

Dear All,

It was really good to see our after school clubs and activities starting up this week with so many children taking part in the wide range of opportunities on offer at Madinat Khalifa. As I mentioned last week, trying out new things or continuing in areas where you wish to improve your skills is a great way to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Taking this idea to a more extreme level is our group of secondary students who are participating in one of many amazing activities next week. Senior students will be travelling to Tanzania for a week-long residential visit, living under canvass at our Nord Anglia Education Expedition Centre at the foot of Mount Meru. During the same week, other students in the Secondary School will be on Space Camp in Turkey whilst the remainder will be taking part in activities organised in school and around Doha. These activities have been designed by our staff to give our older students a chance to develop leadership and team-building skills outside the constraints of the classroom space. This is a great way to develop the attributes and personal characteristics that help children to grow into mature, disciplined and caring members of society.

Whilst the majority of the Secondary School will be enjoying these new experiences, our Year 11 students will be hard at work taking their IGCSE mock examinations. They have been studying hard and we wish them well in their practice exams in the expectation that this will be valuable preparation for the real examinations in a few months time.

Building on our strengths as a member of the Nord Anglia Education family of schools, we have been introducing students from Year 4 and above to the Global Classroom. This on-line learning platform encourages debate, dialogue and the sharing of ideas across our schools, worldwide.



We are using the power of our 31 schools to offer something unique and valuable, to extend horizons and challenge students to expand their thinking beyond their own school. Work on the Global Classroom started last term with our Debating Team taking the lead in the Debating Competition and our Tapestry design team seeing their work featured as one of the best across all the Nord Anglia Education schools. We will be competing in further challenges through the Global Classroom including the Creative Writing competition.

As part of our planning for next academic year, we hope that our existing parents will be able to confirm their intentions regarding places for their children from September. The deadline for this will be 8 February 2015. If you are a Compass parent and wish your child to attend our Early Years provision at Gharaffa or Rayyan, please contact our Director of Admissions and Marketing, Kathryn McCulloch who will be pleased to support you. Her email address is: kathryn.mcculloch@nais.qa,

Finally, I shall be attending the Nord Anglia Education Recruitment Event next week to secure outstanding teachers to join our team at Madinat Khalifa. David Burt will be taking the reins in my absence.

Kind regards,
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Principal
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Primary News



Dear All,

As you are most probably aware, our Primary students from Year 4 upwards, are becoming fully immersed in Nord Anglia Education's 'The Global Classroom', led by Miss Brick. Following a very successful launch, yesterday our Global Classroom Student Voice leaders took part in a webinar. Here is what they had to say:

"This was our first webinar and we had the exciting opportunity of talking to children from 8 other Nord Anglia Schools. During the webinar we discussed Challenge 1, which has already been completed and were introduced to Challenge 2. For Challenge 2, we need to come up with a song or song lyrics that represent our whole school. We are really excited and will be busy for the next few weeks sharing and discussing ideas with years 4, 5 and 6 before we decide on a final idea."

David Burt
Head of Primary
Compass International School,
Madinat Khalifa



The  Global Classroom

News and Dates

Sunday 18 January: IGCSE Mock Examinations begin

(Until Wednesday 28 January).

Friday 23 January: Friday Rehearsals for School Production

Secondary News

The Activities Week Schedule



Fencing lessons begin in Madinat Khalifa

Year	18/01/15	19/01/15	20/01/15	21/01/15	22/01/15
7	Art Trip	House Sports	Creative Writing and Enterprise Activities	Team Building	Outdoor Adventurous Activities
8	Creative Writing and Enterprise Activities	House Sports	Team Building	Art Trip	Outdoor Adventurous Activities
9	House Sports	Art Trip	Outdoor Adventurous Activities	Creative Writing and Enterprise Activities	Team Building
10	House Sports	Art Trip	Outdoor Adventurous Activities	Creative Writing and Enterprise Activities	Team Building

* CANCELLED ECAs*

Tuesday: Animation Club and ICT Club

Wednesday: U14 Football Club

Thursday: Formula 1 and Hockey Club

FIRE DRILL

On Wednesday, 14 January a routine Evacuation drill was carried out at the Madinat Khalifa Campus successfully. In fact, it was the fastest full evacuation in history in just over 1 minute 47 seconds. Well done to all concerned.

Netball Result



U13's & U14's Netball Fixture vs American Community School .

On Tuesday two of our netball teams competed in the QUESS league against our rival school ACS. The under 13's (year 8) played the first match. We've only been playing together for a few months but with lots of preparation, it helped us show fantastic teamwork, especially when under pressure. The game was tough and it all came down to the last quarter, which paid off with a 13-10 win!

The second game was the under 14's. The majority of the team play in both teams so some of us were very tired by that stage and Caroline had hurt her foot but this seemed to drive us forward and we controlled the game well. We still it gave our all and Miss Merriman wouldn't tell us the score, so this made us focus on the game harder. We were rewarded with our second win and what a score:13-4 ! Cries of joy and cheers could be heard throughout Doha! All this was possible thanks to the people who gave up their break time to help us practice and coaching us during the matches: Mrs Meriman, Mrs Norrie, Miss Blick and Mrs Batista.

Reported by Adele Clark (Captain)

