



## **“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality”**

Jonas Salk



Dear All,

I never cease to be amazed by the diversity of talent displayed by our students and it is always a pleasure to recognise some outstanding achievements. This can be in sport, The Arts, in academic study or in community and charitable activities. Whatever area or field of study, I am certain that there will be someone at Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa who displays those special qualities that inspire others to join in the success. For those who have visited the school recently, you may have noticed our Pupil Profiles that celebrate just a few examples of the exceptional contribution made by students at this school. These profiles will change regularly to showcase the rich diversity of talent and achievement that makes this school such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Our school aims to set high aspirations for every child and to support them in making their dreams come true.

This was noticeable in the recent Primary and Secondary Assemblies at which we celebrated the success at our Sailing Academy students. We also launched the new House System, which is based on the four points of the compass – North, East, South and West. Students can win House points in their academic studies, in the sporting and artistic endeavours and in their charitable, community activities. Individuals and teams can win points, and this year, we have even given the teachers the chance to earn points for their House.

These are just a few examples of how students can be rewarded for achievement within and outside of the classroom.

The staff are putting the final touches to the end of term reports that will be sent home before the end of term. To help parents understand that progress being made by their children, we will send out two interim progress reports at the end of terms 1 and 2 with a detailed and full report at the end of the summer term. We are also inviting parents to meet with teachers face to face at the Parent Consultation Evening on Sunday 14 December between 14.00 and 18.00 if they have any concerns. I should like to reiterate that teachers are always happy to meet with parents at any point in the year. If you need to do this, please email the school and we will organise an appointment for you.

Finally, those parents who have received communications from the school may have noticed that we have a new email address and a new telephone system in place. All our emails follow the same pattern of [firstname.surname.nais.qa](mailto:firstname.surname.nais.qa). This is part of a broader strategy to improve the communication between home and school. We hope that the improvements we are making in these areas will be of value to our parents.

Kind Regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MA MBA FRSA  
Principal  
Madinat Khalifa



**PRIMARY NEWS**

**Year 6 Fujairah Trip**



Our Year Six students returned from a fantastic week in Fujairah. They have challenged themselves to undertake new activities and have been a credit to themselves, their parents and our school. I am sure that many of you have been following their progress via our regular twitter updates, either directly or on our school website. If you have not seen any photos yet, do have a look at our school homepage and click on the [Year 6 Fujairah](#) link.

**Year 6 Global Classroom visit to the MIA Park**

This week in school, our remaining Year Six students have been working hard on a Global Classroom project. Part of this has included the production of a VLOG (video blog) to explain how they feel Nord Anglia Education’s Global Classroom will benefit our students. As a result, these students visited the Museum of Islamic Art Park yesterday to film sections of the video, providing viewers with a stunning backdrop of the Doha cityscape. Students enjoyed using many of the park’s superb facilities.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Monday 8 December 18.00 – 20.00</b>	Nutritional Seminar
<b>Tuesday 9 December 17.00 – 19.30</b>	Talent Show
<b>Thursday 11 December 07.30 – 08.00</b>	Y1 Miss Egan Class assembly
<b>Thursday 11 December</b>	Term 1 Reports to Parents
<b>Sunday 14 December 14.00 – 18.00</b>	Parent Teacher Consultations
<b>Monday 15 December</b>	Qatar National Day Activities
<b>Tuesday 16 December</b>	Qatar National Day Assembly Class Parties Y1 – Y6
<b>Wednesday 17 December</b>	Last day of term
<b>Sunday 4 January 2015</b>	First day of Spring Term



## SECONDARY NEWS

### Leadership Opportunities in the Secondary School



This week saw the announcement of the positions of Senior Head Boy, Senior Head Girl, Head Boy, Head Girl and our new team of Prefects. Congratulations to them all for being elected to these positions of responsibility in the school.



The position of Senior Head Girl was awarded to Rykala Lyth and Senior Head Boy to Hank Small. The Year 11 Head Boy was awarded to William Higgins and Year 11 Head Girl was awarded to Sterre Spruit.

### University of Calgary in Qatar

On Wednesday, our Year 9 students joined together for a celebratory end to a project run by our University of Calgary in Qatar and led by Nursing students, Aisha and Mona.

The aim of the project was to raise awareness about the importance of hydration. Each tutor group was set the challenge of creating a video to highlight the dangers of dehydration. During Wednesday break, prizes were presented to the Tutor Group who had created the best video. Congratulation go to Armand Blignout and all in 9A for an excellent video. Our thanks go to Aisha and Mona for supporting the well-being of our students and to the University of Calgary in Qatar for providing a very tasty pizza snack.

### Uniform

We would like to clarify our uniform policy in the winter months. Although the school fleece is preferable, students are permitted to wear plain navy blue or black cardigans and jumpers. Hoodies and any other clothing with branding, print or logos, or any items that are not navy blue or black are not allowed and must be taken off before students enter the building. If you have any questions regarding the uniform policy, please contact Laura Anderson at [laura.anderson@nais.qa](mailto:laura.anderson@nais.qa)





## SPORTS NEWS

### Goalz Programme at Madinat Khalifa

Coaches from the Qatar Stars League community programme have been successfully working with our Primary students over the last few weeks. They have been developing and improving their teamwork and football skills, making good progress with their performances. Students have commented on how much they have enjoyed the sessions



**H2O swimming club** is up and running at Madinat Khalifa. The club is free of charge and takes place on Mondays after school. There are still some places available and anyone interested needs to contact Glyn Martin, Head of PE, [glyn.martin@nais.qa](mailto:glyn.martin@nais.qa)



**Compass Sailing Academy** has seen over 30 sailors from Madinat Khalifa, making progress in their RYA courses. All Instructors are RYA qualified and the sailors have all worked towards achieving their RYA Certificates. Mixing theory with practice,, our sailors have experienced a variety of sailing conditions and learned about teamwork.

Our more advanced sailors have been invited to join the Compass Race Squad. We will be training hard for the Inter Schools Sailing Regatta next June.

If you are interested in Sailing with Compass please contact:  
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