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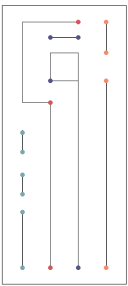
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# NEWSQAST

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## Director's Message

**This has been our busiest week of the year!**

Amazing learning and leading among our students at Doha Learning Days, female STEM empowerment speeches, a wonderful mentorship between our students and the fourth and fifth graders at Awsaj, the WISE Conference and finally move day! Here is some very important new school information:

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**New Drop off Location:** It is imperative that you drop your child off at the **West Car Park**. Doing so will avoid traffic congestion, tram crossings and other schools' car traffic. Sam has walked each grade level through this process.

**Food:** We will be contracting with Torba Organic Market for our school lunch, however they have not confirmed when they will start. Therefore as a backup, we request students **bring a packed lunch with them from Sunday and ongoing** until we inform you otherwise. We apologize for this delay.

**Open House:** We will have our first open house on **Wednesday, at 6pm** in the new building. We currently have two parent volunteers however if you would like to attend and answer any parent's questions, your voice will be greatly valued. If you are interested, please email me directly.

Dr. Greg Moncada, Director QAST

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## By students of QAST Qatar Academy for Science and Technology

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FURTHER MEDIA:

- [NOOR'S SPEECH](#)
- [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

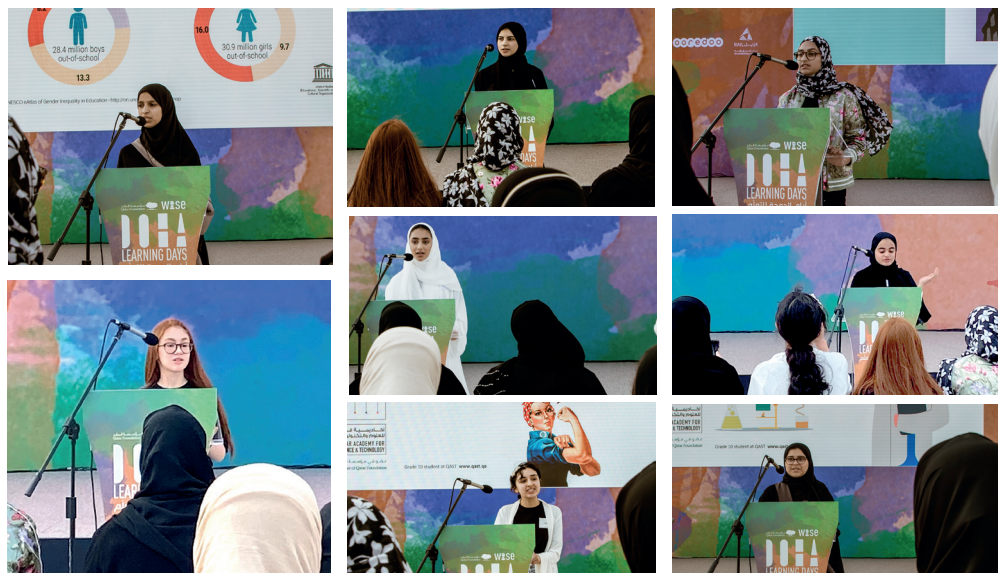


QAST girls stole the show at Doha Learning Days with their emotive speeches on female empowerment.

### Female Empowerment speeches by students of QAST

QAST girls kick started Doha Learning Days with a set of incredibly emotive speeches to stress the importance empowering women to follow their passions. They explained the inspiring lives of women past and present and highlighted the need for ongoing awareness to encourage women all over the world to achieve whatever they want. The girls' efforts attracted the attention of the national press, who interviewed them ahead of their speeches, along with Dr Greg and Principal Sam.

You can read the newspaper reports in Arabic: [Al Sharg](#) and English: [Qatar Tribune](#).

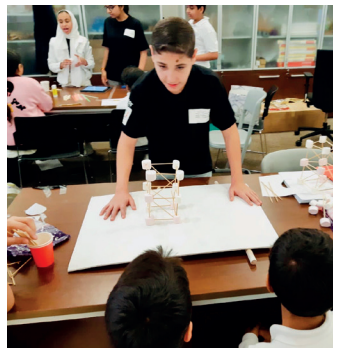


## Doha Learning Days

Students led and supported a series of sessions throughout Doha Learning Days at Ceremonial Court this week. The sessions provided a great opportunity to develop their collaboration, communication and leadership skills.

Students also gained some unexpected, and useful, life skills as they dealt with the additional challenges of ambiguity and change caused by the weather and program adjustments.

Great work QAST students, you did us proud!



