

Letter from the Principal

"Time is a circus, always packing up and moving away."

Ben Hecht



Dear All,

As we approach the end of the academic year, this is a time to prepare for the long summer break ahead and to make sure that student learning continues. I am sure that many of you have holidays booked and bags packed, ready for the summer recess. My own children used to complain about our family holidays because, with two teachers as parents, every holiday had a feeling of being on a school trip as we exposed them to different experiences, in different countries, making sure that we visited places of cultural and historic interest, interspersed with a lot of fun activities. Now that they have grown into adults, they still look back on those times with affection and laughter. Those experiences have stayed with them into adulthood. I hope that the same will be true for your children.

Senior Students are looking forward to their Year 11 Graduation tonight and we hope that this is a positive experience for all concerned. This is a time to relax after all the hard work they have put in this year. I hope that their IGCSE results reflect their studies and, when their grades are published over the summer vacation, they are rewarded accordingly. In our Primary School, Year 6 students are getting ready for their graduation into Secondary School with an exciting Transition Day, their final assembly and the Year 6 Celebration Party.

In these final weeks of term there are still some trips and events taking place at school and learning opportunities beyond the classroom to keep students engaged and learning through to the very last day of term. A group of our senior

students are travelling for a cultural and language trip to Paris next week and our secondary students in Key Stage 3 are off to experience the great theatre that is on offer in the UK, including a trip to Shakespeare's home town. We hope that they come back inspired and enthused by the experience. Our Primary students had the chance to visit Rayyan Water Factory as well as a trip to see the turtles on the beach in Qatar. It was a pleasure to watch our younger students showing off their skills at our Compass Circus at Madinat Khalifa. Thanks go to all the staff and parents involved in making all of these events happen. We are so lucky to have so many motivated staff, parents and, of course, students. You can read more about these activities in this edition of the Newsletter.

Next week sees the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan. As residents of Qatar, we need to adhere to and respect the religious and cultural traditions of our host country. We hope that everyone can enjoy the rest of term and continue to work in harmony at Compass International School.

Ramadan Kareem

Regards,

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The Circus That Came To Doha

Have you heard the saying 'laughter is the best medicine?' For a very long time, the circus has been a special place where people, from many parts of the world, go to be entertained, laugh and have fun. Year 1 dazzled us yesterday, with a truly memorable circus performance. From start to finish the audience were entertained by cheeky clowns, elegant ballerinas and terrifying tigers. The strong men lifted 200 kilogram weights, the fire breathers kept us on the edge of our seats and the tightrope walkers took our breath away. It really was a sensational show and one that we will remember for a long time. The Year 1 team and parents worked like Trojan horses to transform the sports hall into a truly atmospheric space. Congratulations to all of the performers.



Vincent van Gogh Dutch Musical

On 4 June, the Dutch Students from all three of our campuses with "Globetrotter" put on a wonderful play about the life and work of Vincent van Gogh. The storyline revolved around two students who went on an excursion to the museum with their class. One of the students lost a backpack during the excursion and they had to go back later to find it (as the museum will not let them back in, they have to find a way) and then the adventure begins. For the full story go to our Website News Section.



Year 5 "Water for Everyone"

On Monday 8 June, our Year 5 class visited the Rayyan Water Factory as part of their 'Water for Everyone' Science topic. The children learned a great deal from where they get the water, how they bottle it, through to how it comes to be on our shop shelves. The tour brought the entire process to life. The children saw the water bottles being made, filled with clean water, labeled, placed into crates and packed onto trucks for the shop shelves. The children were engaged throughout the day and asked very interesting questions. The full excursion can be read in our Website News Section.



Year 6 Induction Day

Our Year 6 students are very excited about their induction day on 14 June. They will be chaperoned by the Year 9 students during the day to each of the sessions.

The day will be packed with new subjects and experiences -

Start 7:45 – 8:00am: All Year 6 students will be in the Sports Hall for an introduction by Dr Creissen

Break 9:30 – 10:00am: Year 6 students will spend the break with Year 9 chaperones in the Sports Hall mezzanine

End 12:00pm

We look forward to welcoming all our new students into the Secondary School for the start of an exciting chapter of their school careers.

