

# First Female Graduates from the Oxford Partnership International Vocational Female College Al-Madinah

We are excited to announce that the Oxford Partnership International Vocational Female College in Al-Madinah has had its first graduates.

41 students successfully completed this tough but rewarding three year vocational education programme. The course has provided the students with real workplace skills and experience to ensure they are highly employable and an asset to any organization. Five graduates are assisting with the admissions process for this academic year as interns. Come and register and hear what our graduates have to say about the course.

The Oxford Partnership is a consortium which includes two outstanding vocational education colleges in the UK being Activate Learning and Moutlon College. These highly experienced educational giants have come together to deliver the College of Excellence International Technical College programme, to train Nationals for the workplace and real careers in line with Vision 2030.

The government contract is part of the College of Excellence International Technical College vocational educational program which is a government program for nationals supported by TVTC.

International Technical Al-Madinah Female College opened its doors to students in September 2013. The Oxford Partnership (Oxford), after successfully opening three female colleges in the North of the Kingdom, was asked to operate Al-Madinah College from September 2015. At the end of 2016 the college's student population is approximately 900 students.

Oxford are passionate about transforming lives through excellent teaching and learning. The first year has been hugely successful with fantastic results across all years, including 87% of students passing 1<sup>st</sup> year foundation studies.

*Transforming Lives Through Excellent Teaching and Learning*



*Dr Esther Howarth is the Principal of the college when asked about the results said.*

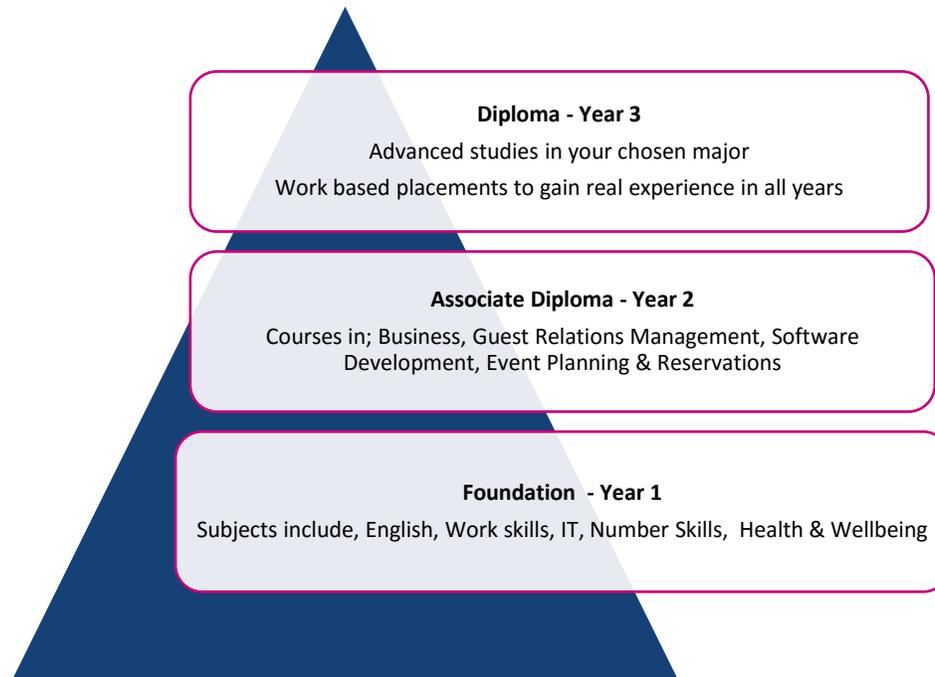
“I am so proud off everybody, students, teachers and the full support team. Everyone works very hard to make Al-Madinah College a wonderful place to learn and achieve great things. These results show this.....”

Dr Esther is highly qualified with a PhD in Engineering from Durham University, for her Master and Degree she read Physics. Her strong belief in education and the power it has to transform lives propelled her to complete a Post Graduate Certificate in Education. With a career in education spanning over 30 years, she has a wealth of experience in further and vocational education. Dr Esther came to Madinah from King Edward VI College in Nuneaton where she was Principal for 7 years. She is passionate about teaching and learning having dedicated her career in the pursuit of passing knowledge to see students succeed.

*When asked what brought her to Al Madinah, Dr Esther said*

“I came as Principal to the Oxford Partnership Al-Madinah Female College because I believe in and wanted to be part of TOPs mission to transform lives through excellent teaching and learning; helping the young woman of KSA contribute to the economic development of their country and find fulfilling careers. As a mother of three, I fully understand what this involves having been able to successfully combine my work and family life like many other woman around the world. I am so excited to be working with the young women in Madinah. Our students and first graduated students are extremely talented and will help KSA Vision 2030 succeed”

This international technical education programme is hard work but extremely worthwhile. It prepares students for careers. The course is three years resulting in a Diploma in your chosen specialism accredited by SSS, delivered in English and students also take Cambridge English examinations.



The course is really exciting and provides a variety of opportunities to experience real life work skills and experience. It also involves hard work and commitment. All International Technical Colleges operate a strict code of conduct which students agree to follow together with a clear disciplinary procedure. This includes strict rules on attendance, time keeping, behavior and dress; students will be dismissed if they do not follow the code of conduct expected by the government. The reason for these rules is to ensure all students receive the teaching and learning needed to help them pass their exams and very importantly they are all behaviors required by an employer.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new students to Al-Madinah in September 2016. They will join our current students who are friendly and proud of their college. Our students are serious about their education and work hard to achieve examination success but as well as learning new things, they meet new people and make friends within a safe and happy atmosphere.

Vision 2030 shows how as the Saudi economy diversifies and grows to become globally competitive, there is an increasing demand for vocationally and technically trained workers who can meet the needs of the country's traditional and emerging industries. Young Saudis have long shied away from a vocational or technical education, believing a more academic education is the preferred pathway to successful, secure employment. Here at the Oxford Partnerships Colleges we are helping to reverse this perception. Together with our partners in industry, we are showing young people that a vocational education is in high demand, and can lead to a well remunerated, reliable and satisfying career.

The programme is highly focused on skills for employment and includes work experience placements. We have a dedicated Student Employability Team that work with employers and our students. Students apply for work based placement posts with local employers through our college job board, after interview and intensive in college workshops they undertake real work experience. The employability team support the employer and students, with remarkable success. Employers are astonished at how high the caliber of our students, employers have commented that they have had our students training some of their current workforce.

The Employability Team over the next academic year are focusing on strengthening links with local employers, with different initiatives including our employers forum and quarterly employment engagement newsletter, which will include business tips from international businessman and woman. (to sign up for a copy please see below for contact details)

Our students are the future of KSA and the up and coming managers.

Would you like to be part of the future of Kingdoms vision, if you aren't frightened of hard work and commitment and would like to find out more about ***Oxford Partnership International Technical female College please contact your local campus.***

**We look forward to welcoming new students to this exciting and ground breaking educational program.**

**Training students for the work place and real careers**



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