

## **AKHBAR** Senior School



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#### الرّؤية

تسعى أكاديميّة قطر – الدّوحة إلى تمكين طلّابها من تحقيق مستويات عالية من النّموّ الأكاديميّ والرّفاه الشّخصيّ ليصبحوا مواطنين مسؤولين متجذّرين 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.

#### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- 14 September: Grade 12 Class of2022 University Info Night 6:00 PM
- 19- 30 September: MAP Testing (Grades 6-9)

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### رسالة المدير العام

المدرسة الثانوتة



أولياء الأمور الكرام،

لقد كان من دواعي سروري أن أرحّب بعودة طلابنا للمدرسة هذا العام، كما استقبلنا العديد من الطلاب الجدد في المدرسة وأنا جنبا إلى جنب مع طلابنا واستقروا جميعًا بشكل جيد خلال الأسبوع. بشكل عام ، كانت بداية العام الدراسي الجديد سلسة وأنا ممتن للطريقة التي تكيف بها طلابنا مع فصــولهم وجداولهم الجديدة. خلال هذا العام ، يدرس عدد قليل جدًا من الطلاب الذين اضطروا الذين لديهم ظروف صحيّة (موثّقة من خلال شهادة طبيب) عبر الإنترنت بنسبة 100٪. هناك عدد من الطلاب الذين اضطروا للدراســـة عبر الانترنت طيلة العام الماضــي لكنهم عادوا الآن إلى المدرســة وكان من الجيد رؤيتهم مرة أخرى في الفصــل الدراسي، و مع عودة أغلب الطلّاب فعليًا إلى المدرسة كجزء من برنامج التعلم المدمج ، قمنا بتكييف بعض إجراءاتنا الروتينية هذا الأسـبوع لمعرفة مدى فعاليتها. سـنعمل على تعديل بعض هذه الإجراءات بشـكل أكبرعلى ضـوء تجربتنا هذا الأسـبوع وسيشرح مدراء المدارس أى تغييرات تطرأ.

نواصل بذل كل ما في وسعنا لتقليل فرصة الإصابة داخل المدرسة، فقد تم تطعيم أكثر من 96٪ من الموظفين وخضع جميع الموظفين لاختبار PCR في نهاية الأسـبوع الماضـي، وذلك قبل أن تفتح المدرسـة أبوابها لعودة الطلاب. يتم تلقيح الغالبية العظمى من طلاب المدرســة الثانوية. كل هذا مشــجع للغاية ، لكن الجميع بحاجة إلى الاســتمرار في ارتداء الأقنعة بشــكل صـحيح في جميع الأوقات و الحفاظ على مسـافة اجتماعية مناسـبة وغســل أيديهم بشــكل متكرر. من فضــلكم، أدوّ أن أطلب منكم تعزيز هذه الرسالة مع أطفالكم.

أصبح مكتب القبول والتّسجيل في أكاديميّة قطر-الدّوحة جزءًا من مكتب القبول التسجيل المركزي وسوف ينتقل موظفوا التسـجيل إلى مبنى التعليم ما قبل الجامعي الجديد اعتبارًا من يوم الأحد 29 أغسـطس. سـيكون من الممكن جدًا الاسـتمرار في مقابلتهم، ولكن سـيكون ذلك عن طريق المواعيد المسـبقة فقط. يمكن الاطلاع على التفاصـيل الكاملة لسـاعات العمل وكيفية تحديد موعد على الموقع الإلكتروني.

شكرًا لكم على ثقتكم في مدرستنا وأتطلع إلى رؤيتكم خلال العام. أرجو أن يحظى أطفالكم بسنة تعليمية رائعة.

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### **Director's Message**

#### Dear Parents,

It has been a great pleasure to welcome the students back into the school this week. We have welcomed many new families into the school along with the returning students and all have settled in well in the course of the week. Generally, the start of the new academic year has been a smooth one and I am grateful for the way that our students have adapted to their new classes and schedules. This year only a very few students who have a medical condition (explained through a doctor's certificate) are working 100% online. There are therefore a number of students who worked online last year, but have now returned into the school and it has been good to see them back in the classroom. With many more students physically back in school as part of our Blended Learning program, we have adapted some of our routines this week to see if they provide a better experience for the students. We will be adapting some of these routines further in light of our experience this week. The Principals will explain any changes to the relevant sections of the school.

