



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January

### 2023

### Calendar

## JANUARY 23

**18 WED**

**Information Session for G8 Parents on G9/10 Subject Packages**  
**Time:** 08:30 am to 09:30 am  
**Location:** Theatre

**29 SUN**

**Second Semester Starts**

### A Message from The Director

Dear IAA Community,

It is with renewed hope and optimism for the new year that I welcome you back! Allow me to wish each of you a very joyous, healthy, and prosperous 2023. It was such a pleasure to see our students, teachers and staff on the school grounds after a long and relaxing break.

As you are aware already, next week marks the beginning of the second term of the current academic year! Surely, we remain positive that our students will get to witness and experience more academic and sports achievements, activities, productions, assemblies, competitions, and trips that will further aid in building well-rounded students who shall serve as the leaders of tomorrow. In addition, the

year 2023 also marks our 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Hard to believe that our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will soon follow; preparations to properly celebrate such an auspicious event are already ongoing and I couldn't be more thrilled to share such a distinctive occasion with such a remarkable community. Since its inception, IAA has steadfastly focused on providing an extraordinary education to its students while promoting a culture that reinforces the joy of lifelong learning. While our present looks very different today than it did during our humble beginnings back in 2004, our mission remains the same and we'll always be proud of our continuous growth.

Now that the peak of cold is upon us, it is imperative that students are always dressed appropriately for the weather. Rest assured, our buildings are always heated properly but with such crisp weather and such vast ventilation on campus, students may still tend to feel cold should they not dress suitably. Furthermore, please be always prepared for sudden changes in school hours due to the deteriorating weather conditions; such unexpected decisions are always out of our control and are always taken after much thought and consideration, bearing in mind our students and staff's overall safety and wellbeing.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation, and for being such an integral part of our community!

Kind regards,  
Hana Kanan, Ed. D.

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter holiday. It was wonderful seeing everyone back to school last week with the batteries recharged and ready for action. As we approach the beginning of another busy term, our teachers are in the process of report writing and they are excited to be sharing with you the successes of our students over the course of this first term. Our students have shown once again their commitment and dedication in striving to be the best they can be!

### Child protection lessons

As we indicated before the break, our counsellors will begin teaching the child protection lessons from the Second Step programme. These lessons begin with general safety tips related to everyday situations before moving on to subjects such as safe, unsafe and unwanted touches, and what to do if someone makes you feel uncomfortable. Our counsellors ran a parent workshop before the break and letters were sent explain the material that will be covered at each grade level. These sessions take place during Key Learning time and it is essential that our students are in attendance. If you need further clarification or have any questions please contact our counsellors Ms. Maria and Ms. Sophie

### Early Years Admissions

At this time of the year, the process of enrolling children for Pre- KG1 and KG2 picks up momentum. We do have considerable interest from new families in enrolling their children at school for the next academic year.

Last Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, many of our teachers were engaged in admission interviews with prospective students for places in our Pre-K, KG1 and KG2 programmes. I urge parents who did not apply so far to proceed as soon as possible to ensure that a placement for your child at IAA is secured.

#### Punctuality to school

Over the last couple of weeks, before the winter break, we have recorded increasing numbers of students arriving at school after the start of the school day. The school day starts at 8:30 am which means students should be in their classrooms seated and ready to start at this time. If a student arrives at school after this time, they will miss the start of the school day. Could we please ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school between 8:00am and 8:15 am so they are ready for the school day.

#### Feedback from Warm Winter Campaign

It is really important to us to help and support those who are in need. Our charity efforts have proved to be extremely successful. The receivers of our "Food Packages" and "Warm Winter Campaigns" were very grateful and appreciative of our donations. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed. Every contribution helped and our staff and students have done an amazing job of coordinating this process and sharing with those in the community who will benefit. We hope you are as proud of our students as we are.

Wishing you a wonderful couple of weeks ahead.

Walid Albay  
Primary Principal

## **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents

We hope that the Winter Break weeks offered some relaxing family time. We are excited to be starting 2023 with all the prospects it holds for offering our students an excellent educational journey. As we start a new year, we immediately begin to plan for another!

#### Grade 10 Transition – Parent Meeting

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> we had a parent and student meeting for the Grade 10 to 11 transition. This was followed by numerous information sessions for students. Personal meetings with members of staff directly involved in the important process of choosing subjects for Grade 11 and 12 will now be scheduled with parents and their children. The session on Tuesday was recorded and is available on Moodle under the Parent/DP folder for those unable to make it.

#### Grade 8 Transition- Parent Meeting

On Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a "Grade 8 to 9 transition" information session for parents of Grade 8 in person from 8.30am to 9.30am in the Theatre. The purpose of this session is for us to discuss with you the next chapter of your child's educational journey. We will also introduce the subject packages offered in Grades 9 & 10.

Semester 1/Semester 2 turnover in some subject areas

This week marks the switch in rotations for students in Grades 6 and 7 between Individuals and Societies in English and Arabic. In Art, Music and Drama, students in Grades 6 to 8 will be switching subjects. Students will be meeting their new teachers and starting their new subjects from Sunday. The switch for Digital Design and Product Design in Grades 6 and 7 will take place one week later on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Celebrating the Arts from Semester 1

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> we are having an Arts assembly where we will showcase the Drama and Musical work that students created in Semester 1. We will also be exhibiting the Art work created by our students in this period too. We are looking forward to celebrating the creativity of our students.

Busy Assessment Time

As we come to the end of Semester 1, this is a busy assessment time for all Grades. Grade 12 are sitting some formal pre-mock examinations. Other grades have a busy assessment calendar. Can we remind parents that if a student misses an assessment then we must receive a medical note for the absence in order to be able to reschedule the examination.

Making memories

In the Winter assembly in December we celebrated so much that had taken place at school this year. There are many more opportunities for students to become involved in activities that will enhance their skills and help create great school memories. Our Play rehearsals are well under way, we are offering an extended sporting programme this semester and there are many other activities, such as Robotics, MUN, DIDI and Toastmasters that are under way. We hope to offer more opportunities as the year progresses.

Wishing you all the very best for 2023.

Mr Martin and Ms Zena

## **Library News**

I hope you all had a relaxing winter break! Happy New Year!

Library activities are continuing of course this month with our after school Makerspace Activities and Book Week will be at the end of February so tune in for more information on Moodle and in the newsletter.

I'd like to remind you of our amazing databases and resources that will help your children with their research and learning. To access our libraries, go to

[https://iaalibrary.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas908\\_8500260](https://iaalibrary.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas908_8500260). All 3 libraries use Destiny Discover to search and access library books. Once logged in, students can access online resources, collections, eBooks, make recommendations and reviews on books and see their checkouts and favorites lists. Our [primary library page](#) and [KG library page](#) have lots of great educational resources, games and reading links for our younger students to enjoy as well.

## **Whole School**

### [Britannica School](#)

A citable, online learning resource trusted by teachers and students. It uses safe, up-to-date, and age-appropriate information resources for both primary and secondary students. Here they'll find leveled encyclopedia articles, multimedia, primary sources, and other learning resources that support student research and reinforce curriculum standards.

## **Secondary Library**

### [Gale Databases](#)

Gale gives us access to many popular magazines and news sources like The New York Times and The Economist, in addition to media sources from all over the world for a better global perspective.

### [JSTOR](#)

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources.

Please contact your respective librarian for any help with these resources in the library.

Have a wonderful week!

Warm regards,

Dima Shaka'a  
Head of Libraries/Primary Librarian