Exams are here!

Dear Parents

As the semester draws to an end there are those all-important Grade 4 to Grade 12 exams that still need to be written!

Demarcations have gone home with all our students and by now all of them should be studying as much as possible. Please help your child to manage their time effectively by creating a study timetable with them and then help them stick to it until the exams have been written.

All our teachers are bringing their curricula to a close and will begin with revision soon. We appeal to you to make sure that your child is at school every day so that they can gain the maximum benefit from all the work being done in class.

Good luck with all of your exams and to those travelling over the summer, we wish you a safe journey.

Yours sincerely

Mr Warren Townsend
Head of Secondary

IGCSE and AS Level exams have started!

IGCSE and AS Level students have already started their final exams.

Exams are written either at 9am or 1pm. Students should be at school at least 30 minutes before an exam begins and should bring a copy of their passport or ID card and statement of entry to EVERY exam!

Please check the timetable very carefully to ensure that you are prepared and on time for each exam. Cambridge are very strict about procedures so make sure that your child is following all instructions to the letter.

Good luck to all our candidates as they sit for their exams!
Arabic Social Studies Project Display Assembly

The Supervisor from the Ministry of Education recently came to join our assembly as Mr Fathi and Ms Noha gave their students the opportunity to display their Social Studies projects on stage.

Each project had moving or working parts to display aspects of the curriculum in Arabic Social Studies.

The school was entertained by models of exploding volcanoes, drifting continents, airplanes in flight and moving maps.

Congratulations to all the students who worked hard along with their teachers to make such excellent projects!
Grade 3 Orientation

On the 26th and 27th of April, our Grade 3 students from Al Uwainat Campus came to Al Tareef to get a preview of Grade 4. They spent some time looking around the campus at our facilities and then experienced two of our classes first-hand. In one lesson they played some football, four-square and tenaquoit with Mr Brian and in the other they watched some Chemistry experiments with Mr Taffy. Our own students in Grade 9 and 12 assisted them in both lessons. They left the campus with a bag of goodies each, feeling rather excited about coming to the “big school” next year! One of the students left saying, “Mister it looks like a university!”

Cricket vs ABIS

On the 24th of April a mixed group of junior and senior boys went to play cricket against Al Batinah International School.

ABIS went in to bat first and scored 61 runs. Our boys achieved their score within the first few overs and spent the rest of the time on the pitch to reach a final score of 140 off our allotted 16 overs.

Well done to all of our boys who participated!
English Open Day

Four of our Bilingual 1 students went to Masoud Bin Ramadan School to compete in an English Competition. The day included various challenges involving English Language usage.

Our boys finished the day with a second place in the debating and spelling challenges and a first place in the tongue twisters and language usage challenges. Thanks to Mr Chris who went along with our boys.

Well done to Osama, Saeed, Mohammed Saad and Al Muhaleb. You really did us proud!
On the 5th of April, four of our Grade 9 students went to the Indian School to participate in their Essay Writing Competition. Marne Prinsloo, Kulsoom Anwar, Caitlyn Datu and Ali Mowafaq were selected to represent SIS in writing about *How to Effectively Manage Your Time*.

We look forward to seeing the outcome of their efforts!
Senior School Spelling Bee

Our Grade 7’s, 8’s and 9’s took part in the Spelling Bee finals on 3 consecutive days on stage in front of the seniors of the school. Tension was tangible as each student in the final was given a difficult word to spell over the microphone as the audience listened in silence.

In each of the three grades, the teachers had to move onto words that were unseen as the spellers were just too good. As the competition went on, even staff members were amazed as students spelt words that were incredibly tough.

At the end of the 3 days the following students came out tops:

**Grade 7:**
Winner – Aya Jabbar
Runner Up – Ahmed Ben Lakhdar

**Grade 8:**
Winner – Mohammed Jabbar
Runner Up – Reem Ahmed

**Grade 9:**
Winner – Caitlyn Datu
Runner Up – Ali Mowafaq
If you have taken a walk around our school, I am sure that you would have noticed the upgrades we have done to improve the daily functioning and safety of students at school. Astroturf has been put down on two of the play areas at the back of the school making an excellent area for volleyball and badminton and another for football. We have also included a covered area where boys and girls can play table tennis or foursquare. Our students have certainly been enjoying the upgrades as you can see! And speaking of seeing, we now have 18 cameras installed at various points around the school. This is to ensure the safety of our students at all times and also to help Mr Warren find out what really happened when a fight breaks out or something goes missing from a student’s bag! The cameras record in high definition and can go back to specific events at any particular time on any given day. They can also be accessed remotely via laptop and mobile phone so that Mr Sharl and Mr Warren can ensure the safety of all our students all of the time. In addition to this, we have a new Administrator for our front office, Ms Muna, who oversees all that goes in our office area. A twenty-four hour security guard is now also on duty. During the school day he ensures that all visitors sign in before entering the school and once school hours are over he ensures that any students still waiting for their parents are taken care of and that the property is always fully guarded. Along with the cameras, we believe that your child is in a safe environment at all times.
Our New Stage

A New Coat of Paint
The New Volleyball and Badminton Court

The New Football Pitch
And to finish off, a message from the Principal, Mr Sharl Prinsloo

As we are approaching the end of the Academic year, it is wonderful to reflect on a very successful year to date. This has been a watershed year for our school as we have seen tremendous improvements. You only have to walk around any of our campuses to see the changes. The good news is that these improvements will continue. We are focusing on not only the facilities, but also the academics. The Bilingual Programme will be extended to include Grade 9 and 10 next year and we will also have our first A2 Level students. Our recruitment has been concluded and we are very well placed for the new Academic year ahead. The new building project is also entering the final planning phase and we hope to launch this project in the next few months.

I would like to urge all our parents to please complete the re-registration process as soon as possible as we have seen a significant increase in the interest for places in our school.