



ABA Al Irfan Campus Inaugurated by HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Tarik Al Said



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Muscat: His Highness Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham bin Tarik Al Said, an alumnus of ABA from the graduating class of 2012, unveiled the foundation stone to mark the new beginnings of the ABA Al Irfan campus.

HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham bin Tarik Al Said was given a tour of the campus, accompanied by Lamyia Al Kiyumi, ABA Board Chair and Craig Williamson, ABA Head of School.

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ABA Al Irfan - 'Our New Home'

A huge thank you from the entire ABA Community to the Board of Directors, HoS and all those involved in making this dream a reality.

On March 9th, HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham bin Tarik Al Said, an alumnus of ABA from the graduating class of 2012, inaugurated the ABA Al Irfan campus, unveiling the foundation stone - a proud moment indeed for the ABA community! HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham bin Tarik Al Said took a tour of the campus, accompanied by Lamyia Al Kiyumi, ABA Board Chair and Craig Williamson, ABA Head of School.



In her inaugural address, Lamyia said, "Over the past 35 years, ABA has seen remarkable growth and we are delighted to begin the next chapter of our story at our new Al Irfan campus. To everyone who has been a part of our ABA family, this campus is the result of the vision and the culmination of the efforts of numerous Heads of School, Board directors, teachers, staff, families, volunteers, architects, engineers and project managers. We are beyond excited for our children's first day here on the 27th of March and we look forward to the happy memories they will create in their new home."



HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham bin Tarik Al Said with the ABA Board of Directors, and HE Ahmed Al Humaidi, Chairman of Muscat Municipality

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ABA AQUATICS

We are ready to go!!

We are excited to welcome you to our brand new pool and aquatics programme at the ABA Al Irfan Campus. We are currently taking bookings for kids aged 4 and above on the programme. In order to ensure that your child starts at the right level, please click the logo to visit our website! Register Now!



FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

There have been many requests from parents recently, to set up an after school Foreign Language program for students who would like to learn another Language. If this might be of interest to you, kindly fill out the survey by Thursday, 17th March.

This paid after school programme would be for NON-NATIVE speakers of those languages offered and classes would only run if we achieve a minimum number of students.

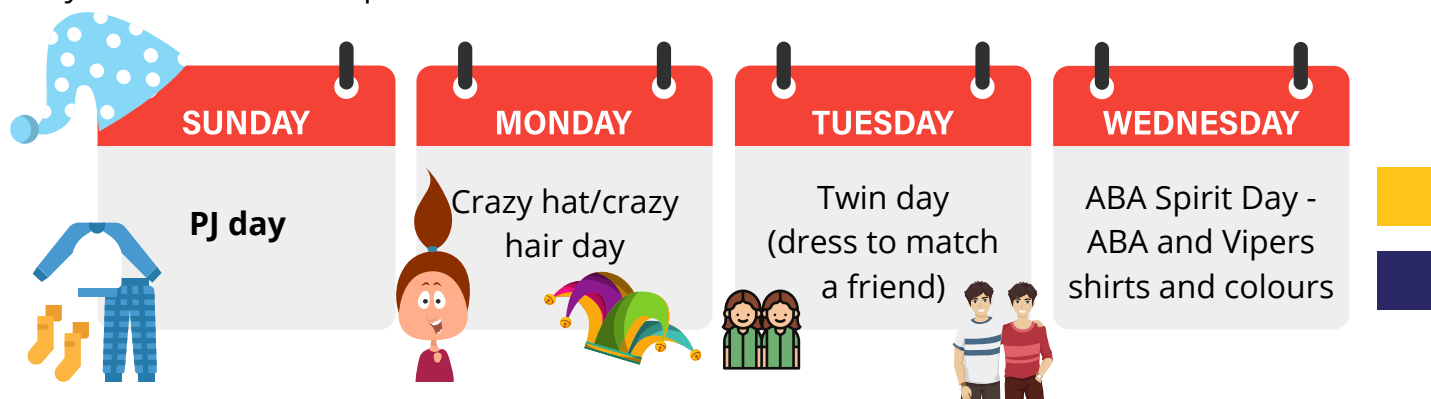
If you have any questions, please contact Anjalee Paratian at a.paratian@abaoman.org

