



# THE ABA WEEKLY



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual General Meeting  
May 30th

PTAArtEffect  
Open until May 31st

Grade 12 Leavers' Week  
May 29th - June 2nd

Graduation Ceremony  
June 3rd

## ABA AGM 2022

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday the **30th of May from 5 - 7 PM** at the Al Irfan Campus in the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH).

ABA's Board of Directors will be presenting their annual report on the work of its committees. In addition, our Head of School, Mr Williamson will be presenting his annual operational report.

**Meet the  
New BoD  
Candidates**



ABA's new Mission, Vision and Values (MVV) will be launched in this meeting along with our school's Strategic Plan for the upcoming 5 years.

At the end of this meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet our new Board Directors who will be giving their official candidate speeches. Please send in any questions pertaining to the Board's work here: [AGM Questions Form](#)



**The final date to submit your questions is Friday the 27th of May at 12 pm.**





## MVV & SP WORKSHOPS FACILITATED BY ADELE HODGSON



Earlier this year we embarked on a very important journey to review and revise our Mission, Vision and Values through focus group discussions in an inclusive process involving ABA stakeholders - BoD, SLT, parents, students, faculty, admin, alumni. These forward thinking discussions were facilitated by Adele Hodgson, a highly regarded education consultant and author. With her guidance and the information gathered from the focus groups, a strategic planning task force was assembled to identify the key drivers for the future we desire for our students and the school, and to build a roadmap to achieve it!





# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CREATIVITY AT IT'S BEST



"ABA is such a fun place to learn"- ES



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

REFLECTIONS: MS ANTHOLOGY

MS is proud to present our Middle School Poetry Anthology: Reflections Volume 1. Our Grade 7 poets, under the leadership of our committed Language and Literature teachers, Mr. Jeff Cole and Mrs. Emma McKay, have out done themselves. The book showcases the originality, creativity, the variety and passion of our Middle School students.

**The Anthologies can be purchased from Reception:  
4 OMR per book OR 10 OMR for 3 copies.**

**CAFETERIA**

**MENU**





## MS CONNECTS AT COMEX

On Tuesday, as part of MS Connects our Grade 6 students visited the COMEX Technology Exhibition being held at the OCEC.



The exhibition is based around embracing future technologies and offers new perspectives on the world of technology. Grade 6 students enjoyed the trip and gained an insight into the future.



## MS TALENT SHOW

Arnav Ganesh sang the song Paradise by Baazi at the Middle School talent show last week and came 2nd in the competition.  
"Singing is my passion."  
-Arnav

Share your achievements with the community.  
Write to us at [marketing@abaoman.org](mailto:marketing@abaoman.org)



## ARTS UNLEASHED - A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Rehearsals are in full swing with Cast A and Cast B.



Behind the scenes all MS Students are involved in an amazing array of tasks; costume design, documentary making, performing musically, band practice, designing and making items for the set, and ticket designs. Such an amazing and exciting process for the entire MS team.



Click below to watch some BTS action:



Performances will be at 4pm and 6 pm on June 7th for Cast A, and 4pm and 6 pm on June 8th for Cast B. Tickets available for purchase a week before the play.

MS Students and teachers enjoyed Thursday MUFTI as either fairies, trades people or Athenians, in celebration of the upcoming Shakespearian play.



## PTA ARTEFFECT EXHIBITION

MS Students visited the PTA Art Effect Exhibition throughout Thursday; they really enjoyed the variety of creative art on display.



# HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to both Grade 10 and Grade 12 students who have completed their respective examinations. We wish you the very best upon receiving the results. Thank you to Mary our Examinations Officer who has does so much work in the background to ensure examinations run smoothly.

