

Qatar Academy Senior School Akhbar

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Upcoming Events

April:

- 27th -28th QA Community and Service Conference
- 28th Community and Service Celebrations and Announcements during advisory for grades 6 – 7

May:

- 1st Bake Sale (Student Council)
- 2nd Community and Service Celebrations and Announcements during advisory for grades 9 – 10
- 2nd IB Diploma Exams commence
- 5th SAT
- 6th -10th Eravur School Visit
- 6th-10th Week Without Walls
- 13th Non-Uniform Day (Student Council)
- 27th-31st Book Fair
- 28th Community and Service Leadership Retreat
- 30th Grade 12 Leavers' Dinner

Instrument maintenance and repairs

Once again, QA is flying in the repair specialists from Alaska to maintain and repair the QA instruments. Every instrument should have yearly maintenance (just like your car), so if you have a private instrument at home, please contact Ms Mandy for a day to bring the instrument in for maintenance. School instruments will be collected during May 1-3, so they can go through the maintenance process during the week without walls time.

In addition, Mr Hartman does piano tuning, and is willing to come to your house to do that. If you are interested in this, please contact Ms Mandy for an appropriate time.

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QA Mission Statement

It is the mission of Qatar Academy (QA) to provide internationally accepted, comprehensive, English medium programs plus Arabic and Islamic studies from preschool through to secondary graduation. QA develops independent critical thinkers, lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and empowers students to gain entrance to elite universities and colleges.

إن رسالة أكاديمية قطر هي توفير برامج شاملة باللغة الإنجليزية ومعتمدة دولياً بالإضافة إلى اللغة العربية والدراسات الإسلامية من الروضة إلى مرحلة التخرج من الثانوية . وتكون أكاديمية قطر متعلمين يتصفون بفكر نقدي مستقل ويطلبون العلم مدى الحياة ، ويكونون مواطنين مسؤولين وتعيهم للانتساب لجامعات ومعاهد النخبة .



ASD and QA are once again joining together for our annual May concert. Everyone is invited to come to the Auditorium on May 1, to hear what the two schools can do together. Concert will start at 630pm sharp, and finish by 730pm. Admission is free.

Platform Doha

On April 18th 15 students from Qatar Academy participated in Platform Doha 2012 hosted by Qatar University, with their sponsors Mark LeSurf and Alana Beaton. The conference is designed to bring together the educational community and the gaming industry; one of the fastest growing employment sectors in the world. The conference hosted many excellent speakers and panel discussions, which allowed our students to ask insightful and challenging questions to industry leaders. The level of maturity and engagement all of our students displayed was heartwarming to witness. There were two competitions at the conference; one for a Character design and another for an App design, with many participants from secondary schools in Qatar as well as from Qatar University. I am very pleased to report that the team of Mikheil Oganessian, Walter Diong and Nazareno Hossfeldt captured the Runner Up position in the best Character design and Shanthanu Rao took First place for his App design. Congratulations to all the participants, it was an inspiring, informative and interesting conference.



Mark LeSurf

QA senior Physical Education **Swimming unit 2012**

Important information for the Swimming Unit **All Grade 6-9 students**

The Swimming unit will be starting the week of the 22nd April 2021 to the end of the school year the 28th June 2011.

The aquatics unit in Physical Education is **compulsory** for **all male and female** students from grades 6-9.

All students are expected to participate throughout the unit and be actively involved in the lessons.

If, for any reason a pupil cannot swim for a lesson (a note is required), they are expected to change into their school PE kit and be enthusiastically involved on the side of the pool. Pupils will be expected to coach and assist their peers, answering questions and overall be actively involved in the learning environment.

If they do not turn up with their swimming kit or their PE kit this will be recorded as a kit mark on the register. 3 no kit (NK) for classes in term 3 PE will result in a detention.

Nearer to the start of the unit, students are required to ask their PE teacher the timetable for the Swimming unit. Each student from grades 6-9 will have 1 lesson a week in the pool for Swimming and 1 lesson a week of volleyball for 10 weeks. Grade 10 will have a slightly different timetable.

