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Dear High School Candidate,

On behalf of Al-Bayan Bilingual School (BBS), we welcome your interest in our high school. The purpose of this letter is to give you a brief idea about our high school curriculum and our organization.

In the high school, the bilingual aspect of Al-Bayan becomes less emphasized, 80 percent of courses are taught in English and 20 percent in Arabic. The school follows an American-based curriculum and currently offers a number of Advanced Placement courses. The high school currently has over 540 students; the vast majority of our students attend four-year universities in the U.S. or in Kuwait. We've commenced our exciting journey to incorporate a more Standards-Based Learning and grading approach in our teaching & learning, assessment, and reporting methods.

Our High School students are very active and involved in many different extracurricular activities. We have an active and successful chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS organizes many community service activities in and outside of school. In addition to NHS, our high school has a strong Model United Nation's chapter; students participate in local and international MUN conferences every year as well as hosting our own local conference, the Pearl MUN. Our Student Council organizes a number of school activities such as sport's nights, movie and game nights, and traditional nights and serves as a liaison between students, teachers, and administration. Junior varsity and varsity teams participate in leagues, competing in volleyball, basketball, soccer, track and field, speech and debate, badminton, and academic games both in Kuwait and overseas. BBS has also a number of students committees amongst them MUN (Model United Nations), Student Council, NHS, Hand in Hand, and the Academic Games committee.

At Al-Bayan we have a solid I.T. structure for integrating technology into our curriculum. Every classroom is equipped with either an interactive whiteboard or an interactive touch screen. Our high school students are part of the school's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. The high school has Wi-Fi access and each student and teacher have access to the wireless through assigned accounts; our aim is to enhance student-centered learning through thoughtful and targeted technology. Teachers use ZOOM and Google Classroom to interface and connect digitally with their students. Furthermore, BBS has shifted to online learning and teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is using ZOOM with administered norms and protocols.

The data-management system used by the BBS community (staff, students & parents) is Skoolee hence; allowing all stakeholders at BBS to have quicker access to and efficient input of information.

We are committed to helping teachers grow professionally. Staff are provided with in-house professional development to support on-going educational initiatives that we have at our school. Furthermore, teachers are offered the opportunity to attend local, regional and international professional conferences.

We are delighted to have new overseas faculty join our school to further enhance our school community.

Please review the attached school profile that summarizes current data about our high school.

Sincerely,

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