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تسعى أكاديميّة قطر – الدّوحة إلى تمكين طلّابها من تحقيق مستويات عالية من النّموّ الأكاديميّ والرّفاه الشّخصيّ ليصبحوا مواطنين مسؤولين متجدّرين في ثقافتهم المحلّيّة ومنفتحين على العالم. Vision

Empowering students to achieve high levels of academic growth and personal wellbeing and to be responsible citizens who are locally rooted and globally connected.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 12: Submission of PP Proposal for G10
- September 19-30: MAP Testing (Grades 6-9)

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رسالة المدير العام

الآباء الأعزاء،



أتمنى أن تكونوا قد حظيتم بأسبوع جيد وأن أطفالكم قد أحرزوا تقدمًا جيدًا في المدرسة هذا الأسبوء.

شكرًا للآباء الذين أعادوا نموذج وزارة الصحة العامة. للموافقة على إجراء فحص كوفيد-19 لأطفالهم . نحتاج إلى الحصول على قائمة كاملة بأسماء الطلاب لتقديمها لوزارة الصحة العامة ، بأسرع ما يمكن ، حتى يتمكنوا من ترتيب موعد للمجيء إلى المدرسة لإجراء الفحوصات. إذا لم توقعوا على النموذج الخاص بطفلكم بعد وإعادتع لمعلم طفلكم، من فضلكم هل يمكنني أن أطلب منكم القيام بذلك دون تأخير وبحلول يوم الأحد 19 سبتمبر كحد أقصى؟ سيمكننا ذلك من استكمال الترتيبات مع وزارة الصحة العامة الأسبوع المقبل. أريد أن أغتنم الفرصة لتذكيركم بأن

الأطفال الذين تقل أعمارهم عن 14 عامًا سيتم فحصهم من خلال مسحة من الحلق وسيخضع الأطفال الذين تبلغ أعمارهم 14 عامًا فما فوق لفحص من خلال مسحة من الحلق والأنف.

سنرسل استبيان باللغتين الإنجليزية والعربية لأولياء أمورالأطفال الذين تتراوح أعمارهم بين 10 و 16 عامًا، بالشراكة مع جامعة حمد بن خليفة حيث أنهم يجرون دراسة حول الاستخدام المفرط للتقنيات الرقمية وتأثيرها على الصحة والتعليم والتماسك الأسري في قطر. سيستغرق هذا الاستطلاع حوالي 8-12 دقيقة. هذا موضوع مهم وقد وافق التعليم ما قبل الجامعي على إمكانية إرسال الاستبيان إلى أولياء الأمور في مدرستنا. آمل أن تشاركوا فيه.

تبهرني دومًا رغبة طلابنا بالمشاركة فيما ما يحدث في العالم من حولهم، فطلاب الصف الخامس يفعلون ذلك بالضبط. إنهم يقومون بوحدة استقصاء حول "الأنظمة الحكومية وكيفية تأثيرها على حياة المواطنين" كما يقرؤون كتابًا في محو الأمية حول لاجئ قادم من إفريقيا ويسافر إلى أمريكا. مع العلم أن هناك 120 لاجئًا تتراوح أعمارهم بين 9 و 13 عامًا من أفغانستان في قطر ، والذين هم على وشك الانتقال إلى مناطق أخرى من العالم ، فقد اختار الطلاب المشاركة بنشاط من خلال إعداد حزمة مستلزمات مدرسية لتقديمها إلى كل من الطلاب الأفغان. هذه فكرة رائعة وسخية وتتوافق تمامًا مع رسالتنا وهي"متجذرون محليا منفتحون عالميًا" أحسنتم طلاب الصف الخامس ومعلميهم!

شكراً لأولياء الأمور الذين دفعوا رسوم الفصل الدراسي الأول خلال هذا الشهر. الرسوم مستحقة الدفع الآن وأودّ أن أطلب من بقية الآباء إكمال السداد في أقرب وقت ممكن. شكرا لكم.

أتمنى لكم عطلة نهاية أسبوع جميلة مع أطفالكم.

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Director's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a good week and that your children have made good progress at school this week.

Thank you to those parents who have returned the consent form for their children to be Covid-19 tested by the MOPH. We need to get a complete list of names for the MOPH, as soon as we can, so that they can arrange a date to come to the school to do the tests. If you have not yet signed and returned your form, please can I ask you to do so without delay and by Sunday 19th September, at the latest? That will enable us to make arrangements with the MOPH next week. I want to take the chance to remind you that children under the age of 14 will only have a throat swab. It is children 14 years and older who will have the standard PCR test.

