



**Maryam Hussain**

**Class of 2007**

**Doha College, Qatar**



**Maryam Hussain** attended **Doha College**, a COBIS Patron's Accredited School in Qatar, from Year 7 until her graduation in 2007. Maryam currently **teaches** in a number of **universities** across Paris, including Sciences Po, and runs her own **tutoring company**.

After finishing her A Levels at Doha College, Maryam moved to the UK to study for her Bachelor's degree in French and Politics at the University of Nottingham. Her degree included a year spent abroad at Sciences Po in Strasbourg, returning to France after graduation to do a month-long **teaching qualification**. She enjoyed teaching so much that she applied for a PGCE at Durham University, specialising in French and Spanish. Upon completion of her PGCE, Maryam returned to Qatar where her parents are based, and worked in the **education department** at Qatar Museums. She managed a number of different projects across multiple museum locations for two years, before being offered a job at Sciences Po, her ex-university. Maryam says *"it had always been my dream to work in France but I had never had the opportunity, so when this job offer arose, I couldn't say no!"* Her work with different universities across Paris has helped her to understand the **differences** between the French and English education systems, and she has come to realise that tutoring is not very established in France. She had come up with the idea to launch a tutoring business upon finishing her PGCE but had never had the time to fully develop the idea until now in Paris.

Maryam says that her time at Doha College was among the **best days of her life** and that she would do anything to go back to those days! One of the best things about going to an **international school** was that all of her friends came to the UK to study, so they were able to meet up after leaving school and maintain the **community** they had built together whilst at school. In fact, Maryam and her school friends still meet up to this day, ten years after leaving Doha College! She also loved being able to travel and take advantage of the opportunities to **experience other cultures** through school trips and her year abroad at university. At Doha College, Maryam was very involved in sports, particularly tennis which she was very **passionate** about, playing at a very high level until the age of 16.

Maryam's advice to current Doha College students would be to **make the most** of the time they have at school. She cautions against getting too stressed out from the pressure of knowing what you want to do and going for that dream job, emphasising **spontaneity**, friendship and doing the things that you **enjoy**.

Over the next year, Maryam hopes to develop her **tutoring business** and introduce tutoring to the French market. She also hopes to continue being able to **make a difference** in the lives of students at the universities she teaches in, as she loves the **satisfaction** in seeing her students **succeed**. Further down the line her travel bucket list includes the Seychelles or the Maldives, as living in Paris can be very hectic and stressful and she would love to take a break and **chill out** on those beautiful islands!