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Director's Message

We have a lot going on behind the scenes here at QAST. Here is a quick update on some of the major components underway and being developed:

2020 Schedule: Please plan to attend the parent meeting scheduled on 11 March. At this meeting we will provide details on the Grade 11 and 12 course of studies, Graduation and Diploma requirements and next year's timetable.

Innovation Center: This is one of the unique features of the school and we are now hiring faculty to support the full realization of this central curricular component. We have entered into a multi-year agreement with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to review and quality assure our Innovation Center Curriculum.

Grade 11 Internships: We are now meeting with Education City Universities to discuss internships and our Extended Project Qualification (EPO) research projects. More on this as the program solidifies.

Future QAST: Looking further ahead, I am working with the contractors for the future school and we are now down to the placement of each major technology component, tool, or asset. We are still on schedule to move into that building in less than 2 and a half years.

We look forward to seeing you at our first community STEM event on 3 March. This will involve all of our faculty and some of our students. Details at the end of the newsletter in ExtraQAST.

Dr Greg Moncada, Director QAST



Grade 10 personal research

Personal research

In December, Grade 10 students were given the opportunity to carry out their own research projects and this week we got to see their results. Projects ranged from how to recycle straws, collecting solar energy in space to studying team work and teenage happiness. Grade 9 students and teachers interviews each presenter and graded them on their presentation skills and research.

By Mr Vaughan



مسابقة القرآن الكريم لطلاب الأكاديمية

ذهبت طالبتا الصف الثامن : بيسان شلبي وشيخة خليفة الأسبوع قبل الماضي إلى مسابقة القرآن الكريم بدولة قطر بالتعاون مع وزارة التعليم القطرية ، وأود شكر أ. ليزا على مصاحبتهم في هذا اليوم ، كما ذهب هذا الأسبوع أيضا أربعة طلاب من الصفين الثامن والتاسع وهم : صهيب مجدي - نادر قاسم - أدهم البغدادي - محمد يمان حمودة ، نرجو لهم جميعا التوفيق وسوف نعلن عن النتائج حين وصولها ، وبغض النظر عن النتائج فإنني أوجه تقديري لطلابنا وطالباتنا على الشجاعة التي امتازوا بها في المشاركة والمسابقة الأولى لهم مع أكاديمية قطر للعلوم والتكنولوجيا آمين أن يزيد العدد في العام القادم بتشجيعكم ودعمكم لحفظ وفهم كتاب الله العزيز .

زايد قاسم

Quranic competition at the MOE

Last week our Grade 8 students Bissan and Sheikha went to the Holy Quran Competition in the State of Qatar. Thank you to Mrs Liza for joining us for the day. This week, the following four students from Grades 8 and 9 went to the competition: Suhaib, Nader, Adham and Muhammad Yaman, we wish them all success and will announce the results in due course.

Regardless of the results, I would like to thank our students for their courage in participating in the competition with Qatar Academy for Sciences and Technology for the first time. I look forward to the numbers increasing in the coming years with your encouragement and support, to preserve and understand the book of Allah Almighty.

Mr Zayed Qassem



QAST college fair

Last Monday, we hosted our first college fair at QAST, with representatives for universities from Australia, US, UK, Europe, and Canada. Many students participated and inquired about programs, costs, and school culture.

We are looking forward to hosting many more in the future!



Sports Day at QAST

All QAST students and teachers had a fun-filled afternoon of bowling at the QF Student Center. Following the bowling, the students and teachers enjoyed a meal in the food court.

Fun was had by all and participation was excellent.

By Mrs Lisa



What's our water worth?

To answer this question, Grade 9 students have been investigating how to clean out waste water so that it can be used for irrigating plants. They began by calculating the amount of water we use and discard at school and then developed prototype water filters investigating the best materials to use for filtration. This week they presented their prototypes and assessed each other on their work.



