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DOHA ACADEMY

## Secondary Newsletter - Doha Academy - 11th April 2022

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome to the latest edition of our online Secondary Newsletter. Term 3 teaching and learning is well underway, and the Doha Academy community is also enjoying the blessings of the holy month of Ramadan. We hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter.*

***Secondary News Team***

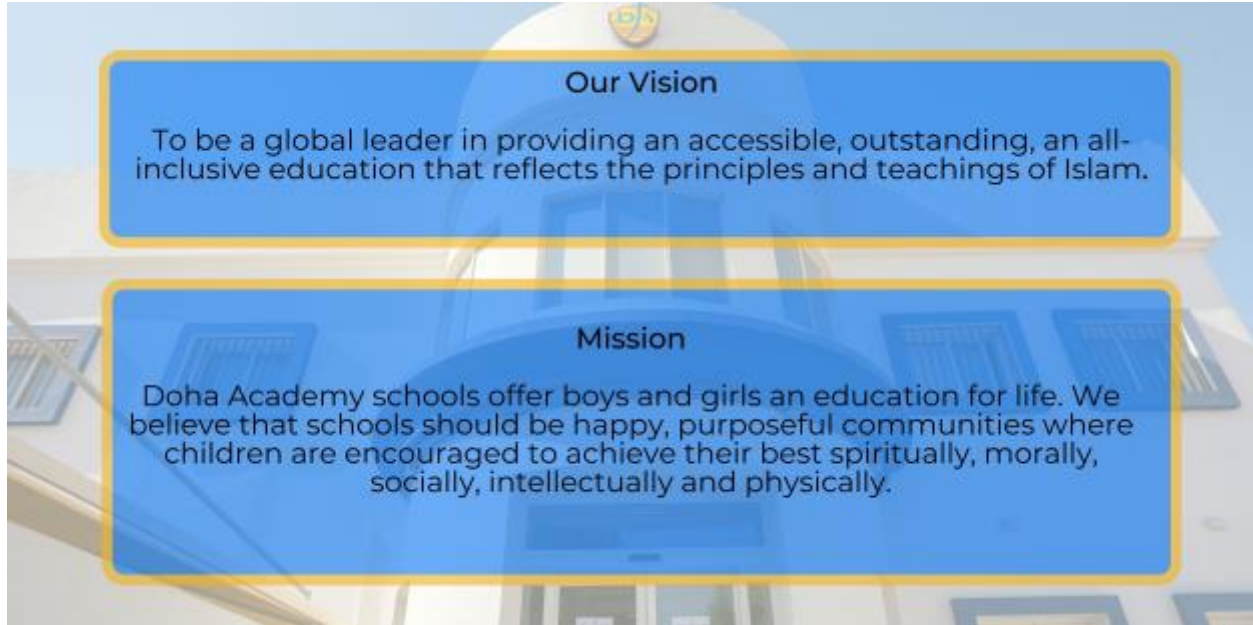
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## Islamic Value of the Week - 'Spirituality'

<b>Spiritual</b>		<b>روحاني</b>
<p>قول الله تبارك وتعالى : ﴿ كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴾ [ص: 29]</p> <p>God Almighty said: “(This is) a Book (the Qur’an) which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may ponder over its Verses, and that men of understanding may remember. [Saad:29]</p>		

## RAMADAN 2022

Dear Parent

## **RAMADAN 2022 – ADJUSTED SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS (SECONDARY)**

As the Doha Academy learning community prepares to enter the holy month of Ramadan, please be advised of adjusted school day timings, to run from Sunday 3rd April to Sunday 1st May (inclusive).

**School gates open      8.00 am**

**Lessons begin            8.30 am**

**Lessons end              12.30 pm**

Students will follow their normal 6-period daily timetable, and attend the same number of weekly lessons for each subject. Period timings have been reduced to incorporate the shorter student day during Ramadan.

