

Directorate of Government Schools Reviews Short Monitoring Visit Report

Al-Tadamon Secondary Girls School Hamad Town – Northern Governorate Kingdom of Bahrain

Date of first monitoring visit: 21 March 2018

Date of last review: 20-22 March 2017 SG204-C3-Ma031

Introduction

The monitoring visit of the school took place over one day, by a monitoring team from the Directorate of Government Schools Reviews (DGS) of the Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) to verify the improvements that it enacted according to the recommendations of the last review visit. During the monitoring visit, improvement in students' performance is evaluated during the class observation, the learning walk, scrutiny of their written works and monitoring of general progress.

The Previous Judgement

• The school was judged 'Inadequate' in the March 2017 review visit.

The recommendations	The description			
Recommendation 1	Insufficient improvement			
Recommendation 2	Insufficient improvement			
Recommendation 3	Insufficient improvement			
Recommendation 4	Insufficient improvement			
Recommendation 5	Insufficient improvement			
Recommendation 6	Insufficient improvement			
The monitoring visit overall judgement	Insufficient progress			
• The school needs a second monitoring visit after one year.				

Summary of the first monitoring results

The overall outcomes of the visit

- Seek support by the relevant parties at the Ministry of Education to improve the school's overall performance, through:
 - implementing a rigorous and comprehensive self-evaluation, and benefiting from its results in building the strategic plan, and clear mechanisms for monitoring the implementation
 - address the shortfall in the human resources represented by senior teachers for the departments of Arabic, English, mathematics and commercial studies.
- Raise students' academic achievement, and their acquisition of basic skills, particularly in English and English commercial subjects.
- Implement effective and sufficient training programmes to raise teachers' professional competency, and monitor their impact on the improvement of teaching and learning to ensure:
 - effective utilisation of teaching strategies
 - development of students' self-confidence, and their active participation in lessons' activities
 - orderly class management, and productive use of learning time
 - effective assessment, and use of its results in meeting students' learning needs, particularly the low achievers.
- Implement effective and sufficient programmes to academically support all categories of students.

Appendix 1: Basic Information about the School

The school name (Arabic)		التضامن الثانوية للبنات											
The school name (English)		Al-Tadamon Secondary Girls											
Year of establishment		2011											
Address		Building 3142, Road 1451, Block 1214											
Town / Village / Governorate		Hamad Town/ Northern											
School's Contacts		17440813				Fax			Fax	15		7440816	
Grades (e.g. 1 to 12)		Primary			Middle			High					
		-				-			11–12				
Number of students		Boys		-		Girls		220		Total		220	
Students' social background		Most students are from average-income families											
Classes per grade	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Major recent changes in the school		• Appointing an Assistant Principal in the academic year 2017-2018.											

Appendix 2

Table 1: Judgement on how sufficient are the improvements in therecommendation

Judgement	Judgement Description
Sufficient Improvement	The school is making significant progress in addressing the recommendation. It has taken measures which have achieved great improvement linked to the recommendation which clearly resulted in improved performance, and positively impacted the outcomes.
Partial Improvement	The school is making inconsistent progress in addressing the recommendation. It has taken positive actions, which led to varying improvements in performance, and partially affected the outcomes.
Insufficient Improvement	The school does not achieve sufficient improvement in the recommendation. It was not successful in taking actions leading to appropriate improvement. There is a notable weakness that needs to be effectively and urgently addressed.

Table 2: The overall judgement of the school progress in the monitoring visit*

The Overall Judgement of Progress	Judgement Description
Sufficient Progress	The school has taken effective measures to bring about sufficient improvement in all of the recommendations.
In Progress	The school has taken several measures to bring about at least partial improvement in all of the recommendations. There are no recommendations with insufficient improvement
Insufficient Progress	The school has not brought about sufficient improvement in a single recommendation or more.

* In case of insufficient measures linked to the recommendations related to the licensing/organizational body, and with the school taking the appropriate measures on its part, the overall progress judgement will not be affected, except with the issues related to health and safety.