



THE ABA WEEKLY



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The ABA Board of Directors would like to announce that the **Board Elections** will be held in **May** this year, to fill the vacancy created by two of the current Board Directors who are stepping down. The Board Election process is managed, in its entirety, by the Election Committee led by the PTA. The Board has one observer on the committee.

More details on the election process as well as criteria and timelines, will be shared with the community via this committee.

We look forward to welcoming new members to our team of dedicated volunteers

-ABA Board of Directors

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FUTURE START TIME AT AL IRFAN CAMPUS

Currently, we have moved our start and end times to accommodate working from two campuses for three weeks. We have various feedback on whether we should keep the Al Khuwair or the Al Irfan campus timings. We value the opinion of all community members and invite you to complete **this form** to aid us in the decision-making process.

BUS SERVICE

We are pleased to announce that we will provide a paid bus service from Al Khuwair to the Al-Irfan campus and back daily from Sunday, the 24th of April until the end of the school year. If you are interested in using this service, you must complete **this registration** form by Saturday, April 9th. We look forward to enhancing the bus service for the next school year. If you have any questions related to bussing, please contact **nalrahbi@abaoman.org**



WORLD HEALTH DAY

On the occasion of World Health Day, celebrated on 7th April every year, our ABA nurse Suni Reni invited Dr. Weam Dawood, MBBCH, General Practitioner from Burjeel Hospital, to deliver a talk on nutrition and healthy eating habits to our students. Dr Weam helped raise awareness among students that leading a healthy lifestyle should start at a young age, in order to prevent early onset of lifestyle diseases, and to stay fit and healthy. 7th April marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948.



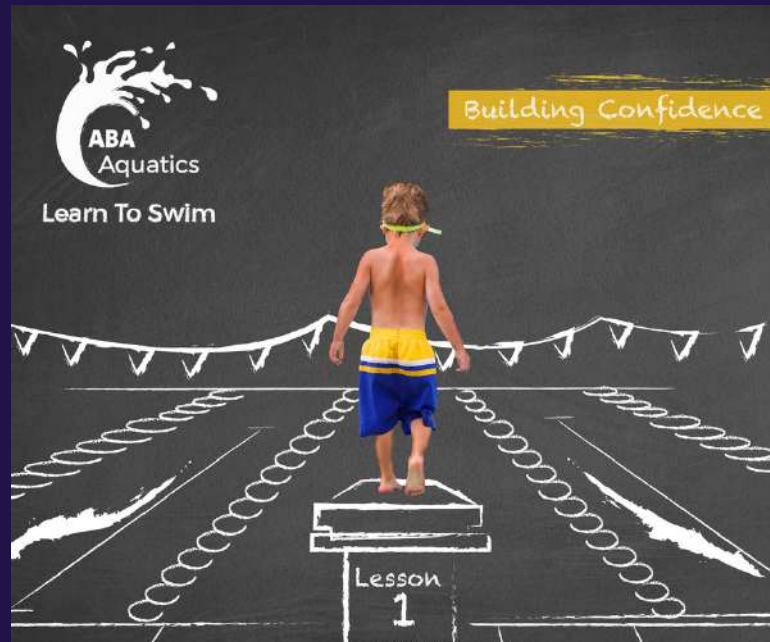
ABA AQUATICS

Bookings are open for the ABA Aquatics 'Learn to Swim' programme for kids aged 4-18.

Level 1 is all about building familiarity with a new environment, letting the little ones enjoy the water in a safe and supportive environment. 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!



For any queries or for more information please contact James Lawless (Head Swim Coach): aquatics@abaoman.org

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ES AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Look out for the email showing all of next season's activity choices, as well as the sign-up form. Sign-ups will close on Monday 11th April, and you will receive confirmation of your child's activities by Thursday 14th April. The season will run from Monday 18th April until Wednesday 1st June, except for two activities that will start after Eid - please check the schedule for more information.

THE GREAT ABA RUBBER DUCK TREASURE HUNT!

