

The American School of Marrakesh joins MIT's Abdul Latif Jameel World Education Lab

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The American School of Marrakesh to enhance STEAM program, create Maker Space, and provide professional development through engagement with MIT

Marrakesh, September 1, 2021— The American School of Marrakesh (ASM) joins the Abdul Latif Jameel World Education Lab (J-WEL) as the newest member of the pK-12 Collaborative. Through J-WEL membership, The American School of Marrakesh joins a community of 26 other schools, universities, non-profits, government agencies, and companies addressing the world's most pressing education challenges and exploring opportunities presented by new educational technologies, effective practices, and emerging scientific understandings of learning.

Via engagement with J-WEL, the American School of Marrakesh will co-develop a STEAM program that engages all levels of students with learning activities; co-design and establish a Makerspace at ASM; and participate in J-WEL events focused on teacher professional development in STEAM curriculum, pedagogy and assessment informed by learning science and effective educational technology practice. J-WEL and ASM expect this work to set the stage for strengthening and modernizing the education infrastructure and practice in the region.

“The MIT/J-WEL collaboration provides ASM access to, and the opportunity to work with, world-class experts, programs, and colleagues that position the school as a leader in transformational change in Africa to benefit our students, Morocco, and the world,” remarked Dr. Casey Asato, ASM Head of School.

The American School of Marrakesh will join other members at upcoming J-WEL events, which bring together representatives of member organizations with MIT faculty and researchers. Through seminars, presentations, and hands-on work, MIT participants support member efforts to transform educational systems and develop solutions applicable across global contexts. The American School of Marrakesh will exchange ideas and best practices with global affiliates of J-WEL, working toward collaborative solutions in education challenges.

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Notes to editors:

- The following individuals are available for interview with regard to this announcement:

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About The American School of Marrakesh

The American School of Marrakesh (ASM) is an independent college-preparatory day school serving students grades PK-12 with an inspiring, multicultural and multilingual learning environment designed to empower, challenge, and support all learners to grow academically, socially, and civically. The School values and develops talented students and inspiring faculty who are curious, creative, and caring, where students strive for mastery of English and fluency in Arabic and French. ASM's mission is to foster excellence through critical thinking and creativity; build resilience and character; promote responsible, global citizenship; and encourage lifelong learning. Faculty provide exceptional conditions for students to discover and pursue their own passions through future-focused programs networked in diverse communities and infused across academics, arts, athletics, and co-curricular programs. Learn more at: <https://asm.ac.ma/>

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About Community Jameel

J-WEL is an initiative of MIT and Community Jameel, the social enterprise organization founded by MIT alumnus Mohammed Jameel '78. Community Jameel was established in 2003 to continue the Jameel family's tradition of supporting the community, a tradition started in the 1940s by the late Abdul Latif Jameel, founder of the Abdul Latif Jameel business, who throughout his life helped tens of thousands of disadvantaged people in the fields of healthcare, education, and improving livelihoods. Today, Community Jameel is dedicated to supporting social and economic sustainability across the Middle East and beyond through a range of initiatives including J-WEL, as well as three other labs at MIT: the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), the Abdul Latif Jameel Water and Food Systems Lab (J-WAFS), and the Abdul Latif Jameel Clinic for Machine Learning in Health (J-Clinic). Learn more at: <https://www.cjameel.org/en>