

Senior School Akhbar

QAD Vision

Empowering students to achieve academic excellence and be responsible citizens.

UPCOMING DATES

- 4th Feb:
I AM QF Townhall
students in
6:45 - 11:00 am
- 2nd- 8th Feb:
Musical theater
rehearsals
- 11th Feb:
Sports National Day

رسالة المدير العام

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

شارك هذا الأسبوع طلاب الصفوف من السادس إلى التاسع في مؤتمرات الطلاب التي تعد في غاية الأهمية حيث توفر للطلاب الفرصة لمناقشة التقدم والإنجازات الأكاديمية مع أولياء أمورهم خلال الفصل الدراسي السابق. كان إقبال أولياء الأمور من كل المراحل الدراسية كبير مما يشير إلى أن هذه المؤتمرات كانت موضع تقدير كبير من قبلهم. أنا ممتن لكل من عمل بجهد لإنجاح ذلك اليوم. كما أقيمت مؤتمرات مماثلة في المدرسة الابتدائية، حيث حضرها أولياء الأمور لمناقشة تقدم أطفالهم في صفوف الروضة 1 و2 أيضًا حظيت تلك الفعالية بإقبال جيد جدًا من قبل الأهل. من الجدير بالذكر، أن هذه المناقشات التي تجري كل عام بين الطلاب وأولياء الأمور والمدرسين عاملاً مهمًا في التقدم الأكاديمي المستمر لكل طالب ومن الجيد أن نبدأ هذه العملية في هذه المرحلة المبكرة.

أيضًا أتيت لأطفال الروضة 1 و2 فرصة هذا الأسبوع لزيارة الشقب (مركز الفروسية) ومكتبة قطر الوطنية والتي بالمناسبة أعتقد أنها أروع مرفق ومورد ونحن محظوظون جدًا لوجودها في المدينة التعليمية. أيضًا هذا الأسبوع، شارك طلاب الصف الخامس في مسابقة ألعاب القوى.

كان من الرائع أن نرى أحد طلابنا وهو إشهوان بن مسفر الشهواني، طالب بالصف الثالث وهو يلقي قصيدة وطنية أمام حضرة صاحب السمو الشيخ تميم بن حمد آل ثاني حفظه الله في حفل تخريج الدفعة الثانية من كلية الشرطة. ألقى إشهوان القصيدة للشاعر علي الكواري والتي تعبر عن الولاء للوطن ولسمو الأمير بكل ثقة. يجدر بالذكر أنه تم اختيار إشهوان من قبل المنظمين وذلك من خلال مشاركته في البرنامج الصيفي "ضباط الغد"، الذي تنظمه كلية الشرطة. أحسنت إشهوان! كما أود أن أذكركم بأن الدوام المدرسي للطلاب سينتهي في تمام الساعة 11:00 يوم الثلاثاء 4 فبراير وذلك لتمكين الموظفين من حضور I AM QF Townhall في مركز قطر الوطني للمؤتمرات لذلك يرجى التأكد من استلام أطفالكم من المدرسة في تمام الساعة 11:00 في ذلك اليوم.

أطيب الأمنيات،

ستيفن ميك

Director's Message

,Dear Parents

This week students in Grades 6 to 9 participated in this term's Student Led Conferences. These conferences are a very important day in the academic calendar, as they provide the students with the opportunity to discuss their academic progress and achievements, in the previous semester, with their parents at the school. We had a very high turn-out of parents for each of the grades, indicating that these conferences were highly regarded by parents and students. I am grateful to everyone who worked hard to ensure that the day went so well.

Students in Pre3 and Pre4 had their equivalent conferences this week, as their parents came to the school to discuss their child's progress with their teachers. Again, there was a very good turn-out by the parents. Discussions each year between students, parents and teachers are such an important contributing factor to sustained academic progress by each student – and it is good that we start that process at such an early stage.

The Pre3 and Pre4 children have also had the chance this week to visit Al Shaqab, the equestrian centre, and the Qatar National Library (which incidentally, I think is the most wonderful facility and resource and which we are so fortunate to have in Education City). This week the Grade 5 students have also been out of school, participating in an Athletics Competition.

