



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 8th January

### 2018

### Calendar

Monday	8	--Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Tuesday	9	--Director's Open Meeting with Parents, Director's Office, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Wednesday	10	--Grade 9 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Thursday	11	--Grade 9 Trip, (Off- Campus)
Friday	12	
Saturday	13	
Sunday	14	
Monday	15	--Grade 10 Parents Information Session "Transition into the Diploma Programme", Theatre, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

### A Message from the Director

Dear IAA Community,

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed your Winter Break and had lots of opportunities to celebrate with family members and friends.

We had two fabulous winter assemblies just before our break, one for Primary and another for Secondary. The students showcased their smarts, talents, leadership and love for IAA in such a harmonious manner that made me proud of our school. These are instances where I see the IAA vision unfolding before my eyes. Thank you students for your hard work and thank you staff and parents for your support.

We also ended 2017 with yet another alumni reunion. This meeting came among a series of workshops we held with the IAA community that included parents, staff and current students entitled, "Portrait of An IAA Graduate." Our alumni recited their success stories, how IAA had impacted them and the benefits they now reap in their careers and studies. The stories were inspiring and you will soon hear them all. They were then able to put together a masterpiece of an IAA student, with all the skills and traits needed in today's world.

Again, we will soon share with you the findings and "final portrait." A huge thank you goes to all stakeholders who took part and to the organising committee led by Dr. Lois Warner, our Assistant Director for Curriculum.

Welcome back everyone, stay warm and let's get started!

Finally, and as always, I am available on Tuesday, from 8-9am, for the open meeting at my office.

Hana Kanan Ed.D.

Director

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust that you've had an enjoyable time as a family over the Winter Break and have welcomed the return to school. I was overwhelmed by the positivity on show this morning by students, teachers and parents who are glad to be back and energised for the term ahead.

January is often seen as a time to make resolutions and set goals for the New Year. Below are a few suggestions that would certainly have academic, social and emotional benefits for our students and families should you be so inclined:

- starting simply by having children pick up their own belongings
- working towards being in bed by 8:30pm at the latest and arriving at school on time
- having children engage in a challenging task first before asking for help
- making time for a weekly family routine such as playing board games, watching a movie or engaging in some form of physical activity together
- reading each evening for pleasure – it's even better if parents can model this too
- reducing time spent on digital devices and games

On the topic of social media use, many of you may be aware of the controversy surrounding a popular YouTube vlogger's behaviour in Japan. Having had excerpts of his shows forwarded to me, I am saddened that this is the type of role model that is popular among 9 – 13-year-old children, some of whom are our students. It is a timely reminder that we need to monitor what our children are exposed to and continue to encourage them to think critically about their viewing. The following article may be of some use to you when talking to your children about such issues:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/talking-to-kids-about-youtube-celebs-who-cross-the-line>

I would like to recognise our award winners this week. They are:

### **Bronze Award Winners**

Abdel Majeed Al- Shdeafat 5T

Riyad Said 3A

Ibrahim Al Oudat 1S

Karam Fakhouri 5T  
Rasheed Abu- Halimeh 5CE  
Issam Al- Saket 5CE  
Joudi Baker 5CE  
Sam Al Bay 5CS  
Jana Zalatimo 5CS  
Ali Abu- Lughod 5CS  
Ahmad Odeh 5CS  
Zaid Quweider 5CS  
Hala Al Qaimari 4M  
Nadine Baqain 4P  
Zena Amarneh 4P  
Nour Damrah 4P  
Mohammed Al Dabbas 3A  
Haya Halawa 3A  
Zaina Hassuneh 3A

Omar Dibie 3A  
Fathi Salem 3A  
Gabriella Gourourinis 3A  
Naya Akkawi 2Z  
Daniel Atassi 2H  
Jamal Semreen 2H  
Hashem Al Hamdan 1F  
Hager Buzied 1F  
Anas Marie 1F  
Reham Beirut 1F  
Majed Rudeni 1F  
Angelica Page 1F  
Sami Saliba 1F  
Jafar Al Abdallat 1F  
Yousef Al Lozi 1F  
Nadine Bakri 1S

