



THE ABA WEEKLY



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MS Visual Art Exhibition
1st February, 2022

HS TGB Walkathon
3rd February, 2022

Staff PD Day (students off-campus)
10th February, 2022

2 MONTHS TO OUR NEW CAMPUS!



Less than 60 days till we walk through the gates of our new home! Mark your calendars! Take a look at what was, what is, and what's to come.

For more than three decades, ABA has made tremendous strides in bringing international education of the highest quality to our life-long learners. We have grown by leaps and bounds, from strength to strength, and as we continue to evolve, we are thrilled beyond measure to embark on this new and exciting journey to our Al Irfan Campus!

ABA THIS WEEK

SCHOOL UPDATES

Please note the following changes to the 2021-22 school calendar:

- February 9th, 2022 is a normal school day.
- February 10th - Staff PD Day; no students on campus.
- March 17th is Staff moving day; no students on campus.

CAFETERIA



Students and 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).

**THIS
WEEK'S
MENU**

STUDENT PHOTOS

Order forms and payment is due before the 10th of February 2022. Students can hand them in to Ms Sumaiya in the main Admin building. Please contact reception@abaoman.org if you have questions about the photographs.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ORDER FORM		TYPE OF PHOTOGRAPH		Rate R/L	Qty	Total
RPL 9342 JPO  <i>Portrait photo for school</i>	1. PORTRAIT PACK: This pack contains: 100 4"x6" Size 100% Recycled Paper 100 Right Photos 100 4"x6" Paper 100 4"x6" Photos			15.000		
	2. One 4"x6" Portrait			0.500		
	3. One 4"x6" Class Photo			0.500		
	4. One 4"x6" Class Photo & Portrait Combined			0.500		
	5. One 4"x6" Class Photo & Portrait Combined printed in Acrylic			72.000		
	6. One 4"x6" Portrait printed in Ceramic and Mounted in 10" Round			18.000		
	7. One 4"x6" Portrait printed in 10" Round 10" Round Photo			18.000		
	8. One 4"x6" Portrait printed in 10" Round 10" Round Photo			18.000		
9. Portrait and a Class Photo - 10" x 10" - 8" by 8" - 4" by 4" - 2" by 2" - 1" by 1" - 1/2" by 1/2" - 1/4" by 1/4" - 1/8" by 1/8" - 1/16" by 1/16" - 1/32" by 1/32" - 1/64" by 1/64" - 1/128" by 1/128" - 1/256" by 1/256" - 1/512" by 1/512" - 1/1024" by 1/1024" - 1/2048" by 1/2048" - 1/4096" by 1/4096" - 1/8192" by 1/8192" - 1/16384" by 1/16384" - 1/32768" by 1/32768" - 1/65536" by 1/65536" - 1/131072" by 1/131072" - 1/262144" by 1/262144" - 1/524288" by 1/524288" - 1/1048576" by 1/1048576" - 1/2097152" by 1/2097152" - 1/4194304" by 1/4194304" - 1/8388608" by 1/8388608" - 1/16777216" by 1/16777216" - 1/33554432" by 1/33554432" - 1/67108864" by 1/67108864" - 1/134217728" by 1/134217728" - 1/268435456" by 1/268435456" - 1/536870912" by 1/536870912" - 1/1073741824" by 1/1073741824" - 1/2147483648" by 1/2147483648" - 1/4294967296" by 1/4294967296" - 1/8589934592" by 1/8589934592" - 1/17179869184" by 1/17179869184" - 1/34359738368" by 1/34359738368" - 1/68719476736" by 1/68719476736" - 1/137438953472" by 1/137438953472" - 1/274877906944" by 1/274877906944" - 1/549755813888" by 1/549755813888" - 1/1099511627776" by 1/1099511627776" - 1/2199023255552" by 1/2199023255552" - 1/4398046511104" by 1/4398046511104" - 1/8796093022208" by 1/8796093022208" - 1/17592186044416" by 1/17592186044416" - 1/35184372088832" by 1/35184372088832" - 1/70368744177664" by 1/70368744177664" - 1/140737488355328" by 1/140737488355328" - 1/281474976710656" by 1/281474976710656" - 1/562949953421312" by 1/562949953421312" - 1/1125899906842624" by 1/1125899906842624" - 1/2251799813685248" by 1/2251799813685248" - 1/4503599627370496" by 1/4503599627370496" - 1/9007199254740992" by 1/9007199254740992" - 1/18014398509481984" by 1/18014398509481984" - 1/36028797018963968" by 1/36028797018963968" - 1/72057594037927936" by 1/72057594037927936" - 1/144115188075855872" by 1/144115188075855872" - 1/288230376151711744" by 1/288230376151711744" - 1/576460752303423488" by 1/576460752303423488" - 1/1152921504606846976" by 1/1152921504606846976" - 1/2305843009213693952" by 1/2305843009213693952" - 1/4611686018427387904" by 1/4611686018427387904" - 1/9223372036854775808" by 1/9223372036854775808" - 1/18446744073709551616" by 1/18446744073709551616" - 1/36893488147419103232" by 1/36893488147419103232" - 1/73786976294838206464" by 1/73786976294838206464" - 1/147573952589676412928" by 1/147573952589676412928" - 1/295147905179352825856" by 1/295147905179352825856" - 1/590295810358705651712" by 1/590295810358705651712" - 1/1180591620717411303424" by 1/1180591620717411303424" - 1/2361183241434822606848" by 1/2361183241434822606848" - 1/4722366482869645213696" by 1/4722366482869645213696" - 1/9444732965739290427392" by 1/9444732965739290427392" - 1/18889465931478580854784" by 1/18889465931478580854784" - 1/37778931862957161709568" by 1/37778931862957161709568" - 1/75557863725914323419136" by 1/75557863725914323419136" - 1/151115727451828646838272" by 1/151115727451828646838272" - 1/302231454903657293676544" by 1/302231454903657293676544" - 1/604462909807314587353088" by 1/604462909807314587353088" - 1/1208925819614629174706176" by 1/1208925819614629174706176" - 1/2417851639229258349412352" by 1/2417851639229258349412352" - 1/4835703278458516698824704" by 1/4835703278458516698824704" - 1/9671406556917033397649408" by 1/9671406556917033397649408" - 1/19342813113834066795298816" by 1/19342813113834066795298816" - 1/38685626227668133590597632" by 1/38685626227668133590597632" - 1/77371252455336267181195264" by 1/77371252455336267181195264" - 1/154742504910672534362390528" by 1/154742504910672534362390528" - 1/309485009821345068724781056" by 1/309485009821345068724781056" - 1/618970019642690137449562112" by 1/6189						

