

# AL NOOR-ABA NEWS

16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents,

The summer holidays are soon coming to an end and the new school year is almost here. All the teachers and staff have been busy in school for the last week or so preparing everything for that exciting first day. For our new families and students we look forward to seeing you on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August and for all returning students on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.



Ahead of the new year, I wanted to share with you some wonderful news concerning our students. The IB Diploma results from our graduating class last year were outstanding. 93% were successful in achieving the Diploma with an average of 34.5 points and 17% scoring 40 or above. This was a truly excellent result being the best in 12 years and a continuation of an upward trend. In fact, if we include a student who left ABA in his last semester as his family returned to India, the average would be 34.7.

Putting this result into perspective, the global average based on an annual survey that I conduct each year of 50+ competitive international schools returned a 33.3 average with 12% scoring 40 or above and a similar pass rate.

Our students are to be congratulated on their fantastic results. More information on their university admissions will follow in the first full newsletter of the year.

Eid Al Adha will be celebrated next week so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Eid.

*Eid Mubarak*

*Simon Taylor*