

Senior School Akhbar



QAD Vision

Empowering students to achieve academic excellence and be responsible citizens.

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Director's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a good week. News of a breakthrough with the development of a vaccine has been news which has excited the world. Let us hope that the final trials prove to be as successful as they have been to date, so that we, and the rest of the world can return to a more normal existence.

I wrote last week about the school's new Vision. This week I want to say a few words about the new Mission.

Mission: At Qatar Academy Doha we offer a rigorous academic program with strong Arabic and Islamic Studies. Our school community develops and challenges learners, to be active, internationally minded citizens who demonstrate environmental consciousness.

We start by emphasising the importance and strength of our academic program, as it is so fundamental to what we do as a school. Student academic growth is made possible by having a strong academic program and that is delivered by the IB throughout the school. We also emphasise our strong commitment to the Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, for they underpin our educational philosophy.

We need to ensure that we challenge all of our students to make the most of their academic abilities and skills, so that they can develop into young men and women who will be able to contribute strongly to society.

We also want our students to be internationally minded, understanding the international connections which are central to the modern world.

Lastly, we have taken the specific step of including the importance of our students demonstrating environmental consciousness, as environmental issues are the most important global issues. It is the case that the actions of each of us affects everyone else, by our impact on the planet. Our students are already very active in this area, as we saw last week in Sustainability Week and we will do all we can to develop this.

On a different topic, I am delighted to share with you the news that two of our students, Noor Al Thani (G11) and Sama Ayoub (G12) have been selected as finalists for the National Scientific Research Competition. Their research project entitled "The Fabrication of Nano sensor Technology to Detect Blood Glucose Levels in the Breath of Diabetic Patients", was selected from over 100 applications and will be recognized by the Ministry of Education this calendar year. This is a great achievement! Well done to them both!

Best wishes,

Stephen Meek

رسالة المدير

حضرات أولياء الأمور الكرام،

أرجو أن تكونوا قد قضيتم أسبوعًا ممتعًا.

لقد سمعنا في نشرات الأخبار مؤخرًا عن تطوير لقاح ضد فيروس كورونا ما أثار حماسة العالم أجمع. نرجو أن تكون نتائج اللقاح النهائية ناجحة كي تعود الحياة إلى طبيعتها.

لقد كتبت الأسبوع الفائت عن رؤية المدرسة الجديدة، وفي نسخة هذا الأسبوع أودّ أن أحدثكم عن رسالة المدرسة.

الرسالة: توفّر أكاديمية قطر - الدوحة برنامجًا أكاديميًا دقيقًا وشاملاً مدعّمًا بمنهج قويّ في اللغة العربية والدراسات الإسلامية. يسعى مجتمعنا

المدرسيّ إلى تطوير مهارات المتعلّمين وتحديّ قدراتهم حتّى يصبحوا مواطنين فاعلين، يتمتّعون بعقليّة دولية ويظهرون وعيًا بالقضايا البيئية.

نبدأ بالتشديد على أهمية برنامجنا الأكاديمي وقوّته، لأنّه أساس ما نقوم به في المدرسة. إنّ نموّ المتعلّمين الأكاديمي ممكنٌ من خلال وجود برنامج أكاديمي قويّ في جميع المراحل المدرسة قد تمّ اعتماده من قبل منظمة البكالوريا الدوليّة. نوّكد أيضًا على التزامنا القويّ باللغة العربيّة والدراسات الإسلاميّة، لأنّهما يدعمان فلسفتنا التعلّميّة.

يهنّا أن نعمل على أن يتحدّى المتعلّمون أنفسهم لتحقيق أقصى استفادة من قدراتهم ومهاراتهم الأكاديميّة، حتّى يتمكّنوا من أن يصبحوا قادرين على المساهمة بفعاليّة في المجتمع.

نريد أيضًا أن يكون متعلّمونا ذوي تفكير دولي، وأن يدركوا معنى الروابط الدوليّة التي تعدّ أساسًا في العالم الحديث.

أخيرًا، لقد اتخذنا خطوة محدّدة لإبراز أهمية العمل على تعزيز وعي متعلّمينا بالقضايا البيئية التي هي أهمّ القضايا العالميّة. تجدر الإشارة إلى أنّ متعلّمينا نشيطون بالفعل في هذا المجال، وهذا ما لاحظناه خلال أسبوع الاستدامة وسنبدل قصارى جهدنا لتطوير ذلك.

