

Letter from the Principal

“If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn’t need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around.”

Jim Rohn



Dear All,

It was a real pleasure to see students in Year 8 lead an assembly on the importance of being in school in order to be successful. Their clever use of statistics reminded us that even 90% attendance means missing half a day of school each week, culminating in 18 days per year. It seems obvious but it is important to emphasize that you cannot gain from all the advantages of being at school if you are at home or away on holiday. Of course, there are times when absence is unavoidable for illness or exceptional reasons but the message was clear – more time in school means greater success in the students’ learning. As the final weeks of term are now in sight, we will continue to teach right up to the final day of term. If you need to take your children out of school for whatever reason, please do make sure that the Class Teacher or Form Tutor is informed.

Last week, two of our staff attended a leadership training programme at Warwick University in the UK. They gave up their weekend and half term break to attend workshops and lectures organized through Nord Anglia University. This is an important part of what we do as an organization and signifies our commitment to keeping staff up to date with educational practice as well as training them in the skills required to support the development of their schools. Andrew Fitzmaurice, CEO of Nord Anglia Education attended an evening session with our delegates and reinforced our commitment to developing our school leaders so that our schools can progress on their path for continuous improvement. The message was clear that if we want to secure the future growth of our school for the benefit of our students, it is important that we invest in the staff.

As the IGCSE examinations move into their final phase, preparations are well advanced for the Year 11 Graduation Ceremony and Prom. A great deal of planning has gone into making sure this is a memorable event as it signals the transition from School to College. Students are getting ready for the move to a post-16 course in preparation for entry to university or the world of work. Another key transition time is when students move from Primary to Secondary schooling in the UK system. We recognize this step with special events for Year 6 students involving a “transition” day, a formal assembly at school and a celebration event held externally. My thanks to staff and parents who have been involved in the planning for these activities.

Finally, on a practical note, you will have noticed that the temperature has been rising over the past few weeks. Arrangements are in place to ensure that children do not overexert themselves during break times by having time inside as well as the opportunity to have some short outside breaks. The message to all at this time of year is to keep hydrated. Water must be consumed on a regular basis. This is as important for the adults as well as the children so I encourage you all to be good role models in this and drink plenty of fluid.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

Terry Creissen

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Year 3 Aslam Assembly



Adventurers and Explorers was the theme for Year 3MA's assembly last week. Explorer qualities such as perseverance, courage, focus, and determination were portrayed using Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong as examples. Children related these qualities to themselves. Our class was certainly determined to learn their assembly lines and were also focused on using expression and projecting

their voices. They have shown that they have many explorer qualities! Well done for an excellent performance and showing how much you have learnt year 3MA!



Year 2 Ioannides Assembly

Year 2 put on a SENSATIONAL assembly today to share their learning about the 5 senses. They sang along beautifully to the 5 Senses Song and Wonderful World and remembered all the actions! The assembly also included a drama based on Peace at Last by Jill Murphy.

As well as the usual achievement certificates, students were also awarded certificates for their writing in Francophone week. Well done to all certificate winners.



Year 5 - Walking a Mile in Their Shoes

For our Science entry point, the children had to take it in turns to carry a full bucket around the school without spilling it. The purpose of this activity was to empathize with those less fortunate in Africa who have to walk for miles in the burning heat to collect water for their homes and families. We had a great time doing this, despite a few spill ages along the way.

Mathletics Gold

Roba Elsaigh in Mrs O'Keefe's class has worked extremely hard throughout the whole year on Mathletics, and this week her hard work and determination paid off. Roba is now the proud owner of a GOLD certificate. This is the 18th certificate Roba has earned this year on Mathletics so it is no surprise she is considered to be a high-flying mathematician in 5MB! Well done Roba!



Dutch Van Gogh Musical

In January we started with the Dutch musical ECA. Dutch and Belgian students are rehearsing their parts for performing on June 4, at the Gharaffa Campus at 6:30 pm, in which they – together with their peers from The Globetrotter – will perform (in Dutch) the life of Vincent van Gogh. We are really excited about this performance and are confident the students will do a great job!

Moodle for you

On Friday May 29, Moodle was upgraded by the Nord Anglia IT team. As you use it with your children you will notice the enhancements, graphic changes and greater functionality making it easier to use than the present version.



Secondary Assembly

In our assembly this week, Miss Taruc, Head of Year 8, and some of her students taught the rest of the school about the importance of attendance. Many were surprised to learn of the impact even 90% attendance can have on final IGCSE grades. The presentation was engaging, informative and we hope it gave our school community an opportunity to reflect on their attendance this year, particularly as we move towards the end of term.

