

Principal's Message

As we come to the end of another academic year, it may be worth reflecting on some of our many achievements. Throughout this year we have witnessed individual success reached in many fields. There have been academic, personal and social achievements, in and out of the classroom, a commitment to excellence in the sports fields, and a real focus on the expressive and performing arts. Numerous special events have been organised this year, each providing a vehicle for individual achievement. The recent Battle of the Bands and talent show really demonstrated how much talent we have at the school!

Secondary School

One of the landmarks at BISAK is the full implementation of the GCSE programme under the leadership of our Head of Secondary, Mark Furlong, with early Science module results averaging 45% A*/A grades!

Sixth Form Development

We are now well into the planning for the A level programme for August 2010, and are considering introducing of the IB programme in September 2011. This exciting development is being led by the Deputy Head of Secondary, Mr. Richard McMahon. BISAK is now pursuing authorisation as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that BISAK believes is important for our students. Only schools authorised by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) as IB World Schools can offer any of its three academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme. We will keep our community informed as to progress. There are no plans at present to go towards PYP or MYP

Primary School

Primary school has now expanded fully to 2 form entry in Preschool and 3 Form entry up to year 6. Indeed, in many of the lower years there are long waiting lists.

CIS accreditation

You will have noticed from the recently published School Action Plan that BISAK will be completing the accreditation process with CIS, culminating in a visit in March 2010. A big thanks to all the teachers parents and students for showing real collaboration and teamwork in improving the teaching and learning at BISAK.

BSME sports

BISAK is also a fully pledged member of the British Schools of the Middle East and will be taking part in numerous events during the next academic year. <http://www.bsme.org.uk/conference/>.

Staff leavers

As always, we will be saying goodbye to various members of staff who have contributed widely to BISAK's continued development. Best wishes go to: Andrew & Christine Astington, Martin & Catherine Brennan, Emma Rand, Nicola Peplow, Ian Darlington, Janette Glave, Helen Green, Alison Locke, Krystal Wray, Abigail Porter, Bahareh Azar, Kiran Sohail, Elizabeth Marasigan, Iffat Basrai and Sophie Nelson. You can find details of the new staff on our website www.britishschool-ksa.com

Last day of term

BISAK will close on the last day of term - Wednesday 24th June 2009 at midday and will re-open on Saturday 29th August 2009 at 7.15am. Reports will be going out to all parents on 23rd June 2009.

You will find a copy of the draft school Calendar for the next academic year. Please also find details of how the day is structured at BISAK. We do ask parents to please be prompt in the collection of your son / daughter at the end of the school day in order for the smooth running of the day.

School Daily Timings

0700	School gates open and buses arrive.
0710	Principal's Daily briefing in staff room for staff Staff on playground duty
0715	Students assemble in playground
0720	Secondary school students into school Primary school students into school Registration starts
0725	Period 1
0815	Period 2
0905	Period 3
0955	Break – staff on playground duty
1015	Period 4
1105	Period 5
1155	Break - staff on playground duty
1215	Period 6
1305	Period 7 Primary school students start packing up for the end of the school day as current procedure. Staff on playground duty supervising orderly departure for primary students All primary children not doing activities or Arabic go to buses or are collected 1315 latest
1315	School buses leave
1315	After school activities for primary students Primary students to after school Arabic lessons
1355	Secondary school tutor time
1400	Secondary students start packing up for the end of the school day
1405	After school activities for secondary students Secondary students to after school Arabic lessons
1500	End of school day

Finally...

Thank you for helping make the academic year 2008-2009 so productive; we are sure that next year will be an exciting and successful one.

Together I am sure that we will reach new heights for the benefit of our children and future generations.

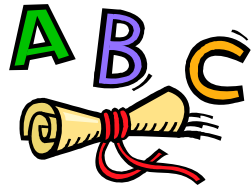
Regards

Dr. Tassos Anastasiades
Principal

Inspiring young minds to do the best they can with the gifts that they have.



