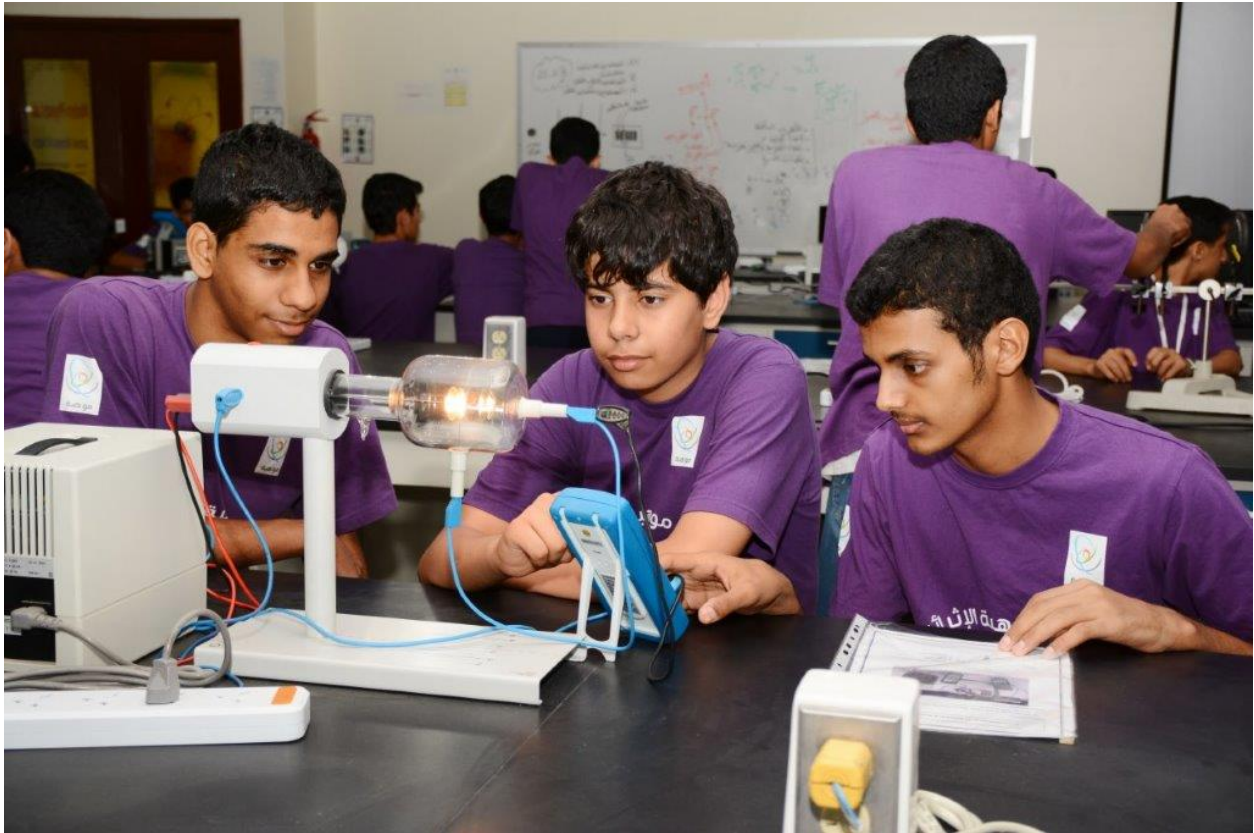


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The main gate way for identification is through **the National Project for Gifted Identification**. The project runs Mawhiba Multiple Cognitive Aptitude Test (MMCAT) that was developed, in 2011, by Mawhiba in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the National Center for Assessment. The test is administered to ensure sound, fair and unbiased selection process for the students. It is conducted annually in English and in Arabic for students in grades 3, 4, 6, and 9 in more than 100 centers all over the kingdom. Since 2011, more than 100,000 students were identified as gifted students.

Selected students, from the 4th to 12th grade, are offered to Join Mawhiba **Gifted Classes**; a high-quality educational environment for gifted students to help them reach their full potential by providing additional curricula. Mawhiba supports the selected schools by providing continuous professional development, regular assessments, annual tests, as well as conducting parent orientation workshops, in addition to the **Afterschool STEM** programs targeting children in grades 4-9. Students are also offered to join **Mawhiba Enrichment Summer Programs (MESPs)** as informal education including residential and commuting summer programs that are either local or international in the world’s top universities. Through MSEP, Mawhiba invites

international institutes to partner with local institutes to deliver world class programs to ensure a high-quality know-how transferred to local partners.

More gifted students are identified through **the National Olympiad for Scientific Creativity "Ibda'a"**. It is the Kingdom's largest science competition organized by Mawhiba in collaboration with the Ministry of Education that targets students in grades (7-12) to help them develop their research skills and encourages learning and self-development through science fairs. Finalists are then selected to participate in Intel ISEF. Since 2007, Mawhiba students obtained 43 grand awards and 23 special awards in total. Mawhiba students also participate in the **Science International Olympiads** in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Science, Biology, and Information Technology. They go through a series of training camps where they receive more than 2500 hours of training. Since 2010, Mawhiba students have won a total of (232) medals in these Olympiads.

More services are offered to gifted students such as **counseling, college preparation, and Career Guidance**. Mawhiba also organizes a variety of programs to raise awareness about Giftedness and creativity by conducting workshops, scientific forums, and various events, in additions to translating books, papers and articles to be available to all educators and practitioners.

In terms of strategic partnerships, Mawhiba has significant partnerships with local and international key gifted education entities. It is looking forward to extend such collaborations to develop gifted programs and services. The foundation is also enhancing its international collaborations by participating in activities such as research on latest trends and practices in gifted education, and participating and hosting educational conferences. All to enable the gifted who are the most important contributors to the world.