We are sending out a questionnaire in English and Arabic to parents of children aged 10 to 16. The survey comes from the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), and the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) in partnership with Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU). They are conducting a study on the excessive use of digital technologies and its impact on health, education and family cohesion in Qatar. This survey will take around 8-12 minutes. This is an important topic and Pre-University Education has agreed that the survey can be sent to parents in our school.

I hope that you will want to complete it. I am always impressed when our students want to unite what is happening in the world around them, with what they are studying in school. The Grade 5 students are doing just that. They are doing a Unit of Inquiry on "Government Systems and How They Influence the Lives of Citizens" and they are also reading a book in Literacy about a refugee coming from Africa and going to America. Knowing as they do, that there are 120 refugees aged 9 to 13 from Afghanistan, in Qatar, who are about to be relocated to other parts of the world, the students have chosen to be actively involved by preparing a School Starter Pack to give to each of the Afghan students. This is a wonderful and generous idea and matches so well with our theme of being able to "Take Action Locally and Make a Difference Globally." Well done to the Grade 5 teachers and their teachers!

Thank you to those parents who have paid their fees for the first term, during this month. The fees are due now and I would please ask those parents who have yet to pay, to complete the payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend with your children.

Best wishes, Stephen Meek

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آخيــار المدرسة الثانويّة

Senior School Principal message

Dear QAD Parents, Students and Community Members,

We hope this communication finds you and your family well,

Update on Student Attendance

Presently we have about 480 students attending school each day at QAD Senior School. This is because we have all Grade 11 and 12 students in attendance each day. Grade 6 - 10 students continue to attend in a Blended Learning format (Group 1 and Group 2).



As I have mentioned in a previous communication, the Group 1 and 2 Blended Days create an interesting pattern with our rotating schedule. The result is that over a two week period, some students will only see one teacher face to face 2 times, while they will have 4 face to face classes with other teachers. Over the semester this will have a significant impact on a student's learning.

To compensate for this, every two weeks, we have a repeat of a Blended Day. That repeat is coming up again this Thursday. On Thursday it will be Group 1 in attendance. Then, again on Sunday, Group 1 will again be in attendance.

We do understand that this switch is very challenging for some of our families who have students in both QAD Senior School and QAD Primary School. It results in students in the same family attending on different days. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience. However, we have very different schedules between the Primary and the Senior School and this is the easiest method to ensure our students get equivalent face to face time with all of their teachers.

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COVID Testing

A reminder to please complete the Covid Testing Consent Form for the MOPH and return it to school with your child on or before Thursday Sept. 16th. If you have not yet received a copy of the form, please find a copy in English and Arabic on our Student-Parent Website at this link: https://sites.google.com/qad.qfschools.qa/qad-student-parent-website/home

Thank you for your attention to this important request as we all work together to fight the spread of Covid 19.

Water Reminder

This is a gentle yet important reminder that your child should bring a full bottle of water to school every day. Due to COVID restrictions, water fountains are still closed, so in order for your child to stay refreshed and hydrated they must bring water from home. This is especially important on PHE days. Kindly ensure your child has a reusable water bottle and remind them to bring it filled every day to school.

MAP Testing

MAP Testing for all of our grade 6 to 9 students will begin next week. We will again be testing students in Mathematics, Reading and Language Usage. We use the information from these tests to support our student's learning throughout the year, as well as measure their growth and set learning goals. Thank you for your support of this important school activity.

Welcome to our Afghani students!

On Sunday, we were delighted to welcome 3 students who recently arrived from Afghanistan. All 3 students are girls who are members of the Afghanistan National Robotics team! They are already settling into their classes, building friendships and making their mark on QAD.

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Thank you for your continued support of our school. Classrooms are again bustling with activity and learning, and students are engaged while also enjoying the social interactions with their peers. We continue to maintain a focus on COVID safety with proper wearing of masks and social distancing. However, it is wonderful to see how our students have adapted to this restriction while still maintaining their active engagement with others.

If you have any questions regarding the school, please do not hesitate to contact the Grade Level Leaders for your child's Grade.