Girls Swimming Lessons

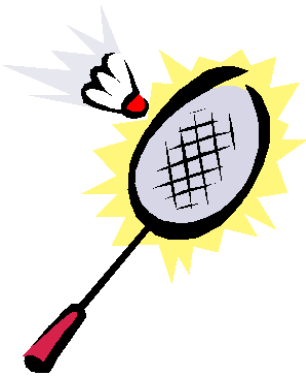
The lessons will be girls only, supported by female teaching staff and female lifeguards.

All blinds will be down, doors closed with visible girls only signs and any security cameras around the pool area turned off. Males will never enter the swimming pool area when a lesson is on.

SWIMMING AND VOLLEYBALL TIMETABLE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	Thursday
Period 1 (7:10 – 8:15)	10DE - VOLLEYBALL	9ABC BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L	7DE GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL		10ABC VOLLEYBALL L
Period 2 (8:20 – 9:25)	9ABC GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL	8ABC BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L	6ABC GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL		7ABC BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L
Period 3 (9:45 – 10:50)	10ABC - VOLLEYBALL	6ABC BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L		Period 3 10.55- 12.00 8DE BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L	7DE BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L
Period 4 (10:55 – 12:00)	8DE GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL	6DE BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L	7ABC GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL	Period 4 12.05- 1.10 6DE GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL L	Gr11 PE
Period 5 (1:15 – 2:20)	9DE GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL	9DE BOYS SWIMMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL L	10DE VOLLEYBALL		8ABC GIRLS SWIMMING BOYS VOLLEYBALL L

SPORTS



Improve your skills and have fun playing

Badminton! Join the QA Badminton Team. More players are required, especially girls. Coaches are Mr Wade and Mr Isom and practices are in the MPH for boys and girls, Mondays 2.30-3.45pm and Wednesdays 1.15-2.45pm.

Students from Grades 6-8 (U14) have responded really well to our **Basketball** trainings. We have over 30 boys and 35 girls respectively registered and both groups are training hard and enjoying these sessions. Congratulations and thanks to coaches Mr Schwaberow and Mr McKnight (Boys), Mrs. Turriago and Mr. Salazar (Girls). The teams will build up for their QUESS tournaments in June.

Our dedicated **Swim Team** continues to train hard, under the expert guidance of Miss Dallow. They are also building up for the QUESS Swim Gala in May. Their season will finish end of May.

Cricket is being introduced every Sunday from next week and a keen group of boys have registered. The rumour is not true that you must have Sub-Continent links to play this game! Anyone interested in joining our QA Premier League Indoor Cricket competition just come along to the GFG Sundays 2.45pm!

Sports Uniform returns

Big thank you to the many who have returned their uniform and a plea for all others to check your wardrobe and please get any QA uniforms back to the AD Office ASAP!





SUMMER 2012 OPPORTUNITIES...

*(Updated as of 17 April, those with a * are new this week)*

The programs listed below have been compiled based on information sent to our office. It is not comprehensive and many additional opportunities exist as well. We will continue to update, as new opportunities are made available to us.

IN EDUCATION CITY:

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM FOR G10 & 11: engages high school students through a variety of unique, hands-on learning opportunities in the fields of journalism and communication. The Northwestern University Media Institute summer program will run from July 1 to July 12, 2012. *Applications are due by May 1, 2012.* For more information, visit: www.qatar.northwestern.edu/high-schools/programs-for-high-school-students.html or email emily-wilson@northwestern.edu

***GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY-SFS PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM:** For G10 & 11 students. The program will run from 1-19 July. Students will attend classes on SAT prep; English; Math; and International Affairs. Students will also attend workshops, presentations, and receive individual coaching on the skills and resources necessary to prepare for admission to university. Visit: www.qatar.sfs.georgetown.edu/campus/enrichment/gps/ for additional information. *Application Deadline is April 22, 2012.*

***WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL EXPLORER PROGRAM:** *program for current G11 students will run 1-19 July, more details to follow in two weeks.*

IN QATAR:

OXFORD LEARNING: is offering individualized programs in English and Math for all ages and a SAT Prep course. For more information call: 4481-8434 or 4491-0777.

