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A levels at the British International School of Al Khobar

As you are all aware the GCSE programme was launched a year ago and this year, our first cohort of students will be taking their GCSE examinations. From September 2010, BISAK will be offering a range of A-Levels for the first time. The year 12 (6th Form) pupils will start the course following the EDEXCEL AS specification and will move onto the A2 specification in year 13 to qualify for a full A-Level certificate. This will be another milestone for BISAK enabling pupils to undertake post 16 education in The Kingdom. This provides students with the necessary qualifications to apply for University entrance across the world. For many students who have already studied GCSE's the move from Year 11 into Year 12 to study GCE's is a logical and sensible progression.

What are GCEs

- GCE (General Certificate of Education) qualifications are also known as A levels, which stands for Advanced level.
- They are usually taken by 16 to 19 year-olds, but they can be taken by students at any age.
- A full GCE (A level) is usually taken over two years but may be taken over one year.
- They are the main entry requirements for progression to higher education, and are usually required for employment.

Indeed the facilities at BISAK have been upgraded to prepare for the introduction of A levels. The school has added new classrooms, ICT facilities, new Science facilities, a school canteen, and is in the process of improving its learning resource area. The sixth form will have their own common room and indeed will be taught by teachers who have many years of A level experience. For any further information, do contact either the Head of Secondary or myself. As always, we will continue to *'Inspire young minds to do the best that they can with the gifts that they have'* because we believe they can be inspired!

Enrolments are now being accepted for both GCSE and A level. Visit the website www.britishschool-ksa.com for more details. **We need your help to share the following information with the local community.**

Regards

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Principal