We continue to do all that we can to reduce the chance of infection within the school. Over 96% of the staff are vaccinated and all staff had a PCR test last weekend, before the school opened its doors for the students' return. The overwhelming majority of the students in the Senior School are vaccinated. This is all very encouraging, but everyone does need to continue to wear masks properly at all times, to maintain appropriate social distance and to wash or sanitise their hands frequently. Please would you do all that you can to reinforce that message with your children?

The QAD Admissions team has become part of a centralized Admissions Team and is moving to the new PUE building from this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. It will be very possible to continue to meet with the Admissions staff, but it will be by appointment only. The full details of the office hours and how to make an appointment can be found on the website.

Thank you for your trust in our school and I look forward to seeing you in the course of the year. I hope that your children will have a great year of learning.

Best wishes.

Stephen Meek

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### Senior School Principal message

**Dear Parents and Community Members,** 

I hope this communication finds you well.

Well, here we are at the end of the first week of the new school year. How wonderful it is to have all the students back in school. This week we have had over 400 students in school each day for classes. This is the most students we have had since March 2020. The school again has energy and noise, and it is clearly a place of learning.



Thank you for the support of our parents in ensuring your children are showing up for each day. As well, attendance online for our blended program in Grades 6 - 10 has been very high and students have been engaged.

**Uniforms** 

It is important that all students attend class in proper uniform. Beginning next week we will expect students to have the correct uniform, or at the very least a white button up shirt and either grey or black pants. Here is the information on Uniforms:

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

**Qatar Academy Noble House Uniform Brochure:** 

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

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\_23rn0mv1NK9Lcl7fLlcpsNZ7PrluQr?usp=sharing

For any additional assistance please contact QAD focal point, Mr. Noushad - Mob 55159761, E-mail:

#### nvaliyakath@qf.org.qa

Safe Return to School

First, we encourage all students to get vaccinated as soon as possible. All students, age 12 and above, are eligible and there is no question that the research shows that transmissions, symptoms and resistance are hugely limited by the vaccine.

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Second, if you travel and return to the country, please have a negative PCR test result before you return to school. It is required that all returning individuals from Red Countries have a PCR test within 72 hours. Please have the test and a negative result before returning to school.

Please speak with your child regularly about social distancing and wearing their mask properly. We reinforce it constantly and consistently at school, but your support is also appreciated.

**Lunches and Snacks** 

It is important for students to bring snacks and lots of water to school. While food is available, sometimes lines can be long, so bringing a snack or food items is recommended. Students should also bring lots of water because refill stations are closed to reduce possible transmission.

Breaks and long days at School

We are back to our regular days at school and students are finding them very long. With shorter days during COVID that last year they are finding classes longer and days tiring. Adding to the challenge is the fact that we have been attempting to maintain high levels of COVID safety as we reduce students abilities to group together at breaks.

Our hope is that we can find a safe way to open up the break times while maintaining the class bubble so that students get a longer break time in the day. We continue to find our way through COVID while also maintaining the safest possible situation for our students and teachers.

Items to bring to School

- 1. HP laptops are provided for each student at QAD. These have been provided for our Grade 6 students just prior to the start of the year.
- 2. Notebooks, organizers, pens, pencils. Note-taking is still a component of learning as there continues to be a tactile, kinesthetic part of how we learn.
- 3. Backpack to carry items around the school. Novels, textbooks and student materials require a backpack to keep organized. A good sturdy backpack can make life much easier at school.
- 4. Uniform Students must come in proper uniform. Please visit our uniform shop online to ensure your child is ready for the school year with comfortable clothing.

Welcome back, to students and Parents as we attempt to continue to work our way to normal in this COVID world!

**Steven Thompson** 

Senior School Principal

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### 2021 IBDP results!

#### Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



With an overall score of 31.5 points and an average passing score of 33 points and a top score of 44, 42 and 41 out of 45 - attained by Sama Ayoub, Raghad Mohamed Gamaleldin Abdou, and Haya Mubarak Al-Khalifa!

We are very proud of all of our DP students, who showed resilience and commitment to their studies and worked extremely hard throughout a very challenging and demanding year.

Special thanks go to our IBDP Coordinator Mrs. Zeina Jawad, all teachers and support staff for their unwavering dedication to the students to ensure they achieved their full potential.



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Haya Mubarak Al Khalifa

**44 POINTS** 

**42 POINTS** 

41 POINTS

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# **Athletics Department News**



Firstly, the Athletics Department would like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2021-2022 academic year.

As you can imagine, we have been inundated with questions regarding ASA's from students who are eager to return to activities.

In the coming weeks we will know more about what we can and cannot offer. As soon as we receive these updates, we will be sure to share relevant information with our school community.

