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Director's Message

Dear Parents,

There is much talk of the Coronavirus and a number of rumors as well. Please follow the link regarding the Ministry of Public Health's recent **Question and Answer** session. Understanding the virus and using factual information is critical to a rational and well informed response.

At QAST, we have done the following: We held a short assembly last week to remind the students that during flu season it's important to:

(1) sneeze into their elbows when coughing, (2) wash their hands frequently and (3) refrain from touching their face. The teachers have all tested their google classroom sites. Students will be asked to visit and 'favor' these sites. In this way, should the school close, we can 'go virtual' and continue to learn at home.

As for communication, we will only forward official QF and/or MOPHE authorized information and in this way we will 'keep the channel clear'. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Dr Greg Moncada, Director QAST



قيّن طولاً قوباسملا يف قيب رعلا قغلل تارطانم

A national debate competition in Arabic

شارك طلاب الصفين الثامن والتاسع هذا الشهر في المسابقة الوطنية للمناظرات باللغة العربية للمرة الأولى لهم، وأبارك لكل المشتركين فقد فاز كل فريق بجولة وخسر أخرى بينما فاز أحد الفرق بالجولتين معا بشكل حاسم وقوي.. مبارك لكم، وأنتهز تلك الفرصة لأدعو جميع الأهالي لتشجيع أبنائهم وبناتهم على مزاوله هذا النشاط الشيق الذي ينمي حصيلتهم اللغوية والثقافية ويقوي مهارات التفكير العليا كما يعلمهم احترام وجهات النظر الأخرى واحترام الآخرين.

زايد قاسم

In Arabic, our Grade 8 and 9 students participated in the national debate competition in Arabic, for the first time. Each team won a round with one team winning both their rounds. Congratulations to them! May I take this opportunity to invite all parents to encourage their sons and daughters to engage in Qatar Debate – this exciting activity helps develop the student's linguistic and cultural understanding as well as strengthening their thinking skills and their respect for the opinions of others.

By Mr. Zayed Qassem

QatarDebate, a member of Qatar Foundation and the National Debating Organisation for Qatar, is a civic engagement initiative which aims to develop and support the standard of open discussion and debate among students and youth in Qatar and the broader Arab world.

منتدى التربوي للتراث والهوية

شاركت أكاديمية قطر للعلوم والتكنولوجيا للمرة الثانية في المنتدى التربوي للتراث والهوية بعمليتين مميزتين لطلابنا النجباء وهما : فلم علماء العرب المسلمين عبر الزمن الذي قام بتمثيله الطلاب: إبراهيم وأدهم ونادر صف تاسع ، والخط الكوفي المجسم بالأشكال ثنائية وثلاثية الأبعاد من عمل صفوف الثامن والتاسع والعاشر، وقد طلب الفائزون على المنتدى أن يوضع في غرفة كبار الزوار حيث أثنى عليه الزوار خاصة صاحبة السمو الشيخة موزا بنت ناصر ، وقد قام بعرضه لهما الطالبتان: شيخة ونور المعاضيد، وفي غرفة العرض العامة عرضت الطالبتان : بيسان ونور القبح العرض بشكل متميز كذلك. يمكنكم الضغط هنا لمشاهدة العرض

Education Forum on Heritage and Identity

Qatar Academy of Science and Technology participated for the second time in the Education Forum on Heritage and Identity with two distinguished works by our distinguished students. The film of Arab Muslim scholars through time represented by students Ibrahim, Adham and Nader in Grade 9, and the Kufic calligraphy design in two and three dimensions from the work of Grade 8, 9 and 10.

The organizers of the forum requested that QAST's work be placed in the VIP room to be celebrated by visitors including Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

See the video presentation.



Video link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9hf1pf4YJI

Team building

Last week in Advisory, QAST Houses had a competition in the gym that included team-building games and lots of exercises. The Big Bangs were the champions after winning two out of three games and a special mention

for Haiqa and Yaman who won the first game! The school was filled with lots of spirit and laughter and everybody had a great time!

Crazy Hat competition

Each house had the opportunity to participate in a team-building opportunity to create a "CRAZY HAT". Each team was given limited supplies and limited time to collaboratively come up with an idea and present their creation to the school. The winning team was The Futurologists! The students and teachers had lots of laughs during this activity. There will be more fun to come to the Advisory class.



Principal's Message

Parents

We have some important dates coming up to mark in your calendar:

- 7 March is a change in hours. Our school day will start at 8.30am and end at 3pm.
- 8 March is an optional day of school that will start at 8.30am and end at 3pm. On this day students will participate in a science conference with educators around Qatar.
- 11 March is parent night. We want to welcome you to the school from 4pm–6pm. You will be able to visit each teacher and discuss your child. We will run the evening as a first come first served basis. Each teacher will have a timer for 10 minutes that they will set and a queue will form. When the 10 minutes are up, we kindly will ask the first person in the queue to knock on the door to remind it is time for the next parent. You are encouraged to attend with your child but it is not required.

Mr Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST

Counselor's Message

College Expo at The American Academy School

On Sunday, 23 February, 2020, Mrs. Lisa along with Mr. Abdallah and Mr. Peter took Grades 9 and 10 on a field trip to a college expo at the American Academy School. Various Universities and testing agencies attended from Qatar and abroad. The students had the opportunity to visit booths and collect information about the universities. The experience was very informative to the students.



March Break Outreach Programs at Qatar Foundation:

Kindly see the links to Outreach programs in Qatar over the March break. Please let me know how I can support your child.

Carnegie Mellon :

www.qatar.cmu.edu/future-students/

Texas A & M:

<https://stem.qa/stem-programs/engineering-heroes/>



Canadian University Fair

Thinking about studying in Canada? There will be a university fair held at the University of Calgary-Qatar.

Details below and the flyer was emailed to all parents on Thursday 26 and 27 February 2020.

When: Wednesday, 4 March, 2020 | 6pm - 9pm

Where: The University of Calgary at Qatar, Al Rayyan, Al Forousiya Rd

Universities Attending: Carleton University, Concordia University, Dalhousie University, Ontario Tech University, Ryerson University and York University.



Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa

NewsQAST Extra



Thiago Motta visits QAST

Footballing legend [Thiago Motta](#) joined QAST and some of our smaller friends at Academyati, for a game of handball on Thursday!

The visit by the former Paris Saint-Germain player, who also played for Barcelona and Inter-Milan, was a real treat for our students; providing another opportunity for them to shine. The team at Generation Amazing remarked how well our students participated and demonstrated exceptional team work.



Watch the videos via this link: <https://youtu.be/vde4F0p6gVs>

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
3 Mar	2pm - 4pm	STEM Activity Afternoon. Community event - all welcome
7 Mar	8.30am - 3pm	School day time change
8 Mar	8.30am - 3pm	Optional school day. Time change
11 Mar	4pm - 6pm	Parent Consultations
15 - 19 March	-	SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Clubs

After School Clubs from 2pm to 2:50pm

CLUB	DAY	STAFF MEMBER
Robotics/Creating	Sunday	Mr. Idris
Arabic Gift Talent	Sunday	Mr. Zayed
Football	Monday	Mr. Zayed, Mr Abdullah
Girls Gym	Monday	Miss. Elena
Math	Wednesday	Mr. Abdullah
Current Affairs	Wednesday	Miss. Ellen
Book Club	Thursday	Miss. Jeanetta
French	Thursday	Miss. Maha

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