

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all parents for attending the recent parent teacher consultations. I do hope your meetings were all productive and we continue to inspire our youngsters to achieve the best that they can with the skills that they have. We certainly do have a talented cohort of students. As always, I also appreciate your feedback. The every opinion counts sheet has been used productively by some parents. I can assure you that you will be listened to, for most important to us is your child's welfare and education.

Developing the whole child

Meanwhile we have a very active next few weeks. On Monday 8th March, we will be hosting a coffee morning with a preview of the coming production – Joseph. Tickets can be Pauline Gair at the school. During this coffee morning there will also be a raffle with some excellent prizes!

The performance will be on the 14th 15th and 16th with dinner theatre on the 15th and 16th. Tickets are selling fast, so please reserve yours **now** to avoid disappointment.

On the 7th March the school will be hosting its Annual Poetry competition - Secondary in the Michael Hamilton Hall. We are very lucky to have many talented students who will be presenting their poetry.

There is a whole variety of sports activities taking place with netball and volleyball competitions and also a group of students leaving for Cairo on the 17th March, where they will represent BISAK at the BSME Primary games.

Also on the 7th March, there will be a parents meeting for the Primary trip to Greece, at 6.00pm in the Michael Hamilton hall. The Greece trip will leave on the 24th March.

On the 20th to 24th March, BISAK will also be visited by the CIS team for accreditation.

Parent support

As always, we are also regularly reviewing our extracurricular activities – so ideas or offers for help are very welcome. I would like to thank all parents who have attended APF meetings and are also volunteering to be class representatives. My sincere thanks goes to Steve Dyer, Siobhan Hanna (board representatives) and the APF team for all their support. Our teacher representatives for the APF are John Roman, secondary and Margo Gikas, Primary.

GCSE examinations

As we rapidly approach our first ever GCSE examinations at BISAK, I wish all students involved the very best. I am aware that expectations from parents and staff are high and that much work is being done by all to prepare our students for these very important examinations.

A levels

Thanks also to all parents who have registered their interest for the A level programme. As I have recently returned from my recruitment trips, I can assure you that we will have a formidable and experienced team of staff leading this development next year. Indeed the facilities are also being upgraded as previously reported to improve library provision for the whole school, develop ICT further with the introduction of interactive whiteboards, and also improve the canteen provision for the school. There will also be provision for a sixth form common room. Most important the staff are well briefed to provide all students appropriate guidance for this important part of your child's education and as such our careers guidance service is also being enhanced/

Primary

I am also pleased to inform you that we are upgrading our resources in Primary department to meet the needs of an ever changing curriculum. Work is also taking place to maximize the space in all areas to improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning.

Special Educational Needs

As you are aware, much work has been going on to identify students with special educational needs, whether it be language, learning difficulties of the more talented and gifted students. Our philosophy is that there is a gift in every child which needs nurturing and developing. Where there are learning barriers, we will support the child as much as we can. You will find a copy of our Special Educational Needs Development Plan on

<http://www.britishschool-ksa.com/Documents/pdf%20files/Special%20Educational%20Needs%20Development%20Plan%202010%20Spring%20Term.pdf>

As always, we are appreciative of all parental support – as your support and constant motivation of your child is crucial to their continued progress. Take a few minutes each day to show interest in their achievement, praise where needed, and show them that you really care!

Regards

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Principal