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Director's Message

Dear Parents,

We are now in our final weeks of this school year! And what a year! We moved to our new building and just as we began to settle, we all moved to our homes to begin distance learning. Impressively, our students are continuing to learn and grow and evidence suggests that each student has either learned or grown, on average, 1.5 years in 1 year. Of course some students have grown more with our highest level of growth 285%, or 2.5 years in 1 year!

While impressive we believe this is no accident. Your child is motivated and supported by each teacher and administrator at QAST. We rely on mastery to allow students to continue to learn and we celebrate each student success through positive behavior techniques.

Our learning model, combined with our engaging real-world problem-based learning practices 'CRISP', and engineering practices, has helped inspire our students to achieve.

Most importantly, it has been you, our beloved and courageous parents, who have propelled your child's desire to learn and explore the world. You have empowered them and by doing so, you have inspired us to insure their success. Thank you and very well done!

Two last notes:

We will continue to communicate with you during the summer to update you on our school start model. We are agile and we will adapt our learning practices to optimize your child's success as we begin next year. We anticipate a hybrid or online start.

Last, very special thanks to Mr. Abdulla Abdul, Mr. Idris Alim and Mr. Zayed Qassim for leading prayers each evening. This was entirely their effort and together they have created a wonderful opportunity for each student to continue their spiritual growth at this holy time of Ramadan. Thank you so much, gentlemen.

Onward and Upward!

Dr. Greg Moncada, Director QAST



We met the new staff joining us at QAST in August.
We will share individual introductions with you all in next week's NewsQAST.

QAST without walls #LearningNeverStops

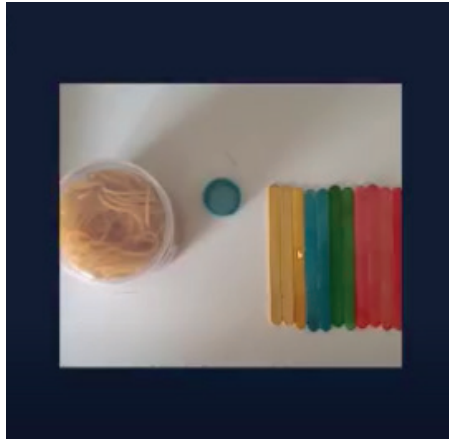
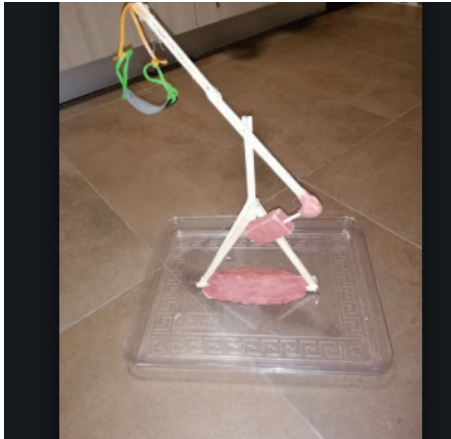


Please head over to our YouTube channel to see what our students are achieving during home learning. We're very proud of them: [VideoQAST](#).

Be sure to subscribe to our channel to receive updates.

QAST's Weekly Engineering Challenge - Catapult

More great solutions to Mr. Peter's Engineering challenges are being submitted each week. Thank you for getting involved. Don't forget you can invite your friends and family to try out some of our challenges. All the instructions are on the school website: www.qast.qa/en/News/Weekly-Engineering-Challenge.



College Prep and Summer Programs

Summer programs keep children's minds active over the summer months, to avoid the "brain dump" that can occur when a child leaves school. With a general enrichment summer program, youth return to school in the fall, ready to continue learning, not start over. Summer programs keep kids active!

COVID-19 has presented challenges, and visiting a college campus and attending summer programs on campus may not be possible this summer. I have attached a flyer for a virtual college fair that Cialfo is broadcasting at the end of May, along with some online summer programs that you can enroll in and explore.