IN THE UAE:

ESMOD FASION STORE IN DUBAI: is offering a one-week and one-month summer courses on the “Discovery of Fashion 1.” From 1-31 July students will have instruction in fashion design and pattern making, professional make up application, and perfume. Visit www.esmod-dubai.com for more information.

IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES:

NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: 10-day conferences in cities across the US: New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, San Francisco. Choose a conference from the following areas:

- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Engineering
- Forensic Science
- Intelligence & National Security
- Law & Advocacy
- Medicine & Healthcare
- Theater
- Mastering Leadership
- Sports & Entertainment Management
- Education

Students will explore career options by participating in true-to-life simulations, meet with recognized leaders and professionals and experience living on a college campus. Visit www.nslcleaders.org for more information.

IB SUMMER SCHOOL AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CA, USA: offers a full program of sports, activities, and social events for PRE and MID IB students. Also offers SAT review and information on the US & UK university application process. Visit www.ibsummerschool.com for more information.

OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS in NYC, USA, ENGLAND, SPAIN, and FRANCE: From Archeology to Zoology, they offer over 160 courses. There are a variety of humanities, social sciences and creative subjects – going above traditional classroom and school curricula. The programs in France and Spain offer French and Spanish language courses for all levels, taught in context by native speakers. For more information visit: www.oxbridgeprograms.com

OSC PRE and MID-IBDP SUMMER SCHOOL in the UK, USA or Canada: OSC offers a one-to-three week courses presenting students with an introduction to the DP with academic classes, workshops, seminars and cultural visits. The Mid-IB offers revision for IB Subject choices. Visit www.osc-ib.com for more information.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY in Washington, D.C., USA: Pre-college program has one-three-or six-week sessions, The College Intensive program gives rising juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit by engaging in challenging undergraduate coursework. The 6-week session allows students to enroll in GW summer courses alongside GW undergraduates. The 3-week and 1-week sessions are full-day undergraduate courses offered in an experiential format, and designed specifically for high school students. Courses are taught by GW faculty. Visit www.precollege.gwu.edu for more information.

MIDDLEBURY-MONTEREY SUMMER INTENSIVE COLLEGE ENGLISH PROGRAM, Rhode Island, USA: The program will be hosted at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, and is focused for students interested in attending university in the US. Students live in residence halls, attend language instruction, life skills workshops and co-curricular activities. Visit www.go.miis.edu/ice.

BARNARD COLLEGE (*partners with Columbia University*) SUMMER IN THE CITY PROGRAM, NYC, USA: Live and learn with the pre-college programs. Writing in the City, Architecture in the City, and a Young Women's Leadership Institute will be offered. Students will take courses and participate in extra curricular visits. For more information visit www.barnard.edu/precollege.

OLE MISS SUMMER ACADEMY, University of Mississippi, USA for G8, 9 & 10: A taste of college life! Students explore world cultures, human behavior, conduct science experiments, or work on a literary magazine. Many weekend activities are also planned. More information can be found at www.outreach.olemiss.edu/summer_academy.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (OLE MISS): SUMMER COLLEGE FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: For G10 & 11: there are programs in Art, Computer Science, Engineering, Pre-Health professions, Integrated Marketing, Intensive Spanish, Journalism, Legal Studies and various other liberal arts studies. Students will take courses, experience college life, and participate in local activities. Visit www.olemiss.edu/schs.

SUMMER DISCOVERY PROGRAMS FOR G7-11 USA, UK, SPAIN, ITALY AND CHINA: The company offers programs in pre-college enrichment, college preparation, internships and community service. US University locations: UC Los Angeles, Santa Barbara; University of Michigan; Loyola University in Chicago; Georgetown, U Penn, NYU and Emerson in Boston. UK Locations are in Cambridge and London. Barcelona and Madrid Spain; Florence, Italy; and Shanghai, China. Visit www.summerdiscovery.com, www.discoveryinternships.com or www.jrdiscovery.com.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, Boston, USA, SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Students can choose to:

- Enroll in two undergraduate courses and earn up to 8 college credits
- Select two non-credit seminars from a series of subjects
- Spend one week studying one subject in-depth
- Engage in a research Internship in Science & Engineering

Visit: www.bu.edu/summer/highschool for additional information.