It was marvelous to see one of our students performing on a national stage this week. Ishwan bin Misfer Al-Shahwani of Grade 3 recited a national poem of thanks to his Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Khalifa Al Thani at the Police College Graduation ceremony – and performed in a most assured and confident way. The poem was written by Ali Al-Kuwari and expressed loyalty to Qatar and His Highness the Emir. Ishwan was chosen by the organizers through his participation in the summer program "Tomorrow's Officers", which is organized by the Police College. Well done!

Reminder. The school will be closing at 11.00am on Tuesday 4th February to enable the staff to attend the I AM QF Townhall at the QNCC. Please ensure that you collect your child from the school at 11.00am on Tuesday.

,Best wishes

Stephen Meek

Principals' message

Dear parents and community members,

We enjoyed a busy and exciting week at QAD. The Student Led Conferences were a huge success, and it was great to see so many of our parents at school supporting the learning of their children. On a different note, please remember that Semester 1 reports will be sent home today by email. As you may recall from the quarter 1 reports, we are only sending home reports by email; they will not be printed at school and sent with students. If you do not receive a report by email today, then you should call the office to make sure your contact details are up to date. Please review the additional reminders below.

Sum Bot: On Saturday the 25th January, 4 middle school and 3 primary school teams competed in the annual Sumo Bot competition at the American School of Doha. Students worked in pairs or individually to design, build and code their robots. Robots competed in a round robin competition with the aim of pushing each other off the competition board. After 11 rounds middle school student Al Mayasa Al Khal (grade 6) finished second while Noora Al Thani (grade 6) and Aisha Abdalla (grade 6) competed in a tiebreaker against Alina Qaiser (grade 8) and Elana Mohamed Firdas (grade 8) for third place. After a close match Noora and Aisha's robot was awarded the prize. Congratulations also to Mubarak Al Thani (grade 8) and Mahdi Al Ahbabi (grade 8) who also competed admirably.

Author Visit: We are delighted to welcome **Joseph Witchall** to **QAD Senior School** on **2nd and 3rd of February 2020**. He will be conducting illustrator workshops for Grade 8 students and also will be available during break and lunch to meet with other students. Joseph is an illustrator of every genre of book imaginable. Coming from a background of studying animation at university, as well as having a passion for cinema and growing up as a lover of comic books, Joseph feels that this strongly comes out in his illustration, in the movement and dynamism that he translates into his work.



Books illustrated by Joseph will be available to purchase on the day and have been signed and personalised!

Codebreaker 40 QAR

When Mr. Clark, the Year 6 teacher, announces that this term every student will be writing a Daily Status report about their life and their hobbies, Joe panics. What can he write about? His life is boring and he has zero hobbies.

But Mr. Clark seems to have the idea that Joe likes making and breaking codes. Result! Joe can run with that.

Before he knows it, he's finding out about the Enigma Machine that was famously used by the British to crack German secret codes during World War II.

The trouble is, it's still not enough to fill up a daily status for forty whole days, so pretty soon Joe is making things up. Big time!

Be a Hero 40 QAR

Play the book! You are the hero of this book. You decide which way the story goes. But make sure you choose wisely, or else...

This book contains 3 interactive adventure stories: 'Tomb Runner', 'Strike Force' and 'Space Rescue'

I am QF: Please save the date of February 4, 2020. On this date, Qatar Foundation is hosting an event for all QF employees at QNCC. Because of this event, students will be dismissed from school at 11:00 am on February 4, 2020. Please make sure that you have plans in place for your students to be picked up from school at 11:00 am on this day.

Research Study Opportunity for Students: A psychologist from Sidra Medicine, Dr. Nelli El-Ghazal, is currently working on a Sidra funded research study to help determine the best ways to assess Qatari children's cognitive ability. In order to do that, she needs a sample of 200 Qatari children that represents the local population. She has received approval from Qatar Foundation to recruit families from our school community to partake in this study. If you are interested in learning more about her study, please click [here for a description in English](#) and [here for a description in Arabic](#).

[MS Google Site](#)

[Grade 9 \(2019-2020\)](#)

[Grade 10 \(2019-2020\)](#)

[Grade 11 \(2019-2020\)](#)

[Grade 12 \(2019-2020\)](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Howard Menand Mr. Steve Thompson
Middle School Principal High School Principal