Haya Al Ghezawi 1S  
Katy Hijazi 1S  
Laith Al Ma'ayta 1S  
Karam Rabata 1S  
Talia Alawnah 1C  
Danny Hallak 1C  
Adam Teebi 1C  
Sameer Kashour 1C  
Ibrahim Al Louzi 1C  
Raya Sardia 1C  
Miryam kanbr Agha 1C  
Ayla Haddad 1C  
Ali Ayesh 1C  
Tara El Shannti 1C  
Omar Dajani 1C  
Zaid Jaber 1C

#### **Silver Award Winners**

Abdel Majeed Al- Shdeafat 5T  
Ghazi Jallouq 5CS  
Naya Bilbeisi 2Z

Raya Al Saadi 1F  
Rawia Hamad 1I

Laith Smadi 1I  
Yasmeen Houry 1S

#### **Gold Award Winners**

Laith Smadi 1I

Tahseen Shurdom 1I

Abdulfattah Alnajjar 1I

I hope that you have a wonderful week.  
Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Powell

### **Secondary School News**

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful break.

The Grade 10s completed their Personal Projects before the break. We enjoyed walking around and seeing the work that had been done, which was a real blend of innovativeness, creativity and service. We do hope our Grade 10s will continue with this work as nearly every project would be an excellent CAS project in Grade 11. Thank you to everyone: students, supervisors, librarians and parents who supported our students through this journey.

The London Theatre and the Ski trips were a great success. We have the Nepal Trip coming up in February and Coach Samer will be in touch about sporting opportunities overseas for the rest of the year. We will also be

continuing to take our students on the Jordan Trail and we hope to take Grade 7, 8 and 9 in the next few months.

Grades 6, 7 and 8 have swapped their Creative Arts subjects. This took place yesterday on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. The Grade 6 Spanish/Design swap has also taken place. We hope all the classes enjoy the new material.

This week, we are presenting to our Grade 8 students the subjects that will be offered in Grade 9. All Grade 9 students are required to take English, Arabic, Individuals and Societies, Mathematics, Religion and Sports. Students must also choose ONE of the following subject packages:

- Discrete Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics taught by 3 specialist teachers) and one option (Design, Drama, Music, Visual Arts or Physical and Health Education). They can also choose Spanish B as an additional subject.
- Integrated Sciences (combination of Biology, Chemistry and Physics taught by 1 teacher) and two options (Design, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Physical and Health Education and/or Spanish).

In the upcoming months, various departments will be providing information to the Grade 8s about the expectations for Grades 9 and 10 in their subjects, along with the units covered. A similar presentation to the G8 parents on G9 subject choices will take place on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. It is strongly recommended for all G8 parents to attend this presentation.

As we are moving into the colder months when snow can disrupt our lives, we would like to remind you that there is a special snow protocol should our students not be able to come to school. We will follow the usual school day, where teachers will be online and posting work on Moodle for the classes they would be taking on that day. Thus we have the least disruption to learning and the work the students do will build on the prior content in the current unit. It is our expectation that students will spend time working during any school closure days.

We will be holding a number of information sessions in January so mark your calendars. The sessions for next week are as follows:

#### **Transition into the Diploma Programme (Information Session for Parents of G10)**

An overview of the expectations and requirements of the Diploma Programme (DP) will be presented to the parents of Grade 10 Students on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 9am in the Auditorium. During this time, the subject packages offered next year for the current Grade 10 Students will be introduced by Mr Antony, the DP Coordinator.

#### **Grade 8 Options (Information Session for Parents of G8)**

On Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Grade 8 to 9 transition information session for parents in the MPR from 8am-9am. This will be an opportunity for us to discuss, with parents of our Grade 8 students, the next chapter of their child's educational journey. We will also introduce the subject packages offered in Grade 9.

There are more for Grade 11 and Grade 9 parents the week after. Details will be in next week's newsletter.

We have started busy! We wish you well for the New Year.

Mr. Martin and Ms. Zena