Congratulations to All This Week's Achievers

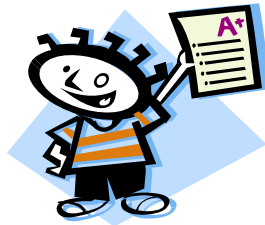


Bronze Certificate

EAL Arkady Deliev

House Point Winner

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3N Farah Abdel-Hamid
 3P Faiz Haseeb, Ronnie John
 4H Civene Maarouf
 5C Hugo Emanuel
 5G Saeed Mohanna
 5W Thalini Baduge, Jawad Darr

 6B Ghazala Butt

Gold Certificate

3N Gabriela Barretto, Faris Dabbas,
 Rehan Rauf
 5G Itisham Shams
 6B Rohan Scott

Platinum Certificate

3S
 4H Ahmed Halim, Ali Dawood, Mariah Hussain
 5C Hugo Emanuel
 5G Saeed Mohanna, Malintha Mallawa, Jessica Walsh
 6T James Smith

Bronze Certificate

5G Sophie Young

Silver Certificate

5G Khaled Naser
 6B Nicolas Delaunay

Diamond Certificate

4H Amar Ramly
 6B Ghazala Butt

Dear parents

I am referring to our school development plan (see Page 6) re the introduction of GCSE and A level or IB for September 2010. GCSE has now successfully been introduced with outstanding results. Planning is now also well advanced for the introduction of the next level of education. We are seeking parental views on what qualification we should offer.

If you have an opinion, please complete the Every Opinion Counts sheet and return to the Principal by the **23rd June 2009**. www.britishschool-ksa.com/Documents/doc%20files/Every%20Opinion20Counts.doc

International Baccalaureate (IB) (www.ibo.org)

IB is a successful internationally recognised qualification in over 140 countries and by universities around the world. It is an alternative qualification to A-levels

IB is suited to a wide range of students. It is particularly suited for internationally minded students who are well organised, can manage an efficient study plan, and show a real interest in global issues. It educates the whole person rather than being encyclopaedic. It helps people to appreciate other cultures and attitudes and be willing to communicate and tolerant of others. This is essential preparation for working and living in a global environment.

The Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) programme involves environmental and community projects. 'The extended essay provides students with the opportunity to stand out from the crowd at university interviews, as they can focus on an area of personal interest.'

Universities recognise that the IB is a package which goes beyond the academic disciplines and the university admissions officers no longer focus entirely on the three HL subjects and equate those to A levels. They also recognise the considerable achievement of IB candidates across the Standard Level subjects, Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and CAS as well, and now ask for total points scores."

Proof of this is found in the UCAS statistics showing that around 10% of the successful applicants to top Universities are now IB students. It is without doubt a premier school leaving qualification and the UK now has over 100 UK sixth forms providing it.

A Levels (www.qca.org.uk/qca_4075.aspx)

The **Advanced Level [General Certificate of Education](#)**, universally referred to as an *A-Level*, is a qualification offered by education institutions in [England](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#) and by a small minority of institutions, typically private, in [Scotland](#). (In Scotland, students usually take [Highers](#) and [Advanced Highers](#) of the [Scottish Qualifications Certificate](#) instead). A-Levels are usually studied over a two year period and are widely recognised around the world.

Despite being part of the optional [tertiary Further Education](#) (FE) process in the [United Kingdom](#), the majority of students study for the qualification in the last two years (12 and 13) at their secondary school. The qualification is the most common method used by British Universities to determine an applicant's suitability for academic subjects.

Our School development plan (www.britishschool-ksa.com/HTML%20Pages/Action%20Plan.html)

We look forward to your feedback.

Regards

Dr. Tassos Anastasiades

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<u>TARGET</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>IMPLEMENTATION</u>	<u>SUCCESS CRITERIA</u>	<u>MONITORING</u>
Introduction of GCSE and A level or IB – staffing costs for 2009/10	Principal in consultation with Leadership Team	Principal to review staffing for 2009/10 in relation to student numbers	March – June 2008	New students will commence GCSE in September 2008, and possibly A level in September 2009	Ongoing

BISAK is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that BISAK believes is important for our students.

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Dear parents,

Please note after-school activities have now stopped for this term. There will be NO activities next week. We shall inform you as soon as we start the activities next term.

SCHOOL SHOP

The last day the school uniform shop will be open for parents to purchase items for their children will be 20th June from 7.15am to 8am.

The shop will re-open everyday during the 1st week of next term — only during school hours