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Director's Message

What an amazing week at QAST! I am very pleased and proud to announce that QAST has won the International Schools Leader Magazine's annual award in the Teaching and Learning category. This award recognizes our unique and highly effective learning model called CRISP. CRISP stands for Challenge, Research, Innovate, Synthesize and Present and by following this process, our students are able to develop solutions to problems they identify.

This learning model was developed by our curriculum coordinator, Mr Vaughan Lewis, in his efforts to consolidate the many layers of skills and knowledge required in the minds of the students to reach a solution.

Of course, our teachers have made the CRISP model come alive and our student achievement has exceeded our expectations. One added benefit of the model has been our high levels of student engagement. Their commitment has been outstanding!

Please be sure to congratulate the Mr Lewis and the teaching team for having earned this wonderful award!

For more information, please do visit our website and the Gulf Times article that describes the award, the competition and CRISP.

QAST has another first this week, too: We have begun our partnership with B4D, or Behavioral Science for Design. This partnership will train our students how to incorporate behavioral science in their solutions.

This is a first as there are currently no curriculum that provide these insights in making solutions 'stick.' We have all experienced this: we buy a device thinking it will solve a problem in our life only to learn that using the device creates more problems (it has to be charged, it requires an additional accessory or worse, we have to read the manual to make it work!). B4D helps our students create solutions that work with humans and the program will teach them to create experiments that test which solutions are more easily adapted and persist over time.

Dr Greg Moncada, Director QAST

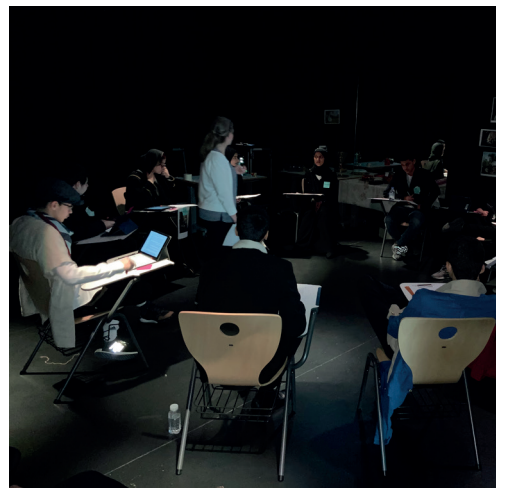


Grade 10 students recreated an enlightenment era French salon

Grade 10 recreate historically accurate French salon

This week in Social Studies, Grade 10 students recreated an enlightenment era French salon. Each student researched a French philosopher and engaged in a lively philosophical discussion. They worked hard to provide a historically accurate French salon complete with props, art work, music, and delicious French food.

By Ms Ellen Morgan Mussleman



Nudge Theory with Dr Makki

Grade 9 and 10 students began a journey to find out how small changes or 'nudges' can alter our behaviour and encourage us to do things from recycling to eating more healthily.

Dr Fadi Makki who heads the first behavioral insights and nudge unit in the Middle East, B4Development, and his team have been working with us to develop lessons bringing his pioneered applications of behavioral insights and nudge concepts to our school. In their first session students found out about the ways in which we think and how this impacts the decisions we all make.



A visit from Dr Lam of the World Math Team Championship

Our students got a unique opportunity to see how their school maths can solve difficult problems. Dr Quan K Lam, of the University of California Berkeley and the founder of World Math Team Championship (WMTC) visited QAST on Sunday as part of a visit to the Qatar Foundation. We will be giving interested students the opportunity to apply to be on Qatar's team for next year's competition later this year.



Quan K Lam, Ph.D Main Lecturer — Mathematics

Co-Founder & Chairman of World Mathematics Team Championship (WMTC)
Co-Chairman for International Division of American Regions Math League (ARML)
University of California Office of the President
Lecturer at MSRI/Berkeley Math Circle

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Ph.D. Mathematics, UC Berkeley

QAST win global award for the best Teaching and Learning Initiative 2020

We did it!! Qatar Academy for Science and Technology win the International Schools Award for the Best Teaching and Learning Initiative 2020. We're very proud, well done all involved. Exciting times ahead!

