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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

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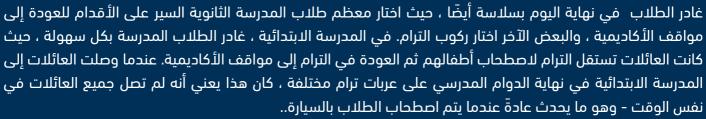
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رسالة المدير العام

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

شكرًا جزيلاً على دعمكم في يوم الثلاثاء الماضي واصطحاب أطفالكم إلى المدرسة في يوم بلا سيارات في المدينة التعليمية. بشكل عام، كان يوم جيد ومنظّم. في المدرسة الثانوية ، تم إنزال الطلاب في موقف الأكاديمية أوالمواقف الغربية وساروا إلى المدرسة، و أكملو مشياً على الأقدام من 5-10 دقائق. توقف طلاب المرحلة الابتدائية وعائلاتهم في ساحة انتظار السيارات بالأكاديمية ثم استقلوا الترام ونزلوا في إحدى محطتي الترام عند المدخل الرئيسي للمدرسة الابتدائية. واصل طلاب مركز التعليم المبكّرركوب الترام والنزول عند محطة الترام عند المدخل.

وجدت معظم العائلات أن رحلة الترام أسهل من المتوقع ، وكانت ردود الفعل من طلاب المدرسة الابتدائية أنهم استمتعوا كثيرًا بركوب الترام. لقد كانوا متحمسين للرحلة!



أعلم أن عددًا قليلاً من العائلات كانت تقف في موقف سيارات حديقة الأكسجين ثم استقلوا الترام من هناك إلى المدرسة الابتدائية. قيل لي أنها كانت رحلة سهلة لمدة خمس دقائق - وأتخيل أن موقف سيارات حديقة الأكسجين يحتوي على عدد أقل من السيارات ، مقارنة بموقف سيارات الأكاديمية ، وبالتالي كان الدخول والخروج منه أسهل.

صحيح أن بعض الأطفال وصلوا إلى المدرسة متأخرًا بقليل عن المعتاد. يعود بعض ذلك إلى القليل من عدم اليقين بشأن الإجراءت المتبعة ، حيث كانت العائلات تقوم بهذه التجربة لأول مرة. ليس لدي أدنى شك أن المرّة القادمة ستكون أسهل بكثير(كما أتخيل ستكون هناك مرة قادمة) وأن العائلات أيضًا ستنظّم وقتها بحيث يصل الطلاب بالوقت المحدد .

كان توقيت يوم بلا سيارات متزامنًا مع أسبوع الاستدامة ، فمساهمة كل منا في توفير الطاقة ومنع التلوث أمر مهم جدًا لاستدامة الكوكب. كان من الجيد أن نرى حرص العديد من الطلاب على ارتداء ملابس خضراء لدعم أسبوع الاستدامة. من المهم أيضًا أن نتذكر أن استدامة البيئة وحمايتها جزء من مهمة مدرستنا ، لذا نحرص على "إظهار الوعى البيئي" لدى

من المهم أيضًا أن نتذكر أن استدامة البيئة وحمايتها جزء من مهمة مدرستنا ، لذا نحرص على "إظهار الوعي البيئي" لدى طلابنا. وهذا ما فعلناه جميعًا يوم الثلاثاء الماضي.

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Director's Message

Dear Parents.

Thank you very much for your support last Tuesday in getting your children to school on Education City's Car Free Day. Generally, the day went well. In the Senior School students were dropped off in the Academy Parking (or West Car Park) and walked to the school, as it is a very straightforward 5 to 10 minutes' walk. Primary School students and their families parked in the Academy Car Park and then took the tram and alighted at one of the two tram stops by the main entrance to the Primary School. Students for the QAD EEC continued on the tram for a further stop and alight at the tram stop by the Tear Drop Entrance.

