



# THE ABA WEEKLY



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## Learning Beyond the Classroom



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Preparing students for an increasingly global society, ABA provides opportunities for experiential learning that extend beyond the classroom. With a broadly focused curriculum and exceptional resources, the multitude of experiences help students push beyond their potential and discover what they are truly made of!

A graphic for the PTA's International Cultural Festival Kahoot! It features a large globe in the background with the text 'The PTA's International Cultural Festival Will be a Kahoot! March 3rd, 6pm (GST)'. Below the globe are several small illustrations of people in various cultural costumes. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text 'EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON' and 'Scan for more information'.

## ICF Kahoot

Only 2 weeks to go before we will play KAHOOT on March 3rd at 6pm.

There is still time to submit a video (landscape) with a question!

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# ABA THIS WEEK

## RE-REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

- Please confirm your child's spot for the 2022-23 School Year by making a **10% deposit** (of annual tuition) **no later than March 3rd, 2022**.
- The re-registration fee amount paid will be deducted from the first semester fee due in August 2022.
- **The payment window for re-registration is from February 20th to March 3rd, 2022.**
- If you communicate in writing to the school before May 31st that your child will not be returning, you will receive a full refund.
- **If the communication is sent to the school after 31st May 2022, you will not receive any refund.**
- You can find further details regarding our **re-registration** dates and process [here](#).
- The Schedule of Fees for the School Year 2022-2023 has been published [here](#).

GRADE	FEES/SEMESTER*	ANNUAL FEE	10%
Family Classes (Previously K1 and K2)	2,240	4,480	448
Kindergarten 3 to Grade 5	2,375	4,750	475
Grades 6 to 8	3,395	6,790	679
Grades 9 and 10	3,745	7,490	749
Grades 11 and 12	4,535	9,070	907



Cafeteria  
Menu  
this  
Week

#### ASA SEASON 2

ASA season 2 resumed this week and children are happy to be back! We will run the current season until the week of 6th March - the last day of the season will be Wednesday 9th March.

#### Important pick up arrangements after ASAs:

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### BACK ON CAMPUS

We are super thrilled to have our students back on campus again. Amazing to see all the happy faces of our little inquirers!



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**Monday 21st February - International Mother Language Day** - Elementary students will be engaging in activities and celebrations all week, culminating in **National Dress Day on Thursday 24th February**. Look out for an invitation to read, sing or play a game in your mother language for your child's class, or reach out to your child's teacher.

#### STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-Led Conferences will be held on Thursday 10th March (please note change of date).

SLCs are one of the most significant events in the school year for our students. SLCs are an opportunity for your child to demonstrate agency by leading a conversation about their learning journey, sharing their successes, describing their progress, reflecting on their growth, and identifying goals for their next steps in learning.



This year, conferences will again be held online, with the addition of some interactive tasks from specialist teachers for you to complete with your child via Seesaw.



## ES ICE FRENZY

Big thanks to our very own booster club for organizing a cooling treat for our little inquirers. Everyone had such a sweet time.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### MS UNPLUGS

Students and teachers worked across grades in Wadi Teams to plan the MS Unplugs event that will take place on the new campus. The wadi teams are Shab, Arbaeen, Tiwi and Fanja; which teams will your family be supporting?

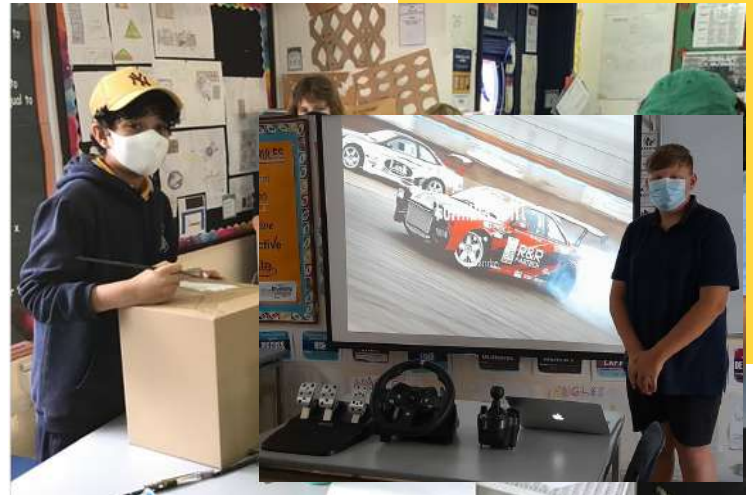
The planning process involved students and teachers from each grade collaborating and communicating to organise races and activities; races include the 50m and 100m sprints, relay medleys, an egg and spoon and sack race, and even a teachers race! Additional activities will include tug of war, Petanque, football goal kick and bean bag toss. The Wadi Team banners are being designed by the students, along with supporter songs and chants. An exciting event - date to be confirmed.