FURTHER MEDIA:  
[ENGINEERING ARTICLE](#)  
[FOOTBALL ARTICLE](#)  
 DOHA LEARNING DAYS:  
[PHOTO GALLERY](#)



## QAST led sessions at the WISE Summit

Dr Gregory and Principal Sam presented some enthralling sessions at the WISE Summit about how QAST has redefined STEM learning in Qatar. Delegates heard from Dr Greg about “Skill-based vs. information-based learning” and Principal Sam explained “How progressive schools are disrupting the educational system in Qatar”. In addition, our school councillor Lisa Abidaoud, pictured below, ran a workshop at Torba Market to help guide parents and students through the complex College Application Process.



## Grade 10 Poetry

Grade 10 English is in the midst of a Poetry Unit and the students are having a wonderful learning experience. Poetry allows for self-expression, reflection and sharing. The submissions I have received from the students thus far are well written, meaningful and are proof that they are enjoying the unit!

Here are a few samples of their work!

By Lisa Abidaoud

### Cinquain Poems

Water  
*In crisis  
 Yet so essential  
 Vital for living things  
 H2O*

By Ahmad Al Sulaiti

Trees  
*Green, tall  
 Save the planet  
 Donate to team trees  
 Mr. Beast*

By Ahmad Shaker

### Acrostic Poems

#### Family

**F** - friends and family we always trust,  
**A** - always keep them as close as your phone,  
**M** - manage your life between them,  
**I** - irritating they may be.  
**L** - love them always,  
**Y** - you will be free.

By John Baghdayan

### Mother

**M** - merry and lovely on the saddest of days  
**O** - open and optimistic in the worst case scenarios  
**T** - trustworthy and loyal, a safe haven for all  
**H** - heaven on earth, the voice of an angel  
**E** - equal and fair, open to new ideas  
**R** - ready with open arms, hugs and kisses flying at you

By Ali Al Kuwari

# Principal's Message

Parents,

We will be saying goodbye to the Awsaj building. Thank you for supporting our school while we occupied a small space and educated your children in an innovative way.

The school will start at the same time on Sunday but at the new building. I am showing the students where they should be dropped off and picked up. It is important to know that students are not allowed to be dropped off on the road immediately in front of the building. This is a safety hazard and it isn't allowed.

I suggest the following 3 choices of drop-off points:

1. West Car Park - the big garage by the stadium near Gate 1.
2. Awsaj drop-off - in front of Awsaj students can be dropped and then they can walk over to the new building
3. Awsaj Recreation drop-off - in front of the Awsaj recreation you can drop students off and they can walk over to the new building.
4. The pick-up of students at days end will follow the same above 3 spots.

When the TRAM is functioning all students will be dropped off at the West Car Park.

**LUNCH:** To reiterate Dr Greg's note, please send food to school with your children on Sunday and until further notice, for lunches and snacks. We are working with the food company to get things finalized.

Thank you to Ayham's mom for feeding us all on Thursday as we packed! The food was incredible and much appreciated by all!

**QAST Principal, Sam Abrams**



Thank you to staff at Awsaj who have supported us over the last few months as our new home was being built.



# Extra QAST

## The International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT 2019)

2019 has been designated by UNESCO as the International Year of the Periodic Table, marking the 150th anniversary of the Mendeleev periodic table, which is an iconic image and a vital tool to all who learn and work in science, at all stages of their learning and careers.

QAST Grade 8 students will be attending the year of the Periodic Table event at the Qatar National Library on 23 and 24 November. Parents and family are encouraged to come along to support our students.

Grade 8 parents should have received a separate letter on Thursday 14 November for full details of the event including permission slip.



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



In support of  
**2019 IYPT**  
International Year  
of the Periodic Table  
of Chemical Elements

Please note details of our Open House Event on November 27 2019 | 6pm - 7.30pm. Parent volunteers required, please contact Dr Greg to express your interest: [gmoncada@qf.org.qa](mailto:gmoncada@qf.org.qa)

Registration for our Open House for prospective families is via Eventbrite: <https://qast-open-house.eventbrite.com>

## JOIN US Open House Event

27 November 2019  
6pm to 7.30pm

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
23 Nov	8.30am - 12.30pm	Grade 8 event: International year of the periodic table at QNL.
25 Nov	8am	Our next Parent Organization meeting will be held in the Black Box Theatre.
27 Nov	6pm - 7.30pm	Open House - parent volunteers required as we host our first student recruitment event this year.
12 Dec	TBC	National Day celebration luncheon.

## Clubs

Please note the QAST after school clubs:

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

## QAST Online

[www.instagram.com/qast\\_qf/](http://www.instagram.com/qast_qf/)

[www.facebook.com/QASTQF/](http://www.facebook.com/QASTQF/)

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