Most families found the tram ride an easier journey than I suspect that they anticipated and the feedback from the Primary School students was that they had very much enjoyed going on the tram. They were excited about the journey!

Departure at the end of the day also went well, with most Senior School students choosing to walk back to Academy Parking, although some did take the tram, for the one stop ride. In the Primary School, departure was also very easy, with families travelling by tram to collect their children and then continuing back on the tram to Academy Parking. As families arrived at the Primary School on different trams, it meant that not all families arrived at the same time - which is what normally happens when students are being collected by car. This staggered arrival ensured that there was a natural filtering, with students leaving in groups when their families arrived, making for a very smooth collection.

I know that a few families parked in the Oxygen Park Car Park and then took the tram from there to the Primary School. I was told that this was an easy five minutes' tram ride – and I imagine that the Oxygen Park Car Park had fewer cars in it, than the Academy Car Park, and so was easier to get in and out of. It is true that some children did arrive a little later for school than normal. Some of that will have been due to a little uncertainty about the procedure, as families were doing the journey for the first time. Having done it once, I have no doubt that it will be easier next time (as I imagine there will be a next time) and that also families will allow a little extra time to get to school, in the future.

The timing of the Car Free Day was to coincide with Sustainability week, as for each of us to make a contribution to saving energy and preventing pollution, is so important for the sustainability of the planet. It was good to see that many of the students were keen to wear something green (it was a home clothes day) in support of sustainability week.

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It is also important to remember that sustainability and protection of the environment is part of our school Mission, for it says that we want our students to "demonstrate environmental consciousness". We were all doing that on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

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Senior School Principal message

Dear QAD Parents.

I hope this Weekly Senior School communication finds you and your family well.

I trust that all of our students and families had a restful break whether you travelled or stayed in Doha and enjoyed some of the very best weather anywhere in the world. This time of year and the next 6 or 7 months are incredibly beautiful in Doha and Qatar.



This has been a very busy week after the Fall Break. On Tuesday we experienced the very first Car Free Day in Education City. While many might have had reservations about this event it seemed to be very organic and was carried out with few challenges. For our senior school students, some rode the Metro to School, and some got dropped off at the Western Car Park (Academy Parking) at the facility beside the Education City Football Stadium. This is an incredible facility with connections to the tram, the Metro and extensive underground area that could house a shopping mall. The drop off zones are extensive and the flow through the garage facilitated an efficient process for students and families. And all the time we knew we were doing something for good for the planet with the Climate Change Summit in Glasgow looming (COP26).

Prayer for Rain

QAD participated in the Prayer for Rain this morning with many of our students arriving on time and prepared for this yearly event. Mr. Yasser Abd Elhamid conducted the prayer and we appreciate and thank him for his continued leadership. The event took place in the MPH (Gym) where we could further social distance and maintain a safe COVID environment while still allowing all our students the opportunity to pray.

Raising Expectations:

We have continued to focus on increased expectations of our students. As you can understand, many of our students have not been in school in a normal situation for a year and a half. That means the last time our Grade 6 students were in class normally was in the spring of Grade 4.

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As a result we are finding our younger students are finding it challenging to follow the expectations of a school. Being on time for class and acting responsibly including showing tolerance for others has been particularly difficult for our new Grade 6 cohort. Parents will be invited to a meeting next week in which we appeal for your help to make sure we get our students back on track with appropriate QAD school behaviour.

Phones

Again phones continue to be a concern and we have reverted back to our process of collecting phones in each class at the start of each period. These are returned at the end of the period and students are able to wipe their phone with a disinfectant wipe to ensure it is clean and safe. If you need to reach your child during class, please call the school and we will contact your child in their class with the important information. You can contact the school at 4454 2000

Your help in supporting your children to understand these important policies is greatly appreciated.

Rapid Antigen Test Reminder

Please remember that students who are 12 years and older and not fully vaccinated with gold bar around their green Ehteraz are required to provide a paper copy of a negative rapid antigen test at the start of school on Sunday.

