

Dear BSME Schools,

RE: BSME Dance Invitational Secondary 2027

We are excited to welcome you to the British Schools in the Middle East Dance Invitational Secondary Competition at RAK Academy's new Al Hamra Secondary School.

The Dance Invitational is a celebration of creativity, giving students the chance to be part of an artistic journey where ideas come to life through dance. It allows them to grow in confidence, strengthen teamwork and communication, and most importantly, share a meaningful story with the audience through the power of dance. This experience will focus on the process the students go through, the skills they discover, the friendships they build, and the unforgettable memories they create.

Theme: "Elements"

Earth, water, fire and air: the forces that shape our world. Ras Al Khaimah is a place where the elements meet, from the sea at Al Hamra to the mountains at Al Rams. The dance piece brought by each school can be in any style and the outcome may vary, but the stimulus used to choreograph and create pieces must be taken from the title. It is up to visiting schools how they interpret this, whether through one element or several, literally or symbolically.

Dates: Friday 30th April – Sunday 2nd May 2027.

Location: RAK Academy Al Hamra Secondary School, Al Hamra Village, Ras Al Khaimah [Location link](#)

Participants: Students from Year 7 – Year 13 (Grade 6 – Grade 12)

The structure of the weekend will depend on sign-up. Schools can bring one dance piece with a maximum of 15 students.

Participant fee: The participant fee for each child is 600 AED.

This covers the cost of workshops led by external practitioners, T-shirts, lunch (Saturday and Sunday) and dinner and entertainment (Friday) for all students and 2 staff per school. The fee for an additional member of staff is 200 AED.

Flights, visas, hotel bookings and transportation are the responsibility of the visiting school.

We can provide support with bus bookings should you need this. [Delete if not offered]

Entry form: Please complete this form [link](#) by **Friday 30th October 2026** to express interest. The full payment must be paid by **Friday 29th January 2027**. Once we have final confirmation of the number of participating schools, we will send more information regarding payment details.

Schedule: The format of the weekend will be dependent on final numbers.

Please see below approximate timings and schedule for your planning:



Friday 30th April	Family of Schools Saturday 1st May	Sunday 2nd May
Arrival at RAKA: 13:00	Arrival at RAKA: 08:00	Arrival at RAKA: 08:00
Welcome and introduction. Participants follow a rotation of workshops from external providers and rehearsals throughout the afternoon. One slot per school is designated on the auditorium stage for a technical rehearsal of your BSME piece.	Welcome. Participants follow a rotation of workshops from external providers and rehearsals throughout the day. One slot per school is designated on the auditorium stage for a technical rehearsal of your BSME piece.	Welcome. Final technical and dress rehearsal. Dance Showcase to start at 11.30
Dinner and entertainment provided.	Lunch provided.	Lunch provided.
Depart 20:00	Depart 16:30	Depart 13:30

We look forward to welcoming you to RAK Academy Al Hamra. Please do not hesitate to contact caroline.ogun@rakacademy.org if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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