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Upcoming Events

Dear Parents and Students,

This has been a busy couple of weeks for teachers, students and parents of QA Sidra.

Congratulations to the PTA for organizing the Second International Day that QA Sidra has hosted. This is never an easy task and it takes the whole community coming together to create something special. A huge thank you to all the parents who worked on this project, all the families who ran booths, created crafts and supported the event, and to the students who volunteered to show people around, and support the adults at the country stands.

You may have noticed that the MYP IB Authorization team have been in school for the past two days. This is the culmination of two years of hard work by the community. The students spoke of their learning and explained how and why they have been benefiting from participating in the IB MYP, and explained their understanding of the programme to the visiting team. The team have spent time looking at the units of work we deliver, the assessments that are given, ensuring that our students are meeting international standards and that our teaching and learning are of a high standard. We all feel that the visit has gone well. It will now be a wait of around eight weeks before we hear back from the IB with the outcome and the official results.

For parents of students currently in Grade 10 and Grade 11: You will be aware that college and university applications are suddenly not seeming quite so far away. We have a speaker from UCAS, the UK college and university acceptance system, coming to speak to students and parents on November 9th at 11:15am. We would like to invite you to join the presentation, and ask any questions you might have about this process and system.

Best wishes,

Dr. Carolyn Mason Parker

Secondary School Principal

Upcoming Diary Dates:

November 2016 (6th-20th)

MAP Testing- exact dates will depend on grade level.

November 2016

QAS Food Drive

6th November 2016

Report Cards

8th-9th November 2016

Parent/Teacher Conferences

9th November 2016

UCAS presentation on college entrance requirements for Grade 10 and 11 students and parents.

16th November 2016

IB DP Options information session for parents of students in Grade 10.

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Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences:

These will take place on November 8th and 9th.

November 8th will be early dismissal. Students will leave at 11:00am.

Snacks will be available in the cafeteria, but lunch will **NOT** be served.

November 8th

Conferences will start at 11:30am and run until 3:00pm.

Teachers will be located in their classrooms for a brief drop in meeting. Meetings should take between five and ten minutes. If a meeting is going to take longer than ten minutes please book an appointment for later in the week.

November 9th

Booked appointments only.

Please contact individual teachers to request a time.

IB DP Options Night!

November 16th

If you are the parent of a student currently in Grade 10 this is for you!

We shall be discussing options for students about to enter Grade 11 and graduation requirements.

Quarter 1 **Report Cards** are published on **November 6th.**

These are grades based on Approaches to Learning and show attitudes toward learning, and transferable skill development.

Full Semester Report Cards are published on December 22nd.

Counsellor's Corner

Please see the links below from the counsellor. These links cover a variety of topics.

Anti-Bullying

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/videos/2014/09/knowbullying-app-by-samhsa.html>

Congratulations

Well done to Saad Khan in Grade 6 came **FIRST** in the Qur'an recitation competition in Qatar. More to follow next week.

Well done from QAS!

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Self Study Survey Instructions
PARENTS

Dear Parent,

Your son or daughter's school is beginning a yearlong self-study process. The purpose of this process is to help your school determine its strengths and areas for improvement. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Your principal and teachers are very interested in what you think of your son or daughter's school. Your responses will be recorded anonymously.

Please go to the website www.endicottresearchcenter.net

On that page you will see:

A screenshot of a dark blue website interface. On the left, the text 'HERE TO TAKE A SURVEY?' is displayed in white, bold, uppercase letters. To the right, the text 'Enter Your Survey Code Here:' is displayed in white. Below this text is a white input field and a white button with the text 'GO!' in black.

Enter the following survey code: **CNP2017010** and click GO.

Follow the instructions. Every question on the survey must be answered in order for your answers to be recorded. Skipped questions will be presented again until they are answered.

When you reach the last screen, click SUBMIT.

Thank you for your help with this important work.

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