



## News from the Head of Secondary



*"We need to embrace technology to make learning more engaging. Because when students are engaged and they are interested, that's where learning takes place."*

~ Anonymous



Dear All,

Technology and innovation has the power to change things for the better in all areas of life, and education is no different.

In the next week our Year 10 students will receive their new iPads from the school. This week I am looking at the impact of new technologies on the way teaching and learning is being enhanced. There have been thousands of articles written on the subject. The hardware and software that we are investing in is helping create and inspire exciting learning opportunities within and beyond the classroom and helps communication with parents. From iPads to twitter or WhatsApp groups we are looking to use technology to make learning in and about all areas of school life relevant to the modern world.

Things have moved on rapidly in the last few decades with interactive whiteboards, desktop computers with DVDs, speakers and internet connectivity linked to projectors and interactive whiteboards. Our current set of students are termed Digital Natives which means they have been brought up in a world where technology is completely natural and a normal part of everyday life. As parents and even teachers we have had to learn how to use technology as it has evolved in the last 20 years and we are termed 'Digital immigrants.' Recent research around the use of tablet PCs, has shown that innovative use of this technology can further support a student's learning. An individual's tablet wirelessly connected can encourage classroom debate that benefits all, especially quiet students who can write down their thoughts that can then be projected to their peers onto the board. Connectivity that gives instant feedback on pupil's ideas and feedback is the single most effective way of helping a child learn effectively. This use of technology increases the way that teachers can quickly assess learning and give feedback to classes or individuals.

The key is to see an impact on student outcomes and results. We have just had the mock exams and our Year 11 and 13 students will get their results next Thursday. We will of course use this as motivation to make the final push towards the exam. In the primary school this weekend there is 'The Big Draw' Global Campus initiative, this is a great chance to use some traditional skills in a fun way, I look forward to seeing some of you at this exciting event. As always we will evaluate all we do with students, staff and parents. Please do contact me if you have any questions about the school [chris.share@nais.qa](mailto:chris.share@nais.qa).

For the full news please go [here](#). Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mr Chris Share

## Dates for your Diary

- 21 January**  
[PTA Secondary Snow Ball](#)
  - 23 January**  
[Primary Global Campus Big Draw](#)
  - 24 - 28 January**  
[Year 6 Ecoventure Trip](#)
  - 31 January**  
Half Term Holiday Starts
  - 7 February**  
Back to School  
[Year 12 University Presentation Evening](#)
  - 8 January**  
[PTA Coffee Morning](#)  
[Global Campus House Challenge](#)
  - 9 February**  
[National Sports Day](#)
  - 10 February**  
[Years 11 and 13 Parent Teacher Meetings](#)
  - 11 February**  
Year 6 Residential Assembly - Parents welcome
  - 13 February**  
Careers Day - TBC
- Go [here](#) for our full calendar

## Our Primary School Production NEEDS YOU

### Calling all Parents

We are in desperate need of your help! Mrs Leonard needs a team of expert sewing specialists to help her to make costumes for the primary school production. Come and join us, meet other parents and have some fun.  
Please email to find out more: [alana.leonard@nais.qa](mailto:alana.leonard@nais.qa)

### PTA Update

#### Secondary School Snow Ball 2016

We are very excited to be holding our Secondary Snow Ball Event tonight. If you have helped out in any way, thank you!

Please remember there is still time to get involved, come this afternoon after 2:30pm and help us put up the last of the decorations for our students to have a fun filled winter wonderland evening. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated

Please contact Rhonda on [rhondanormorehoward@me.com](mailto:rhondanormorehoward@me.com) for any PTA information or to join today .

For all our PTA news, events and services, please go [here](#)

## Year 6 Al Jeer Trip

Our Year 6 students are very excited to be travelling to Al Jeer for their educational trip this coming week.

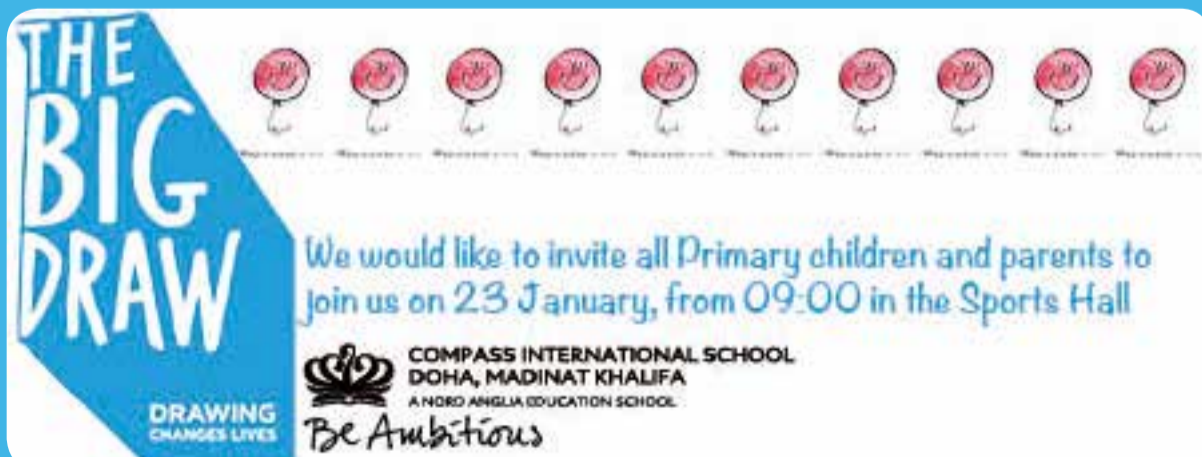
Please remember to pack your bag according to the check list.

When you leave for the airport on the morning of departure check that you have your Passport, Residence Permit (if this is not in your passport), Visa (if you require one), sleeping bag and suitcase with you.

For any further information please refer to our presentation which you can find [here](#).

We are looking forward to accompanying your child on their first residential trip.

We know they are going to have a lot of fun!



I'M A BIG DRAW ARTIST

## Newsletter

There will be no Newsletter for the week ending 28 January.

If you have any queries or suggestions with regards to the Newsletter please send these to: [denise.mcmanus@nais.qa](mailto:denise.mcmanus@nais.qa)

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