National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF), 18 cities across the US: the programs in Law, Medicine, College Success and National Security help prepare students for their academic future and professional careers. Its mission is to bring various professions to life, empowering students with confidence to make well-informed career choices. High-achieving high school students are *nominated* (see a school counselor) to attend NYLF. NYLF scholars all demonstrate strong academic abilities, leadership and an interest in the career field being studied. Please visit: www.nylf.org for more information.

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR THE GIFTED, programs at Amherst College, Bryn Mawr, Emory, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Texas-Austin, Vassar, Dartmouth, Princeton and Yale. There are a variety of programs available at each of these locations for students aged 9-17. Courses cover English, Humanities, Math, Science, Technology, Visual and Performing Arts, Fitness, and multi-disciplinary. Students will participate in a full curriculum including evening programs, Saturday Get-Away Days and Sunday Activity Days. Visit www.giftedstudy.org for more information

ROSS SCHOOL, EAST HAMPTON, NY: a program for students who wish to excel at the university admissions process while participating in academic programs with fun afternoon electives on the east end of Long Island. The morning is spent in classes, sports & activities in the afternoon and weekend trips

to New York City and local beaches. Visit www.ross.org/summerterm for more details.

WASATCH ACADEMY, MT. PLEASANT, UTAH: attend academic and experiential summer programs in International Filmmaking, SAT Prep, Performing and Studio Arts, Computer Game Design, Robotics, Studio Music Production, Equestrian Center Riding or Basketball Camp. Visit <http://www.wasatchacademy.org/summer-programs/index.aspx> for more information.

EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, TROY, NY: English as a Second Language Academic Summer Program. Students will work on their English listening, reading, writing and speaking skills through popular texts, periodicals and study skills. Students will also take field trips to New York City and Boston. Visit www.emmawillard.org/summerESL for additional details.

PERKIOMEN SUMMER, PENNSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA: Summer immersion in English language for students entering G 7-11. Students will participate in courses in math, science, American Literature, American history and TOEFL and SAT preparation. Extra curricular opportunities include athletic competitions, creative expression and trips to New York City, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia. More information can be found at: www.perkiomen.org .

THORNTON ACADEMY, SACO, MAINE: English Immersion and American Culture Summer Program. Located 15 miles from Portland and 90 miles from Boston. Students will hone their English language skills and learn about the American university application process. Weekend activities will help provide a balance of hard work and recreation. Curriculums are available in Science, SAT Prep, English and TOEFL prep. University visits to Harvard, MIT, Boston University and College, Yale, NYU and Columbia. Visit <http://summersemester.thorntonacademy.org> for more details.

AMHERST COLLEGE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT: The University Prep Program will help students improve their SAT score, learn how to choose a college, compose a resume, learn skills to help improve their chances for admission at the university of their choice and have a college life experience. More information can be found at www.nsgtuniversityprep.org .

HORIZONS USA AT GEORGE SCHOOL, WARRINGTON, PA:** For students 10-16 years old, English immersion program with instruction in formal written and conversational English. Weekends have cultural and historical trips. Visit <http://www.campconcepts.org> for more information. ***\$300 USD discount for first student to register

ONLY IN THE UK:

ARTS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOURNEMOUTH:

- Photography summer courses in July—intro to photography, photographic studio, photography on location and professional practice.
- Make Up summer courses—intro to make up (fashion, editorial and runway); historical make up and hair work for film, television and stage; and special effects and prosthetics. Visit www.aucb.ac.uk or www.facebook.com/summercourses

HERITAGE SUMMERS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: this program is for 16-19 year old students for three weeks in July. The offer courses in anthropology, psychology, history, politics, literature, art history, the maths and sciences, and many more. To learn more visit: www.heritagesummers.com

ISSOS- CAMBRIDGE AND ST. ANDREWS: three sessions in July and August. They offer academics in English language, creative writing, debate, business, IB revision and leadership. They combine the academics with electives in golf, tennis, theatre, film, art, photography and more. For additional information please visit www.summerschoolscotland.com

LANTERNA PRE and MID IB REVISION COURSES IN UK & SWEDEN: Revision courses concentrate on addressing any gaps in knowledge, difficulties remembering information and how to apply knowledge to exam questions. Visit www.lanternaeducation.com/ib for more information.