Grade Level Leaders (Pastoral):

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•	Grade 6	Mr. Mizan Ruwaid
•	Grade 7	Ms. Cristina Caluian
•	Grade 8	Ms. Ranata Davis
•	Grade 9	Mr. Claire Hughes
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Thank you, Have a wonderful Evening QAD Administration

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Student Achievements

Over the break Hessa Al Hitmi – Grade 10 and Tayiba Muzaferija – Grade 7, were announced as winners of the 2021 Arab World Spotlight Challenge. The Arab World Spotlight Challenge encourages students to express their opinions on social and environmental issues. Students watch selected short films and create a multi-media response answering set questions.

The girls' presentations are featured on the Qatar Foundation International website and can also be viewed on Youtube.



Hessa Al Hitmi — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0JOOWKXubU

Tayiba Muzaferija - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsuHuMAsoPl

In addition to this, four of our students had science stories published in the Gulf Times in June. These students worked with Professor Jairo Lugo-Ocando, Anto Mohsin and Areesha Khan Lodhi from Northwestern University to develop their science writing and interviewing skills.

The published students were – Alina Qaiser, Elana Mohamed Firdaus, Shoug Khozestani - Grade 10 and Lujain Al Raoush – Grade 9





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Athletics Department News



The focus of this week's Athletics and Activities message is around our Junior Varsity and Varsity Sports Teams.



Although we eagerly await updates from the MOPH and QF Task Force, we thought it would be a good idea to begin the initial sign-up process for our Football and Basketball teams, so that we can get off to a quick start if/when permission is granted.

If you would like to attend the try-outs, then please click on the link below which will take you to our Athletics and Activities Google Site. Here you will find further information and appropriate links to access registration forms:

https://sites.google.com/qad.qfschools.qa/qad-student-parent-website/athletics-and-activities/announcements

We hope to see many of our Grade 9-12 students participating in these activities once we get the go ahead!

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Education City Activities:

If you are looking to get your child involved in worthwhile activities outside of school time, then please consider some of the activities that are offered right here in Education City.

There are some wonderful programs being offered including football, basketball, swimming, gymnastics, karate, and much more!

To see what is on offer inside Education City, please click on the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t88K2v0BR_aGvoc7c43oRTZtcFDaq-ht/view?usp=sharing

Activities & Athletics Google Site:

Finally, please take a moment to visit our QAD Athletics & Activities Google Site:

https://sites.google.com/gad.gfschools.ga/gad-student-parent-website/athletics-and-activities

Although the site is still a work in progress, it will be used in the coming weeks/months to share important information related to our After School Activities and sports team programs.

Thank you for taking the time to read our message and have a wonderful week ahead.

The Athletics Department

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MAP Testing

MAP testing will begin starting 19 September for students in grades 6-9. Students will take three tests: Reading, Language Usage, and Math. The reading test will occur in English class, the math test in Math class, and the language usage class in INS class. Your child's teacher will communicate the exact day of the test depending on their group (Group 1 or Group 2).

MAP Growth measures what students know and what they don't know, regardless of their grade level. This helps teachers adjust their instruction for each student. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level and school.

An important feature of the online MAP test is that it automatically adapts to the appropriate, individual level of each child's learning based on the child's responses. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude during the testing. The tests are untimed and regulated according to the student's answers. These MAP tests are required and very important. Kindly discuss with your child the value of doing their best to show how much they've grown in their learning!

For more information, you may browse the NWEA site online at https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/

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ANNOUCEMNETS

Financial Assistance for QF Families

QF Schools offer Financial Aid awards to newly enrolled and existing families experiencing financial hardship, and who therefore are financially challenged to pay fees required to continue education of their children within QF schools. Financial Aid Awards are provided in the form of a discount to the tuition fee, and may represent either partial or whole tuition fee, if a family qualifies. PUE, in coordination with the Financial Aid Committee and the Student Financial Services Department shall ensure all awards are financially transacted and logged, in accordance with the approved QF Admissions policies and procedures.

Criteria: Families that are in need of financial support (academic year 2021-2022)

Newly Enrolled and Current QF Students

Grade 8 and above

No disciplinary issues/of Good Character/good grades

Nominated by Director of School

Once nominated, the financial link to the application will be forwarded by the school Admissions Assistant. (Link will open September 1, 2021)

Due to a limited budget, students below 8th grade cannot be considered.

Deadline to apply September 30, 2021. The FA link will close by end of day on September 30, 2021

All required documents are due September 30, 2021. If documents are missing, the current school Admissions Assistant will notify parents of applicant.