Rubber ducks were hidden in different elementary learning and play spaces during the first week of school. Students had to find one rubber duck for their class. Classes were asked to give their duck a name and design their duck with unique patterns, clothes, or environments.

This activity was to help demonstrate that we are ALL swimming in the same direction. It is important to consider that we are still uniquely ourselves, but we have common connections and shared understandings. Students and teachers have made lots of connections to our whole school Who We Are unit of inquiry while participating in this learning experience. There are still a few rubber ducks hiding on our new campus!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our second week at the Al Irfan campus! MS Students have adapted well to their new surroundings and are enjoying the bigger spaces, new classrooms and improved facilities. Moving between classes has become easier as the students have learnt their routes around the school, and there is a buzz in the classrooms and corridors as MS students go about their learning.

MS SOLVES

MS students have been engaged in role-play, script writing and performances. Our talented drama teacher, Ms Bramley gave MS Students a number of scenarios to choose from and they have risen to the challenge of being actors and performers. Next week each class will perform their role-plays to another class.

[Click Here for Middle School Podcasts](#)



Task 1 - Roles & setting

- In your group, read your 'situation & dilemma'
- Brainstorm idea of characters, setting and solution to dilemma
- Use the back of your paper to do this
- Make sure everyone has a clear role
- Make sure you agree on your dilemma solution
- Work towards 2 or 3 minutes of performance time

Task 2 - Writing a script

- Begin writing your script
- Who says what?
- What kind of personality does each character have?
- How do you raise the subject of the dilemma?
- How do you solve the dilemma?
- Will there be disagreement in your script?
- How will you explore the characters' personalities in the script?

MS CREATES

MS Creates began again this week - back in September students selected three MS Creates activities; one creative, one action and one service activity. These activities range from candle-making to Computer Aided Drawing; from Petanque to Vipers Golf and Art journaling to Crochet. What is your MS student doing in MS Creates?

WHAT'S COMING UP



MS Virtual Coffee Morning

11th April 9:00 am

[Google meet link](#)

Reports to parents

24th April



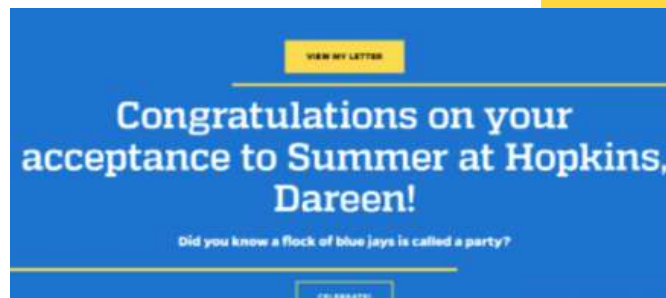
Student-Led Conferences with Advisors

26th April

HIGH SCHOOL

MAKING THE MOST OF THE SUMMER

Every year our students seek out opportunities for ongoing learning outside of the classroom (super-curriculars). Here is one student's story about such experiences.



Last year I attended the 'Summer@Brown' where I took a class called "How our experiences shape our brains: an experimental approach". I learned a lot and I earned a college credit.

I chose Summer at Hopkins this year because it offers the opportunity to learn from Hopkins' world-renowned instructors and connect with academically oriented students from around the globe. Students get the opportunity to choose from a host of programs in medicine, neuroscience, and psychology to broaden their knowledge, enhance their college application, and earn academic credit.

The course I am taking this year is called 'Psychopathology and its development'. In the course we will examine an overview of abnormal psychology (i.e., psychopathology), including its development, etiological/theoretical perspectives, diagnosis, and treatment

- Dareen, Grade 10

Students and families on the search for similar programmes can find many examples on our **Pre-University Enrichment Programmes** list.



ABA ATHLETICS

FROM THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

It was a historic occasion at the Al Irfan campus as we hosted our Middle School student athletes in the new gyms for Basketball and Badminton. The new spaces are already providing terrific opportunities with the increased space and the wow factor they provide.



We are amending the Pick-Up from ABA sports programmes after seeing this in action last week as follows: .

