



THE ABA WEEKLY



UPCOMING EVENTS

MS Virtual Coffee Morning
24th January 2022

HS Semester 1 Reports
3rd February 2022

DoE International Awards -Bronze
25th-27th January 2022

Arts and Design ePortfolio
26th January 2022

PTA Tuesday Talks & Travels
25th January 2022

VBC Ice Frenzy
26th January 2022

MVV & STRATEGIC PLANNING



MISSION | VISION | VALUES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING



Dear ABA Community,

As shared in the Board communication dated December 16, 2021, we are embarking on an inclusive and authentic project to review and revise our Mission, Vision and Values (MVV) and formulate a new long term strategic plan.

The first step will be a series of focus groups with students, teachers, staff, parents and alumni. Next week a Google form will be emailed to ABA stakeholders requesting interested community members to sign up to be a part of the process which we are targeting to begin the week of January 30th. More information as to what is entailed will be included with the Google form.

ABA THIS WEEK

SCHOOL UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who has applied for their family ID cards. The distribution process has started for students in Grades 5 to 12; please remind your child/ren to give them to you. If you haven't applied for a family ID card, you may still do so by completing the google form sent to your email on December 23rd.

As mentioned in last week's communication, we are currently studying the feasibility of offering a bus service to the ABA community. Please complete **this form** if you are interested in your child/ren using a bus service provided by the school.

Moving forward, students and their parents will only be able to purchase/ top up the prepaid cards on Mondays in the Admin building from 7 to 9 am. Students can also purchase top/up their cards on Mondays in the cafeteria from 9 am to 3 pm (excluding break times).



From next week, the vendor will no longer accept cash as payment for food items/ beverages. The minimum amount to purchase a prepaid card is 10.500 (inclusive of vat). Minimum top up is five rials, however, please top up according to your needs whilst remembering that you can only top up on a Monday.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
01 st Main Course	Chicken Majboos	Chicken Mac & Cheese	Chicken Biryani	Beef Stroganoff	Chicken KFC
	Majboos Rice	Garlic Cheese Bread	Biriyani Rice	Arabic Steamed Rice	Oven Potato Wedges
02 nd Main Course	Beef Lasagna	Fish Fillet Thermidor	Omani Beef Salona	Butter Chicken	Beef Kebab Kishkash
	Herb Cheese Bread	Steamed Veg	Biriyani Rice	Arabic Steamed Rice	Veg Fried Rice
VEG Main Course	Indian Cabbage Sabzi	Mix Veg Curry	Vegetables Gratin	Lazy Veg Noodles	Vegetables Korma
	Majboos Rice	White Rice	Biriyani Rice	Boiled Carrots	Veg Fried Rice

MIDDLE SCHOOL

COMMUNITY & COMMUNICATION

On Tuesday we had our first MS Virtual Assembly of the year; advisory teachers joined the Google Meet and the assembly was projected onto classroom screens for all to enjoy.

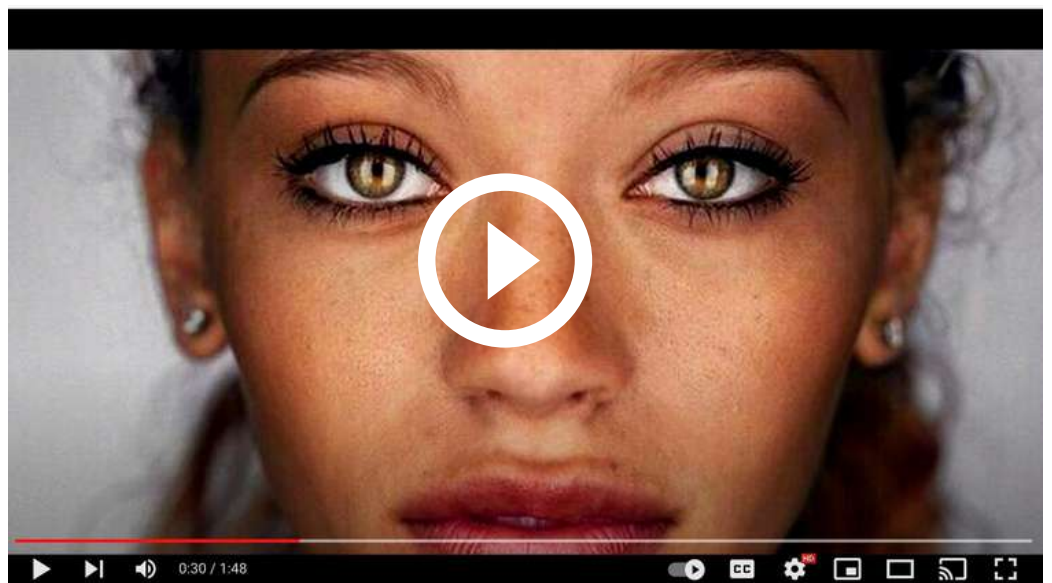
Dr. Barker led the assembly along with Mrs. V and Ms. Anthony. Topics for discussion included COVID safe protocols, MS reports, the cafeteria, uniform expectations, MS Podcasts and MS Explores, and Angela Jabbour spoke on behalf of the Student Council.

