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Director's Message

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that you are all well and remain safe. We have all learned so much this week. We recognize that change is hard and to this end we hope to minimize the number of changes in our practices. At this time, we have only two more. We believe that after this we will not need to make any further changes.

Schedule: On the basis of our student, teacher and parent surveys, we have developed a schedule that meets the requests of all and considers best practice for e-learning. Impressively, this schedule closely resembles last year's Ramadan schedule. Adopting this schedule now will prevent any further changes during Ramadan. Principal Sam will present this schedule below.

Go-To-Meeting is our synchronous meeting program. All of the teachers have been trained and they will be converting their Zoom meetings to Go-to-Meetings. The QF PUE now requires that we use this program as it meets our child safeguarding expectations and is supported by our IT department. There are minor differences and the changes to your child's routine should be minimal.

Reminder to Grade 10 Parents: Grade 10 Course selection requests have now been sent. These are due to us by April 8, or the end of next week. I will hold a student and parent meeting next Monday, 5 April at 7pm to answer any questions you may have.

Onward and Upward!

Dr. Greg Moncada, Director QAST

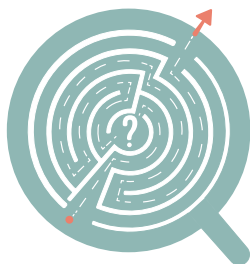


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CRISP CHALLENGE



CRISP Project COVID-19 is launched at QAST

Meeting a challenge head on is not new for students and faculty at QAST. Project COVID-19 was launched this week and is being led by Mr Idris.



Speaking to the students Dr Greg explained: "Some people choose to recoil from this pandemic, others actively engage with trying to find solutions".

At QAST We Lead More detail on the next page.

QAST without walls - #LearningNeverStops

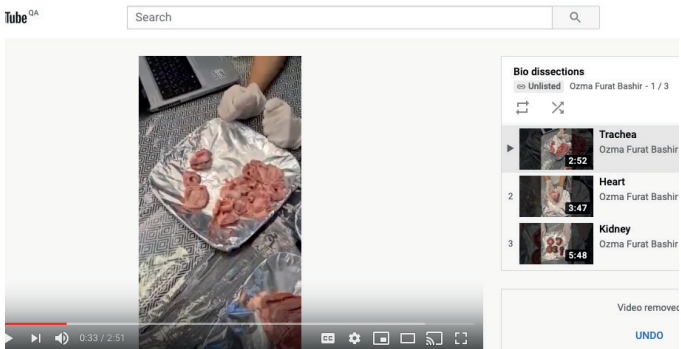
QAST launches the next CRISP project: 'COVID-19'

All students at QAST have been challenged to carry out a three-week project with the focus on COVID 19 to help develop a solution that can support our medical and construction workers at this time. What we produce may well be the centrepiece for Qatar Foundation and the rest of the world. Mr Idris is leading the project and has challenged the children to show the world what boundaries we can push "with a school without walls"!



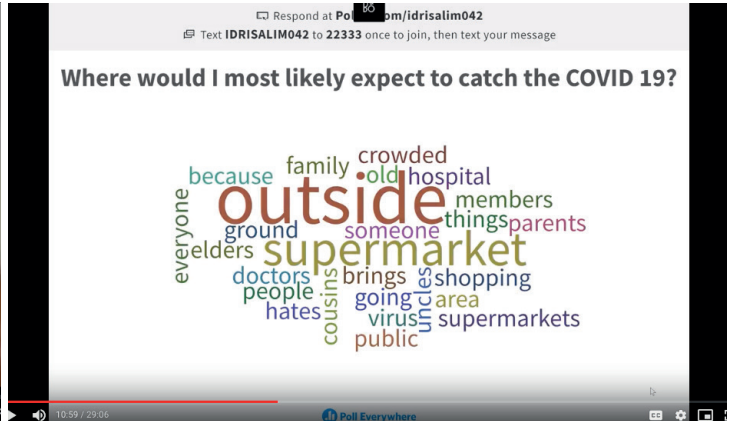
Dissection in Grade 10 Biology

Ms Ozma has been teaching all about dissection of the Trachea, Heart and Kidney by filming online demonstrations for the students to accompany her online lessons.



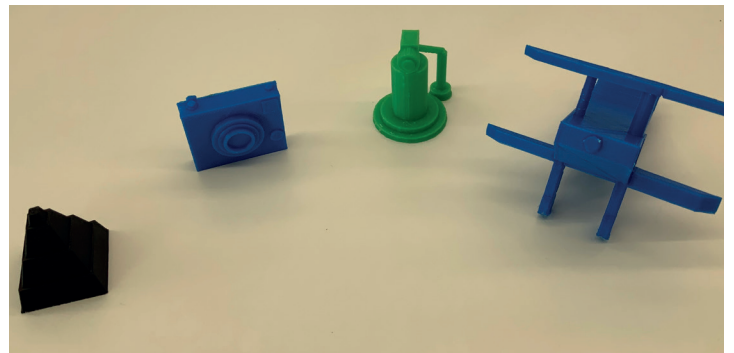
Islamic Studies with Grade 8

Mr Zayed is here pictured in his new home office, teaching about etiquette during online Islamic Studies with Grade 8 last week.