TAKE SURVEY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOODBYE TO AL KHUWAIR WEEK

The Elementary Student Council has planned a week of fun and memory making to mark our final week on our much loved Al Khuwair campus. Along with a range of special activities, each day will have a dress-up theme as follows:



ES COFFEE MORNING - TUESDAY 15TH MARCH @ 10.00AM

Your questions answered about our transition to Al Irfan. If you have a specific question you would like us to address, please add it to this form: **THE MOVE**

HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

High School students participating in the The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Silver) expedition explored the outdoors and built on their skills navigating routes, setting up and breaking down camps, and purchasing, planning, preparing and cooking all of their own meals. IA participants must complete goals related to Community Service, Skill Development, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey.



SUSTAINING WOMEN IN FINANCIAL TURMOIL

SWIFT (Sustaining Women in Financial Turmoil) is a student-run NGO with over 35 students working towards a single goal: to do our part in creating a world of economic equality and access to opportunities. At SWIFT, we raise funds, gain support and promote initiatives to serve the people who need them most - women in financial turmoil around the globe. We believe in taking direct action, directly lending money to these women, aiding them to flourish and support themselves, their families, and their local communities through microfinance.



The club was founded in September 2020 by current grade 11 student Gobhanu Korisepati. Since then, the club has attracted dozens of students, each of whom has a designated role in supporting our mission.



To date, we have lent up to \$30000 to over 950 borrowers, all with the help of young students in high school and dedicated women across the globe! The organization started as a school club at the ABA Oman International School, but quickly developed into a full-fledged international NGO with the support of students and staff.

Quotes from students/faculty:

“Gobhanu and other leaders often spend the equivalent of a part-time job helping these women, further showing how driven the SWiFt team is.”
- Aneesh Kumar, Supervisor



“Donating to SWIFT meant that my money would be able to help more than one person.”
- Al Faisal Al Abdullatif, Grade 11 Student

“SWIFT particularly drew me in because it focuses on women disproportionately affected by the lack of opportunities.”
- Rehana Khan, Grade 10 Student



“I joined SWIFT because as someone from a developing country, I've seen firsthand the monumental impact that microlending can make to women, their families and local communities.”
- Iman Kabir, Grade 11 Student



“Creating SWIFT was an outlet for me to use my classroom knowledge and apply it to the real world where I could control and establish a meaningful change while continuing to contribute and learn to support those who need it most”
- Gobhanu Korisepati, Grade 11 Student

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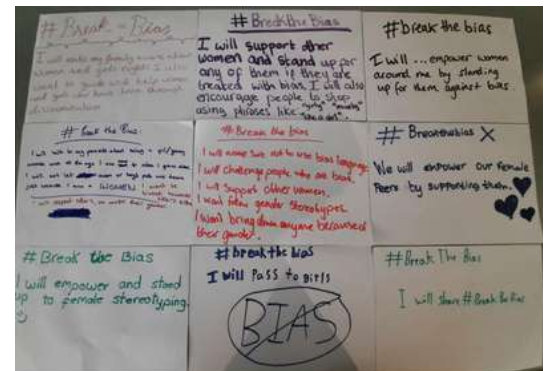
MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

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Middle School
Podcasts



During Advisory, the MS Students learnt all about the origins, background and meaning behind International Women's Day, through activities, videos and discussions with each other



TED ED PROBLEM SOLVING IN MS SOLVES

MS Solves was all about using **critical thinking skills** this week. Students chose from a selection of TED Ed problem solving videos and completed the TED ED watch, think, dig deeper and discuss steps, to learn more about the problem and then create their solutions. Click on the image to learn more.



