



Weekly Newsletter

News from the Principal

Dear Parents

“Automobiles are not ferocious.... it is man who is to be feared.”
- Robbins B. Stoeckel

I hope that everyone had a restful but productive break during Eid al-Adha and that our students are ready once again to apply themselves to their studies in and outside school.

To find out more on our Primary Seminars, Succeeding in the Key Stage you are in, safety in our schools and our growing PTA Community, please find my letter on line [here](#).

Dr Terry Creissen OBE
Principal



Primary News

Learning is greatly enhanced by incorporating real-life experiences into the process. This week, our **Year 6** students have been studying television news reports in order to create and film their own, based on traditional fairytales. Last week, as part of their IPC unit entitled ‘Ourselves’, our **Year 1** students experienced growth and ageing with visits from babies and toddlers through to teenagers and adults. Click [here](#) for more.

It was extremely good to witness such a good turnout for the first of our Primary Parent Seminars. Led by our English Subject Leader, Mrs Fiona Elvin, parents were taken through the speaking and listening, reading and writing elements of the English curriculum. Information was provided on how we teach these elements in school and how parents can further support their child at home. For those of you who were unable to attend, the presentation can be found [here](#) on our school website. The presentation includes some very good website links to support your child’s reading, an author list and games and videos.

Our next Primary Parent Seminar will be held on Thursday 22 October, focusing on our IPC curriculum.



Secondary News

Succeeding at IB

Our first “Succeeding at” evening was held for our IB students and was a great success, with parents and students both learning about the expectations for Years 12 and 13. For the full details on the IB Course go [here](#).

Further Invitations

I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming events aimed at giving you and your child all the information you need to know for our students to enjoy and ultimately be successful in all areas of school life.

Sunday October 4 our [Succeeding at Key Stage 4 / IGCE’s](#) event - aimed at students and parents in year 10 and 11.

Tuesday October 6 is our [Succeeding at Key Stage 3](#) event - aimed at students and parents in Years 7, 8 and 9. These events start at 6.30pm in the Sports Hall. I very much look forward to seeing you on Sunday or Tuesday, have a lovely weekend.

Year 8 Parent Forum Information

This will be an opportunity for parents to talk openly and honestly about their experiences at our school with the school leaders. For the full details on the Forum and to book your place please go [here](#).

View our Sports Award Video on our YouTube account [here](#).



School News

Special Mention

At the end of our last academic year, June 2015, a select group of secondary students represented Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa at the annual QUESS swimming gala. All our students performed to the best of their ability and showed excellent attitude and team spirit throughout the event. A special mention goes out to Daniel Velders, who is an integral part of the swimming. Well done Daniel, we are looking forward to seeing your continued efforts on the team.



First Coffee Morning Success

Dr Creissen welcomed all parents to the first regular coffee event for the term. Mrs Sloczynska, our new Deputy Head of Secondary, introduced an activity for parents to get to know each other and then proceeded to introduce Rhonda Howard, the head of our Madinat Khalifa PTA community. For more information on our PTA and 2015 - 2016 events go [here](#).



Teachers as Lifelong learners

Our IB teachers are continually upgrading their skills and recently completed a Theory of Knowledge course in September. Read about their experience [here](#).

Upcoming Events

1 October

[Primary Parent English Seminar](#) - 12:30

4 October

[Succeeding at KS4](#) - 18:30

5 October

[Coffee Morning](#) - 07:30

6 October

[Succeeding at KS3](#) - 18:30

7 October

[Primary Parent / Teacher Consults](#) - 14:00

12 October

[Year 8 Parent Forum](#) - 7:30

15 October

[Primary Maths Challenge Students vs Parents](#) - 14:00

17 October

[Legacy Sports Day](#) - 13:00

19 October

Secondary Music Mondays - 12:30

21 October

[IGCSE Revision Seminar](#) - 18:30

22 October

[Primary Parent IPC Seminar](#) - 12:30

Last day of school

25 October

Half Term Break Begins

Go [here](#) for our full calendar

Primary ECA’s Cancelled 7 October

All primary ECA’s will be cancelled on 7 October due to the [Parent / Teacher Consultations](#) on that day which commence at 14:00.

Secondary and external ECA’s will continue as usual.

Parent Classes

As announced in our ECA schedule last week we are very pleased to launch our classes for parents, commencing this week! These are our Staff/ Parent Choir and Water Aerobics which will be held on a Thursday from 1:30pm. Please sign up at reception to join us for these free activities

All ECAs started this week. If you have as yet not seen the schedules, please find them below:

[Primary ECA Schedule](#)

[Secondary ECA Schedule](#)

Student Safety

The safety of our students is our priority, we would appreciate your assistance with the following:

- Please do not drop your children off until 06:45 at the earliest in the mornings.
- The school gates will not be opened until 13:25 in the afternoon for pick ups.
- Primary students must be picked up under the shaded playground area.
- Secondary students to be picked up inside the school gates.
- If you have an infant or medical condition you may wait by the seating section of our foyer.
- Please do not enter the classroom corridors.
- Visitors to the school prior to this time will only be permitted on site with a prearranged appointment.
- Please drive carefully!

To keep up with all the latest school news join us:

