

# Senior School Akhbar



## QAD Vision

Empowering students to achieve academic excellence and be responsible citizens.

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## Director's Message

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It is good to welcome you at the start of the new year and the new term. I hope that you had a very happy time with your children over the winter break. We have enjoyed seeing the students returning to their studies, both in person and online. I hope that with the vaccination program beginning to be delivered within Qatar, it will be possible to get back to the normal situation of having all our students back in school, at some stage in the year. For the moment, however, we continue to have to limit our class sizes to 15, so we cannot have all the students back in class everyday for the time being.

This week we received some exceptional news about some of our students and former students. Six of them have received awards through the Excellence Awards Program which is a fantastic achievement. Four current Grade 6 students received awards - Alanoud Al Hitmi, a Platinum Award, Maha Al Thani, a Platinum Award, Rawda Al Qassabi, a Gold Award and Khalid Al Shaibei, a Gold Award. Although these students are in Grade 6, their award was based upon their work and performance while they were in the Primary School. Two of last year's Grade 12 students also achieved awards. Our Dux of 2020, Abdulaziz Al Marri received a Platinum Award, while Reem Al Janahi received a Gold Award. These awards are remarkable achievements. They are based upon performance over more than one year and are not just about academic performance, but also focus on contributions to the school and society. To win these awards in a national competition is testimony to the students' very strong performance. Congratulations to them all!

As part of QF's strong concern for the safety of us all, together with the support of MOPH, all staff were tested for Covid-19 before the start of the term (and all were negative, I am pleased to report!). All students will be tested at some stage in the term, as part of the MOPH's policy to test all students in Qatar by mid-February. There will be more information about this, in due course. In the meanwhile please continue to exercise vigilance and please do not send your child to school if they are beginning to show any signs of Covid-19 symptoms or if you think there is a possibility that they have been a close contact of a positive case. In this way we can keep our community safe and reduce to a minimum the disruption to the students' education.

Best wishes,  
**Stephen Meek**

### رسالة المدير العام

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

كل عام و أنتم بخير . أتمنى أن تكون هذه السنة، سنة خير و سعادة عليكم جميعاً. أرحب بكم بالسنة الجديدة و الفصل الدراسي الجديد متمنياً أن تكونوا قد قضيتم أوقاتاً استثنائية مع عائلاتكم خلال عطلة الشتاء. لقد سعدنا جميعاً بعودة طلابنا إلى المدرسة سواءً هنا في المبنى أو عبر الإنترنت؛ آملين أنه ، و مع بدء تقديم برنامج التطعيم داخل دولة قطر ، سنتمكن من العودة إلى الوضع الطبيعي المتمثل في عودة جميع طلابنا إلى المدرسة . إلا أنه ، و في الوقت الحالي ، لا يزال يتعين علينا تحديد أحجام فصولنا بـ 15 طالب فقط داخل الفصل، لذلك لا يمكننا إعادة جميع الطلاب إلى المدرسة يومياً.

تلقينا هذا الأسبوع بعض الأخبار الاستثنائية عن بعض طلابنا الحاليين والسابقين. حيث أن ستة منهم قد حصلوا على جوائز التميز العلمي وهو إنجاز رائع. فقد حصل أربعة طلاب من الصف السادس الحالي على جائزة التميز العلمي و هم: - العنود الهتمي - البلاطينية - مها ال ثاني - البلاطينية - روضة القصي - الذهبية - خالد الشيبعي - الذهبية. و على الرغم من أن هؤلاء الطلاب في الصف السادس ، فقد استندت جوائزهم إلى عملهم وأدائهم أثناء وجودهم في المدرسة الابتدائية.

كما حصل اثنان من طلاب الصف الثاني عشر في العام الماضي على جوائز التميز العلمي كذلك. فقد حصل عبد العزيز المري على الجائزة البلاطينية لعام 2020 ، بينما حصلت ريم الجهني على الجائزة الذهبية. هذه الجوائز هي إنجازات رائعة و تستند على أداء الطلبة على مدار أكثر من عام ولا تتعلق فقط بالأداء الأكاديمي ، ولكنها تركز أيضاً على مساهمات و إراءات الطلبة في المدرسة والمجتمع. إن الفوز بهذه الجوائز في مسابقة وطنية هو شهادة ووسام عال للغاية و دليل على أداء الطلاب المتميز. نبارك لهم جميعاً على هذا الإنجاز.

كجزء من اهتمام مؤسسة قطر الشديد بسلامتنا جميعاً ، جنباً إلى جنب مع دعم وزارة الصحة العامة ، تم اختيار جميع الموظفين قبل بدء الفصل الدراسي لكوفيد19 (و يسعدني الإبلاغ بأن جميع نتائجهم سلبية). و سيتم اختبار جميع الطلاب في مرحلة ما من الفصل الدراسي ، و ذلك كجزء من سياسة وزارة الصحة العامة لاختبار جميع الطلاب في قطر بطول منتصف فبراير. سيكون هناك المزيد من المعلومات حول هذا ، في الوقت المناسب. في غضون ذلك ، يرجى الاستمرار في توشي الحذر والرجاء عدم إرسال ابنك/ ابنتك إلى المدرسة إذا كان قد بدأ في إظهار أي علامات أو أعراض للمرض أو في حال احتمال كونه على اتصال وثيق بحالة إيجابية. وبهذه الطريقة يمكننا الحفاظ على مجتمعنا آمناً والحد من تعطيل التعليم و التعلم لطلابنا.

دمتم سالمين،

**ستيفن ميك**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

May 2021 be a much better year for everyone in terms of health and returning to normal. I am sure individually we all had wonderful moments in 2020, but collectively this has been a very challenging year in general.

We are pleased to be back in school and back learning at QAD. January is a busy month with Grade 12 reports issued by the 17th, and Grade 6 to 11 reports at the beginning of February. Many students will be completing major assessments as Semester grades are very important to transcripts in grades 9 through 12. Please encourage your children to get back into their good learning habits with:

- Regular completion of homework  
Having a set time and a set location to review school learning and complete homework after school each day is a good habit to success
- Staying Organized  
Have a daily calendar and a weekly and monthly calendar so you know what is due, and what is coming up. This way you can stay on top of the learning and not get behind.
- Get Regular Sleep (minimum 8 hours)  
Have good sleep habits. Getting to sleep at a consistent time, and getting up at a regular time ensure you have enough sleep and are well rested to learn.

As I wrote in the Welcome back email, effective January 2021, the Ministry of Education is requiring that all students return to school. The expectation is that all students will be in actual attendance at school and not just online.

We are encouraging our students back to our blended model, where half of our grade 6 to 10 students attend at the start of the week in Group 1 (Sunday and Monday) and the other half of our grade 6 to 10 students attend at the end of the week in Group 2 (Wednesday and Thursday). Our grade 12 students will continue to attend on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and our grade 11 students attend on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

These groupings allow us to maintain social distancing, reduce possible transmission and meet the 50% attendance requirement of the MOE. If any grade 6 to 10 students are unsure if they are in Group 1 or Group 2, they can contact their Grade Level Lead Teacher through their Google Classroom.

Have a wonderful week!



## Excellence Awards

The Education Excellence Day (EED) Award is an award in which outstanding Qatari individuals are honored in various fields to promote a culture of creativity and excellence among the Qatari society, push students to more excellence and outstanding educational attainment, and promote integration between individual and institutional efforts to improve educational outputs and bring them to global standards.

These awards are available at a number of levels including Primary Education and Secondary Education.

This year there were 71 Award winners in 9 categories and Qatar Academy Doha had the largest number with 6 recipients, 4 in the Primary and 2 in the Secondary. Congratulations to:

<p><b><u>Grade 6:</u></b> Alanoud Al Hitmi Khalid Al Shaibei Rawda Al Qassabi Maha Al Thani</p>	<p><b><u>Grade 12:</u></b> Abdulaziz Al Marri &amp; Reem Al Janahi</p>
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QAD award recipients and their parents celebrate with the Director and administration



You did it!  
*Congratulations*

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## QAD recognized by the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)

QAD staff and students were recently recognized for their efforts to reduce the spread of Covid 19. Officials from the NHRC met with student leaders and administration to recognize and congratulate them on the success of our school wide protocols. Student leaders are pictured below receiving certificates from representatives from the NHRC.



## PHE classes will begin Games unit In Grades 6 through 10 Next Week.

We are beginning to feel more comfortable with Social Distancing, Mask wearing and Hand Sanitizing and so are our learners. As a result we are moving to include games as part of our PHE curriculum.

### That means a few things if you are blended learner:

- 1- Bring a non-glass bottle of water as you will be more physically active. Each student must have their own water.
- 2- You may want to bring an extra mask. We have been given permission to remove the mask while physically active, but when we are not active or are gathered together, you must be 2m apart for instruction, and you must put your mask back on.
- 3- Please wear your PE kit on your PE days. If you do not have a kit, please wear school appropriate type of workout clothes. You will not have time or space to change – you are allowed to wear PE kit for school all day.
4. Please remove all jewelry before participating in physical activity.

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When you are attending class at home:

1. Have water available for drinking
2. Dress in PHE kit or appropriate workout clothes – you will be submitting video of your activities. – This is part of your Criterion C grade.
3. Have an open and safe space to do exercises.

This is another great sign that learning is returning to a more normal learning setting.

## **Great Socially Distanced Learning!**

Today the grade 8 boys were working hard in math class and displaying QAD expectations of "Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible". Kudos to these hardworking boys.



## **School Uniform**

As the weather has cooled off, kindly do ensure that your child is attending school with the appropriate school uniform as noted below. QAD sweater and jackets may be purchased from the online uniform shop:

[www.trutexgatar.com](http://www.trutexgatar.com)

Your school access code: INT18759

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## **Males Grades Six to Twelve:**

1. Recognised QAD school shirts must be worn with all shirt buttons fastened except the top button
2. Undershirts may be worn beneath the shirt, but these must be white with no decoration visible.
3. QAD Trousers: Grades 6 - 10 charcoal grey and grades 11 & 12 black.
4. Plain black shoes will be worn with closed toes and ankle (no sandals).
5. Students in grades 6 -10 can only wear QAD sweaters and jackets. Students in grades 11 and 12 may wear plain black sweaters as a privilege and as a sign of leadership. If this privilege is abused, it may be revoked.
6. Pierced jewellery is permitted only on earlobes.

## **Females Grades Six to Twelve:**

1. Recognised QAD school shirts must be worn.
2. All shirt buttons must be fastened except the top button.
3. White undershirts MUST be worn beneath the school shirt with no decoration visible.
4. QAD Trousers or skirts: Grades 6 -10 charcoal grey trousers/skirts and grades 11 & 12 black trousers/skirts.
5. Girls who chose to wear a head covering: this should be of a solid colour in black, white, burgundy or grey with no additional decoration.
6. Plain black shoes with closed toes and ankle (no sandals).
7. Students in grades 6 -10 can only wear QAD sweaters and jackets. Students in grades 11 and 12 may wear plain black sweaters as a privilege and as a sign of leadership. If this privilege is abused, it may be revoked.
8. MAKEUP is not permitted at all for any grade level (6-12)
9. Pierced jewellery is permitted only on earlobes.

## **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

December 3, 2020



