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THE ABA WEEKLY



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**Welcome to our new home
- ABA AL IRFAN -**



**New Chapter
New Campus
New Memories...**

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Siblings of students taking part in after school activities must be collected on time by their parents from their designated pick up zones, and are asked to leave the campus immediately.

You may return after 3 pm, once traffic has cleared and parking becomes available, during which you may wait in the cafeteria with your child. Please remember that you must supervise your children at all times.

Uniforms:

- **Al Khuwair:** Students may purchase school shirts from Ms Sherry or Mr Vasu in the Admin building.
- **Al Irfan:** Parents may purchase school shirts for students from the **Uniform Shop** located in the Athletics Centre every day next week between **8:00 and 8:45 am**. Please park in the designated area in the lower ground parking.

Cafeteria:

The cafeteria on both campuses will continue to operate a grab and go service during Ramadan.

Please Note:


- Students at the Al Khuwair campus are required to pay by cash only.
- MS students at the Al Irfan campus will continue to pay by prepaid card.

Prepaid cards can be purchased/topped-up daily at the Al Irfan cafeteria between 7:30am and 3:30pm (**not during break times**).

This week's menu includes a selection of Salads, Sandwiches, Baked Goods and Juice



ABA AQUATICS

Bookings now open for the ABA Aquatics 'Learn to Swim' programme for kids aged 4-18. To ensure that your child starts at the right level, **register through this form!** Hurry, and book an assessment today. 

Follow our new **ABA Aquatics** Instagram page for all the latest updates!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to improve the drop-off and pick-up procedures. Children are enjoying the opportunity to play on the field or hang out with friends outside the building before 7.50am when they can head to classrooms. ES children have until 8.00am to arrive at school and registration ends at 8.10am.



The holy month of Ramadan begins on or around 2nd April. During Ramadan, we are respectful to the members of our community who are fasting and extend support in a variety of ways. If your child might fast for some or all of Ramadan, please email your child's teacher with the following information:

- Name of student
- Will he/she be fasting? Every day?
- Is he/she able to drink water?
- Is he/she able to eat a food/snack if feeling ill or too hungry?
- Is he/she able to participate in PE class?
- Is he/she able to participate in Swimming?



We will do our best to follow your family's expectations for your child during this time.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The new season of ASAs is due to begin on **Monday 18th April**, and the first three weeks will be affected by Ramadhan, as well as public holidays. We are organising the schedule and will share more information and the sign-up process with you as soon as possible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

What an exciting week it has been!

A historical week for ABA as we moved on to our new campus. A big thank you for all of your support, patience and understanding as we have traversed this first week. Much appreciated.

ORIENTATION DAY

On Sunday, MS went 'off-timetable' and took part in a full day of orientation activities. Students mapped the campus, worked in advisories creating essential agreements, took tours of the various buildings and did a photo scavenger hunt to end the day. The buzz and enthusiasm was fantastic.



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Middle School
Podcasts**

WEEK ONE AT AL IRFAN



Throughout the week students have been orienting themselves with their new break spaces on the sky terrace, the amphitheatre, cafeteria and MPH. Students are learning the new timings and new routes around the building quickly and efficiently, although getting a little lost or finding oneself in the wrong corridor is also part of the course this week and is totally fine. As the week has progressed students have become more confident in our new home.

GRADE 8 INTO 9 SUBJECT CHOICES

Grade 8 parents,

For those unable to attend, here is a recording of the meeting the presentation the course selection form and the MYP course selection booklet for your reference.



*The deadline for submitting the course selection form is the **7th of April** and as stated in the meeting, we will begin individual interviews with the students shortly.

For more information regarding course selection please contact
canthony@abaoman.org or
kbrotherton@abaoman.org

WHAT'S COMING UP...



Parent Virtual Coffee Morning on 11th April

HIGH SCHOOL

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

While High School continues to be on the Al Khuwair campus, please drop-off at the main entrance to ABA. Please stop on the right which allows for other cars to pass.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is continuing to offer limited options, at the moment this is cash only until we relocate to the new campus.

IB DP ART EXHIBITION

Calling all art enthusiasts! Join us for the opening of the Visual Arts Exhibition on **Monday, 4th of April between 7-9 pm** at the ABA Al Khuwair Campus - Secondary Lecture Hall to witness some truly remarkable artwork.

The exhibition will be open during school hours from 7:30 am - 2:15 pm on 5th and 6th April for faculty and students.





Red Carpet
ABA HIGH SCHOOL
Senior & Junior Prom

An absolutely glittering red carpet event indeed! A Prom night that the high school students truly deserved. Thank you to the High School Student Council, Prom Committee and Ms Barker for all of their work in organising a superb Prom at the W Hotel. Thank you also, to all the teachers who volunteered.

ABA Achievers



Rider of the season! What a marvelous feat! Kudos to **Natalia Langrish, Grade 9** student, on her incredible achievement.

Our ABA Vipers are truly going places, and we couldn't be more proud!

Congratulations to our **Grade 11** inquirer **Noor Al Balushi**, on clinching the bronze for the 400m track and field at the Omani Women's Club Tournament. Noor has set a new personal best record, clocking 1 minute and 10.4 seconds!!



Our ABA Vipers are making a mark all over town! **Darsh Pawani of Grade 12** won the Junior Muscat Open Golf Championship with a gross score of 157. Way to go!