TEDEd

MS CREATES

The second successful rotation of MS Creates came to an end this week. Here's just a glimpse of what has been achieved. The Ole Crochet service activity held a crochet sale to raise money for the Muscat Dogs adoption centre. The candle makers reflected on their creations and how they made their candles, and the quiz masters invited students to participate in their final quizzes.



MS CONNECTS

MS Connects four week **Niqash** rotation began again this week with the Librarian, MS Assistant Principal, the MYP coordinator and Ed Tech. The focus for the next four session will be as follows:

ED Tech

Presentation & communication skills 101.

Students follow design principles, making Google slides, and learning to use original multimedia.

MYP Coordinator

Exploring the concept of International Mindedness and creating designs for a collective MS Mural which reflect key aspects of International Mindedness.

Librarian

Students are making use of discarded books by creating blackout poetry!

MS AP

Timed drawing - identifying the skills we use when we re do a task under different conditions.

ABA ATHLETICS

We have enjoyed a busy week in S3 sports practice and have also moved 3 truckloads of swimming and athletic equipment up to the new campus.

Please see attached the season 3 sports calendar to assist you with which child will be at which campus (and times) during this transition window.

MS/HS Season 3 Sports Schedule





SPEECH AND DEBATE JUDGES NEEDED!

In April, ABA is hosting the Virtual MESAC Speech and Debate Competition. This unique event features 6 rounds of competition in 5 separate speaking events with over a 100 students competing against each other over a two week window. Each school is required to assist with judging the students in each round and while we already have some faculty signed up, we still need a lot more judges. If you have experience with debate clubs, public speaking, MUN or toastmasters, you are ideal for this event, but anyone can be a judge in this unique tournament to MESAC schools.



There will be relevant details and training provided but basically, you watch a few students present their motions or speech, evaluate them and send in the judge template via a google form.



ABA does need the following judge spots to be filled by spring break. Judges can do as many sessions as they are able though we recommend a minimum of 2 given the unique experience judging is.



Debate (teams of 2 debate an already known resolution)

Thursday, April 21st- 2.15-4.30pm and 4.45-6.15pm

Friday April 22nd- 2.00-4.00

Speech (Serious Oral Interpretation-Individual students read a passage from an already written source)

Tuesday, April 12- 4.15-6.15pm

Wednesday, April 13 -4.15-6.15pm

Thursday, April 21- 2.00-4.00pm

Friday, April 22-2.00-4.00pm

Speech (Original Oral-Individual students read a passage they have composed)

Thursday, April 21st- 2.00-4.00pm

Friday, April 22nd-2.00-4.00pm

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

The UK-based career immersion organisation, InvestIN, has just launched its 'My Career, My Vision' competition which is open to international schools. Students aged 12-18 are invited to submit an image depicting their dream career with an accompanying caption explaining why they want to enter that field (max 50 words). The image can take any form - a photograph, drawing, graphic design, or anything else - as long as it has been created by the student and clearly depicts the career of their dreams. Creativity is highly encouraged! The deadline is **Friday 8th April**.



Every student who enters will be invited to a live online CV-writing workshop to help them kick-start their career journeys!

Get more details & submit your entry here.



MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The MLP team was taken on a tour of the new campus on Sunday, therefore we are fully prepared to move to the new campus on 27th March. The new room numbers will be communicated to parents by each MLP teacher.



NEW MOTHER LANGUAGES IN THE PROGRAM

We are very excited to announce that we can now offer 3 new Mother Languages as part of our program: Afrikaans, German and Hindi.

Please kindly fill in **this form** if you would like to enrol your child for one of these languages. Those classes would open from 27th March and would need a minimum number of 3 students to open a class.

PORTUGUESE TEACHER NEEDED

If you know any Portuguese teacher who would be interested in joining our program, please contact Anjalee Paratian, our Mother Language Coordinator, at mlp@abaoman.org



DP MUSIC CONCERT

Tuesday 15th March
3pm

ABA Performing Arts Centre

You are invited to attend the first live concert of 2022
in our performing arts centre at 3pm.

