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## Upcoming Events

Dear Parents and Students,

- Now that school is well and truly underway I just wanted to remind you all to accept the invitation to Google Classroom. This will provide you with a summary of activities that your child has been taking part in.

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136>

- As we start to prepare for our MYP Visit we shall be looking for some volunteers who are willing to talk with the accrediting team about our programme. Please let Miss Amanda know if you are happy to be contacted.
- Please note, if students need to leave school during the day for an appointment you must notify the Homeroom teacher in advance. If students do not feel well during the day they must report to the nurse's office. The **nurse will contact parents** and arrange for the student to be collected. Students should not be calling home during the day, and they are not able to excuse themselves from school. This could result in an unauthorized absence.
- We have a no cell phone policy at school. Research has shown that having a cell phone available leads to a loss in learning. This is due to students checking to see if they have received a text message, looking to see if someone has contacted them etc. In order to avoid temptation we ask that students leave phones at home. If a student needs to contact home during the day they are able to use the phone in the office. If parents wish to contact students during the day, please phone the office and a message will be passed on.
- Uniform reminder: please ensure that students are wearing correct uniform. This is available from *Integral*.

Best wishes,

Dr. Carolyn Mason Parker

Secondary School Principal

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

**October 23rd, 2016**

**Secondary School Creativity Day**

**October 29th, 2016**

**PTA International Day**

**October 26th-27th, 2016**

**Secondary School Book Fair**

**October/November 2016**

**MAP Testing- exact dates will depend on grade level.**

**November 2016**

**QAS Food Drive**

**2nd-3rd November 2016**

**MYP Authorization Visit**

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## Student - Individual & Class Picture 2016/17

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that the photographer will be in-house to click your child's classroom picture (both individual & full classroom shot). Dates are confirmed for 03<sup>rd</sup>/04<sup>th</sup>/05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup> October 2016 respectively. Kindly make sure that your child is in full school uniform. Do not forget to place order for your child's uniform if you haven't done so as yet.

To place your order please access the below link with **Unique grades Code: INT18759**

Link - [www.gradesstore.com](http://www.gradesstore.com) . The company responsible for uniform sale is "Integral Services". You may contact the store at 44621331/44621441/55204815/55968027 or e-mail [hello@gradesstore.com](mailto:hello@gradesstore.com).

To ensure the year beginning supply for all students, the purchase quantity is limited to 4 sets of basic uniforms and 2 sets of sport wear.

For your convenience; please find below the schedule for placing orders and delivery/collection - Location: Building C (EC campus)

<b>QATAR ACADEMY SIDRA</b>	
<b>PLACE ORDER ONLINE BEFORE</b>	<b>RECEIVE DELIVERY ON TIMINGS: 11.30 am TO 2.30 pm</b>
27.09.2016	04.10.2016
04.10.2016	11.10.2016
11.10.2016	18.10.2016
25.10.2016	01.11.2016
08.11.2016	15.11.2016
22.11.2016	29.11.2016

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Please make sure your contact details are kept up to date.

We have many parents who have out of date email addresses and phone numbers on file.

If we are unable to contact you you might miss important information about your child.

Update your details as soon as possible.

## Extra Curricula

Extra Curricula activities are an important part of the MYP and DP. This gives students an opportunity to practice skills they have learned in the classroom, and to develop new interests and hobbies.

This year at QA Sidra we are developing our programme with increased sports options and more choice in teacher lead clubs, for example Model United Nations (MUN) and World Scholar's Cup.

We encourage all students to participate in this programme, and run activities both after school and during the lunch times. This includes Tuesday.

Your child will shortly be given a list of options that they are able to sign up for.

They will sign up in person, during the day at school.

Once committed to an activity it is important that students attend every meeting. Some activities have waiting lists and it is important that we can re-offer the space should a student decide not to attend.

## Procedures for leaving school during the day

Sometimes it is unavoidable, and students need to leave school during the day. If this is a known absence, for example a doctor's appointment, then the homeroom teacher should be notified in advance.

If a student feels ill during the day, they must report to the nurses office. The nurse on duty will check the child and then make arrangements based on medical need. This is likely to be calling the parents and arrange for the child to return home.

For the health and safety of your child we cannot allow students to be contacting parents directly, without informing an adult that they are ill, or trying to leave the premises without the required paperwork being completed.

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