**Period 1 - 8.30 – 9.10**

**Period 2 - 9.10 – 9.50**

**Period 3 - 9.50 – 10.25**

**Period 4 - 10.25 – 11.20 (inc. 20 min. interval break)**

**Period 5 - 11.20 – 11.55**

**Period 6 - 11.55 – 12.30**

### **Advice for drop-off & pick-up**

The staff day will begin at 8.00 am, which will be when the school gates open, and the earliest time for students to enter the school campus. Similarly, the staff day ends at 1.00 pm during Ramadan, therefore we kindly request that parents make the necessary pick-up arrangements to ensure students have left the school campus by 1.00 pm at the latest.

### **Eid Holiday**

The school will be closed to students from Monday 2nd May to Thursday 5th May (inclusive). School will re-open, with normal student hours (6.50 am to 1.30 pm), on Sunday 8th May.

We wish all of the Doha Academy learning community a peaceful and prosperous Ramadan, and may this holy month bring an abundance of blessings. Ramadan Kareem to you all.

Yours faithfully

**Ms. Sdaqat Jabeen, Head of Secondary**

**Mr. Kevin Ferry, Head of Boys**

## QNSA 3-YEAR ACCREDITATION



### QATAR NATIONAL SCHOOL ACCREDITATION (QNSA)

Fantastic news to share from the Al Waab Campus!

We are delighted to announce that Doha Academy has received the final version of our Al Waab inspection report from QNSA, and the relevant accreditation certificates.

**The Doha Academy (Al Waab) schools have been successful in achieving a 3-year accreditation** - a clear acknowledgement of the excellent teaching and learning taking place across all areas of the school, and recognition of the hard work which continues to be put in by all our students and teachers.

Congratulations to everyone in the Doha Academy Al Waab schools!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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#### **COVID Declaration Form**

A reminder that MOPH guidelines require that UNVACCINATED students must submit a signed 'COVID Declaration Form' at the start of each week. Our school nurse, and secretarial team, maintain a collated log of all submitted forms.



## CALENDAR



### TERM 3

#### 3rd Apr

- Ramadan school hours begin (*8.30 am to 12.30 pm for students*).

#### 14th Apr

- Last normal school day for Year 12/13 (*exam leave begins 17th Apr*).

#### 18th Apr

- Last normal school day for Year 12/13 (*exam leave begins 19th Apr*).

#### 1st May

- Ramadan school hours end.

#### 2nd-5th May

- Eid holiday.

#### 8th May



- School re-opens (*normal student hours 6.50am to 1.30 pm*).

**29th May to 9th June**

- Years 7-10 school exams.

**12th & 13th June**

- Years 7-10 catch-up exam days.

**16th Jun**

- Last official academic day of Term 3.

**19th June**

- Years 7-10 'end of year' student reports published.

**20th June**

- Years 7-10 Parent-Teacher Meetings (online).

## GEORGETOWN - MUN 2022 CONFERENCE



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Doha Academy recently participated in the **annual Georgetown Model United Nations (MUN) 2022 Conference**, which was held from 24-26th March.

Some of our senior senior students, with previous experience of MUN conference activities, enjoyed attending an MUN conference perhaps for the last time, as they look forward to their school graduation this year from Doha Academy. Other students in younger year groups attended the MUN conference for the first time, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

**Marie Antoinette Guerrero**, the student delegate for United States, also won the Outstanding Diplomacy award during this conference. **Amazing work, Toni!**

The MUN teacher advisors who represented Doha Academy in this conference were *Miss Maisoon Sulaiman (English) Dept.*, and *Mr. Faisal Ahmed (Deputy Head)*.

Behind the scenes, the work of our student leaders, *Lina Boutamine (MUN Student President)*, and *Muhammed Rayyan Ahmed (Student Vice President)*, must be commended - they spent many, many hours organising the event registration process, and planning the significant training requirements of all the Doha Academy delegates.

We are already looking forward to our school's participation in the 2023 MUN conferences in the next academic year!

### **Mr. Faisal, Deputy Head (Boys)**



## **TED TALKS**

***Congratulations to Marie Antoinette Guerrero (Toni)*** who successfully delivered a youth delegate presentation for the highly acclaimed 'TEDTalks' media platform.