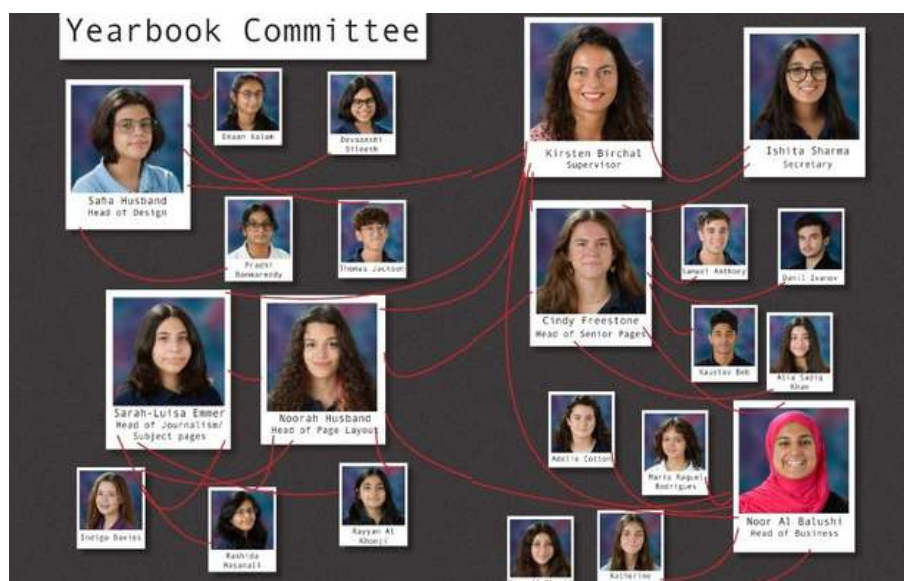
Grade 12 Leavers' Week commences on Sunday May 29th, you can access the programme from [HERE](#). We are all looking forward to a face to face graduation on Friday, June 3rd.

Thank you to the teachers who facilitated the IA Silver Qualifying expedition this week. We hope that all students involved found this a valuable learning experience.

Leave a  
congratulatory  
message for the  
class of 2022!



## YEARBOOK COMITTEE



Thank you to our incredible yearbook committee for your time and effort in putting together a compilation of our SY 2021-22 memories. We cannot wait to see it!

# ABA ATHLETICS

We have games!!

We were planning on some friendly MS basketball games here on campus, but the recent relaxing of restrictions means that we will also have away games to round off the school year on a really positive note vs BSM.

Student athletes playing in these games have been notified and a permission letter has gone home with all the details, so it's going to be amazing to have students going off in Viper sports uniform on a bus to a match, and to also welcome another school here for some games.



MESAC Events 2022/2023





# UNIVERSITY UPDATES

## CAMPUS VISITS ARE BACK!

Over the past two weeks, we have had the pleasure of hosting face to face universities on our new campus. We welcomed the University of Calgary where a number of ABA students are currently enrolled and many of our seniors currently hold offers. For any queries about this institution, please email: [middleeast.recruiter@ucalgary.ca](mailto:middleeast.recruiter@ucalgary.ca)



On Sunday, we were visited by reps from the University of Nottingham who engaged with students and our incoming University Counsellor, Ms Helow. A Russell Group university known for its academic rigour and international outlook, the university has campuses in England, China and Malaysia. Contact Chloe Bates with any queries: [Chloe.bates@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Chloe.bates@nottingham.ac.uk)

We were also joined by Jacobs University, an English-medium private institution in Bremen, Germany which offers a range of undergraduate degree programmes, scholarship opportunities and guaranteed on-campus accommodation for first year students. Contact Matthew Poet with any questions: [m.poet@jacobs-university.de](mailto:m.poet@jacobs-university.de)



## END OF YEAR LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

All books must be returned by **June 5th**  
(May 29th for Elementary)

The library will not be issuing new books from  
**May 29 - June 5** as we continue to receive  
books being returned.

Summer checkouts will happen the final  
week: **June 12-16**



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Hearty congratulations to Mr Simon Taylor, (former ABA Superintendent from 2015 to 2019) on his Doctorate of Education (EdD) from the University of Bath. Mr Taylor is presently the Associate Director of School Support & Evaluation at CIS. Best wishes from the ABA Community.

# MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Dear MLP community,

We hope you are all doing well! 3 more weeks to go before our summer break! You will soon receive the new registration form for the 2022-2023 academic year. The first term will start on 11th September and end on 14th December.

## Ms Samrah Maryam, Urdu teacher

اسلام علیکم اردو کلاس میں بچے حروف کی پہچان، حروف کو لکھنا، اور تین چار حروف کو جوڑ کر الفاظ لکھنا سیکھ چکے ہیں۔ کلاس میں اردو نظمیں اور چھوٹی چھوٹی کہانیاں سنائی جاتی ہیں تاکہ بچے اردو زبان سے اچھی طرح متعارف ہو سکیں۔ اور انہیں اردو زبان بولنے میں آسانی ہو۔

مختلف جانوروں، پھلوں اور سبزیوں کے نام بچوں کو سکھائے جا رہے ہیں تاکہ یہ اردو زبان کا استعمال روزمرہ کی زندگی میں اچھے طریقے سے استعمال کر سکیں۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ چھوٹے چھوٹے جملے پڑھنے کی مشق کروائی جاتی ہے تاکہ وہ روانی سے پڑھ سکیں



## Ms Nisreen, Arabic teacher( G2-5 )

مجموعة الصف الثاني:

قام الطلاب بقراءة قصة بعنوان "هرهور في المدرسة" ومناقشتها بالإجابة عن مجموعة من الأسئلة المغلقة (المحددة الإجابة)، مثل: ما اسم القطة في هذه القصة؟ إلى أين تسأل القط هرهور؟ وأسئلة أخرى مفتوحة الإجابة، مثل: برأيك لماذا لا يُسمح للقطط الدخول إلى المدرسة؟

تعرف الطلاب من خلال هذه القصة على:

- أسماء مرافق المدرسة، مثل (المكتبة، الملعب، الصف، غرفة التمرير... الخ).
- الأنشطة التي نمارسها في المدرسة، مثل (اللعبة، الكتابة، القراءة، الرسم... الخ).
- المهن الأساسية في المدرسة، مثل (المعلمة، الممرضة، المديرية، المدرّب... الخ).

مجموعة الصف الثالث والرابع:

قام الطلاب بقراءة قصة خيالية تدعى "الحديقة العجيبة". تتحدث القصة عن معلمة طلبت من تلاميذها أن يزرعوا حديقة، فاختار كل واحد منهم أن يزرع ما يحب "المزمار، الأجراس، الأحذية... الخ". يعزز هذا النوع من القصص الإبداع والابتكار لدى الأطفال، إلى جانب اكتساب وجهة نظر جديدة، وقدرة أكبر على فهم الناس.

تعرف الطلاب من خلال هذا النص على:

- أجزاء النبتة الأساسية (الزهرة، الورقة، الساق، الجذور).
- ماذا تحتاج النباتات لكي تنمو (التربة، البذور، الماء، الهواء، أشعة الشمس).



# FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Our new Foreign Language Programme (FLP) will be launched at the beginning of the next academic year as part of our paid after school programme . More information to follow in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!





The French Embassy in Oman offers **a scholarship** for a

# SUMMER LANGUAGE STAY in FRANCE!

2 week intensive language course  
at CAVILAM Alliance Française, located  
in the beautiful city of Vichy



## Are you eligible?

- Omani national
- At least 18 yo
- Passport valid until at least February 2023
- Followed at least 2 sessions at CFO
- Available for 2 weeks in August 2022

## Apply before 5th of June!

- Motivation letter: 1 page, English preferred
- Copy of your passport



Send your application to  
**[culture@cfoman.org](mailto:culture@cfoman.org)**

All levels are eligible. Selection will be made on the motivation of the candidate and their meeting of requirements. Interviews will be conducted after 5th of June to choose among 3 pre-selected candidates. Final results will be given on the 19th of June.





# ABA AQUATICS

Week 7 into the programme and things are busy at the pool! Curriculum classes for elementary school are up and running with our youngest K3 swimmers starting over the last 2 weeks. After school swimming via the ABA Aquatics Learn-to-swim programme have 3 weeks remaining of the current term. Lots of level ups, skills on show every session! See below some important information regarding summer lessons and the booking and rebooking procedure for the new school year.



