

BISAK NEWSLETTER

10th June 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:

“Encourage and value international mindedness.”

IMPORTANT



Dear Parent,

By now you will have received our invoice for Term 1, 2009/10 fees. Thank you to those who have already paid; your prompt action is most appreciated.

In order to assist in our planning, fees are due to be paid in full by **17 June 2009**. However a minimum deposit of SR3,000 per pupil will secure your students place at BISAK for the next academic year. At present we have a considerable waiting list and few indications of leavers. Regretfully we need to enforce the due date to ensure that we have firm numbers for the next year therefore failure to pay invoice, or at least the deposit, will result in removal from the roll and return to the waiting list.

It should be noted that this is not an additional fee, merely a part payment of the invoice. In past years parents' were asked to pay the full terms fees by 17 June but only 58% of parents did so last year, leaving students on the waiting list and no firm numbers for the new year. Payment ensures that we can start preparing for your students return in Term 1.

Any balance of fees is due 24 August 2009. Again we need to ensure that these fees are paid before school starts. Naturally should parent's employment contact change or there are circumstances beyond their control that necessitates a move from the Eastern Province then the fees will be fully refundable.

If your student is not returning to BISAK in the new year, please advise the Registrar by 17 June 2009.

If you have any concerns about this, please contact the Bursar, Carol Rolfe – bursar@britishschool-ksa.com .

Reminder to Parents

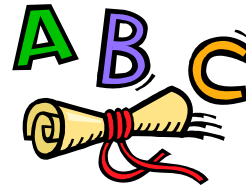
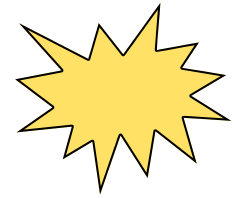
Kindly inform the Registrar and teacher(s) ASAP in writing, if your child/ren will be going on holiday earlier than the end term on the 24th June 2009

AND / OR

whether they will be returning to school after Saturday 29th August 2009 (1st day of term).



Congratulations to All This Week's Achievers



House Point Winner

EAL	Haruka Enomoto, Arkady Deliev
RD	Ozan Yildiz
RV	Yusuf Sahin
1B	Dima Al Hassanieh
1T	Diana Chikhali
2A	Martina Annoni
2H	Aisling Roberts
2P	Marcel Ibrahim

Star of the Week

PSG	Dylan Bowler
PSO	Aman Farooq
RV	Nadine Hakam
1B	Kiara Foster
1C	Sergiu Puscasu
1T	Areej Sheikh
2A	Lana Issa
2H	Melina Pullin
2P	Marcel Ibrahim

Bronze Certificate

2P Kirsty Young

Platinum Certificate

EAL	Haruka Enomoto
1B	Imogen Nell, Camila Saldungaray
1C	Nooran Elkhamry, Salma Khader
2A	Humza Faisal, Hala Samaha, Nada Youssif, Sumbul Iqbal
2P	Asad Ali, Samar Abdelhadi

Gold Certificate

1B	Antony Turner, Nicholas Brown
1C	Wian de Jager
2P	Marcel Ibrahim, Anam Khan



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Gold Certificate

3S Sarah Elkhoully, Marcella Cowan
5W Callum Gilmour

House Point Winner

3S James Brum
4H Jash Bhatia (3rd June)
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5C Emmanuel Hugo
5G Rebekah Murray
5W Callum Gilmour (3rd June), Fatima Ahmed
6B Nicolas Delaunay
6T Omar Captan, Finley Dyer

Bronze Certificate

6T David Reilly

Platinum Certificate

3S Eun-Soo Cho
5G Zeena Haddad, Sara Galal
5W Farida Abdel Halim, Hasan Rifat, Fatima Ahmed, Hassaan Azhar
6B Rami Muhtaseb, Alexa von Breymann, Alina Haseeb
6T Mishaal Khan

Star 40

10B Ellis Noaman



Star 120

8D Alexander Husain
8T Ali Abdulhussain

Star 80

7C Markus van der Westhuizen, Georgia Burrluck
8F Charlie Coppard, James Fraser

Star 200

7C Zoya Khan
7M Naomi Atkinson, Sara Hussain

Star 300

7C Ayesha Asif

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.

Only schools authorized 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. Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.



SCHOOL ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN



BISAK has updated its school improvement plan (sip) & school action plan (sap) and have now combined the two into the new 'SCHOOL ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN'.
This document has been e-mailed to everyone.



Please note

This was the last week for issuing library books until the commencement of term in September.

After-School Arabic

Dear Parents,
Next week, Wednesday 17th June will be the last day for after-school Arabic. Lessons will resume on the 5th of September 2009 (second week of next term).
Thank you