Principal's Message

Parents,

This is a kind reminder that at QAST we separate behavior and academic scores. For students that are late frequently and distracted we do not penalize on an academic grade for these behaviors. We document them separately.

If your child is sick or misses school for any reason then we mark the assessment or assignment late. The student will have time to finish work but at the same time, the student will need to continue learning the new curriculum.

Also, can you all please discuss with your child the importance of following the "NO CELLPHONE" policy at school. We will be increasing our efforts to ensure students have their phones in their lockers during the school day. Your support on this is crucial for the success of the students. Very shortly if students have phones out of their lockers then a parent will need to come to school to collect their phone.

Mr Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST

Counselor's Message

On Sunday morning, 23 February, Grades, 9 and 10 will accompany myself and other members of staff on a field trip to a college expo. A permission slip was sent home with your child on Thursday so, kindly sign and return to confirm their attendance on Sunday. See the flyer pictured here and also attached, for more details.

Pre-ACT:

Last Sunday, the Pre-ACT was sat by Grade 10 students of QAST at QAD. All students arrived on time and were well prepared. This was excellent practice for these students to experience a standardized exam setting in preparation for next year when they will sit the ACT as part of the college application process. Once the results are received, they will be instantly distributed to the students and this may take about 6-8 weeks.

Thanks
Mrs Lisa



Dear Counsellors:

The American Academy School would like to invite you for its tremendous **UNIVERSITY FAIR** which will be held in our new campus. There will be around 30 universities coming from different countries such as **Qatar, Canada, USA, UK, Germany, France... and more**. It is your opportunity to come with your pupils and advise them to choose the universities they are interested in. In addition to that, ask questions, elaborate, and emphasize every single aspect that comes into your mind. Please, your attendance is very important to us as well as to your children. **Your attendance is highly appreciated.**

The event will take place on:

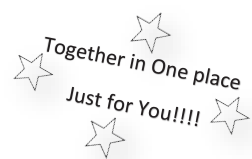
Sunday, February 23rd between 9:30am-12:30pm.

Place:

American Academy School, Gate #1, the gym area.

New Al-Thumama Branch near B-Square Mall.

If you have any further information, please don't hesitate to contact **Mr. Ismael Cadus** at: +97466283877, or email me at: icadus@americanacademy.sch.qa



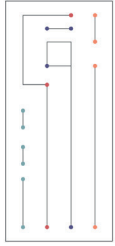
NewsQAST Extra

Our first community STEM Event to help design a Micro-Transport system for the Education City Trams is coming up on 3 March. This is a FREE event open to QF and non-QF families. Activities are tailored to appeal to ages 11 to 16.

Booking is via [Eventbrite](#)

Read all about it!

QAST students hit the headlines again this week for their work on the Education City Tram App, read the article in the [Gulf Times](#).



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3 مارس 2020
من 2 ظهرًا إلى 4 عصرًا

ساعد في تصميم نظام النقل
المصغر في مؤسسة قطر!

متاح للعائلات داخل وخارج مؤسسة قطر.
الأنشطة تتوافق مع سن 11 إلى 16

سجل عبر موقعنا
Register via our website
www.qast.qa

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AWARDS
AWARD WINNER 2020

FREE STEM
EVENT AT
QAST

3 March 2020
2pm to 4pm

Help Design the
Micro-Transport System
at Qatar Foundation!

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Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
11 Mar	TBA	Parent Consultations
15 - 19 March	-	SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Clubs

After School Clubs from 2pm to 2:50pm

CLUB	DAY	STAFF MEMBER
Robotics/Creating	Sunday	Mr Idris
Arabic Gift Talent	Sunday	Mr Zayed
Football	Monday	Mr Zayed, Mr Abdullah
Girls Gym	Monday	Miss Elena
Math	Wednesday	Mr Abdullah
Current Affairs	Wednesday	Miss Ellen
Book Club	Thursday	Miss Jeanetta
French	Thursday	Miss Maha

QAST Online



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