

# BISAK NEWSLETTER

19TH MAY 2009

## *BISAK THEME 2009*

*Inspiring young minds to do the best they can with the gifts they have!!!*

Dear Parents and Students,

In order to familiarise parents with our Philosophy and Objectives, we will introduce a different statement each week.

This week's objective is:-

### NEW STUDENTS—SCHOOL TOURS

BISAK will now be conducting tours for all parents of new students starting school in the new academic year 2009/10. These tours will take place on Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays at 9.00am. Please call the Registrar on ext 228 to book your appointment.

### Leavers

Dear Parents,

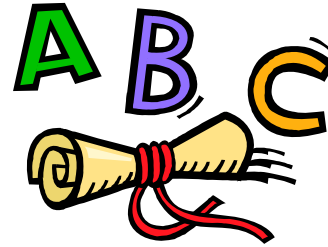
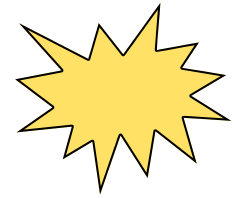
Please take note—this information is very important, as BISAK is responsible for the security of your children while they are in school. **If your child is going to a friend's compound or house after school, the Registrar must receive, by 8.30am, a written, dated note from both sets of parents involved. We will not chase these letters—it is the students responsibility to ensure the Registrar receives **BOTH** letters otherwise they will have to go home as normal.**

*DEAR BISAK PARENTS / STAFF*

*WE WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MR NEIL WILSON FROM THE BRITISH TRADE OFFICE,  
WHO HAS NOW JOINED THE BOARD MEMBERS.*



# Congratulations to All This Week's Achievers



## House Point Winner

EAL Sota Enomoto, George Kompantsev  
RD Mariam Hamdani  
RV Cameron Forde  
1B Dima Al Hassanieh, Amara Al Nakla,  
Camila Saldungaray, Farah Ibrahim  
1C Areesha Malik  
1T Sara Captan  
2A Matthews Barreto  
2H Osama Dabboussi, Teenida Melia,  
Leanne Smith  
2P Asad Ali

## Star of the Week

EAL Reem Rabah  
PSG Yusuf Ahmed  
PSO Ibrahim Bilal  
RD Mariam Hamdani  
RV Korcula Cowen  
1C Erika Walsh  
1T Shannon Evans  
2A Matthews Barreto  
2H Tony Saroufim  
2P Carmen Kelly

## Bronze Certificate

RD Saaim Junaid

## Gold Certificate

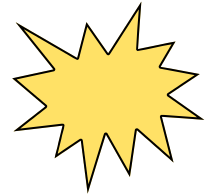
RD Olivia Fleming, Omar Hassane, Yeon-Su Jwa  
1B Alla Khuseyn  
1T Maryam Chaudhry

## Platinum Certificate

1C Areesha Malik  
2P Danitsa Davis



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## Gold Certificate

5G Wesley Nel  
6T Gabriella Munday

## House Point Winner

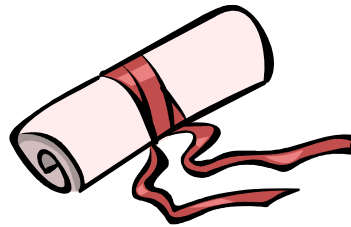
5C Megan Burrluck  
5G Wesley Nel, Alan Issa, Rebekah Murray  
5W William Mills  
6B Rosette Joseph  
6T Karima Alghazzi

## Platinum Certificate

6T Karima Alghazzi

## Star 40

10B Nathan Kelly



## Star 80

7C Dana Dabbousi  
7G Sara Gendy  
8D Magsud Shirinbayli  
8F Aaron Lloyd

## Star 160

7C Georgia Burrluck, Joseph Goddard, David Turner  
7G Yara Ibrahim

## Star 120

8D Eman Niaz  
8T Sammy Muhtaseb, Annemarie Heijna  
9T Rameez Ahmed

## Star 200

7G Jordan Norris, Maria Niaz,  
Marwan Hassan  
8D Callon Locke, Taha Zar

## Important Dates in the month of May



The principal and staff of BISAk wishes everyone a pleasant Mid-term break and a safe return back to school Sunday 24th May.



### End of Term

The last day of term will be the 24th June. School will finish at 12pm.  
Compound buses will be informed of the earlier finish time.

## TERM CALENDAR 2009/2010

### Calendar for Year 2009/2010

Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
Sat 29 Aug	Students Start	Sun 03 January	Students Start	Sat 17 April	Students Start
Sat - Wed, 19 – 23 Sept	Eid Al Fitr Holiday (incl National Day)	Sat - Wed, 13 – 17 February	Half Term Holiday	Wed - Sat, 19 - 22 May	Half Term Holiday
Sat - Wed, 28 Nov – 2 Dec	Eid Al-Adha	Wed 31st March	End of Term	Wed 23 June	End of Term
Wed 16 Dec	End of Term				

### Swimming Congratulations

Last weekend the 'A' Regional swimming championships took place at Ras Tanura and several of our students took part in this event. All swimmers had to swim 9 races over 2 days and trophies were awarded to the top five in each group and gender.

All the following swimmers deserve a well done for training and swimming hard throughout the season:-

Aadam Basrai

Ahad Basrai

Angus Cowan

Marcella Cowan

Ahmed Marei

Daniel Mattar

Jamilla Reyes

Jaycob Reyes

Mustafa Hamdani

Special congratulations go to the following swimmers who achieved high point awards:-

Georgia Jones

1<sup>st</sup> place 9-10 girls

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 **24<sup>th</sup> May 2009**. [www.britishschool-ksa.com/Documents/doc%20files/Every%20Opinion%20Counts.doc](http://www.britishschool-ksa.com/Documents/doc%20files/Every%20Opinion%20Counts.doc)

### **International Baccalaureate (IB) ([www.ibo.org](http://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 in 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](http://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](http://www.britishschool-ksa.com/HTML%20Pages/Action%20Plan.html))

We look forward to your feedback.

Regards

**Dr. Tassos Anastasiades**  
**Principal**

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN Section on introduction of GCSE and A level or IB

<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