exceptional teaching staff. Our teachers’ passion for excellence and innovation has equipped our students with the skills and confidence to thrive on an international platform.

We also offer our deepest gratitude to our parents for their unwavering support. Your encouragement and shared commitment to our vision have played a vital role in fostering a culture of excellence and success within our school community.”





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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