Online Summer Opportunities

Carnegie Mellon Qatar

www.qatar.cmu.edu/future-students/workshops-events/scpp/

Brown University (RI) | Pre-College – Summer at Brown

<https://precollege.brown.edu/summeratbrown/>

Cornell University (NY) | Summer Sessions

<https://sce.cornell.edu/courses/roster?sessions=Summer&locations=Online>

Georgetown University (DC) | Summer Programs

<https://summer.georgetown.edu/programs/SHS04/college-credit-courses>

Washington University, St. Louis (MO) | Early College Scholars program

<https://precollege.wustl.edu/early-college-scholars-program>

Stanford University (CA) | Pre-Collegiate Studies

<https://spcs.stanford.edu/>

SCAD – Savannah College of Art & Design (GA) – eStar: Early Enrollment

www.scad.edu/admission/admission-information/freshman/early-enrollment

Tufts University (MA) | Pre-College Experience:

<https://universitycollege.tufts.edu/high-school>

Emory University (GA) | Pre-College Summer Programs

<http://precollege.emory.edu/getting-started/summer-college/index.html>

Principal's Message

QAST Students and Parents,

Thank you for support your child during this current COVID situation. We are wrapping up the 2019-2020 school year this next week.

My information is short in that if you have any questions please reach out to me. We will email out updates to school start next year and be available through the summer through our email.

Thank you again for trusting us with the education of your children and we are very proud of all their accomplishments.

Mr. Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST

Counselor's Message

Dearest Parents and Students

I want to share with you the importance of being present.

Here are some tips and strategies on how you can practice mindfulness:

- Resist the urge to mentally time travel (ruminating "if only we..." or worrying "I should..."). If you take the time to focus on the moment you are in, you will instantly feel calmer and more at peace.
- Take a few minutes to meditate each day. In these short sessions, be mindful and focus on your body and your breathing. These techniques help you to reset your mind and body and naturally put you in a relaxed state.
- I suggest you explore this link: www.headspace.com/covid-19 as a resource for mindfulness.

Take care of yourself and others and reach out if you need any additional support.

Mrs. Lisa

PUE - Ramadan Journey

The Academic Affairs Department of Pre-University Education booklet includes thirty innovative Ramadan activities divided into three themes that reflect the values of the holy month, namely (mercy - forgiveness - emancipation), with the aim of offering our students various opportunities to explore the virtues and values of the Holy Month as follows:

- Each theme contains (10) various activities distributed over a period of (10) days, and the student must complete one activity each day, a total of thirty activities.
- All students' contributions must be submitted to the Islamic Studies teachers at the end of each theme. We are now on:

Forgiveness: 10 days from day 11 to 20 of Ramadan

You can refer to the Arabic version of the Forgiveness-themed Activities by clicking on the link: [Ramadan Journey-Forgiveness-Arabic](#)

You can refer to the English version of the Forgiveness-themed Activities by clicking on the link: [Ramadan Journey-Forgiveness-English](#)

- Accordingly, the corresponding link for the targeted activities will be sent in due course and you will be notified.
- The names of the participants and their accomplishments will be displayed on the social media platforms of each school, after completing each theme, with the aim of encouraging and motivating students.
- At the end of Ramadan, the Academic Affairs Department will grant electronic certificates of appreciation to students who have completed all the activities that spanned the holy month.

EXTRA QAST

Dr. Greg is Confirmed as a Speaker at the 2020 EdEx Qatar

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Greg has been invited to speak at this year's EdEx Qatar event. Details will be firmed up in the coming weeks. The event connects public and private education

leaders to innovative ideas, tech and solutions that will improve the quality of education delivery in Qatar. This is a great event to explore the latest education insights to transform teaching and learning experiences.

You can join educators from across the region for two days of learning and interactive networking activities with over

30+ completely free-to-attend practical seminars and networking sessions. Registration is via the link below.

Date: 29 - 30 September 2020
Venue: The Westin Doha Hotel & Spa
Website: [Registration link](#)

**EdEx
Qatar**

29 - 30 September 2020 | Expo Timings: 08:00 - 16:00
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Join our daily recitals of the Qur'an

Dear parents,

Peace and mercy be upon you. We will, God willing, make a reciting of the Qur'an throughout Ramadan for students with teachers: Mr. Zayed, Mr. Idris, and Mr. Abdullah daily from 8.30 to 9.00 pm after Isha & Qyam prayer online (Qatar time) So if you agree to make your son/daughter join us please let us know in this form: <https://forms.gle/Cw52NtVmZuJu4BYr7>


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