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NEWSQAST

We are now in the most academically productive time of the year and as you may have noticed, the pace of learning, number of projects and learning opportunities have accelerated. Please be sure to monitor the academic achievement of your child and please don't hesitate to communicate directly with your child's teachers if you have any questions. We will be holding our second parent consultation of 2019/20 academic year on 4th November. We very much look forward to seeing you all then. Further details will be sent by email after the holidays

Dr Greg Moncada, Director QAST



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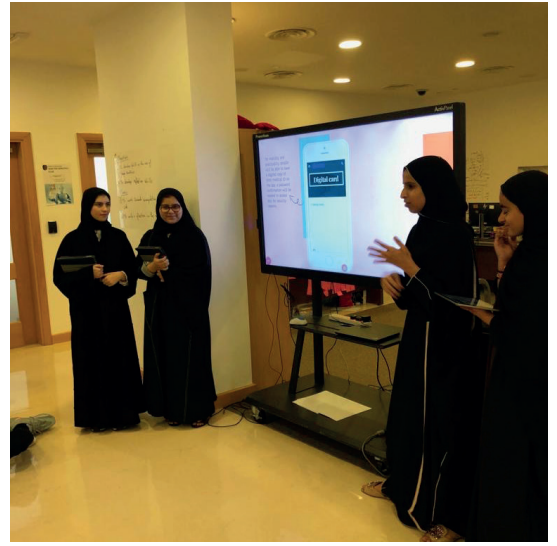
International Day of the Girl Child

Grade 10 girls at QAST are doing a great job at inspiring others to address gender equality not only through their actions but also by taking opportunities to "speak to the masses about female empowerment". In a recent interview in celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child on 11th October, Shahd in Grade 9 explained: "Society might tell you that there are jobs that only men can do, but in reality both men and women can do whatever they want!". Shahd aspires to become a surgeon and is working alongside the other girls at QAST to get their message out there that girls everywhere can inspire, break boundaries and take charge of their own futures. The girls of QAST will be speaking on this topic at the upcoming WISE Doha Learning Days in November. Further details below.



Student present their findings on antibiotic resistance

As part of the grade 10 CRISP (Challenge, research, Investigate, Synthesize, Prototype) project, students looked at the global problem of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), which is a major concern in the world of healthcare. Students have worked on their own solutions to tackle the problem – they have interviewed doctors and professors, typed up letters to the MOE and initiated an idea to make the first of its kind antibiotic tracking app. Here they presented their ideas and solutions to their peers.
By Ozma Bashir, Biology teacher



Grade 10 field trip to Doha University Expo

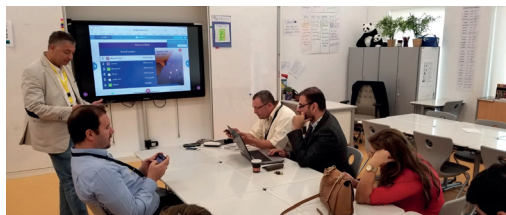
Our Grade 10 students enjoyed exploring the huge range of academic and career options available to them at this year's University Expo.

The event was held at Doha Exhibition and Conference Centre and played host to over 100 exhibitors across 15 different countries.



QAST staff leading at STEP

QAST staff had a great day leading professional development sessions to teachers across Qatar Foundation as part of the QF STEP programme. Zayed led a session on Technology, Vaughan spoke about Project Based Learning, Sam led a session on Grading for Mastery and Lisa talked about Habits of Success. Staff professional development is built into our weekly schedule here at QAST so our teachers are very familiar with sharing their expertise and learning from others.



Principal's Messages

Dear Parents,

Please enjoy the week's holiday with your children. We have finished 9 weeks of school and we are appreciative of your support. We have many exciting opportunities to look forward to at QAST that include moving into a new building, participating at WISE, and reaching out to the community. I have personally witnessed multiple students help one another, be inclusive, and develop an environment of safety at QAST. With the continued to focus on building a healthy community at QAST the students will benefit academically because of it.