As a community, it is amazing to celebrate achievements, big or small, of our students, faculty and parents. If you would like to share your accomplishments or inspiring stories with the world, please write to us on marketing@abaoman.org and we would love to feature it!

ABA ATHLETICS

The move to the new campus for MS students has created much excitement. MS Badminton squad will continue their practices on Thursdays and MS track on Sundays, with MS Basketball season beginning in our new gyms this coming Sunday (boys) and Monday (girls). Practices will begin immediately after school and conclude at 4pm.

Please coordinate the pick-up at the Learning Centre parking (on top) or the Lower Ground car park, if your MS child is involved in these programmes, as our coaches do not supervise this. We are also hopeful that after Ramadan, the Basketball squads will be able to participate in some inter-school games.

So many of our swimmers have enjoyed the pool this week. What a huge difference, and what a great facility it is already proving to be.



MESAC Speech and Debate and the **ABA Track and Field** teams are 3 weeks away from their virtual events with preparation going really well for these teams.



The Track and Field team have an additional practice on Friday mornings to hone their skills, while the Speech and Debate will have a virtual run-through this Sunday, which will be beneficial to the main event for all the participants.

Some great beginnings this week and so much ahead to look forward to.

Have a great weekend ahead and Happy Ramadan.

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

IN-PERSON INSIGHTS

This week we had our first face-to-face university visit in over two years! It was a pleasure to welcome representatives from the University of Reading (UK) and the American University in Sharjah (UAE).



Remember to check our [**university & career events calendar**](#) for details about more opportunities to engage this semester.



TRANSITION TALKS

This month, our senior students have had the opportunity to connect with past ABA students to get tips on preparing for final exams, making the transition from HS and settling in at university in the first year. Thanks to our alumni for always being willing to give back to ABA!



LIVE AT ABA

HS students were treated to a fantabulous musical delight as the incredible duo performed some popular tracks that got the crowd grooving to their beats.

**JASMINE
THOMPSON
&
RYAN KEEN**



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our PAL this week was Ruby, a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, talking in an online meeting about Controversial Ingredients in food. It was very informative and I believe many of us will pay more attention to labels on food products from now on! Thank you Ruby for sharing your knowledge!



Don't hesitate to contact:

PTAcom@abaoman.org if you would like to get in touch with Ruby, or view her presentation.

RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE

The PTA Ramadan Food Drive started on March 28th and will continue until May 2nd. Non-perishable food items / Ramadan boxes can be dropped off at both campuses!

Al Khuwair - in the admin building during school hours.

Al Irfan - inside the lower ground parking entrance to the Athletics Centre **ONLY** between 8am and 1pm.



ART-EFFECT



Art-Effect will be on May 26th!

We are looking for all community artists - beginner or advanced, photography, painting or sculptures - we want to show it all off!

Please send an email to PTAevent@abaoman.org for more information or to reserve your spot!

Join the team! It is also almost time to start thinking about the next school year. Would you like to get more involved? The PTA has lots of opportunities for activities big and small!

Get in touch! For more information email PTAchair@abaoman.org or mark **Tuesday, April 19th** in your calendar, when we will have a live information-sharing meeting. More details to follow.

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

With all the excitement and joy about the move to our new campus, let us also applaud those who still hold the fort at the old campus. The high school students, teachers, part of the admin and staff will move at the end of April.



So today, before Ramadan starts, we celebrated the old campus one last time with our famous burgers! A bittersweet celebration, as the Vipers Booster Club started here, but at the same time full of joy and motivation to keep spreading Viper vibes in our new Al Ifran campus.

Hoodies! This week, we distributed our first ever limited edition hoodies! We are looking forward to seeing them across the campuses!

Join our team! And last but not least - please mark your calendars. It's only March but we do have to start planning for the upcoming school year. The Vipers Booster Club will have to bid goodbye to a few dear members by the end of the year and we are looking for new team members. So, how about YOU? Would YOU like to join our team? Nominations will start from April 17th. We will share more in the next newsletter.

Get in touch! Please do not hesitate to reach out in case you have questions, are curious, or just want to chat and get to know more about the VBC, please contact us on bc_chair@abaoman.org



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY ON VOCAL PEDAGOGY?



Mrs Zita Gange, MYP Music teacher is currently completing her final module for a Masters Degree in Vocal Pedagogy and is designing a magazine which aims to address voice change and self-confidence during adolescence.

Female students of ABA from Grades 4 upwards are invited to participate in this unique research study that is engaged with building positive self-concept through adolescent voice change.

Participants will be part of this action research project and will be asked to give feedback on drafts of the magazine, shaping its design and content. If you are willing to participate please ask your parents to complete this Consent Form.

If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact Zita Gange on **zgange@abaoman.org**



CAT IN NEED OF A FOSTER HOME



Help Ponyo find a foster home...

Ponyo, a 2 year old male, Shirazi cat is in need of a foster home for up to 1 year beginning in May/June.

He's fully vaccinated, neutered, extremely friendly, cute and calm.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in fostering him, even if it's for a portion of the year, please **contact Ala'a Husein (Class of 2021) at alaa.k.husein@gmail.com.**



May the holy month of
Ramadan bring joy, prosperity,
and peace in your life.

Ramadan Mubarak