## MS SOLVES TWIST BOXES

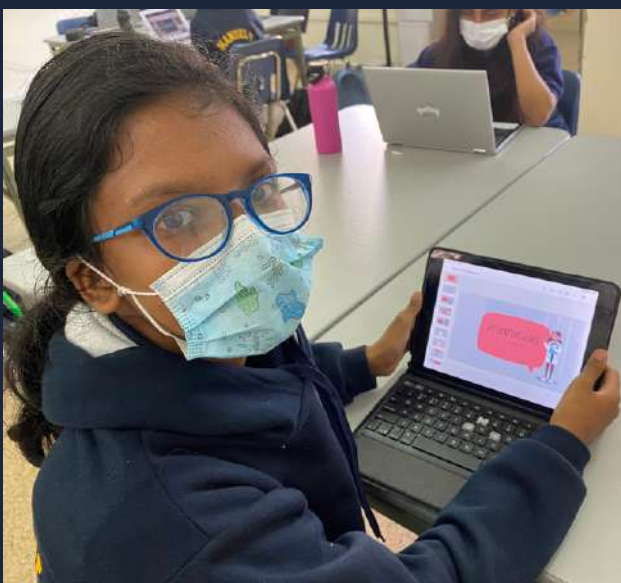
Collaboration and communication equals teamwork, then add creativity. Students rose to the challenge of designing, drawing, painting and making their themed twist boxes; themes included sports personalities, cartoon characters, Anime, and teachers at ABA! Here's a taster - more to come next week



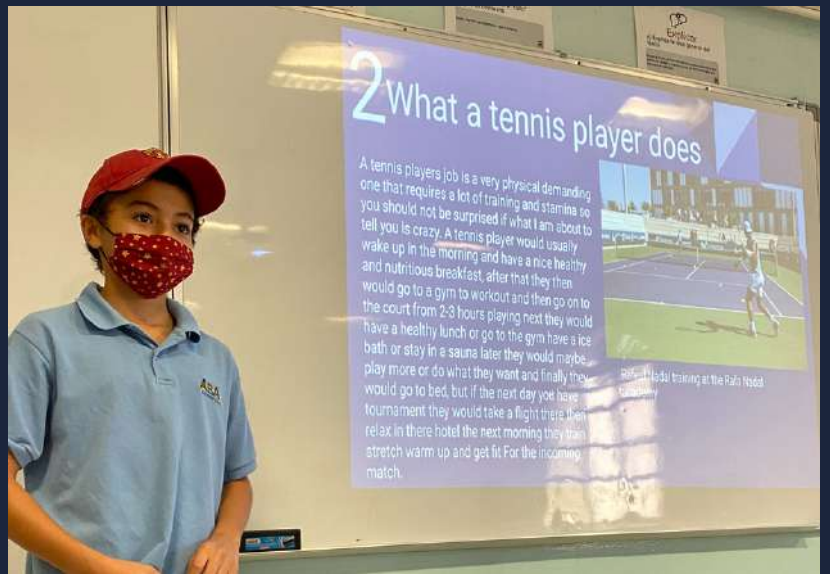
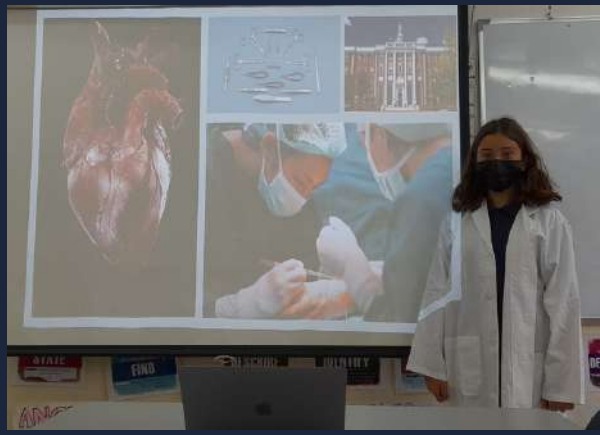
## THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT

As part of the MS Connects program, students have embarked on a journey of discovery through 'The Future's so Bright' Careers education focus.

The aim of our Career Education is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will assist them in making informed decisions related to their education and plan future careers.



Our ABA MS Students are informed decision makers, able to understand the effects of their choices on themselves and others. They will be able to access information relevant to career topics and understand their growing personal responsibility for exploring career goals.



## WHATS NEXT?

### **TWOsday** (no this is not a typo!)

A celebration of the day 22/2/22. Students and teachers are invited to dress as twins for the day.

### INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

As the world celebrates International Mother Language Day on February 21st, the MS Students will be involved in a variety of language activities and celebrations during MS Connects. There will be Mother Language/national dress inspired MUFTI on Thursday 24th February.