The event, '**TEDx Youth @ NIA Conference**', focused on "*reinvention and success during a pandemic*".

Toni's presentation had a particular emphasis on how schools can assess a child's learning potential.

**Well done, Toni!**



## WIDER CURRICULUM - '321 OBSTACLE RACE'



# 321 OBSTACLE RACE

WE ARE MAKING PLAYING OUTDOORS FUN AGAIN, AND OUR KIDS STRONG & HEALTHY.

A CHALLENGING & SAFE OBSTACLE COURSE EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-16.

KIDS WILL GAIN CONFIDENCE WHILE HAVING A BALL RUNNING, JUMPING, CLIMBING, AND CRAWLING.

COME PLAY EVERYDAY AND EVEN TRAIN TO COMPETE FOR MEDALS FOR 2 EXCITING UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

ALL FINISHERS GET TO TAKE HOME SPECIAL PRIZES AND FINISHER SHIRTS, AND PROUDLY SHOW THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHAT THEY EARNED. SPECIAL MEDALS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE AND MERCHANDISE VOUCHERS.

#### EVENT DATES:

**RAMADAN:** 8TH APRIL – 2ND MAY 2022  
7:00PM TO 11:00PM

**EID ALL-STAR:** 3RD MAY – 7TH MAY 2022  
2:00PM TO 11:00PM

**RACE DAYS:** 15TH APRIL 2022 & 6TH MAY 2022  
7:00PM TO 11:00PM

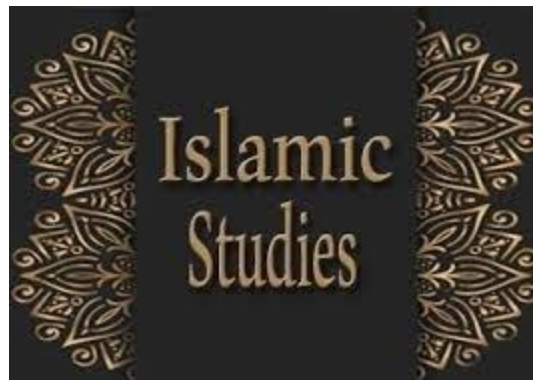
**VENUE:** ASPIRE PARK (NEAR BURGERI)



#### The Obstacles

1. Low wall
2. Stepping stone
3. Tunnels
4. A Frame
5. Net Crawl
6. Mud Run
7. Balance Beam
8. Tire Hurdles
9. Apex Ladder
11. Climb
12. Panels

## ISLAMIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS



Announcement of the activity of the blessed month of Ramadan for the year 1443 AH:

The Department of Islamic Education extends its sincere congratulations and blessings to our dear students, and their parents, on the occasion of the month of Ramadan - may it bring you prosperity and blessings.

On the occasion of this holy month, the department has scheduled the following activities/events:

1. Cultural competition
2. Brochure Design
3. Research Project
4. Art competition

## **ACTIVITY PLAN**

### **· Cultural competition**

o We will ask 15 questions that the candidates must answer in writing, then submit to the teachers of Islamic Education.

### **· Designing a brochure for the month of Ramadan**

o Candidates to design a brochure that includes information about the month of Ramadan – eg recommended virtues and worships that are recommended, provisions of fasting

o Student submit brochure at the end of the month of Ramadan to their Islamic Education teacher.

### **· Research project on the month of Ramadan**

o A research project (five pages) entitled, “The virtue of the month of Ramadan, and the provisions related to it”.

o Candidates submit research projects at the end of the month of Ramadan to their Islamic Education teacher.

o **Art Competition** - a work of art brief, “Drawing a painting about the month of Ramadan”.

## **ACTIVITY CONDITIONS**

o The activity is available to students of the secondary branch, boys and girls, from Years 7-12.

o It is not required to participate in all activities.

o Students can choose what which activities to participate in. Students must submit all participation work no later than 20 Ramadan to their teachers of Islamic education.