Performers will be g11 and 12 students and will
feature mostly solo work plus the world premiere of a
collaborative piece of jazz composed by our grade 11
quartet as part of their Contemporary Music Maker
course component.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

On Thursday March 3rd we played Kahoot! Ms.Zita hosted and she was awesome!
Thank you Ms.Zita!

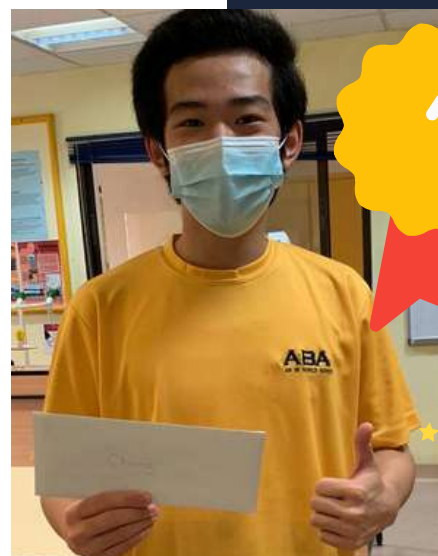
We had 4 super prizes and 4 winners!

1st Prize: Complementary one night stay in a deluxe pool view room for two people (inclusive of breakfast) at the Al Bustan Palace - won by Chang (10th grade)

2nd Prize: Dinner for 4 à la carte at Qureshi Bab al Hind (food only) - won by Leo (11th Grade)

3rd Prize: Dinner for 2 à la carte at Qureshi Bab al Hind (food only) - won by Yelena (10th Grade)

The **lucky winner** for sending in a Kahoot question was Ann-Katrin who won a 15 OMR dinner voucher at the Dolphin Village





Then on Sunday, March 6th, Ann-Katrin invited us to pause, reflect and look at change in a very different and unique way. A small group gathered at the beach. Ann-Katrin guided us by using the powerful combination of photos and words (Points of You® cards) to share and look positively at change. It was a lovely morning.

PARENT ACTIVITIES AND LEISURE

Did you miss our PAL (Parent Activities and Leisure)? Join one, or both PALs we have scheduled for March

On **Sunday March 13th** we will meet at Fresco MQ around 8am (after drop off) for an informal coffee. This is a good opportunity to understand what the PTA does, and maybe get involved for next year.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



Save The Date! **CONTROVERSIAL INGREDIENTS IN FOOD**

Join Ruby, a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, for a talk about the 12 most detrimental ingredients in processed foods, and WHY you should avoid them!



Wednesday March 30th, 10am.



Jigsaw Wellness by Ruby

And last but not least, mark your calendars for an informative talk about nutrition on **Wednesday March 30th at 10am.**

We are very excited that Ruby, a Certified Integrative Nutrition Coach, will talk about Controversial Ingredients in food.

The timing couldn't be better as this is just before Ramadan when some of us focus on detoxing spiritually and physically!

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

Thank you all who came by this week to "Celebrate the New Chapter" with our special edition hoodies and last Pop Up Shop at Al Khuwair Campus. Vinnie used the occasion and came by to the High School Drop Off and got a warm cheerful welcome there, too.

Such a joy to see you all, spreading the vibes - very soon now at the new campus!



And CONGRATULATIONS **NOOR AL BALUSHI, G11** the winner of our lucky draw!

And call out to Middle and High Schoolers - The weather is getting warmer and the VBC will make sure you stay cool with our upcoming MS and HS Ice Frenzy on March 14th during recess! Don't forget to bring .500baiza to ensure a refreshing treat!



Middle School & High School

Ice Frenzy

Time to cool off...

Tuesday 14th March
in the Drama Court

10:25-11:10 am & 12:20-12:55pm

Don't forget
your 500 baiza!