Once the application is completed, the Financial Aid Committee will then review the applications and families will receive a final decision by e-mail. The committee will not review incomplete applications.

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School uniform

Please find below the links to order school uniforms for the next academic year 2021-2022.



Qatar Academy Noble House Uniform Brochure:

<u> https://heyzine.com/flip-book/518ebd35b6.html</u>

Document in the link is protected by school code: INT18759

Also please click the link to view the catalogue, new product sheet of optional uniforms and additional information for ordering purpose:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1K 23rnOmv1NK9LcI7fLlcpsNZ7PrIuQr?usp=sharing

For any additional assistance please contact QAD focal point, Mr. Noushad - Mob 55159761, E-mail: nvaliyakath@qf.org.qa

Water bottle

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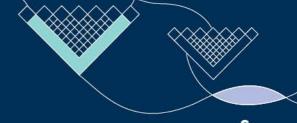
What can you donate?





Let us welcome our brothers and stand strong in solidarity with them You can drop off the donations at Qatar Academy Doha, Senior School (Foyer Area) any time between 7 am and 3pm daily.

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رفع الأذان وإقامة الصلاة في أكاديمية قطر- الدّوحة

ترسيخا للهوية الاسلامية وحرصا على التمسك بتعاليم الدين الإسلامي الحنيف ينظم قسم الدراسات الاسلامية بالمرحلة الثانوية إقامة صلاة الظهر مراعين التباعد الاجتماعي بسبب جانحة كورونا حيث يقوم أحد الطلاب برفع الأذان ثم يتجمع الطلاب بعد ذلك في منطقة الماسة بالمدرسة استعدادا لأداء صلاة الظهر فالرجاء تنبيه الطلاب للمحافظة والمداومة على صلاة الجماعة ولطالما قدم مدرسو الاسلامية النصائح والارشادات اللازمة للطلاب ولكن يجب أن نتعاون و نضع أيدينا جميعا لحث الطلاب على ذلك فإنها مسؤوليتنا جميعا إدارة ومعلمين وأولياء أمور وسيسألنا الله جميعا عن ذلك، واتباعا لأوامره سبحانه وتعالى في كتابه العزيز "ذكر فإن الذكرى تنفع المؤمنين " وتمسكا بحديث رسولنا الكريم صلى الله عليه وسلم " كلكم راع وكلكم مسؤول عن رعيته " الرجاء التعاون معنا لمصلحة أبنائكم

كما يقوم القسم بتدريب الطلاب الذين لديهم الرغبة في رفع الأذان ،وفي هذا التدريب يتم أيضا ايضاح أهمية الأذان وفضل المؤذن حيث أن الأذان من أعظم شعائر الإسلام، وأصل من أصول الشريعة، اشتملت ألفاظه على تمجيد الله وتوحيده وإثبات رسالته لمحمد صلى الله عليه وسلم ودعوة العباد إلى الفوز والفلاح، وخير الأعمال إلى الله وأحبها الصلاة.

فقال الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم: «يأتي المؤذنون أطول الناس أعناقاً يوم القيامة"

ولذلك تتقدم أكاديمية قطر – الدوحة بالشكر والتقدير للطلاب الذين يقوموم برفع الأذان في المدرسة بل وتشعر بالفخر بهم سائلين المولي عز وجل أن يسدد خطاهم ويجعله في ميزان حسناتهم ،كما يتشرف قسم الاسلامية بالمدرسة أن يعلن عن تحديد يوم الخميس من كل أسبوع بعد صلاة الظهر البدء في تدريب الطلاب الذين لديهم الرغبة في رفع الأذان ولكنهم يشعرون بالخجل وتعليمهم كيفية رفع الأذان الصحيح وبث الثقة في نفوسهم من خلال توضيح فضل المؤذن وثوابه في الدنيا والآخرة .

