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Director's Message

We have had an eventful week here at QAST. Our students presented during the I AM QF event about their projects while Sam Abrams, Vaughan Lewis and I spoke on the curriculum and how the innovation center will work.

Please take a few moments to read the Gulf Times article about our students in the NewsQAST Extra below. I believe it is one of the first articles that captures the spirit of the learning at QAST and its impact on our students.

We are recruiting new teachers for next year and we anticipate that we will have six new very talented teachers join us next August to teach Computer Science, Mathematics, English, Arabic, Art / Digital Media and Chemistry. These teachers will develop the second half of the program for Grades 11 and 12. We will present this in the coming weeks to students and parents and then begin the course selection process for next year.

Dr Greg Moncada, Director QAST



آيات قرآنية وأمثال عربية بالخط الكوفي

في وحدة اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية عن العمارة الإسلامية والخط العربي ، تعلم طلاب المدرسة في الصفوف 8 ، 9 ، 10 عن الخط الكوفي كمثل فريد استعمله العرب في نسخ المصحف وزخرفة المساجد والقصور قديما وتستخدمه قطر الآن بشكل لافت وجذاب في المتاحف والمعارض التراثية والعالمية ، بل وصمموا بأنفسهم آيات قرآنية وأمثلة عربية بالخط الكوفي بأنواعه المربع والبسيط ، وقد تم التكامل بين التربية الإسلامية واللغة العربية والهندسة لتنفيذ هذا المشروع ، وأود أن أوجه الشكر والتقدير لمعلم الهندسة أ. بيتر الذي لم يدخر جهدا في مساعدة الطلبة في تنفيذ خيالهم وكتاباتهم الرائعة ؛ لذا أودّ شكرهم جميعًا على تعلمهم الرائع وإحيائهم لتراثهم العريق واستعمالهم لمهاراتهم ومعارفهم وحماسهم.

زايد قاسم

Quranic verses, wisdom and Arabic proverbs in Kufic Calligraphy

In Arabic and Islamic studies, our Grades 8, 9, and 10 students have been learning about Islamic Architecture and Arabic Calligraphy 'Kufic'. This is a unique example that Arabs used to copy the Qur'an and decorate mosques and palaces in the past and Qatar now uses it in museums and local and international exhibitions.

The students combined Islamic, Arabic and engineering to design their Quranic and Arabic proverbs in Kufic calligraphy. I would like to thank Mr Peter, who helped the students integrate modelling and cutting methods to create their wonderful writings.

Thank you to all the students for their commitment to learning, their revival of their ancient heritage and their use of their skills, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Mr Zayed Qassem



Healthy Lifestyle Grade 8

We are now entering the theme of "Healthy Lifestyle" and the students painted, sketched and drew what a healthy lifestyle means to them. The activity incorporated art therapy and expression, which helped the students relax and find their happy place. The creations consisted of healthy food, exercise, religion and sleep, to name a few. The feedback I received from the students was to continue to incorporate more of the arts into our lessons so, I will make this happen!

Next week, the students have been asked to bring in ingredients so we can make smoothies in class for breakfast. Such ingredients include; milk, plain yogurt, frozen berries/fresh fruit like berries, flaxseed, almonds, honey, and bananas etc. Afterward, they will share the recipe with their families and friends!



Principal's Message

Parents,

We are grateful for so much here at QAST. First, we are grateful for the chance to spend time with your children and educate them. We are confident that our approach and care are making a difference in their lives. Second, we are grateful for your kind words of support as we have received several enquiries from friends of yours looking to bring their children to QAST.

Families who want to come and experience the QAST way for themselves are very welcome to join us at our upcoming STEM Activity Afternoon on 3 March from 2-4pm. Booking is via Eventbrite: <https://stemactivity.eventbrite.com>

We are holding firm our admissions criteria that students are required to be proficient in math and English and show a desire to study science.

With this criteria, we are in a great position to ensure the classrooms are suitable for learning and maximize the student's potential. Please reach out with any questions you may have about future enrollment.

As a reminder, we are accepting applications for students for Grades 8 -11 for academic year 2020/21 and your kind words of support to your neighbors can make all the difference.

We offer free tours and assessments every week on Wednesdays at 10am and 4pm. Booking a slot is via our OpenApply page: <https://qast.openapply.eu>

Mr Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST

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Counselor's Message

Thinking about how to plan an action-packed summer for your son or daughter? Kindly refer back to my email on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 with flyers regarding summer programs and studying medicine in Grenada.

In addition, if you would like to sign up for the Texas A& M program for Grade 9/10 students, which takes place during the March break; kindly refer to the flyer that was attached in last week's newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks
Mrs Lisa