For the first 3 weeks of the break we will be running intensive swimming lessons. 5 days per week, one hour per day at either 9am or 10am. Sessions last one hour and you can book one, two or all three weeks.

## Summer Dates

19th June - 23rd June (9am or 10am)

26th June - 30th June (9am or 10am)

3rd July - 7th July (9 am or 10am)

Booking for this programme are now open. Just drop into the pool after school to reserve your slot.



## BOOKING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

The new term will run from the week commencing August 28th to the week commencing October 23rd. It's an 8-week term excluding 9th - 13th October (Spring Break)



Classes timings are- 1:45pm, 3pm, 4pm and 5pm

The cost will be 62 OMR per child for the course for ABA students.

## IMPORTANT

**Booking for these classes can be done from Sunday 29th May at 3pm by cash or card at the pool. Current students have priority booking for a 2 week period ending from Sunday 29th May to Thursday 9th June.**



From Sunday 13th June new swimmers are invited for assessment to book. If your child has not swam in the current term please complete **the assessment booking form on our website.**

The latest information and updates are always available on our social media channels. →





# VIPERS SWIM TEAM

Our ABA Vipers Swimmers continue to practice year round. At the latest event, the Oman Invitational Meet - (virtual) ABA competed with 26 international schools around the world and over 3000 entries. Time trials were completed during the month of March.

ABA ranked extremely well with a number of athletes **achieving top 3 and top 10 results!**

## Congratulations to our placed athletes:

- Georgia Isles
- Yelena Van de Coevering
- Luka Van Schie
- Eman Ibrahim
- Mohammad Elnailli
- Zainab Agboatwala
- Catalina Tomasaovic Sol
- Aarav Pangasa



Congratulations also to Georgia who placed 2nd Overall in the 15 Over age group.

# VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

Big shout out to all our MESAC participants for the great achievements during the whole year. You all did it and never gave up in spite of the challenges.

Wishing all the best to the students who are leaving and don't forget to **SHOW YOUR STRIPES** wherever you are.

**ONCE A VIPER ALWAYS A VIPER !!!**

Thank you coaches! Good luck Coach Celina Aggarwal for the new chapter!



Dear Parents,

In our new Al Irfan campus we have some amazing facilities for the arts, be it drama, music, fine art, dance or photography. We are looking to fill the spaces with enthusiastic children happily learning new disciplines.

Do you have an ARTS skill you could come and share with our students as an after school activity? Maybe you could offer a whole semester, or a weekend or even a couple of hours to come and inspire our students?

If you are interested or would like to make contact please complete this form [HERE](#). Thank you.

- Anthony Langrish, Director of Arts



# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION ARTEFFECT EXHIBITION



Her Highness Sayyida Susan Al Said officially opened the #ABAPTAArtEffect exhibition on 24th May. She was impressed by the wide range of creativity and encouraged young artists to explore their creative potential further.



What a show! Over 19 nationalities of talented young and professional artists, with different techniques, exhibited in the PTA Art Effect exhibition last night! Comments from attendees say it all:



*"An in-person PTA event - what a treat! It was so wonderful to be on campus for a PTA event and enjoy seeing community members! You have made ABA's halls come alive with art as diverse as our community and I thoroughly enjoyed it!!"*



*"It was a beautiful, eclectic mix of highly creative art pieces. The atmosphere was very special. So many memories continue to be made for us all at ABA. We are all baton bearers."*



Thank you to our own, Manuela Emmer, who made this show as spectacular as it was! The exhibition will be open until May 31, **[Click here to see timings.](#)** On Saturday, 12 - 2pm, at the MPH, ABA Al Irfan Campus, there is an **interesting Artists' Talk** by Ian White, Sara Riaz Khan, Julia Jean Davies, Rachel Eapen, Teodora, Nicole Morgan and Manuel Emmer. Come one, come all!

