

# Senior School Akhbar



## QAD Vision

Empowering students to achieve academic excellence and be responsible citizens.

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## Director's Message

Dear Parents,

The new term has seen a very small number of students with positive test results for Covid-19. However, either the students had not been to school this term, before they tested positive, or had not been here in the preceding nine days before they were infected, which means that there have been no students or staff who have been close contacts. That has meant that we have not had to ask any classes to go into quarantine this term, so that all student have been able to come to school as normal. That is very good news and I do want to thank you all for being very vigilant to ensure that you are not sending any children to school, if there is any possibility that they might have been in contact with a positive case. In this way we can keep our community safe.

One or two parents have contacted the school to ask about the arrangements for their children coming to school, if the family are planning to go to Saudi Arabia for the weekend, now that the land border is open. The government press release says that travelling to Saudi Arabia by car is no different from travelling by air, so that anyone going to Saudi Arabia will need to quarantine for seven days in an approved quarantine hotel, on their return to Qatar. In that context, if any family does go to Saudi Arabia, the children will be able to study online during the required seven days' quarantine period and can then return to school in person on the completion of the quarantine. If you have any questions please do contact a member of the School Administration in either the Senior School or the Primary School.

Best wishes,  
Stephen Meek

### رسالة المدير العام

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

لقد تم تسجيل عدد من حالات كوفيد-19 الإيجابية لبعض طلابنا خلال الفصل الدراسي الجديد، ومع ذلك، فإمّا أنّ الطلاب لم يحضروا إلى المدرسة هذا الفصل، قبل أن تكون نتيجة اختبارهم إيجابية، أو لم يكونوا هنا في الأيام التسعة السابقة قبل الإصابة ممّا يعني أنه لم يكن هناك طلاب أو موظفين كانوا على اتصال وثيق بهم، لذلك لم يتعين علينا أن نطلب من أي الفصول الدخول في الحجر الصحي خلال الفصل الدراسي الحالي كي يتمكن جميع الطلاب من القدوم إلى المدرسة كالمعتاد. هذه أخبار جيدة جدًا وأودّ أن أشكركم جميعًا على توجّي الحذر الشديد و عدم إرسال أي طفل إلى المدرسة إذا كان هناك أي احتمال أنه ربما كان على اتصال وثيق بحالة إيجابية. بهذه الطريقة، يمكننا الحفاظ على أمن وسلامة مجتمعنا.

لقد اتّصل بنا عدد من أولياء الأمور للاستفسار عن الترتيبات الخاصة بقدوم أطفالهم إلى المدرسة، في حال كانوا يخطّطون للذهاب إلى المملكة العربية السعودية في عطلة نهاية الأسبوع ذلك بعد أن تم فتح الحدود البرية، فكما تعلمون أنّ ما جاء في البيان الصحفي الحكوميّ أُنصّ على أنّ السفر إلى المملكة العربية السعودية بالسيارة لا يختلف عن السفر لها جواً، لذا سيحتاج أي شخص يسافر إلى المملكة العربية السعودية إلى الحجر الصحي لمدة سبعة أيام في فندق معتمد عند عودته إلى قطر. في هذا السياق، سيتمكن الأطفال من الدراسة عبر الإنترنت خلال فترة الحجر الصحي والذي يستغرق سبعة أيام، ويمكنهم بعد ذلك العودة إلى المدرسة شخصيًا عند الانتهاء من الحجر الصحي. إذا كانت لديكم أي أسئلة أو استفسارات، يرجى الاتصال بأحد أعضاء الإدارة في المدرسة الثانوية أو المدرسة الابتدائية.

افضل الأمنيات،

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I hope all of our students and their families are well and healthy at this significant point in our COVID journey. Vaccines have begun and some students and many teachers will receive their first “jab” over the next few weeks. Teachers are in Group 2 of the State of Qatar vaccination program.

This week we had two days of field trips. Students in Grade 6 made their way to [Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum](#) as part of their Individuals and Societies classes. We were testing our ability to ensure COVID safety while off campus. The museum was very supportive and students travelled in busing using social distancing. Extra efforts were made to hand-sanitize more frequently to keep students safe and, of course, masks are always worn by students and staff at all times in the school and out of school.



We are also beginning after-school activities and have had lots of interest from students to be involved, be active and interact with other students in extracurricular activities. While we will not be involved in games or competitions athletically, we have received approval to start training within appropriate COVID safe conditions. We will also use enhanced monitoring of students participating to ensure we are able to track and trace should there be any contacts.

Grade 12 Report Cards were delivered home today. Parents will get both an email and an SMS message. The SMS is the code to open the report card. Reports for Grades 6 - 11 will be sent home February 11th. If you have any concerns with access to the reports please contact Ms. Heba Fayed at [habelkareem@qf.org.qa](mailto:habelkareem@qf.org.qa) or at 4454 2042.

Grade 10 course selection is underway. There was a meeting for all Grade 10 students and their parents on Monday to answer any questions or inquire about educational pathways for certain post secondary degrees. It was a very busy session with many students and parents accessing the expertise of our Lead Teachers in the subject departments. If you have any follow-up questions do not hesitate to contact Ms. Zeina Jawad the DP Coordinator at [zjawad@qf.org.qa](mailto:zjawad@qf.org.qa)

With the recent re-establishment of relations within the GCC it is a wonderful time for family members to travel to meet with other family in neighbouring countries. The removal of barriers allows easy travel via SUV that had been more difficult in recent years. However, some parents had wondered if this would result in students travelling but not quarantining. This led us to investigate government policy. The government press release from last week states that travelling to Saudi Arabia by car is no different from travelling by air. Anyone going to Saudi Arabia will need to quarantine in a hotel in Doha for 7 days, upon their return. Once the students have completed that quarantine period (during which they can study online), they will be able to come to school.

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Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions. We are pleased assist with any concerns.

Just a reminder....

**WE ARE ASKING PARENTS TO PLEASE KEEP ANY CHILDREN HOME THAT PRESENT ANY COVID-LIKE SYMPTOMS WHENEVER THEY ARE OBSERVED!**

**Calendar Link for the New Year(2021)** [at this link](#)

Thank you,

**QAD Senior School Administrative team**

Steve Thompson - Principal

Rana Al Naji - Assistant Principal

Dwayne Smith - Assistant Principal

Nicole Anderson - Assistant Principal