Until then, we would like to share some wonderful opportunities that will be available to our students in the coming weeks.

#### **Education City Sports & Recreation Activities:**

Education City have many activities available to our students and deliver some wonderful programs.

For more information on this, please take a look at the Education City Activities brochure by clicking on the link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t88K2v0BR aGvoc7c43oRTZtcFDaq-ht/view?usp=sharing

Also, take a moment to download the Education City App which provides further information and options for online registration.

#### **PADEL IN After School Classes**

Padel is a relatively new sport which is a mix between tennis and squash. It is hugely popular here in Qatar and enjoyed by many of our students.

We are excited to announce that PADEL IN will be offering after school sessions for our students, which will take place in their brand-new, state of the art Padel Centre located in the Aspire.

This activity is open to both boys and girls in our secondary school.

To register your interest, please click on the link below and fill in the interest form:

https://forms.gle/5umi5kgLk8JKjVqQ9

Have a wonderful and active week!

#### The Athletics Department

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### **Latest News**

### QAD swimmers win gold medals at 28th GCC Aquatics Championships

تهانينا لعمر أشرف فوزه بلقب أفضل سباح خليجي ضمن مشاركته بمنافسات فئة 15-17 سنة سباحة 400 و 200 متر وفوزه بمبدالية ذهبية !

ألف مبروك أيضا ليوسف أشرف الذي فاز بالميدالية الذهبية سباحة 100 و 200 م فراشة، وهو رقم قياسي جديد في قطر. كما حصل يوسف أشرف على الميدالية الفضية في سباق 50 م فراشة.

أُلف مبروك عمر ويوسف!

تفخر أكاديمية قطر- الدّوحة بهذا الإنجاز الرّائع!

Congratulations to Omar Ashraf, for winning the best swimmer GCC for 15-17 years age group, for 400 & 200m and winning a gold medal!

Congratulations also to, Yousef Ashraf, who won a gold medal for 100 & 200m backstroke. This is a new record in Qatar for the 100m. Yousef Ashraf also received the silver medal for the 50m backstroke

Congratulations Omar and Yousef! QAD is proud of you!!





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أبطالنا توجوا بلقب بطولة الخليج الـ28 للألعاب المائية للفئات السنية المنظمة في الدوحة وحصدوا 30 ذهبية و22 فضية وبرونزية، ولقب أفضل لاعب بكل الفئات ..

هذه نتيجة الجهد الجماعي والعمل الدؤوب من Qatar\_swimming واللاعبين والجهازين الفنى والإداري ..

بيضتوها 🔳 🦥

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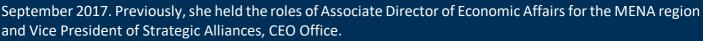


## **Spotlight on Alumnae**

#### Sheikha Alanoud bint Hamad Al Thani

Managing Director of Business Development, Qatar Financial Center.

Alanoud Al-Thani was appointed Managing Director, Business Development at the Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) Authority in





She is a board member of a number of organisations, including: Vice Chair of the Bedaya Centre for Entrepreneurship and Career Guidance, Tomouh, How Women Work, i2Co School of Transformative Leadership, and Future Foreign Policy in the UK. In 2017, she has been named a Global Ambassador for Qatar for Women's Entrepreneurship Day, and since 2010 a founding member of the Doha Hub, a multistakeholder initiative of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community.

She is a proud recipient of Honours and Awards including: Young Arab Achiever in 2011, and His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani's Education Excellence Awards in 2008 and 2012. Anoud graduated from QAD on 2008 and she was the Valedictorian of her class.

Alanoud earned a BSc (Joint Honours) in Economics with Government from the London School of Economics and Political Science and an MSc in Economics for Development from the University of Oxford. She is a Leadership Fellow of the Qatar Leadership Centre and a Global Fellow of the Bucerius School on Global Governance.

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## **ANNOUCEMNETS**

توحيد مكاتب قبول المدارس المختلفة تحت مظلة مكتب قبول مدارس مؤسسة قطر Qatar Foundation Schools' unified Admissions Office



يقع المكتب الموحد الجديد في المبنى الرئيسي الجديد لمقر التعليم ما قبل الحامعيّ.

The new unified office is located at the new Pre-University Education Headquarters.

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مكتب قبول مدارس مؤسسة قطر

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### **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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## **Coming Soon!**

Student Council Elections. Please encourage your child to keep an eye out for information regarding Student Council Elections. Being a member of the Student's Council provides excellent leadership opportunities

# **Career Competition!**

Opportunity for grade 6 students

Click here to learn more





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