

Qatar Academy

Senior School Akhbar

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Upcoming Events

March:

- 29th Non-Uniform Day (Student Council)
- 29th Term 3 Begins

April:

- 1st ARTS month
- 5th Bake Sale (Student Council)
- 5th Grade 10 Community and Service Due
- 5th ½ Day of School dismissal at 11am
- 8th -12th Spring Break
- 14th – 17th Track and Field – CAC Cairo
- 14th ACT
- 18th -22nd ISTA Theatre Event (to be confirmed)
- 19th -22nd IB ART Exhibition and Exam TBC
- 19th Reports released on PowerSchool
- 22nd Earth Week Celebrations

UNIFORMS and CLASS PLACEMENT

Dear Parents,

I'm writing to update you on two important topics – new uniforms and class placement. I'll begin discussing uniforms by thanking all parents and students as we struggled with disappointments around the new uniform design for the present school year. Over the past several months, we have been working to make sure this doesn't happen again. I'm happy to report to you we have made arrangements to outsource the uniform to a new company, Zaks, starting in August. Zaks is a company that specializes in school uniforms, and makes uniforms for many known and prestigious schools in the Gulf. We've entered into a contract with Zaks in which they are responsible for overseeing the workmanship and sale of the uniform. They have provided us with samples, and have made guarantees regarding the quality of both the material and the workmanship. In addition, they will have people available to custom make uniforms for students who do not fit normal sizes, at no additional cost beyond that of a pre-sized uniform. More information will be available closer to the end of the year, but we have been assured these new uniforms will be available by mid-August. We feel very strongly this new arrangement will avoid the problems we've experienced this year. Again, thank you for your patience.

As the end of the year approaches, parents often try to make requests for their children's teacher for the upcoming year. I want to let you know that all teachers have been asked not to accept parent requests for class placement. The school faculty and administration work very hard each year to create class lists. In doing this, they consider things like gender, academic level, language ability, friendships, behavior, group dynamics, and matching teacher strengths to student needs. While it is understandable parents may prefer a certain teacher for some reason, when we begin to take in parent requests it can begin to prohibit us from creating classroom environments that are best for each individual child as well as the learning group. As a result, we plan to hold firm to the policy of not accepting requests. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Warm regards,
Dr. Gregory Hedger,
Director

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 وتهينهم للانتساب لجامعات ومعاهد النخبة.

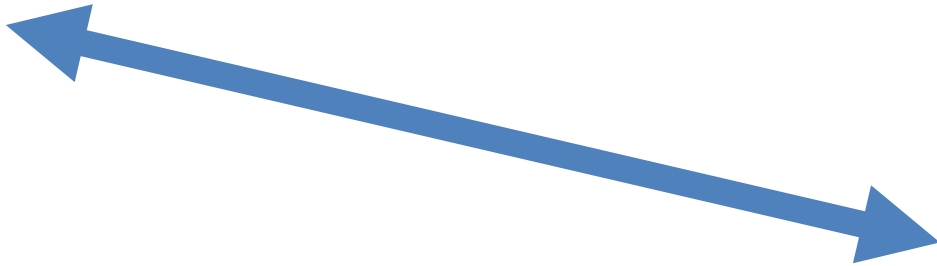
الزي المدرسي وعملية توزيع الطلاب على الصفوف.

أعزائي أولياء الأمور الكرام،

أود من خلال هذه الرسالة أن أطلع سيادتكم على أمرين مهمين وهما الزي المدرسي وعملية توزيع الطلاب على الصفوف. كما أود في البداية أن أوجه شكري الجزيل لكم على الدعم الذي قدمتموه لنا خلال هذه السنة لمواجهة الصعوبات المتعلقة بالزي المدرسي الجديد. وبهذا الصدد أود أن أؤكد لكم أننا قد عملنا بجهد خلال الأشهر الماضية لكي نضمن عدم تكرار هذه المسائل مرة أخرى، وعليه يسرني أن أعلن لكم أنه قد تم التعاقد مع شركة جديدة لتوفير الزي المدرسي بدءاً من شهر أغسطس. الشركة التي تعاقدنا معها والمعروفة باسم "زاكس" متخصصة في تصميم الأزياء المدرسية ولقد قامت بتوفير أزياء لمدارس معروفة ومرموقة في منطقة الخليج. ستكون الشركة مسؤولة عن الإشراف على عمليات صنع وبيع الزي المدرسي. ولقد قامت بتوفير نماذج من الزي وضمانات تتعلق بجودة الخامة وإتقان الصنع. كما عرضت الشركة علينا أخذ مقاسات الطلاب الذين لا تتناسب معهم الأحجام العادية وتوفير الزي لهم دون أي تكلفة إضافية. سنقوم بتوفير معلومات أكثر مع نهاية هذه السنة الدراسية مع العلم أن الشركة قد أكدت لنا أنها ستقوم بتسليم الزي الجديد بحلول منتصف أغسطس. أنا أعتقد أن هذه الإجراءات والاستعدادات ستمكننا من تجنب الصعوبات التي واجهناها خلال هذه السنة الدراسية. أشكركم مجدداً على صبركم.