There are many locations around Doha who provide the rapid antigen test for a fee of 50 QAR. Please be sure to send your paper copy of the Rapid Antigen test with your child each Sunday.

Grade 9 Laptops

QAD Senior School is providing new Hewlett Packard (HP) laptops to all current grade nine students.

There are many benefits to using a school provided laptop including:

- A safe online environment as a result of the QAD firewall and safety protocols.
- Access to our school provided Wi-Fi system (not available to non-school laptops)
- ICT support is offered only for school issued laptops

It is highly recommended that you register for a new school provided laptop, please complete the form below:

School Laptop Upgrade Form

The deadline to submit the form is Tuesday 2nd November at 1:00 PM. Students who have not completed the form by the deadline will not receive a school provided laptop.

If you have already received school laptop this year, Please disregard this email

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

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TRAM SAFETY

Now that we are back in school full time, this is an important reminder about tram safety while in Education City and in front of the school particularly. We will review these safety rules with the students, and if you can kindly review with your children as well. We want to ensure everyone is safe when arriving and departing from QAD.

- 1. Never cross in front of a tram
- 2. Maintain safe distance from tram rail edge
- 3. Never touch the outside of the tram when it is moving
- 4. When riding the tram, follow all posted tram safety precautions

MAP RESULTS (G6-9)

Kindly note that students will receive their MAP results during advisory on Tuesday, 2 November. On Tuesday, we will email all parents a guide to reading the reports as well.

Quarter 1 Report Card Dates:

Grade 12 Quarter 1 reports will be released on Tuesday November 2nd. .

Grade 6-11 Quarter 1 reports will be released on Thursday November 4th.

Please anticipate an email with the report attached (password protected) and an SMS with the password to open the report. If you experience any issues receiving or opening the report, please reach out to our Administrative Assistants (mhammoudeh@qf.org.qa or habdelkareem@qf.org.qa) for assistance.

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As always, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your child's Grade Level Leader, or School Administration. Their contact information is listed below.

Grade Level Leaders (Pastoral):

•	Grade 6	Mr. Mizan Ruwaid	mruwaid@qf.org.qa
•	Grade 7	Ms. Cristina Caluian	ccaluian@qf.org.qa
•	Grade 8	Ms. Ranata Davis	rdavis@qf.org.qa
•	Grade 9	Mr. Claire Hughes	chughes@qf.org.qa
•	Gade 10	Ms. Victoria Hanna	vhanna@qf.org.qa
•	Grade 11	Ms. Anna Byrne	abyrne@qf.org.qa
•	Grade 12	Mr. Brett Scott	bscott@qf.org.qa

You can also contact School Administration at:

•	Mr. Steve Thompson	Senior School Principal	sdthompson@qf.org.qa
•	Mrs. Nicole Anderson	Assistant Principal	nanderson@qf.org.qa
•	Mr. Dwayne Smith	Assistant Principal	dsmith@qf.org.qa
•	Mrs. Rana Al Naji	Whole School Assistant Principal	rnaji@qf.org.qa

Have a Safe and Wonderful Weekend!

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Athletics Department News

We would just like to remind everyone that our Varsity / Junior Varsity Football and Basketball training will be starting in the next few weeks.





Many of our Grade 9-12 students have already signed up for these activities using the existing forms previously sent out by Mr Boustead. However, if you have not yet had chance to register your interest and would like to do so, please click on the relevant link(s) below:

- Boys Football (Varsity / Junior Varsity) https://forms.gle/kYvvW275b1aiRJX57
- Girls Football (Varsity / Junior Varsity) https://forms.gle/JcZkFSm3EpvD52uX9
- Boys Basketball (Varsity / Junior Varsity) https://forms.gle/RP23dLwX1E6M17f47
- Girls Basketball (Varsity / Junior Varsity) https://forms.gle/RP23dLwX1E6M17f47

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**Please be reminded that JV is aimed at Grade 9 and 10 students whilst Varsity is aimed at Grade 11 and 12 students.