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Hola!



# HIGH SCHOOL

## INTERNATIONAL GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Gold Qualifying expedition this week. We have seen our International Award programme over recent years and this award is globally recognised. Students have shown that they are 'risk takers' by pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone during this physically and mentally challenging expedition



As always our thanks to the ABA team of teachers (Ms Nausia Bonet, Ms Hall and Ms Aggarwal) for literally going the extra mile, if it wasn't for their dedication then students would not have this opportunity

## MOVE TO AL IRFAN

It is with much anticipation that we are looking forward to moving to the new campus. As you are aware this will be a phased move with Elementary and Middle School moving first. With Grade 12 students and Grade 10 students sitting examinations this academic year, we have planned accordingly to ensure learning is not disrupted. With this in mind please take note of these dates:



### **Thursday 17th March**

No school for students, HS teachers will be packing

### **Tuesday 19th April**

Final day of lessons for Grade 12

### **Wednesday 20th April**

Study Leave begins for Grade 12  
Virtual PTCs for Grade 9-11 (online learning experiences posted)

### **Thursday 21st April**

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### **Sunday 24th April**

High School students at home, online learning experiences posted. HS teachers unpacking.

### **Monday 25th April**

Grades 9-11 commence lessons at Al Irfan

### **Monday 2nd May**

Grade 10 Study Leave begins



Although by the time these examinations are held we will have moved to the Al Irfan campus we will hold the examinations on our present campus. This will help to ensure the optimal conditions while we settle into our new home.



## ABA ATHLETICS

This week was a transitional sports week with most Season 2 sports concluded and High School Season 3 logistics put in place with sports beginning next week. Middle School students are currently in the middle of Season 3 registration which will close next Wednesday, with their start times varying given the upcoming move to the new campus.

Season 3 Middle School  
and High School Sports  
Schedule

The biggest news of the week saw us welcome a very distinguished new member to our community!

We look forward to fabulous, fun times ahead with our new addition who has also been named by our senior class. Look out for the mascot next week around campus, it is sure to make you smile!!



Click here to watch the video



Our amazing ABA Viper, Georgia Isles won the bronze in the Middle East Open Swimming Championship, the biggest swim meet in the GCC, after competing with college students and international athletes! Kudos Georgia!! We are super proud of you!

# UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Planning for the future yields the highest level of success when there are clear goals for each stage of the High School journey. Here is a breakdown of what the Semester 2 focus should be for each grade level.

## University & Career Focus (January - June 2022)

### Grade 12

- Finalise applications (if not yet submitted).
- Start revising for final exams.
- Review university offers (eg. reply deadlines/conditions).
- Explore your offers closely and choose the best fit.
- Get ready to make visa applications, if needed.
- Connect with your university and prepare for enrolment.



### Grade 11

- Decide on your destination and major.
- Continue your college search and start shortlisting.
- Meet with the University Counselor at least once.
- Engage with universities at virtual fairs & school visits.
- Register to take the SAT (US applicants).
- \*Summer focus: entrance tests, essay drafting, continued enrichment - eg. work experience, volunteering



### Grade 10

- Learn about the Diploma Programme reviewing the resources from the DP Choices Evening.
- Read through the DP Choices booklet with care.
- Do thorough research about university & programme entry requirements to guide your selections.
- Attend university and career events to help you make wise choices.
- Start identifying work experience opportunities.



### Grade 9

- Spend time exploring careers on platforms provided by the school (Unifrog, Bridge—U and CIALFO).
- Study hard - semester grades go on your transcript.
- Stay engaged in extracurricular activities.
- Start attending university events.



# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## PARENT ACTIVITIES & LEISURE

These activities can be in person or online and at any day of the week. This year we already have had a trip to the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and on Tuesday February 15th, Ingrid gave a presentation about composition in photography. With a few easy tips the participants are able to improve their photos immediately!

With the weather still nice the next PAL is a trip to Mutrah on Tuesday February 22nd. You will have the opportunity to take some photos, do some shopping and have a chat with other ABA parents.

Whether you have been to Mutrah often or if it is your first time, we would love you to join us! Interested? **Click here and sign up** fast because spaces are limited. We are hoping to be able to fit another PAL in before the Spring Break! **Click Here** for more information.

**PAL** stands for **P**arent **A**ctivities & **L**eisure





# VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

The VBC is busy behind the scenes these days. We held our first team building session, organized by team members under the topic 'creating community'.



We socially distanced outside and bonded over a yoga session and a lively exchange about what it means to create community and how to best use our individual strengths to continue to increase school spirit. After all, "the Vipers Booster Club (VBC) aims to inspire school spirit, by promoting community involvement and raising funds to enhance the Viper's programs" (as per the by-laws).