## **CONTEST PRIZES**

· Certificates of appreciation

· Symbolic prizes for distinguished candidates

**Sheikh Yousri, Head of Islamic Education Department**

## ART DEPARTMENT NEWS



### **RAMADAN ARTWORK (SECONDARY)**

Our Secondary students continue to produce wonderfully creative pieces of work in their Art classes.

Please see attached the most recent examples which have had a spiritual focus during the holy month of Ramadan.

**Ms Karla, Head of Art**









## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT NEWS

### World Maths Day - 23rd March 2022

To celebrate *World Maths Day*, our students became detectives for the day, solving a series of puzzles and riddles during their Mathematics lessons, to unlock answers and solve mysteries. Some of our students also got to create their own towers out of straws, lollipop sticks, and tape. The students all worked very hard and enjoyed the wide range of activities planned across the day. We are already looking forward to celebrating *World Maths Day* again in 2023!

**Ms Sinead, Head of Mathematics**

### Student Feedback - 8G1

*"We would like to take this opportunity to say that 8G1 had a fantastic World Maths Day. Students were partnered together and selected two activities to participate in. We applied our mathematics knowledge to unlock clues to problem-solving mysteries, and had to find secret digit numbers to secure our escape room codes. The difficulty of the mathematics problems grew more complex as we attempted to unravel the mystery. The excitement continued to build as we got closer, and closer, to completing the detective puzzle. It was great fun to compete against each other, at the same time as having to apply logic and problem-solving skills to the puzzle work. We all had an amazing lesson!"*

**Gana Elheggawi & Naomira Khailadania (8G1)**















## SCHOOL GATES / ENTRANCE (RAMADAN HOURS)

7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent,

### RAMADAN - MORNING ARRIVAL / SCHOOL GATES (SECONDARY)

We hope that all of our families are enjoying the blessings of this holy month of Ramadan. As the student day during Ramadan is 8.30 am to 12.30 pm, students are arriving, and leaving, school at different times to normal. Nevertheless, prompt arrival at school remains important. We are keen to minimise the disruption to the learning of students in classes (who have arrived on time), caused by other students arriving late in school.

We have adapted the gate closure timings to align with Ramadan school hours. **Please be advised of the following procedures to be effective from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

- Gates open at 8.00 am.
- Lessons begin 8.30 am
- Side gates into Secondary (*Girls and Boys*) will be closed at 9.00 am with no further entry.
- Main Primary entrance will be open for Secondary students between 9.00-9.15 am.
- All gates will close at 9.15 am.
  
- **Secondary students will be refused entry into the school campus from 9.15 am onwards** – unless they have written evidence of a medical, or other formal, appointment.
  
- Student day ends at 12.30 pm.
- All students should be off campus by 1.00 pm (*as the teacher day ends at this time*).

The above measures are being taken to restrict lesson disruptions caused by late student arrivals (without a valid reason), and maintain the best possible learning experience for students who are already in class. We look forward to the ongoing support of parents to support the learning of all students in the Doha Academy community.

Ramadan Kareem to you all.

**Sdaqat Jabeen**



**Head of Secondary (Whole school)**

**Kevin Ferry**



**Head of Secondary (Boys)**

## PASTORAL STAFF - CONTACT DETAILS



Students and parents can **contact their respective Year Leaders by email** regarding any academic or pastoral concerns.

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Year 10: Ms Razan Jarjour	razan.jarjour@dohaacademy.net
Year 11: Ms Suzaan Steyn	suzaan.steyn@dohaacademy.net
Year 12: Ms Asma Tbarki	asma.tbarki@dohaacademy.net

*2 - Al Waab Girls Secondary email contacts*

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT EDITION!



**Our next edition will be an 'EID SPECIAL'!**

**We plan to publish the next edition in the closing days of Ramadan, as we look forward to the Eid al-Fitr 2022 celebrations in Qatar.**

Thank you to our parents, as always, for supporting Doha Academy.  
Your support helps make our school a better place!

*Thank  
you*



*By Mr Mohammed Tanoli  
Head of ICT and Computing  
Doha Academy*