

# British International School Abu Dhabi

EP not only saved teachers time, but it validated what we were doing in class and made the curriculum more accessible for all.

British International School, Abu Dhabi has been providing high quality education in the UAE for more than 12 years.

Using EP since  
2014

UP users  
(Students)  
750

UP users  
(Teachers)  
114

## About

Since The British International School Abu Dhabi (BISAD) opened in 2009, they have made steady progress towards establishing themselves as the school of choice for over 1800 students in Abu Dhabi. The second largest school in Nord Anglia Education's family of 73 international schools, BISAD strives to achieve excellence and never settles for anything less.

Providing students with opportunities and support to achieve not only excellent academic progress, but also fundamental life skills such as effective listening, creativity and problem solving, it is their aim to inspire ambition in the students, develop their thinking and support them in overcoming challenges they may face.



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
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## Why Education Perfect (EP) - Our online learning journey

### Competition Fever

In 2014, the Head of Languages at the time, had heard about this Kiwi company and the breadth of resources it had online for students to drill their vocabulary in a fun and engaging way. In search of a tool that could give back classroom time to the other important elements of language acquisition and language production, it was the global competitions held by Education Perfect that was initially the most exciting aspect for the staff and students. Education Perfect is now used by the Inclusion Team and both the Languages and English departments.

*"We really saw the benefits and impact that EP could have on our teaching and the students' language learning experience. We have been using EP as a language learning platform in MFL and Arabic for over 8 years now, as one of the first schools in the UAE. We use it for vocab drilling, flipped lessons, reinforcing and practicing an aspect of language (grammar or topic based), and to build enthusiasm for languages in our school."*

**Eric Depose**

Head MFL

British International School, Abu Dhabi

### **The online learning journey - How BISAD navigated Covid-19**

Like many schools across the UAE, BISAD had already started navigating in the online learning environment and exploring more the use of digital tools. Using technology such as MS Teams and MS One Note to facilitate communication between teachers and students, and streamline the allocation and submission of homework and assessments.

Since the start of the pandemic, the school has continued to be innovative in the delivery of their lessons and curriculum through trialing different hybrid and online models, From all online live lessons and pre-recorded asynchronous lessons to hybrid teaching (some students online and some in class) to, at present, over 95% of students are now back on campus.

Education Perfect has provided a consistent learning place throughout this time and it has provided a varied option for students and they enjoy doing the tasks. It complements the work we do in class and supports real time learning.

*"I enjoy being able to watch the students as they work and see the gaps in their knowledge in real time. It provides something different for them in class and validates the work we do normally. For example, they completed a Shakespeare unit and EP contains exercises that focus on the language of Shakespeare. This was perfect to back up what we teach in the classroom, and validated the need for them to show an understanding."*

**Julie Cannon**

Head of Year 7 & English teacher

British International School, Abu Dhabi

EP is more popular than ever and many departments are using evidence from EP to inform achievement and progress rates. Our stats show that students spent 9,600 hours on EP the 2020/2021 academic year and over 2,953,000 questions were answered (and we only have 306 students!).

One of the best features is that students can independently use EP for their own learning,

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“This was an absolute lifesaver and the most efficient way to have them keep learning French in a more engaging way.”

**Eric Depose**

Head MFL

British International School, Abu Dhabi

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## Impact

- For our students, the impact has been significant, especially in regard to improving online engagement and supporting teachers in providing personalized learning and differentiated lessons.
- With continued disruptions across the year and repeated school closures, EP ensures that the lessons and teaching does not stop. It has allowed students to quickly receive timely and meaningful feedback and teachers were able to easily track student engagement and progress.
- As mentioned before, we have seen improved student independence, and the large range of subjects and resources on EP fosters the student's curiosity and self-learning.

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