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Director's Message

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year! We start the new year with exciting news! QAST has been nominated for an International Schools Award! See the NewsQAST Extra below for details. Curriculum Coordinator Vaughan Lewis and I will attend the Gala in London on 20 January. The Gala coincided with our annual recruiting trip there to meet with potential candidates for the six positions we will be adding next year. We will also host our first Board of Advisors meeting on 27 January. We are so very looking forward to working with this amazing group of leaders.

Next week our Grade 8 and 10 students will work with Dr. Aspa Chatziefthimiou from Weill Cornell. Dr. Aspa is an expert on the Flora and Fauna of Qatar. Together they will literally dip their toes into the rich biodiversity of Qatar's coastal environment, collect data and discuss the complexity of life on the coast.

We go from strength to strength here at QAST—Thank you for choosing QAST and letting us take part in the lives of your amazing children!

Dr Greg Moncada, Director QAST

QAST students train for Q-STEAM competition



Q-STEAM Competition With Grade 8 and 9 Students

Grade 9 students Ahmed, Shahd and Ibrahim along with Grade 8 student Noor, will be taking part in a new Q-STEAM competition aimed at testing student's abilities to find virtual or physical solutions to a given problem. The initiative was introduced by The Ministry of Education and Qatar Foundation and the challenge/problem will be announced next month. However training has already begun with the first session held this week at the Qatar Scientific Club. Physics teacher, Mrs Elena will be guiding the students through the competition.



Arabic Calligraphy Lesson With Engineering

The Arabic department at QAST is integrating the Arabic language and Islamic studies with engineering. The students learned about the Kufi calligraphy before going on to designing paintings with Quranic verses in this type of writing.

By Mr Zayed and Mr Peter

في ظل التكامل بين اللغة العربية والدراسات الإسلامية من ناحية والهندسة من ناحية أخرى فقد تعلم الطلاب والطالبات عن الخط الكوفي كأحد خطوط اللغة العربية الشهيرة والذي يتسم بالصيغة الهندسية الجمالية، ثم قاموا بتصميم لوحات لتيات قرآنية بهذا الخط.



Torba Market Lunch

This week Torba market officially opened their kitchen here at QAST. We are thrilled to have this fresh food option for our students. It is well researched and evidenced, that healthy nutrition makes a big difference to a healthy mind – so far the feedback from your children is really positive! The full menu has been sent to you by email today.



Principal's Message

Parents,

The first week of 2020 is finished at QAST and I would like to say that the students are happy and engaged in their studies. The cafeteria is finally open and food is being served. The food is freshly made every day and there is no processed food served in the school. The students have started their new mentorship program that we spoke about in previous messages. Next week there are some field trips happening that will help students learn about the environment of Qatar and students are beginning to use the gym for football and basketball each break and lunchtime.

I am asking for parent volunteers to be apart of student celebrations each month. If you would like to participate in celebrating QAST students, then please let me know.

Mr Samuel Abrams
Principal, QAST



Tours and Assessments at QAST
Book via [QAST.Openapply.eu](https://qast.openapply.eu)

Due to increased demand at this busy recruitment period we have added two time slots to our school tour next week:
Wednesday 15 January - 10am and 4pm
If you have any friends who are interested in our school, please let them know about this opportunity. Booking is via our Open Apply system: <https://qast.openapply.eu>

Please note: From Wednesday 22 January our weekly tours and assessments will continue on **Wednesdays at 10am**. This is opportunity for anyone wishing to find out more about the QAST program to meet our leadership team, take a tour of our facilities and take a free assessment.

Counselor's Message

Dearest Grade 10 students and parents,

Kindly be advised that QAST students will have the opportunity to take the PreACT exam on 16 February, 2020, at Qatar Academy Doha. Details will follow closer to the date.

The purpose of the Pre-ACT is that it provides:

- An early indication of progress and ideas for improvement—PreACT gives students an estimated ACT score and can be used as an indicator of college and career readiness. Reports include data to help teachers and counselors target interventions, inform classroom instruction, and guide students in course selection.
- Fast, robust reporting—Reports are ready quickly, so teachers and students can get to work turning PreACT insights into action. Reports include information about student interests that counselors can use to advise students in thinking about college majors and careers.
- Easy, flexible, and affordable administration— PreACT encompasses paper-based, multiple-choice tests in English, math, reading, and science.

For more information, kindly see the link: www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/PreACT_info.pdf

If you would like your child to take part in this standardized exam, please send the payment of 225 QAR (card/cash/cheque) with your son/daughter to cover the cost on Monday, 13 January, 2020. Students will check in with me and I will assist them in submitting the payment.

Sitting the exam is not mandatory, but encouraged and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. For test prep, see the attached link which contains (all free, full-length ACT practice tests):

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/complete-official-act-practice-tests-free-links>

Thank you for your partnership,
Mrs Lisa

NewsQAST Extra

We are delighted to announce that QAST has been short-listed as a finalist for the **International Schools Awards 2020 in the category 'Teaching and Learning Initiative'**.