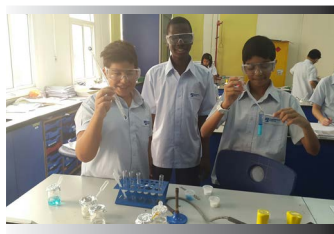
Year 7 Career Parent Presentations

Year 7 PSHE students have had parent guests over the last two weeks giving a series of career talks. Parents were invited by students to present and give insights into their career paths. A diverse range of industries were represented ranging from Engineering, Oil, Health, Government, Arts, Education, Commerce and Sport. Each parent spoke about other career opportunities within their particular industry. They advised students on the qualifications, skills and qualities required for their jobs.



Year 8 Science Experiments

Students had to investigate the difference between physical and chemical reactions. Some of their experiments included burning different substances, finding out if mixing chemicals will cause an increase or decrease in temperature, and seeing if mixing chemicals will make the colour change. There were some surprising results. The students were kept very busy finding out just what chemicals worked to change what substances.



Global Classroom Anthology

The Global Classroom Creative Writing anthology is currently in print and we will let you know when it arrives. Have a look at our e-book of the full anthology here: <http://joom.ag/4TCp>



The Global Classroom

IBDP Group 4 Project Update

Our Year 12 students completed the practical element of their Group 4 Project, which is a requirement of the IB Diploma Programme. Full information to follow next week.



Tuck Shop News

Next week, from Monday to Wednesday, the Tuckshop will be open at first break in the IB Centre. Join us for some treats before Ramadan starts.

No Drama ECA Tuesday, 15 June

There will be no Drama ECA due to the trip to London during the week.

Admissions Information

If you are planning on withdrawing from the school this summer and have not yet informed us, please contact our admissions department to collect a withdrawal form. The Supreme Education Council require copies of these forms to release your child from their database.

We do still have a few places in selected year groups, notably Years 8, 9 and 10 and for the start of the IB Diploma course in Year 12.

2105 Year Book

This year, it is bigger and better than ever before, with information about trips, events, sport and the arts, to name a few new additions. Please order your copy via the form sent out to you or visit our reception area; the cost is only QR80 per copy. The Year Books are due to be delivered by Thursday 25 June in time for the end of the school year. Order your copy today to avoid disappointment.

Sport at Madinat Khalifa

Basketball - 7 June

The U12 and the U13 basketball teams travelled to Al Khor to play in the QUESS area league. Some fantastic performances were on show from all of the players, particularly with the dramatic improvements in their defense. The most valuable players were Nicholas Suresh and Diego Batista from the U12 team and Logan Campbell from the U13 team who demonstrated superb skill and team work.



Girls' Swimming Gala - Al Khor Gala 7 June

On Sunday, the Girls' swimming squad travelled to Al Khor International School to participate in the annual QUESS Swimming gala. They performed exceptionally well, gaining three 1st places, two 2nd places and three 3rd places.



Boys' Swimming Gala - Al Khor Gala 8 June

The Boy's Gala was held the following day, with another set of outstanding performances, gaining two 1st places, one 2nd place and four 3rd places.

The overall quality of our swimming was impressive and the teams have trained hard this term in preparation for the competition.



Mrs Batista will be holding swimming trials this September for the team next year.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 14 June	Year 6 to 7 Induction Day Arabic Parent Teacher Consultations - 14:00 to 16:00 U12 and U13 Basketball Fixtures - Mesaieed International school
Tuesday, 16 June	Year 6 graduation assembly - 12.30 to 1.30 - Sport Hall Year 6 Graduation Party - 17:00 to 20:00 - Paper Moon Restaurant
Wednesday, 17 June	Primary and Secondary Reports distributed
Thursday, 18 June	Last day of ECA's OPTIONAL: Ramadan finishing time starts - 12:00 for those who have requested the earlier finish, 13:30 for everyone else
Sunday, 14 - Tuesday, 23 June	Trip to London - Drama
Thursday, 18 - Wednesday, 24 June	Trip to Paris - French
Sunday, 21 June	Secondary Parent Teacher Consultation Evening
Wednesday, 1 July	Last day of school: All finish at 12:00



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