Sam Abrams, QAST Principal

WISE Doha Learning Days

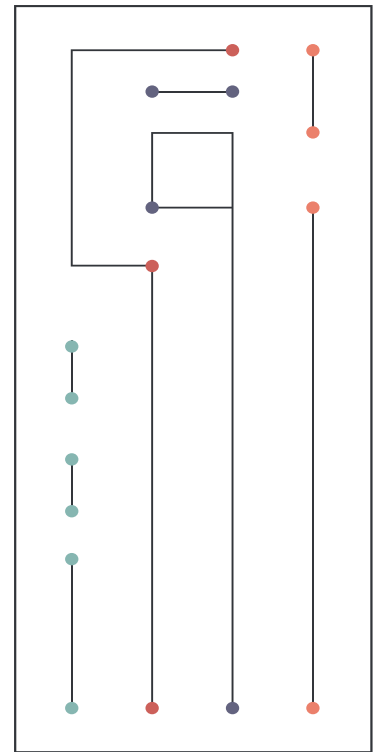
The Doha Learning Days (DLD) is Qatar's first experiential learning festival, established by the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE). The festival takes place in the Ceremonial Court of Education City on November 14 - 19. DLD aims to engage and excite everyone in the local community about learning. There will be a range of activities, from coding lessons to wellness masterclasses and art workshops. The festival will feature over 47 local organizations and innovators, including Torba Market, Kaffeinated, Qatar Reads, and Vishnu Yoga. Doha will become the hub of learning in the lead up to the ninth global WISE Summit taking place the week after on November 19 - 21.

Your students and faculty are playing a leading role in the delivery of engaging learning sessions at this event. We would love to see you there if you can make it, please add the dates to your diary. The full schedule is detailed below.

For further information about Doha Learning Days, visit:
www.wise-qatar.org/wise-2019/doha-learning-days/

Sessions led by QAST

Lead	Activity	Date	Times	Location
Elisabeth Abidaoud	College and career readiness.	Sat 16 November	14:00 - 15:30	Torba Market
Students from QAST	Women, the backbone of society.	Sun 17 November	09:30 - 10:00	Main Stage
	The evolution of women in science and society.	Sun 17 November	09:30 - 10:00	Main Stage
Ozma Bashir	How do we reduce the impact of superbugs.	Mon 18 November	09:30 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:00 12:30 - 13:30	Ceremonial Court Corridor 2
Peter Barnett	Building shelters for survivors of natural disasters.	Tues 19 November	09:30 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:00 12:30 - 13:30	Ceremonial Court Corridor 2
Vaughan Lewis	Water doesn't cost the Earth.	Tues 19 November	12:30 - 13:30	Learning Lab
Vaughan Lewis	Achievement through project based learning.	Tues 19 November	14:00 - 15:00	tbc
Ellen Mussleman	Throw away the text book.	Tues 19 November	15:30 - 16:30	tbc
Sam Abrams	Mastery grading.	Tues 19 November	15:30 - 16:30	tbc



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Extra QAST

Expansion Building Update

Our advanced planning team visited the site yesterday and we learned that we are likely moving in sooner than later. You will be quite impressed with the facility and we look forward to showing it to you. More on this in two weeks.

Catering for the Expansion Building

We will have a new caterer in the new location. QAST and Academyti have developed a joint contract with Torba Market, a local, sustainable, organic provider. The Torba team will provide a week of food in November and offer a range of menu plans for our students. They will also cater our Parent meeting and Teacher Conferences scheduled in December (or earlier if we enter the building sooner).

QAST PTO

Our first Parent Organization meeting is scheduled from 5- 6 pm on November 4. This is one hour before our Parent conferences. Please plan to attend so that we can begin organizing as a parent group.



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
Oct 20-24	All day	School Holiday
Nov 3-7	3pm - 6pm	Texax A&M Engineering Explorers program Application details: https://stem.qa/stem-programs/engineering-explorers/
Nov 4	6pm - 8pm	Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) at QAST
Nov 4	5pm - 6pm	QAST Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO). Please come along an hour ahead of the Parent Teacher Conference, to find out more.
Nov 16-19	All day	WISE Doha Learning Days - save the dates! See details above.

Clubs

Please note the QAST after school clubs:

Sunday: Football, Debate
Monday: Eco-Schools
Wednesday: Chess, Robotics

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