There were also a number of awards handed to students. We were delighted to welcome Shitu Miah, - Community Goalz Coach and Tournament Organiser, and James Mwale, Head of Goalz, to present

our Year 10 students with their Football Leaders Awards. This was in celebration of their hard work volunteering to coach younger children. Many students were also presented with House Point Certificates and IB Learner Profile awards, with the Duke of Edinburgh



students receiving two awards each for their recent adventurous journey. Additional awards were given to winners of the French Poetry Competition and Global Classroom Illustration Competition.

Debate Team - Live Final

After an impressive overall win in the third round of the Global Classroom debating league, our very own Madinat Mavericks earned a place in the live final. They face some tough competition from 'King Khalid's Minions (Bratislava)' who were the winners of round 2. Our team consisting of Chae Won Park, Francisco Pereira, Isle Visser, David Irvine, Sai Nithyashree Loganathan and Adnan Alkhalil are arguing against the motion: 'We should only eat food produced in the country in which we live'. Closing statements are due by Sunday, June 14.

You can follow the debate live on the Global Classroom which can be accessed through Moodle: <https://learning.dohamadinat.nordanglia.com/login/index.php>



The Global Classroom



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Oman

Wednesday 27 May, saw sixteen of our Bronze Award participants travelling to Oman to complete their qualifying adventurous journey. They had to purchase food for their two day expedition and were given tents and cooking equipment.

The main rule is that all kit and equipment must be carried by the participants throughout the journey. Fantastic team work and great spirit was witnessed by their supervisors Mrs Banfield, Ms Blick and Mr Martin, all sixteen participants passed the Adventurous Journey section of their Bronze Award.

Congratulations to Rhianuu, Dagan, Caitlan, Rabia, Sara, Thomas, Quinten, Maarten, Johnny, Daniel, Muzzammil, Yousef, Romeo, Eric, India and Anica!





Admissions Information

If you are planning on withdrawing from the school this summer and haven't yet let us know, 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 number of places in selected year groups, notably Years 8, 9 and 10 and for the start of the IB Diploma course in Year 12.

Sport at Madinat Khalifa

Our Primary Swimming Champs

Year 3 and 4 - 26 May

The QPPSSA swim gala held at Al Jazeera Academy saw our students deliver fantastic performances, with our school finishing in 3rd place! Throughout the event, all swimmers were competing for top positions and overall managed to accumulate 8 Bronze, 12 Silver and 8 Gold medals! Perhaps Compass has the next Michael Phelps!



Year 1 and 2 Gala - 3 June

The Al Jazeera Academy hosted our swim gala and after a fun filled morning of excellent swimming, our school came in an overall position of 3rd. Many of the students won medals for their individual races. Every year group in primary finished 3rd in their swim galas! Well done Primary!



Secondary Triangular Swimming Gala - 31 May

Secondary students took part in a small three way competition with Doha College and ACS. Students from years 7 - 10 performed very well and gained valuable experience for the upcoming swimming gala competitions. We wish them luck in the upcoming competitions.

Year 8 Basketball Windfall

With 3 games played in the area QUESS league, the SEK game on Sunday, and Doha College A and B teams on Monday, there was an abundance of opportunity to develop and improve the teams tactics. Logan Campbell and Alessandro Benini (our MVPs) displayed superb performances and led the team to a comfortable victory in the final game.



Netball Winning all the way

Tigers - On 31 May, we played a match against ACS. The whole team played really well. In the 1st game we won 12 - 2 and the 2nd 8 - 2. We practiced every Sunday and I'm sure that our coach, parents and Miss Merriman are very proud of us. - Natasha Year 5MB

Lions - Year 5 and 6 netball team played very well together as a team, showing our skills to ACS. We won 8 - 0, we are all very proud of our performance, especially as it is our first ever match. It was so much fun and we can't wait to play again next year. - Juliet Clark Year 6

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 8 June	Year 5 Trip to Rayyan Water Factory Secondary Interschool Swimming Gala - Doha College
Wednesday, 10 June	Year 1 Circus Display - 12:15 in the Sports Hall Last day of iGCSE Examinations
Thursday, 11 June	Year 11 Graduation and Prom Eco Warrior Club Trip to Fuwairit Beach - Turtle hatching





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Week 1 Sunday 31st May 0800 → Thursday 4th June 1230

Week 2 Thursday 4th June 1230 → Thursday 11th June 1230

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