Ms. Anthony discussed the importance of each student being a piece in the Middle School Community jigsaw puzzle with each part being equally important and worthy.



This strong poem called 'The Human Family' by Maya Angelou was shared with the MS Students

Click the video to watch.



MS VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING



There will be an MS coffee morning on **Monday 24th January** with Dr. Barker, Ms. Anthony, Mrs. Brotherton and Mrs. V. Topics include - What's happening in MS and reports, conversations with your child, MYP assessment and MS Connects updates. Join the meet using the following link: [**MS Virtual Coffee**](#)

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

The cafeteria culture is thriving, with Middle School Students selecting delicious and healthy meal options. From next week onwards, students must have a cafeteria prepaid card.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

The start of the Day

Please ensure all Middle School students are arriving on time and in advisory by 7.25am for important messages and daily communications.

End of the Day

At the end of day pick up, please ensure you drive all the way round and not stop to collect your child half way, which results in stopping the flow of traffic. Thank you for your understanding.

HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS CODE AND UNIFORMS

DRESS CODE

Please ensure all High School students are arriving on time (seated in mentor classes by 7:20am) and following the dress code which is communicated via our [website](#).



Should you require new uniforms for your children, please come to the Admin building during office hours, to purchase the items available in stock.

Please bring small amount of cash and ideally exact change for purchasing items. Unfortunately, we cannot allow payment by card.

The cost of uniforms will be reduced prices due to the change in the school year. New year in school uniforms will be available in the next year.

- Early Childhood Shirts (no collar) - 1 OMR
- House/PE Elementary Shirts - 2 OMR
- Polo Shirts Grades 1 to 12 - 2 OMR
- Yellow Vipers PE Shirts (MS & HS) - 2 OMR
- PE Shorts - 2 OMR
- Zip-up Hoodie - 5 OMR
- Baseball Cap - 2 OMR
- Vipers Nike Dry Tracksuit - 20 OMR

→ EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

→ MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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GRADE 9-11

High School Semester 1 reports (G9-11) are due to be published on Thursday 3rd February

GRADE 9

January 25th-27th

Duke of Edinburgh International Award
Bronze (G9) Practice & Qualifying

GRADE 10

Arts and Design ePortfolio
(off timetable): Wednesday 26th January

GRADE 12

Congratulations to Grade 12 for completing their mock examinations. Any student who missed an exam must check-in with Mr Essex to make the necessary arrangements. Grade 12 returns to lessons as normal on Sunday.

Parent Teacher Conferences

(by invite only)

Monday, February 7th

G11 CAS Excursions

Congratulations to students and thanks to teachers for taking part and leading/organising the CAS Experience Week. Particular thanks to Ms Cole for her organisation in the background.

This academic year our programme included; learning how to scuba dive (thank you Ms Nausia Bonet and Ms Kemper), kayaking and hiking expedition (thank you Mrs Walker and Mr Elderkamp), learning to cook at the National Hospitality Institute (thank you Ms Philips and Mr Monclar), conducting flora fieldwork (thank you Mr MacKenzie and Ms Michan), an artistic retreat (thanks you Ms Belston and Ms Birchall) working with artists based in Muscat and sailing (thank you Mr Zwart, Mr Willms, Mr Narayanan and Ms Cole).



ABA ATHLETICS



We enjoyed our first competitive match on campus in nearly two years as our Grade 8 Boys Football Team took on the Junior Varsity. There will be a number of fixtures like this in the next couple of weeks and these will prove to be just as enjoyable and keenly contested as any other inter school match (to which we still cannot participate in under the current COVID mandates). Well done Vipers!!



UNIVERSITY COUNSELLOR

Our seniors have done an amazing job of balancing their study obligations with the demanding university application process. 35% of the graduating class have already secured at least one acceptance from a university of choice.