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Get Kristofer Home



HELP KRISTOFER GET HOME

At the beginning of the winter break one of our ABA parents Kristofer LeRibeus was in a serious and life changing car accident. As a caring ABA community we are known for coming together in a time of need, and this is one of those times.

Since the accident, Kristofer has been in hospital here in Muscat, but now he is at the stage where it is necessary for him to return to the United States for further treatment, and where family members are able to provide additional help and support. To enable this to happen a Gofundme appeal has been made by the family. This has the full support of ABA and any donation, no matter how small or large will make a big difference.

Please click on this [gofundme link](#) to support our ABA family during this trying time.

Muscat Marathon postponed to November 2022



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Due to the recent rise in Covid 19 cases in the Sultanate, the decision has been made to postpone the Al Mouj Muscat Marathon 2022, which was due to take place on the weekend of February 11-12 at Al Mouj Muscat. This is in the best interest of the event participants and spectators who had planned to attend, to help keep each other safe in these uncertain times.

The rescheduled event will now take place on the weekend of November the 11th and 12th.

Please review the FAQ [here](#) and share any queries at info@muscatmarathon.om with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the postponement of this event.

In the meantime, please stay safe.

Thank you.



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

As part of the unit of inquiry on 'How We Express Ourselves' - students listened to Beethoven's 5th Symphony, Mosaic of the Orient, Chicken Techno and drew something to express their thoughts and feelings while listening to each piece of music.

The K3B children learnt about measurement. They looked at the teacher's tower, and worked out how many cubes high the tower was. They then enjoyed building their own towers that were taller than the teachers!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONLINE LEARNING

Our little inquirers have been having a super fun week of online learning exploring a range of exciting skills.

The K3B children were learning about high-frequency words today. Little bear, little bear what can you see? I see the word 'make' looking at me

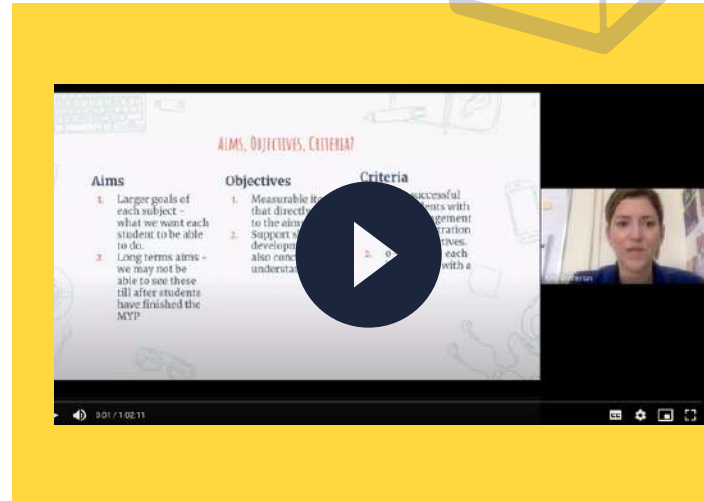


MIDDLE SCHOOL

MS VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everyone who joined us on Monday morning for our virtual coffee morning.