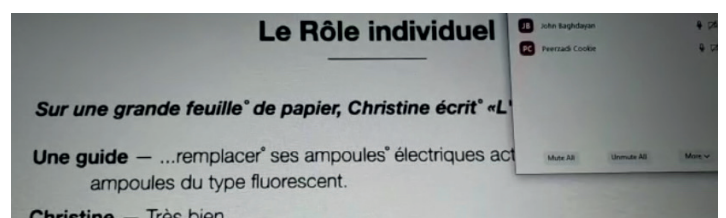
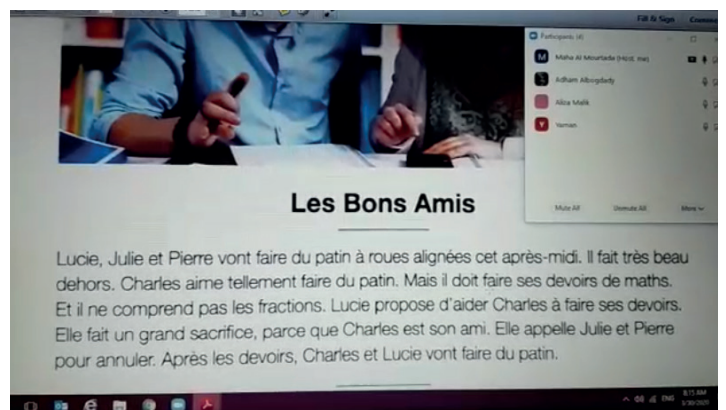
Making chess pieces with Grade 9 in Engineering

Mr Peter has been working with the Grade 9s to design a chess set with the theme 'Great engineers'. Some great work coming though!



Ms Maha's online French lessons

Students have continued enjoying their French studies with Ms Maha online.



Principal's Message

QAST Parents,

We have just finished week two. Thank you for supporting distance education. We appreciate all the feedback we have received. We are making adjustments based on student needs and parental feedback and I want to highlight 2 significant changes starting on Sunday and Monday respectively.

1. Sunday will have a new Schedule for students. We are lengthening the day a little, but inserting breaks between classes. Students are expected to be learning from 8am until 12:40pm each day of the week (Sunday to Thursday).

Distance Learning Schedule:			
	Start	End	Length
Period 1	8:00	8:40	40
Period 2	8:45	9:25	40
Break	9:25	9:35	10
Period 3	9:40	10:20	40
Period 4	10:25	11:05	40
Break	11:05	11:15	10
Period 5	11:15	11:55	40
Period 6	12:00	12:40	40

2. Virtual meetings will no longer be run on the Zoom software. This will cause some anxiety amongst students to learn new software and we are here to support. We will begin to use GoToMeeting as our virtual classroom and conferencing tool starting on Monday 6 April.

Please have your children ready to learn on Sunday with the normal method of watching their Google Calendar in order to alert them to upcoming classes. I will also be sending them the updated schedule and links to start to learn how to use GoToMeeting.

Mr Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST

Counselor's Message

Dearest Students and Parents,

In the Advisory class, Mrs. Lisa proposed a baking or cooking challenge to all QAST students. The challenge includes baking/cooking, sharing the recipe, demonstrating in a video, and or sharing a photo of engaging in the process. This challenge is not mandatory but encouraged. Many students shared that they have already been cooking and baking and have been learning new recipes and skills. This task will encourage QAST students to share and discover new talents.

COVID-19 Counselor's Message for Parents

Kindly see the attached pdf: COVID-19 Counselor's Message for Parents, along with this week's newsletter. This letter has some helpful tips in helping children to cope with the COVID-19.

Warm reminder that QAST students can send Mrs. Lisa an email if they would like to set up a meeting.

Stay safe and healthy,

Sincerely
Mrs. Lisa



It's great to see your images coming through of your lives at home! Please keep sending them to Miss Kath: klewis@qf.org.qa or post them on your own social media and tag us!



Photography and video by Mahi [@mahi_the_photographer](https://www.instagram.com/mahi_the_photographer)



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Qatar Foundation Community Information

Participation needed for National Family Day

Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) in collaboration with QF Communications have recorded two videos, featuring the Executive Director of DIFI, Dr. Sharifa Al Emadi, talking about two matters they have noticed in adolescents in Qatar based on research conducted in a number of schools including some QF Schools.

Based on these, they created 2 videos with recommendations/tips to parents. Please see the [links](#) to the videos. They would like our parents to please send videos/photos of themselves with their children taking part in the suggested activities by Dr. Sharifa in the video and upload their videos to the contact below. Thank you for your support.



Please send your videos to Dana Al Khalout (dalkahlout@qf.org.qa), by **Wednesday, 8 April**, who will collect all the videos and share them with QF Comms. QF Comms will compile and edit the videos into a 1 video, which will be posted on the Qatar Foundation Social Media pages in celebration of National Family Day on 15 April.