

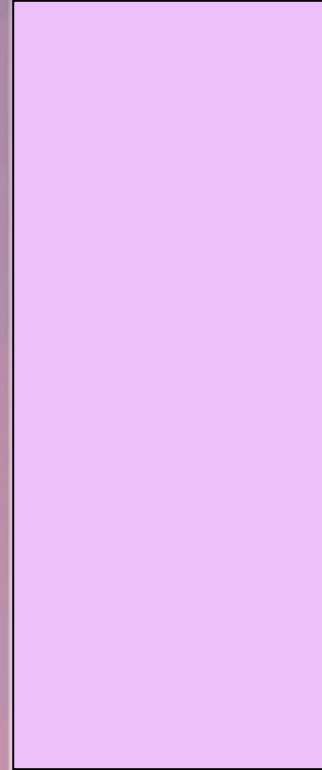
# Senior School Akhbar



## QAD Vision

Empowering students to achieve academic excellence and be responsible citizens.

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### Director's Message

Dear Parents,

We are getting close to the end of the long period of learning since we re-started the school year back in August and I wanted to thank you for all your support thus far. It has been very good to see an increasing number of students back in school and I hope that will continue into next year. When I speak with students in the Senior School, I get the impression of plenty of energy and commitment towards their studies. Once a week, after school, I see large groups of Grade 12 students (socially distanced!) engaging in animated discussion, having just completed a test they have had in one particular subject. Then it feels as if nothing has changed and the school is functioning as it always did, before the pandemic. That is very good to see! This morning I have seen the students in the Primary School wearing their national dress and it has been very special to see them all looking so smart and so proud. It is unfortunate that we have not been able to hold our normal parade for all the children and to be able to host families to watch it and to share the time with us. However, individual classes have walked through the tented area and the energy and excitement of the students remains undiminished.

With just one week to go of the school term, please may I remind everyone to be extra vigilant about ensuring that no children come to school, if there have been any coronavirus symptoms in the family, or if anyone is feeling at all unwell. We do not want to find that students (and staff) are beginning the winter break by having to be in quarantine. Please take extra care during this last week of the term.

Best wishes,  
Stephen Meek

### رسالة المدير العام

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

ها نحن نقرب من نهاية الفصل الدراسي الأول، وأردت أن أشكركم على كل الدعم الذي قدّمتموه . لقد كان من الجيد أن نرى عددًا متزايدًا من الطلاب يعودون إلى المدرسة وأمل أن يستمر ذلك حتى العام المقبل. عندما أتحدث مع الطلاب في المدرسة الثانوية، أشعر بالكثير من الطاقة والحماس والالتزام تجاه دراستهم. في أحد الأيام ، رأيت مجموعات كبيرة من تلاميذ الصف الثاني عشر (المتباعدون اجتماعيًا!) وهم يشاركون في مناقشة بعد أن أكملوا للتو اختبارًا أجروه في مادة ما. لوهلة بدا لي الأمر وأنا أشاهدهم وكأن شيئًا لم يتغيّر وأن المدرسة في وضعها الطبيعي كما كانت دائمًا قبل الوباء. لقد رأيت هذا الصباح تلاميذ المدرسة الابتدائية وهم يرتدون ملابسهم الوطنية . كم كان من الرائع جدًا أن أراهم جميعًا بتلك الملابس الجميلة وهم بغاية الفخر. إنه من المؤسف أننا لم نتمكن من إقامة مسيرة التلاميذ الجماعية بمناسبة اليوم الوطني ككل عام ولم نستضيف أولياء الأمور لمشاهدة أطفالهم، لكن بالرغم من ذلك، فقد تم تنظيم مسيرة لكل فصل على حدة في المنطقة المظللة وإتني أوؤكد بذلك أن طاقة وحماس الطلاب وفرحتهم بهذه المناسبة غير منقوصة.

قبل بدء الأسبوع الأخير من الفصل الدراسي الأول ، أود أن أؤكد على عدم إحصار أطفالكم إلى المدرسة إذا كانت هناك أية أعراض لفيروس كورونا في الأسرة ، أو إذا كان أي شخص يشعر بتوعك . لا نريد أن يبدأ التلاميذ أو الموظّفين العطلة الشتوية وهم ملزمين بالبقاء في منازلهم بداعي الحجر الصحي. يرجى توخي مزيد من الحذر خلال هذا الأسبوع الأخير من الفصل الدراسي .

أفضل التمنيات،

ستيفن ميك

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this weekly newsletter finds you and your family well. With the winter break approaching, it is time for families and our students to get a well deserved rest so that they are ready to go in the new year.

I for one, am looking forward to the end of 2020. With COVID and online school, then a transition to blended learning, and masks, always masks and hand-sanitizing, I am definitely ready for 2020 to end. My hope is for a quick recovery and a swift transition to a normal lifestyle. The vaccine is sure to change our day to day interactions back to something approaching normal. Here is to 2021, and goodbye 2020!

I am pleased to report that our numbers of students continue to climb in our classes as we approach the winter break. As you will be aware, we have been encouraging students to return to the blended program at school, as we strive to fill our classes to 15 students. We have also encouraged students in grades 6 - 10 to return to 4 days per week class until we reach the maximum of 15 students in every class. We will make these final positions in class available to the first parents that contact the school via email. Please email, because if we have an email it is time-stamped so we will know who was first to request. Please email Ms Muna at [mhammoudeh@qf.org.qa](mailto:mhammoudeh@qf.org.qa) and request that your child be permitted to attend 4 days per week.

The Qatar National Day celebrations are almost upon us and we have been recognizing and celebrating with a number of small events at the school throughout the month. We cannot hold large assemblies or have food for the event, so we have had to modify our celebrations from our usual events.

Please enjoy your weekend and we look forward to a productive week before the break.

Have a wonderful week!

## Grade 10 Parent Meeting for Diploma Program Course Selection

Dear Parent/ Guardian of Grade 10,

An information online session about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will take place on google meet. The session is designed to give insight into the program and to answer any preliminary concerns you might have regarding the IB Diploma Program 2021- 2022. The session will take place on Monday the 14th of December from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. This is the first of three sessions intended for students and parents to better understand the process of course selection for the diploma program. I highly recommend you attend all three sessions. Mr Clancy the college counselor will also be available to answer your questions.

Zeina Jawad IBDP Coordinator

Please find the link to the session

[Join with Google Meet](https://meet.google.com/prn-hkrt-sqi) [meet.google.com/prn-hkrt-sqi](https://meet.google.com/prn-hkrt-sqi)

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Just a reminder....

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

**Blended/Online Learning Calendar until December WINTER**

**BREAK.** Please find the Blended/Online Learning Schedule last week at this [link](#)

**Calendar Link for the New Year(2021)** [at this link](#)

Thank you,

**QAD Senior School Administrative team**

Steve Thompson - Principal

Rana Al Naji - Assistant Principal

Dwayne Smith - Assistant Principal

Nicole Anderson - Assistant Principal December 3, 2020