Ms Brotherton spoke in detail about 'Assessment in the MYP' and Ms Anthony introduced the counselor programme for "Difficult Conversations with your Middle Schooler- 14 Talks Before Age 14" a programme running throughout February. Please use this link to sign up for the group. Ms van Harmelen announced the MS Serves podcast and spoke about our MS Connects program.



MUFTI DAY

Today was the 'Last Thursday of the month' MUFTI! MS students enjoyed a fabulous end to the week.



PODCASTS

MS SERVES

MS CREATES

Featured middle school podcasts of the week! Click the icons below to listen.



Clearing the Air: Hannah-Jane

Hannah-Jane

The Importance of Being

Jade Sparrow



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MS Serves Podcasts are available for listening, we will highlight four podcasts per week. Click the image to listen to the episodes.



IMPORTANT UPDATES

- Semester 1 Reports will be published by February 9.
- MS Explores! is postponed





MS ART EXHIBITION , FIRST SEMESTER 21/22



HS CANCER WALKATHON

SUPPORT CANCER AWARENESS BY JOINING TGB ON THE CANCER WALKATHON!

When? 10:25 - 11am on Thursday, 3rd February
Where? Drama Court
Cost? 500 Bz

All participants will be provided a pack of chips and lipton iced tea!



HIGH SCHOOL

TGB WALKATHON

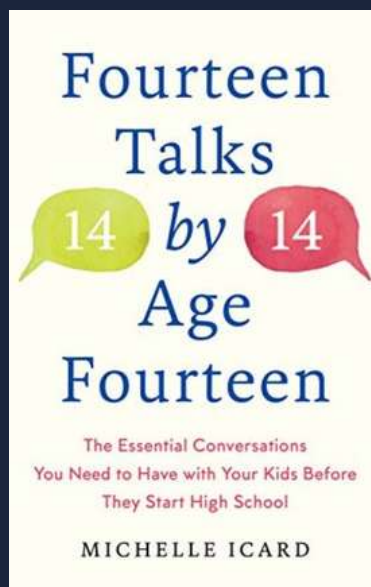
On 3rd February, 2022 Teens Giving Back (TGB) is organizing a HS walkathon on campus starting at the Drama Court, in memory of Paul Uche (may his soul rest in peace), our very own Alumni - Class of 2009, who died of cancer. The aim of the walkathon is to raise awareness on cancer and to support the Oman Cancer Association as well as the Paul Uche Foundation. Paul Uche was a talented musician as well. Listen to his song here.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

This week, 38 of our High School students took part in the The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Bronze. The expedition to Sharqiya Sands was organized in association with Outward Bound Oman. Students demonstrated great perseverance and teamwork while trekking through the desert with all of their equipment and kit including tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment, food and clothing. They worked collaboratively to read maps and relied on GPS communication to plan and navigate their route. The IA helps students become independent, resilient, confident, reflective, and engaged learners – in short, they become ready for the world.



BOOK CLUB



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

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

INVESTIN

Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School



We are delighted to announce the first events in our *Success Beyond School* series for 2022. These are free-of-charge, live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.

We have 5 fantastic seminars this term, including topics such as 'how to help your child choose their career' and 'how to inspire young women to become entrepreneurs.' These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.



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Supporting Your Child with Career Choices

ABA has an ongoing partnership with the career education providers, InvestIN. Their parent event series is designed to give parents the essential tools they will need to support children on their career journey. Details on their workshops for this semester can be accessed by scanning the QR Code below. Events are run by leading experts and are free to attend.

- **University Counsellor**

ABA ATHLETICS

One of the best weeks Vipers sports has had in two years!

Internal Football Games continued at both campuses this week between ABA squads which were competitive, great learning experiences and very exciting to be involved in after a fixtureless two years!



The end of Season 2 and beginning of Season 3 is not as straightforward across the sports squads given S2 extensions, trips and the move to the new campus in the mix. However, students will be informed well ahead of time by the Athletics Office to register for Season 3, followed directly by the coaches to start dates, logistics, locations and timings of those practices. Grade 8-12 students wanting to be involved in Season 3 sports and activities will receive sign up details this week with MS students after that sign up window has concluded.



Good news for all Season 2 MS Football players! All the coaches have agreed to extend the season, given its complexity, but really because of the dynamic enthusiasm and commitment of the student athletes that has remained superb. MS Girls and Boys Football will therefore conclude the week ending February 24. Thank you ABA coaches for going beyond the normal end of season in this unusual year.



Cross Country runners enjoyed the fresh air and great views at Shatti Beach this week and will have the opportunity to run at the Sultan Qaboos Stadium next week to conclude their season



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