من جهة أخرى، يسعدني أن أشارككم خبرًا يدعو للفخر وهو أنّ اثنتين من طالباتنا نور محمد آل ثاني في الصّفّ الحادي عشر وسما أيّوب في الصّفّ الثاني عشر، قد تمّ اختيار مشروعهما البحثيّ للتنافس في المرحلة التّهائيّة من المسابقة الوطنيّة للبحث العلميّ. المشروع بعنوان "تصنيع تقنية النانو للكشف عن مستويات السكّر في الدّم من خلال نفّس مرضى السكّريّ"، وقد تمّ اختيار مشروعهما من بين أكثر من 100 مشروع مشاركت في المسابقة، وسيُعترف به من قبل وزارة التّعليم خلال هذا العام. نفتخر بنور وسما وكذلك بإنجازهما العظيم.

أفضل التّمنّيات،

ستيفن ميلك

المدير العامّ

أكاديمية قطر - الدوحة

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have arrived at the first report cards for students in Grades 6 - 11. In one week, on Thursday September 19th, parents will receive an email with their child's report. However, you will need an SMS code to open the report. Please let the school know (Ms. Muna at 4454 1804 or Ms. Heba at 4454 2042) if you have any concerns with your reception of the reports.

We are starting to see some of our clubs and activities starting up again. THIMUN is fully active and students have been involved with the THIMUN leadership conference and other MUN activities. Our students council is starting back for this year, trying to support student initiatives and leadership opportunities. Our sustainability group of students recently supported Sustainability Week at QAD in recognition of the environmental choices we all make. These are just some of the opportunities available to students at QAD. Please know that we are returning to a much more normal environment and we encourage all students to return to Blended Learning and activities at QAD Senior School.

COVID Safety at QAD

As I have mentioned in previous Akhbars, we have had very few positive cases of COVID at QAD. Thank you to our teachers, parents and students for taking precautions when any family member is experiencing Covid-like symptoms, to stay home to ensure there is no transmission at school. However, we did have a positive case this week with a teacher that impacted some students and I want to explain what we do at QAD when that happens.

First, we follow all processes as set out by the MOPH and Qatar Foundation Covid Task Force policies and procedures. As soon as we are notified of a positive case we must immediately document and notify the MOPH. In the case this week, we immediately start a track and trace process and determine every student who may have been in direct contact with the person who was positive. We use small restricted bubbles and small groups at school, set on separate days (Sunday/Monday and Wednesday/Thursday) to ensure the contacts will be only a small group of students. The next steps in the process are as follows:

1. Any direct close contacts are isolated from the student population to the nurse's room
2. **Parents are immediately contacted** and students head home with parent permission and instructions to isolate at home and reduce contacts.
3. Parents monitor for any symptoms
4. Within 24 to 48 hours MOPH will set up a test facility at QAD Senior School, outside of regular school hours, so that all students and staff are immediately tested. All identified students and staff must be tested.
5. Results are returned within 24 hours. All tested students who are a close contact must quarantine for 14 days at home.

Our goal is to have no positive cases at the school so we ask that you please keep your children home if they are exhibiting and Covid symptoms. However, we do know that it will happen, and when it does we will follow all procedures to ensure that staff and students are safe, where necessary isolated and tested and that they will only return to school when they have met the MOPH expectations. Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder....

WE ARE ASKING PARENTS TO PLEASE KEEP ANY CHILDREN HOME THAT PRESENT ANY COVID-LIKE SYMPTOMS WHENEVER THEY ARE OBSERVED!

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Grade 12 Virtual Parent Meeting

Thank you to all our Grade 12 parents who attended our parent meeting on Wednesday. If you have any general DP queries that you wish for us to address, please email it to zjawad@qf.org.qa or dwilson@qf.org.qa

We Look forward to seeing you at future Grade 12 meetings

Blended/Online Learning Calendar until December WINTER

BREAK. Please find the Blended/Online Learning Schedule for the next few weeks at this [link](#) or below

Thank you,

QAD Senior School Administrative team

Steve Thompson - Principal

Rana Al Naji - Assistant Principal

Dwayne Smith - Assistant Principal

Nicole Anderson - Assistant Principal



