

BISAK NEWSLETTER

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:-

"Maintain a safe, caring and supportive family environment"



NEW!!! Arabic for non-Arabic speakers



Next Academic Year Beginners Arabic will be offered to non-Arabic speakers five times a week after school!!

Primary School 1-15 3-00pm

Secondary School 2.15- 3.00pm

There will be additional cost of SR 1,440 per term.

A letter will be sent over the next week from the Head of Arabic, Mrs Randa Abou Zeid. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:-

Mrs Abou Zeid: randaabozeid@yahoo.com OR

The Principal : principal@britishschool-ksa.com

New Students School Tours

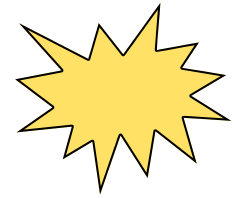
BISAK will now be conducting tours for all parents of new students starting school in the new academic year 2009/10. These tours will take place on Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays at 9.00am. Please call the Registrar on ext 228 to book your appointment.

Leavers

For any parents who know that their son / daughter are leaving the school this academic year, it is important that you contact the Registrar on ext 228.

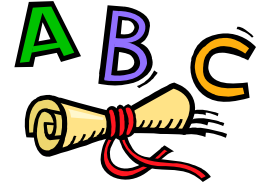


Congratulations to All This Week's Achievers



House Point Winner

- EAL Sota Enomoto, George Kompantsev
- RD Mariam Hamdani, Tala Mahgoub, Aymaan Saqib
- RE Braedan Harvey, Vania Dussizza
- 1B Salma Seedat, Camila Saldungaray
- 1C Farrell Rachmat, Hannah Rand
- 1T Shahd Abousenna
- 2A Ju Won Cheong, Martina Annoni
- 2H Ahmed Hassane, Ayyan Malik
- 2P Emily Hoskins



Congratulations

*To Pre-School (PSG) for outstanding
behaviour during Assembly*

Star of the Week

- PSG The Whole Class
- PSO Ammar Amin
- RD Yeon-Su Jwa
- RE Vania Dussizza
- RV Miya Wanna
- 1B Farah Ibrahim
- 1C Ahmed Tassadaq
- 2A Hala Samaha
- 2H Andrew Robin
- 2P Kirsty Young

Bronze Certificate

- RE Vania Dussizza, Braedan Harvey

Silver Certificate

- RE Raweehah Bint, Lucy Gilmour

Platinum Certificate

- 1T Shahd Abousenna

Gold Certificate

- EAL George Kompantsev
- RD Leena Noureldin, Rania Rauf, Teddy Rijkaard, Alix Turner, Saman Mukarram
- RE Sami Darwish
- 1T Usman Ahmed
- 2H Andrew Robin



Congratulations to All This Week's Achievers



Gold Certificate

- 3N Zeina Galal
3S Khaled Hallak, Sierra Nell, Reinhardt Pienaar, Daniela Ortegon, Matthew Robin
6B Alorika Chakravorty

House Point Winner

- 3N Zeina Galal
3P Aadam Basrai
3S Matthew Gair, Sophia Khwaja
4H Civene Maarouf, Jash Bhatia
5C William Owen
5G Saeed Mohanna
5W Thalini Baduge
6B Jamila Reyes
6T Mishaal Khan, Omar Abdelhamid

Silver Certificate

- 5C Jenna Fernandes

Platinum Certificate

- 3P Oliver Petty
3S Maryam Khaliq
4H Ahmed Khalil
5C Hajira Fuad
6T Elza Khakimova, Salma Allam

BSS@K moving to an Outstanding School

Ofsted has compared the reports of 12 secondary schools which all operate in difficult circumstances, and all of which have consistently been rated as excellent in successive inspections. Ofsted was looking for common threads, or strategies. It came up with the following list.

All the schools:-

Put students first

Invest in their staff

Nurture and work with the community

Have strong values and consistently high expectations

Have outstanding quality of teaching

Provide rich opportunities for learning

Are always looking for ways to improve

Support Individual Students

Stress the importance of well-being and personal development

Plan carefully before implementing strategies

Demonstrate a high degree of internal consistency

Have outstanding and well-distributed leadership

It is pleasing to note that the vision of BSS@K which “inspires young minds to do the best with the gifts that they have” and also our Action Plan and constant School Improvement has all of the above strands embedded.

BSS@K really is moving towards becoming an Outstanding School!!

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 **24th May 2009**. www.britishschool-ksa.com/Documents/doc%20files/Every%20Opinion%20Counts.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 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)

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
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

Important Dates in the month of **May**

Sunday 31st May – Swimming Gala

Years 4-6 at the Al Bustan pool. The First Race should start at 7.30am and the Gala should finish at 10am.

Transport Reminder

BISAK will close on the last day of term - Wednesday 24th June 2009 at 12 noon for all Students.

Parents of children with private transport - please ensure your child/ren has transportation home as there will be no supervision past 12 noon.

Students on compound buses have already been informed.

Thank you

TERM CALENDAR 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				