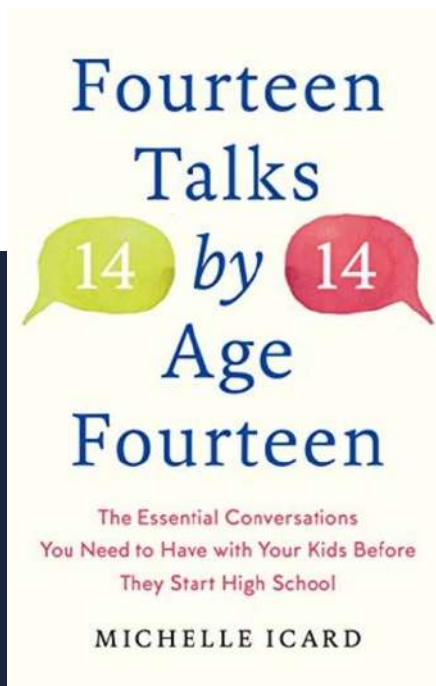
Class of 2022: Early Acceptances



Cardiff University	Indiana University Bloomington	King's College London
Michigan State University	Newcastle University	NSU Florida
Queen Mary University of London	Ryerson University	Swansea University
Texas A&M University	University of Amsterdam	University of Birmingham
University of Bristol	University of Calgary	University of Delaware
University of Essex	University of Exeter	University of Groningen
University of Kent	University of Leeds	University of Liverpool
University of Nottingham	University of Manchester	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Southampton	University of South Florida	University of Stirling
University of Sussex	University of Western Ontario	University of Westminster

We are delighted to share a **snapshot** of our early application successes for this year's graduating class. Best of luck to those who are currently working on applications or awaiting responses.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT



Please complete and submit this [form](#) if you are interested in participating in '14 Talks by Age 14' book club. **When:** 4 x 1 weekly Google meets online on Thursday's at 9:00am - 9:45am.

Meeting 1 - 3/2/2022

Please read Chapters 1-3 to discuss in the meeting. Vote on Chapters to discuss in the next meeting.

What: School Counselors Claire Anthony(MS) and Colette O Driscoll(ES) are running a book club based on this book.

Who: It mainly focuses on children Gr 4-7 and of course anyone else is welcome to join.

Why: Keeping the lines of communication open helps everyone

Please read some reviews [here](#) to see if this book club is for you.



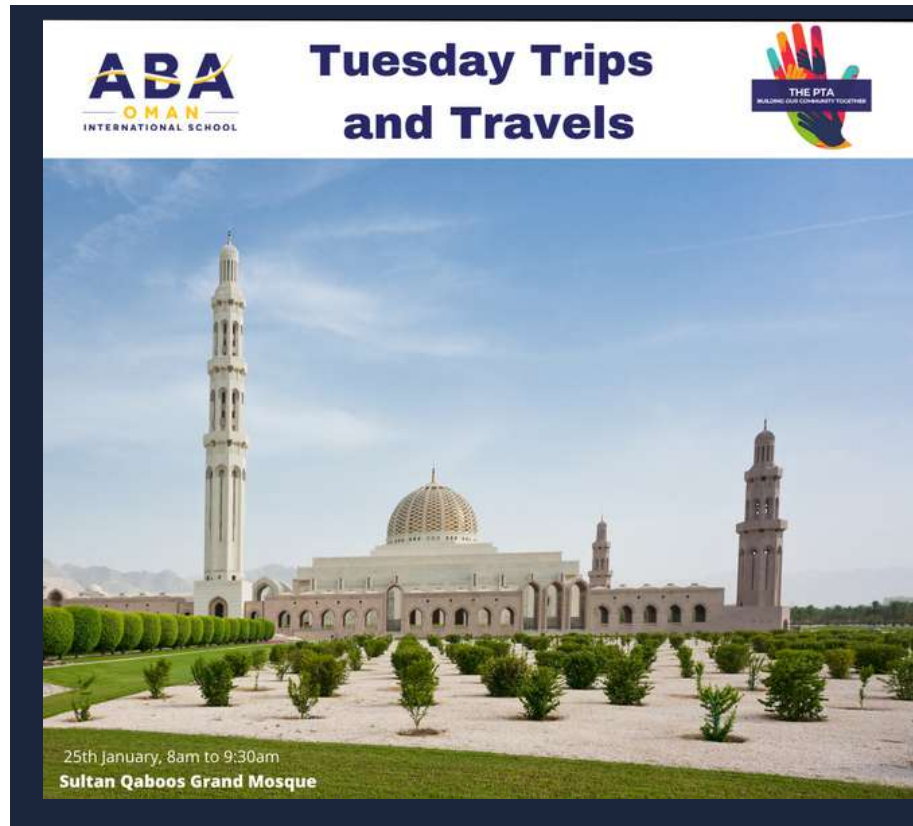
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA's first announcement is that we are canceling our online community meetings for the time being... but we are convinced that this is a good thing! We will be updating you weekly on the Social Media channels and through the Weekly Communication you are reading right now. It might seem that we are going for a one way communication, but we would love to hear your feedback and/or answer any question you have. So please do not hesitate to send an email to PTAchair@abaoman.org at any time.



Instead of preparing for a community meeting we will use our time to organize fun activities! Do you remember the Tuesday Trips and Travels? On Tuesday 25th January we will be visiting the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. If you are interested, please find out more and [sign up here](#).

We realize that unfortunately ES parents might not be able to join us due to the online learning. However, we hope to organize more and see you in the (near) future.



VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB



MS and HS Ice Frenzy
you don't want to miss it!

On Wednesday, 26th Jan during both recess at the drama court. Make sure you have 500baisa with you for a cooling treat!