The pandemic has brought about huge changes to previously held (sports) events and "sharing of Vipers spirit". On top of all that, we are about to move to the brand new campus.



Help us make the end of the 2021-2022 academic year amazing and set plans in motion for SPIRIT events in 2022-2023 at the NEW CAMPUS!.

[Click Here for the survey](#)

These are huge changes for us as VBC, as well as our entire community. And we want to make sure that we carry the school spirit forward in the best possible way. As a team we are excited to move forward with some new ideas. But we would like to hear back from the community, too! Please take a minute to let us know how to BEST INSPIRE SCHOOL SPIRIT through YOUR eyes, with the survey linked below.



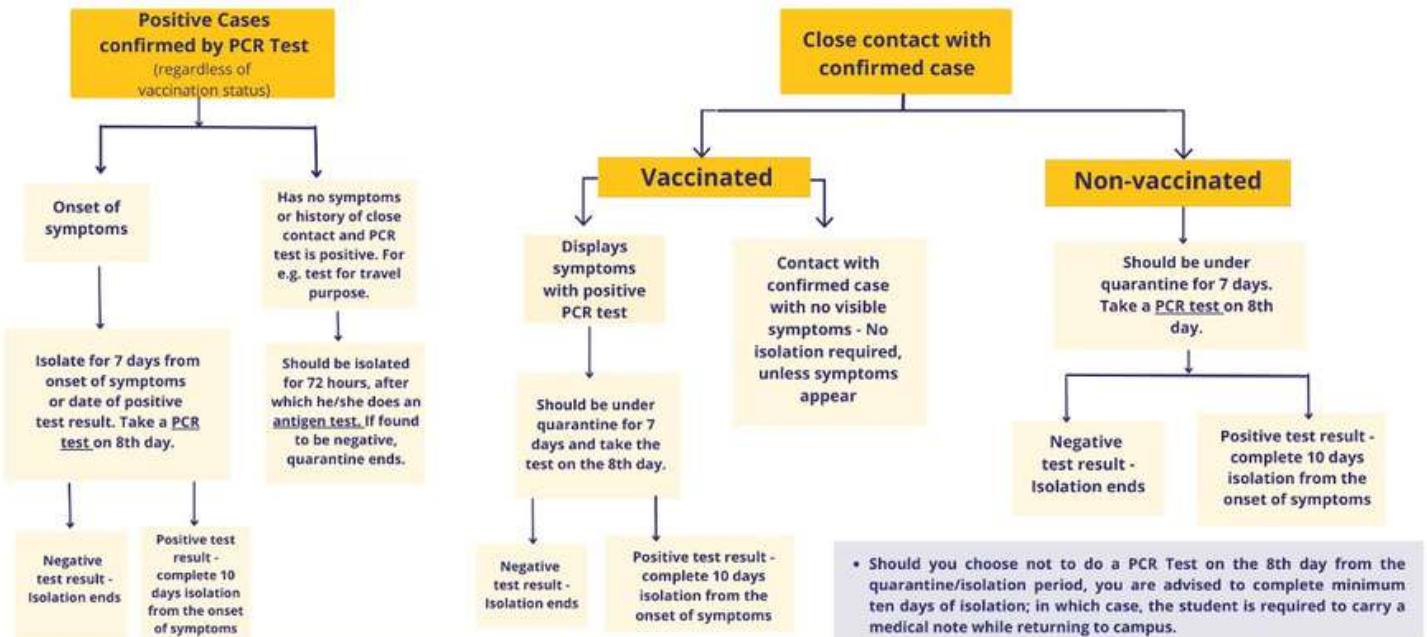
# ABA HEALTH CLINIC

## UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS



### Management of Covid-19 cases

Covid Protocol at ABA as per the MOL in line with MOH & MOE guidelines



**COVID Symptoms:** If child(ren) or parent(s) have any symptoms such as fever, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, sneezing, coughing, breathing difficulty, stomach pain/diarrhoea/ nausea/ vomiting, child(ren) must stay home and contact the school Health Office nurse@amaoman.org immediately.

**Close Contact:** People living together in the same house with a person who has tested positive and anyone who has had exposure to a positive case for over 15 minutes without masks.

**Vaccinated:** A person who has received two doses of a MoH approved Covid-19 vaccine and completed 14 days from the administration of the second dose is considered as vaccinated. **Non-vaccinated:** Students under 12 years of age are considered to be non-vaccinated.

[Click Here for more information](#)

## ABA AL IRFAN CAMPUS

LESS THAN 40 DAYS TO GO

The excitement is building up as we get closer to moving day! Take a look at what some of our faculty had to say about the big move!

Less than 40 Days to go till the next chapter of our story.