More details regarding the Varsity and Junior Varsity Team training will be sent out to registered participants very soon.

If you require any additional information or clarification on the points above, please email Mr Boustead on rboustead@qf.org.qa

Have a wonderful week ahead!

The Athletics department

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Students' Achievement



نهنّئ طالبتينا، العنود الهتمي وطيبة مظفرية في الصّف السّابع على تمثيل قطر بتميّز في "مؤتمرالمدارس البيئية لتبادل أفضل الممارسات الدولية " والذي عقد على مدار يومي 8و9 أكتوبر 2021.

Congratulations to Al Anoud Hitmi and Tayba Muzaferija in G7, for representing Qatar in the 'International Best Practices; Sharing Session' for the Eco-Schools Program held on the 8th &9th October 2021. They did a great job sharing QAD's best practices.

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حصل عبد العزيز العبسي، طالب في الصف الحادي عشر، على جائزة قسيمة الابتكار من قسم البحث والتطوير والابتكار في مؤسسة قطر كماحصل على دعم مذهل لتطوير مهاراته في ريادة الأعمال ومشروعه الخيري بالتعاون مع جمعية قطر الخيرية حيث يعيد تدوير أقمشة الملابس القديمة والستائر وغير ذلك، ومن ثم يحولها إلى منتجات مثل الحقائب والقىعات

تطور مشروع عبد العزيز، الذي نشأت فكرته أصلاً من مشروعه الشخصي الذي قدّمة في الصّف العاشر وقام مؤخّرًا بعرض منتجاته في المعرض الذي أقيم بملتقى على هامش فعاليات أسبوع قطر للاستدامة .

Grade 11 student Abdulaziz Elepsy, after being successful in becoming a recipient of the QF Research, Development & Innovation division's Innovation Coupon award, has been provided with an amazing amount of support to develop his entrepreneurial skills and indeed his business and charitable venture. 'Tackling Textiles Together' uses recycled materials (clothes, curtains, etc) and transforms them into products such as bags and hats. Abdulaziz has also partnered with Qatar Charity in the venture.

The success of his venture, which was born out of his Grade 10 Personal Project, has developed to the point where he exhibited his products on the Exhibition held in Multaqa last week as part of Sustainability Week.

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Spotlight on QAD Alumni



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QAD ALUMNI SUCCESS

- A Qatar Academy Doha alumni class of 2013 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University SFSQ class of 2017.
- Received His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani's National Education Excellence Award twice, for high school and then university, as an outstanding Qatari student.
- Majored in Culture and Politics with a focus on Cultural Diplomacy of the Middle East.

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QAD ALUMNI SUCCESS

- Received an Executive Certificate in Advocacy in International Affairs from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.
- Started her career at the Education Above All (EAA) Foundation as a trained Youth Advocate in 2014. EAA is an initiative founded by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bin Nasser in 2012.
- Joined EAA in 2017 as a Policy and Research Specialist focusing on advocacy and the SDGs through the Foundation's mission of providing access to quality



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QAD ALUMNI SUCCESS

- Was seconded to the Qatar Olympic Committee's President Office, where she focused on innovative projects relating to Sports and Education for Refugees.
- Was seconded to serve as a Partnerships Officer with UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) at the Division of External Relations based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- During her time with UNHCR she established and expanded the partnership portfolio with Refugee-led organizations
- Currently handles the multi-sectoral strategic partnerships at EAA.

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QAD ALUMNI SUCCESS

- Passionate about civil society activism and the right of access to education, where she advocates for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals through the Qatar National Vision 2030.
- Qatar Youth Ambassador to the UN Youth Assembly from 2018-present and partook in several UN high level conferences to speak on the power of Qatari youth in sustainability.

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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:

https://hevzine.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@gf.org.ga

Water bottle



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.

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