IN SWITZERLAND:

COLLEGE DU LEMAN, SUMMER CAMPUS PROGRAM, Geneva, Switzerland: Improve your French by working in small group lessons and combine theory with real-life practice of classroom learning through field trips. Students can also participate in sporting activities such as sailing, water skiing,

golf and riding. Artistic and cultural activities such as painting, sculpture are also on offer. Visit www.summercampus@cdl.ch

IN CANADA:

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM (Okanagan campus): an opportunity for students to learn about environmental science and sustainability. For two weeks in July students will learn about water and forest management to urban planning. The students will conduct field research in the surrounding Kelowna, BC, area. Visit www.summerprogram.isi.ubc.ca. Space is limited to 30 students, so hurry to apply!

NANCY CAMPBELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, LONDON, ONTARIO: For students 12-18 interested in the ARTS. Mornings are spent working on English skills and afternoons are intensive art courses in: drama, dance, video production, song writing, or visual arts and photography. There is also soccer camp, if not interested in the arts. There will be excursions to places like Niagara Falls, the CN Tower in Toronto and more. Visit www.nancycampbell.net to apply.

OSC IB DIPLOMA SUMMER COURSES, VANCOUVER: Pre IB, Mid IB and a New Vancouver Explorer Program. They are offering a 40% discount on course prices. Limited spaces are available, visit www.osc-ib.com to register.

***UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA, DEEP SUMMER ACADEMY:** For G9-11. Runs for four weeks in July and covers topics in engineering, technology, applied sciences and business. The courses include lectures in a college environment, design projects and lab experiments. Topics include: mechanical, electrical, biomedical and computer engineering; robotics; computers; biology; and business.

IN THAILAND:

TRAIKHOS THREE-GENERATION FOR LEARNING, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND: IB Summer School for G11 to 12, Global Citizen Camp for 14-18

years and an Extreme Siam Adventure Camp. Visit <http://camps.threegeneration.org> or ibsumerschool@threegeneration.org

IN GERMANY:

JACOBS UNIVERSITY, BREMMEN, is offering courses in life sciences, medical research—intended to help explain the theories behind TV programs such as CSI, House or the movie Outbreak. The program will be taught by professors in Biochemistry, Cell Biology to learn more about genetics, physiology, cell biology and microbiology. Students will participate in lab research and learn about the link between pop culture and science. More details can be found at: <http://www.jacobs-university.de/summerprograms> .



The Grade 6 students will be taking part in an experiential learning week from **May 6th – 10th** as part of the Senior School “Week Without Walls” experience.



The theme for the week is **Health and Social Education: taking care of your mind and body.**

Students need to wear their QA PE kit for all activities. The schedule will be as follows:

Sunday	7:10- 2:00
Monday	7:10- 1:00
Tuesday	7:10-1:00
Wednesday	7:10-2:00
Thursday	7:10-1:00

The students will need money each day for their lunches and snacks, which will be at school and the Student Centre. (20-30 riyals is suggested), apart from on **Thursday**, when lunch will be provided. Students will need additional money on **Wednesday** when we will go to the Student Centre games room.

Regards,

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The following poster promotes an opportunity for Qatar Academy Grade 10,11 and 12 girls to join exciting and challenging fitness training at the Recreation Centre:

FUNKi Fitness

Shape Up for Summer

BOXERCISE[®]
is a great workout for both conditioning the upper and lower body especially the abdominals
Ladies Only
Monday 3pm-4pm
Qatar Academy

SPINNING
is a calorie blaster
Ladies Only
Sunday 2.45pm-3.45pm
Qatar Academy

QR 300 10 SESSION **QR 35 PER CLASS**

Welcome to Qatar Academy

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