مع اقتراب نهاية السنة الدراسية يقوم بعض أولياء الأمور بتقديم رغبتهم في اختيار معلم لابنهم/ابنتهم للسنة المقبلة، وبهذا الصدد أحيطكم علماً بأنه قد تم إخطار جميع المعلمين بعدم قبول أي طلب، حيث أن أعضاء هيئة التدريس والإدارة المدرسية على علم بالجوانب التي يجب مراعاتها عند توزيع الطلاب على الصفوف والتي تتمثل في: جنس الطالب، المستوى الأكاديمي، القدرة اللغوية، الصداقات، السلوك، مجموعات التعلم ونقاط القوة التي يمتلكها كل معلم وكيف يمكن أن تخدم احتياجات الطلاب المختلفة. أنا أنفهم أن لكل ولي أمر أسبابه الخاصة التي تجعله يفضل معلم على آخر، ولكن في الوقت نفسه لا أريد أن يكون هذا عائقاً أمام توفير البيئة الصفية الأنسب للطلاب سواء على المستوى الفردي أو على مستوى مجموعة التعلم التي ينتمي إليها. وعليه فلقد قمنا باعتماد سياسة عدم قبول طلبات اختيار المعلمين. أشكركم على تفهمكم.

أطيب التحيات/د. جريجوري هيدجر،
مدير أكاديمية قطر





SUMMER 2012 OPPORTUNITIES...

*(updated as of 27 March, 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:

***CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY SUMMER COLLEGE PREVIEW PROGRAM:** For G10 & 11 Students will be exposed to what “college” is all about—the academics and culture. Students will prepare to take the SAT or ACT. And participate in an exciting “hands-on” project in your chosen area of interest: Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Computer Science or Information Systems. The program runs from 1-19 July. Visit <http://qatar.cmu.edu/3001/summer-college-preview-program> for more information.

*** 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

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 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 extracurricular 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.

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 makeup 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 a 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.



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March 29th, 2012

Primary School Bake Sale – 5th April, 8-10am

Attention, attention! The Primary School BAKE SALE will be held next week.

QA PTA will need all your support for this event. We would like you to bring homemade **NUT FREE** goodies (cakes, muffins, cookies, etc.).

Please **DO NOT** send items with almonds, cashew, coconut, Nutella, peanuts, as some of the students are severely allergic to nuts.

Please send your baked items to the PTA Room (near Primary Reception) around 7am on 5th April, 2012.

Each piece or set of baked items will be sold at 5QR.

We invite parents to come and help with the sale. If you would like to participate, please contact us at qapta@yahoo.com.



"Everything is better, when we work together"



" تطعيم "
الدفتيريا والتيتانوس والسعال الديكي

المدرسة : السنة الدراسية : /

السيد ولي أمر الطالب / الطالبة :

الصف /

تحية طيبة و بعد ،،

حرصاً من المجلس الأعلى للصحة على اتخاذ جميع الإجراءات اللازمة لحماية أبناءنا الطلاب والطالبات من الإصابة بالأمراض الإنتقالية و بالتنسيق مع المجلس الأعلى للتعليم والرعاية الصحية الأولية .

فإنه سيتم تطعيم طلاب وطالبات الصف الأول ثانوي بجميع المدارس ضد مرض / الدفتيريا والتيتانوس و السعال الديكي. وكذلك المدارس الخاصة لطلاب وطالبات الصف الاول والثاني ثانوي على فترتين من 25 مارس حتى 29 مارس 2012 والفترة الثانية من 15 ابريل وحتى 19 ابريل 2012. علماً أن التلقيح سوف يعطى في أكاديمية قطر يوم الخميس 19 أبريل 2012.

علماً بأن هذا التطعيم آمن وهو من ضمن التطعيمات المعتمدة في جدول التحصينات بالمجلس الأعلى للصحة .

موانع أخذ الطعم:

- * وجود حساسية شديدة لأحد مكونات الطعم .
- * أمراض نقص المناعة .
- * ارتفاع درجة حرارة الطالب (أعلى من 37.8 درجة مئوية) .

ملحوظة :

الرجاء ملء الطلب واعادته إلى "مكتب المدرسة الثانوية" موعد أقصاه 29 آذار/مارس.

الرجاء اخطار الكادر التمريض عن اخر تطعيم من لقاح الدفتيريا والتيتانوس خلال العشر سنوات .

وافق على طفلي تلقي التطعيم TD.

يرجى وضع علامة أمام مربع واحد

لا أوافق على طفلي تلقي التطعيم TD.

توقيع ولي الامر

اسم ولي الامر

التاريخ



الرعاية الصحية الأولية
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE



Tetanus, Diphteria & Pertussis " Vaccine "

Student Name:

Class:

Dear Parents,

Supreme Council of Health with Primary Health Care and the Supreme Council of Education are conducting a vaccination campaign against Tetanus, Diphteria & Pertussis (Tdap) for grade 10 and 11 students. The vaccination will take place in Qatar Academy on Thursday 19th April 2012.

The aim of this vaccination is to provide students with all required protective measures against communicable diseases. The vaccine is safe and is routinely administered as adviced from SCH. The vaccine is recommended every ten years

Vaccine contraindication:

- * Sensitivity to vaccine components (previus side effect from the vaccine)
- * High grade fever (> 37.8C)
- * Immune disorders

Note :

Please complete & return to the Senior School Office no later than 29th March.

When was your child's last TD vaccination? _____

I agree to my child receiving the TD vaccination.

I do not agree to my child receiving the TD vaccination.

*Please tick one box.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____