The International Schools Awards provide the opportunity for schools around the world to share best practice, creative endeavours, community participation, and innovation. The event is hosted by ISC Research with the support of the International School Leader Magazine.

This is a black tie ceremony at the Grand Connaught Rooms in Covent Garden in London on 20 January. Our Director Dr Greg Moncada and Curriculum Coordinator Vaughan Lewis will be flying to London next week to represent QAST and Qatar Foundation at this prestigious event.

Being recognised at this level is a huge achievement for the school in only its second year of operation and is testament to the ability of the QAST program to inspire and influence education on a Global scale.

QAST is the only school to have been selected for the award from Qatar. We will of course be watching closely and hopefully, and following the live updates from the organisers, which will be posted from the event throughout the evening of the 20 Jan - be sure to follow the event hash tag **#isawards2020**.

[Click here for a full list of short-listed schools](#)

[Click here for information about the award](#)



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Activity
13 Jan	n/a	Payment Due for PreACT Participants - see Councelor's Message.
14 + 16 Jan	7am - 2pm	Biology Field Trips with Mrs Ozma and Mr Idris
15 Jan	10am + 4pm	Tours and Assessments at QAST - two time slots for this date.
30 Jan	TBC	Student Celebration Committee Meeting at QAST

Clubs

Clubs will resume from 19 January 2020.

QAST Online



www.instagram.com/qast_qf/



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Qatar Foundation Community Information

QATAR FOUNDATION SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2020-2021

[Click to download](#)

EduNation - the monthly newsletter from all QF schools

Read January's edition of EduNation, featuring Qatar National Day: www.qast.qa/en/Newsletter#1

Arabic Lessons for ages 5 - 15

Dear Parents/ Guardians

I am delighted to inform you that this Spring, the Language Center in HBKU will offer children courses in Arabic at 4 proficiency levels. To register or review the terms, conditions, refunds, discounts, and general policies: <https://tiiforms.wufoo.com/forms/w1s8hym11ymekkt/>

Please note that the course starts on 11 Jan until 18 April, for 2 hours every Saturday. For further information you can contact the Arabic Language coordinator in the language center Mr. Mohamad Ali Bahri (mbahri@hbku.edu.qa) Tel: 44546956

We appreciate your support and cooperation and we look forward to welcoming you and your child at the Language Center in HBKU's Translation and Interpreting Institute.

السادة أولياء الأمور
نرحب بكم في بداية الفصل الدراسي ونرجو لئبناثنا فصلا مثمراً بالعلم والنجاح
إلى الراغبين بتطوير مهارات أبنائهم في اللغة العربية يسرنا أن نعلمكم أن مركز اللغات بجامعة حمد (مؤسسة قطر) قد بدأ بالتسجيل لدورات مهارات اللغة العربية للأطفال. الدورة تبدأ في 11 يناير حتى 18 أبريل - كل يوم سبت (لمدة ساعتين). تبدأ الدراسة في هذا الأسبوع.

للتسجيل ومعرفة المزيد عن الدورة يمكنكم مراجعة الرابط الآتي:
<https://tiiforms.wufoo.com/forms/w1s8hym11ymekkt/>

أو التواصل مع منسق اللغة العربية في مركز اللغات الأستاذ محمد علي بحري
على الإيميل mbahri@hbku.edu.qa
Tel 44546956

Community Classes

Pre-University Education is pleased to announce that the Spring QFS Community Classes for students ages 6–16 will take place from February 3, 2020 – April 16, 2020

For schedule, registration and fees: event.com/d/qhqcbf
For inquiries: 44546495

يسر التعليم ما قبل الجامعي الإعلان عن الصفوف المجتمعية لمدارس مؤسسة قطر لفصل الربيع للطلاب من عمر 6 سنوات وحتى 16 سنة، ابتداءً من 3 فبراير 2020 وتستمر حتى 16 أبريل 2020

لمعرفة الجدول والرسوم وإجراءات التسجيل، الرجاء الضغط على الرابط التالي: event.com/d/qhqcbf
للاستفسار: 44546495

فصول اجتماعية جديدة لصقل مهاراتك

Sharpen your skills with our spring community classes

يمكن للأطفال الذين تتراوح أعمارهم بين 5 و16 سنة الانضمام إلى فريق الروبوتات الوطني التابع لمدارس مؤسسة قطر، أو إلى نادي الكتاب التابع لنا. كما لديهم فرصة تعلم اللغة العربية على يد مدرّبين مؤهلين من معهد دراسات الترجمة التابع لجامعة حمد بن خليفة، أو حضور فصل موسيقي مع أعضاء أوركسترا قطر الفلهارمونية. ألق نظرة على عروضنا، واختر ما يثير اهتمامك!

Children aged 5-16 can join our national robotics team, become a member of our book club, learn Arabic with TI's qualified instructors, or take a music class with members of Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra! Check out our offerings and see what piques your interest.

event.com/d/qhqcbf