أولياء الأمور الكرام نرجو منكم تشجيع أبنائكم على المشاركة في رفع الأذان في المدرسة إذا وجدتم لديهم الرغبة والقدرة على ذلك وتحفيزهم على المداومة على صلاة الجماعة ومتابعتهم

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Meet the Teachers

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I have been practicing the noble profession of teaching in a country I was born and raised in, my dearest Qatar. I began my career as a young graduate of the University of Jordan holding a Bachelor degree in Arabic Language and Literature and a minor in Education

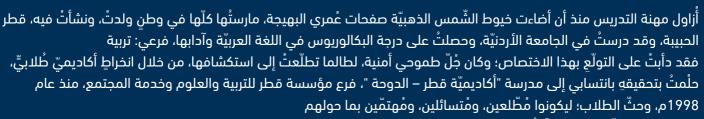
I have always been fascinated by this specialty and aspired to explore it through academic engagement with my student's; a dream that I achieved through my affiliation with Qatar Academy Doha, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development since joining them in 1998

My educational vision was clear — encourage my students to hold on to their identities, their citizenship, their language and their culture, and I pride myself with my student's achievements

In relation to my hobbies, I am avid reader and enjoy exploring the beauty of Arabic as well as translated literature. I also enjoy practicing sports daily, especially walking, jogging and cycling as a true believer in the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle

As for the key message that I have shared throughout the years, I would like to think that through the annual Ramadan Suitcase Project, which I established and developed throughout my years at Qatar Academy, that my students have taken key principles they should adhere to in their lives, such as serving the community and being keen on reducing poverty and hunger

To conclude, I thoroughly enjoy educating the future generations and my ambition is limitless Roula Abou Ramadan



فجاءت رُؤيتي التّعليميّة، جليّةً، تُركزعلى تشجيع الطلاب على التمسّكِ بهُويتهم، ومُواطنتهم، والتحدث بلغتهم العربية الجميلة، ـوالتعرّف على الثقافات المختلفة، وإنني أتباهى، وأفخر بطلابي أجمع

أمّا عن هواياتي، فكان لابدّ لها أن تتألق ُخلال مسارحياتي كلها، ُفترافقني في كلّ أوقاتي، بدءاً من قراءاتي المتنوعة، في الأدب ـالعربي الأنيق، والأدب المترجم البديع، فالثقافةُ عقلٌ مُستنير، وفِكرٌ مُبدعٌ صبيح

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ويرنو نظري إلى رسالةٍ فرحتُ بترسيخِ مبادئها في عقول أبنائنا الطلبة، مُتمثلةً بمشروع سنويّ، حرصتُ على تنفيذه في أكاديمية قطر – الدوحة، بعنوان: " حقيبة رمضان"، من خلال إعداد أجيال تضعُ هدفها في الحياة، "خدمة المجتمع"، بكلّ فئاته، والقضاءِ على أيّ .مَعْلم من معالم الفقر، أوالحوء

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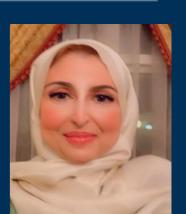
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GET TO KNOW SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCELLORS

Michael Clancy, High School Counsellor, QAD

Michael Clancy arrived at QAD in the middle of the school year that was in the midst of the pandemic. Despite these challenges he was able to guide the Class of 2020 into universities in Qatar and abroad.

Mr. Clancy began his career in education in Oregon, USA, and then accepted a position in Bolivia almost twenty years ago. He has been a school counsellor in both primary and secondary school for 14 years, starting in Myanmar and then moving to Uganda. For the past nine years, he has also taken on the responsibility of university advising, which he has done with students in China, Indonesia and the United States and now Qatar.



Eniko Kiss, High School Counsellor, QAD

I feel privileged to be a part of the QAD community and am a Social-Emotional and University Counsellor from G9-12. I am from Hungary and have been involved in secondary education since 1994. I have a Bachelor of Education in ESL, an MA in English Language and Literature, and a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counselling from James Cook University, Australia. I started my teaching career in Hungary and embarked on my first international school in 2008 in Singapore – ACS (International). Since than I have worked in China and most recently in the Czech Republic. I have taken on a variety of roles within my 25-year career such as ESL, IGCSE and IB English and Literature teacher, Head of Faculty, IB coordinator and Counsellor. I am accompanied by my youngest daughter, Anna, who has just turned 17. We are excited to explore Doha and the surrounding area



Florence Hughes, Middle School Counsellor, QAD

I am so excited to join QAD! I trained as a Social Worker in the UK and then went into Counselling which I am truly passionate about. I have experience supporting children and young people of all ages, from those in early childhood all the way up to High School students. This will be my third year living and working in Qatar as a School Counselor at an IB International School providing social/emotional support to students.

My hobbies include painting, kayaking and travelling. My favorite place to be is on the beach.



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