جوائز - في الليل
لقد فعلناها!!! فازت أكاديمية قطر للعلوم والتكنولوجيا بجائزة المدارس الدولية لأفضل مبادرة للتعليم والتعلم لعام 2020م. نحن فخورون بالعمل الجيد لجميع المشاركين. إنجازات مثيرة في الانتظار!



Dr Greg Moncada and Vaughan Lewis attended the awards ceremony in London this week.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

As a school-wide monthly initiative through Advisory, the students are expected to wear the QAST uniform daily and the hope is that this continues. There will be a school-wide reward if, we as a school, meet and exceed our goal.

To date, the QAST uniform expectations are:

- Boys White QAST polo and jeans (blue/black) or navy/black pants.
- Girls - White QAST polo, jeans (blue/black) or navy/black pants. Another option is an abaya with the QAST patch (we have safety pins).
- Tennis shoes/closed-toe shoes. Safety first! Sweaters black/navy (if possible).

A warm reminder that Mrs Maha sells the polos and logos. See her if you need anything!

Thank you for your continuous support and collaboration and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Mr Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST

Counselor's Message

Dearest Parents and Students,

I hope that this message finds you well. On 20 January 2020, I sent out an email to students and parents of Grades 9/10, that Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar offers campus visits by-weekly and you can sign-up online.

Here is the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-house-20192020-registration-65393952071?aff=erelexpmlt>

In addition, I also informed you that St. George's Medical College in Grenada, will visit Education City on 30 January. For more details, see below and or kindly refer back to the 20 January email with the attached flyer.

Warm regards
Mrs Lisa

St. George's University School of Medicine
Open House

January 30, 2020, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Penrose House (LAS Building), Lecture Hall C,
Education City

Speaker: Mr Sebastian Courage
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Qatar Foundation Community Information

Triathlon

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،
لعنایتکم معلومات عن فعالية سلسلة الترياثلون التي تستضيفها مؤسسة قطر.
عبر الرابط التالي: bit.ly/30Grr6O

Dear Parents,
For your kind attention information on the Triathlon Series hosted by Qatar Foundation.

Available via this link: bit.ly/2Gb7hbQ

NewsQAST Extra - Read all about it!

QF SCHOOL HONORED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Beating 250 schools around the world, Qatar Academy for Science and Technology won the Teaching and Learning Initiative prize at the International Schools Award 2020 in London, for its unprecedented approach in education. The school was selected as one of the top 35 finalists, and is the only school in Qatar to have been nominated for this prestigious award.

Read more about the award, the competition and CRISP in the Gulf Times:

<https://m.gulf-times.com/story/654028/QF-school-honoured-as-among-best-in-teaching-and-l>



The competition had 10 categories of which the Teaching and Learning Category had the maximum number of applicants and finalists. Qatar Academy for Science and Technology (QAST), part of Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Education, was honored as a result of its approach to addressing Qatar's Grand Challenges, through its unique and highly effective curriculum structure titled CRISP, which stands for Challenge, Research, Innovate, Synthesize and Present.

FREE STEM ACTIVITY EVENT AT QAST

3 March 2020
2pm to 4pm

Register via Eventbrite
<https://stemactivity.eventbrite.com>

EVERYONE WELCOME

Help Design the Micro-Transport at QF!

QAST is inviting the wider community to come and work with us to share their design skills for micro transport at QF. Spaces are limited so we advise to book ahead via:

<https://stemactivity.eventbrite.com>

Clubs 2pm to 2:50pm

CLUB	DAY
Robotics/Creating	Sunday
Arabic Gift Talent	Sunday
Football	Monday
Girls Gym	Monday
Math	Wednesday
Current Affairs	Wednesday
Book Club	Thursday
French	Thursday

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
30 Jan	TBC	Student Celebration Committee Meeting at QAST
3 March	2pm to 4pm	FREE STEM Activity Event at QAST. QF and non QF families welcome

QAST Online



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