

Dear Parents,

## RECRUITMENT

I am pleased to be able to inform you that I am nearing the end of my recruitment of overseas teaching staff for the academic year 2010/11. In this edition of the newsletter you will find a short précis to some of the staff who will be joining us in September 2010. It is pleasing that we will have such an experienced and formidable team which will join our already very talented staff. Already, our staff are in contact with the new staff, in order to make the transition for your son / daughter as smooth as possible.

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

For anyone who was able to see the production, they will have experienced evidence of the developing talents that we have at BISAK. On that stage, every student was a star! Our students have worked very hard and shown incredible commitment in all aspects of preparation for this production. Just the involvement in performing arts has inspired our youngsters to develop in so many areas and we have seen this from day one of the rehearsals. You will have noticed that there are many benefits to getting involved with dance and drama, particularly for people who are shy or lack confidence. One of the main benefits is that performing arts boosts students' confidence. You will have noticed this over the last few days. The students grew with every performance! Performing in front of a large or even a small crowd can be very daunting! This newfound confidence will stay with them and benefits will be spread throughout their academic and social life!

In addition, getting involved in performing arts also encourages the students' enthusiasm to shine through. Our students are enthusiastic. As leaders we are here to motivate them, to inspire them, to nurture their talents. There is also evidence to suggest that participation in music, dance and drama can improve intelligence levels because students learn so many new skills, and where scripts are concerned they are likely to learn new words and general knowledge. There are also spiritual and psychological benefits because dancing and acting encourages self-discipline, diligence, self-expression, calmness, and fulfillment.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped put this production together - as it has involved the whole BISAK community - parents, BISAK staff, students, board members, compound staff, and our team of custodians.

## BSME TRIP TO CAIRO

Early this morning, a group of students left KSA to represent BISAK at the BSME U/11 Games in Cairo. The activities on offer at the Games are:

Swimming (mixed), athletics (mixed), basketball (mixed), football (boys) and netball (girls). We wish all our students every success and also thank all parents and friends who helped with the sponsorship of this event.

## CIS VISIT

We will be busy next week with the CIS accreditation visit. As always, the aim is to improve our provision and also focus on even better teaching and learning. CIS accreditation will put us amongst the best schools in the world.

## VISIT FROM TOMMY DOCHERTY

For all you football fans, you should remember Tommy Docherty! We are fortunate enough to have him come into school to talk and inspire our students on the 24th March. He may be able to organise some training sessions for us too...!

## GCSE

Meanwhile GCSE examinations are fast approaching. I wish our Year 11 students every success. Now is the time that they should start focusing on their academic studies.

As always, we remain committed to developing the whole individual. Thanks to all parents and friends for their continuous support.

Kind regards

Dr Tassos Anastasiades

Principal