



# Qatar Academy Sidra



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## Upcoming Events

Dear Parents and Students,

As the first term comes to a close there is time to look back over all the learning and changes that have taken place since September, when we started this academic year.

We have seen the successful opening of the primary campus, and with that the secondary school has spread out through the existing buildings, with all students having more space to develop areas of interest.

QAS has undergone a very positive MYP authorization. The last word from the IB earlier this week was that our report was in the final stages of being prepared and should be with us, and ready to be shared shortly.

Our Grade 10 students are working away on their personal projects. I am impressed with some of the ideas they have chosen to explore and investigate. The skills based learning on the Personal Project is invaluable in helping prepare students for grade 11 and the Diploma Programme. Speaking of which...

Our Grade 11 DP students are in full swing with their studies. They have already started working on their first internal assessments and in some subjects they are ready to start submitting work that will count toward their final grades. In January they will all be starting to work on the Extended Essay, a personal piece of research in an area of interest to them. This is a great piece to link to the university applications, and grade 11 are making the most of being part of the Qatar Foundation, with visits to all of the schools based in Education City, and some beyond.

For our youngest students in grade 6, this first term has been a milestone. They have made the transition from Primary School, and settled into a new learning environment. I look forward to seeing them continue to grow throughout the year. It is already hard to believe these are the same students I saw in September.

Best wishes,

Dr. Carolyn Mason Parker

Secondary School Principal

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

**December 18 2016**

**Qatar National Day-Holiday**

**December 22 2016**

**Report Cards**

**December 22 2016**

**11am Dismissal**

**December 25-29 2016**

**December break- school closed.**

**January 1 2017**

**School re-opens**

**January 2017**

**Scholastic Book Orders**

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# Mission in Action

## Community

The question on the community board this week:

Who or what inspires you?



أعزائي الطلاب والطلالات العرب والاجانب  
أود أن أشكركم لأنكم كنتم مبدعين حين درستم القصة في التراث القطري وقد كنتم في غاية  
الروعة وأنتم مهتمون بأن تظهروا عملكم في السرد والحكي والتمثيل على أكمل وجه كم نحن  
فخورون بكم في أكاديمية سدرا لقد أظهرتم أننا في عالم واحد متعاون يحب السلام وأنه لا فرق  
بين الشرق والغرب. أ/ زايد ، أ/ مي

**Dear Students**

We want to thank you to be creators when you learn the story in Qatar heritage and you were awesome when you were caring to finish your work in reading and acting perfectly , We are proud of you in QAS You show that we are living in a one world , no gap between east and west. Mr Zayed / Mrs Mai

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# Student Centered, inquiry approach

The PHE teachers and chaperons, Ms. Beth and Ms.Chan, bravely took 44 of our Grade 6 and Grade 7 students to Al Khor on a kayaking adventure last week. The students had the opportunity to learn the basic stroke movements and then they were off in the ocean. They had to paddle in open water for approximately 2 kilometers before reaching the mangroves. There was a strong wind and current which made this exceptionally challenging for the beginner kayakers. However, all the students were successful making across, just some boats need a little help or a tow from the teachers and instructors!! Once they reached the mangroves, they had a chance to play around and swim in the water and enjoy the sunshine, It was a great adventure and all the students seemed to enjoy the day out of school.



The students were all engaged in the experience and even though some of them required a little bit of teacher assistance to stay on course, a good day was had by all.

Thank you grade 6 and 7- and intrepid teachers.

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