Students involved in MS/HS ABA Viper sports programmes at Al Irfan (with the exception of swimming) should now be picked up opposite the front security gate by the car park outside Learning Centre. These student athletes should not be picked up in the lower ground car park, which will ensure a safer and quicker pick-up for everyone.



While we really want parents to attend inter-school sports once that restarts in the future, it is not in the best interest of the student athletes that parents attend sports practices. Thank you for your cooperation in staying outside the practice venues, which then facilitates our students to remain fully focused in the sports arena and enables them to develop and be fully engaged without any external pressures or distractions.

This does not apply to the swimming pool , which as a standalone venue and sport, has its own rules and protocols in place.



Our track and field stars will run, jump and throw to glory each afternoon with times and measurements sent in to compare vs other MESAC teams. Our Speech and Debate participants are competing virtually also against our MESAC schools in Rounds 1 and 2 next week with 3 more rounds to follow. A rehearsal this week already highlighted some outstanding ABA speakers and debaters who will just get better as this 2 week tournament progresses.

In speech and debate, we also have multiple ABA staff and parents involved in the judging of the rounds making this a very unique community event.

Good luck to our 40 students involved in MESAC Track and Field or Speech and Debate competitions next week.




UNIVERSITY UPDATES

GRADE 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK (JUNE 5 - 9) 2022

This week, Grade 10 students received information about the arrangements for this year's Work Experience Week. This is a period during which students will be off their regular timetable for a period of 5 school days during which they will complete an agreed work placement. Parents can access [here](#) a slideshow with all the relevant details and resources.

The Value of Work Experience



- Gain insight into the world of work.
- Learn about fields of interest to support decision-making.
- Develop core skills that you will be able to apply later.
- Meet university admission requirements.
- Get tangible exposure that you can reflect on in college essays/interviews.
- Start building your network.

Please contact Ms Barker (dbarker@abaoman.org) if there are any questions. Members of our parent community who are able to provide work experience opportunities are also encouraged to get in touch - thanks to those who have already done so!


PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE

We would like to wish Ramadan Kareem to all celebrating families. And because it is Ramadan the PTA Ramadan Food Drive 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 underground parking entrance to the athletics center only between 8am and 1pm. A big Thank You to the families who already donated!



With the blessings of Ramadan

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(during school hours)

Al Irfan: Inside the lower ground parking
- at the entrance to the Athletics Centre
ONLY between 8am and 1pm.

Thank you very much!
Your PTA Team



PTA ELECTIONS



On April 3rd, the PTA nomination process started. If you are interested in joining the team for the next academic year, head over to our **WEBSITE** for a deep dive about the positions available and how the process works. Alternatively, you could email **PTAChair@abaoman.org** . Please mark Tuesday the **19th of April** on your calendar, when we will hold a live info meeting at 10.30 am in the teacher's lounge of the Al Khuwair campus.



PARENT ACTIVITIES & LEISURE



After the big success of Ann-Katrin's workshop with the Points of You® tools and methodology, we are happy to announce that as a PAL she is happy to facilitate two more workshops!

Click on the PAL logo to sign up for Ann-Katrin's workshop on April 18th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and/or May 26th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

In both sessions different photo-word tools will be used and you will be guided to pause, take time for yourself, self reflection, gain a new perspective and above all have fun! This will be a live event , however the location will be announced later.

ART-EFFECT

Calling all artists in our ABA community!

Art-Effect will be on May 24th!

If you are a budding or experienced artist, all are welcome. We any form of art you would like to present, be that photography, painting, sculptures or any other from of creativity!

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





VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB ELECTIONS

Hard to believe but true - it's election time again! Another school year is nearing the end and before the summer the VBC has some key positions to fill. We believe we have a fantastic community out here to step in!

The election will be held online, and a link will be shared in next week's newsletter. If you have any questions please do reach out to us under boosterclub@abaoman.org and we are looking forward to having YOU on the team next year!

CLICK HERE to visit our website and read more about the positions of the executive Vipers Booster Club committee that are to be voted on and what the current members have to say!

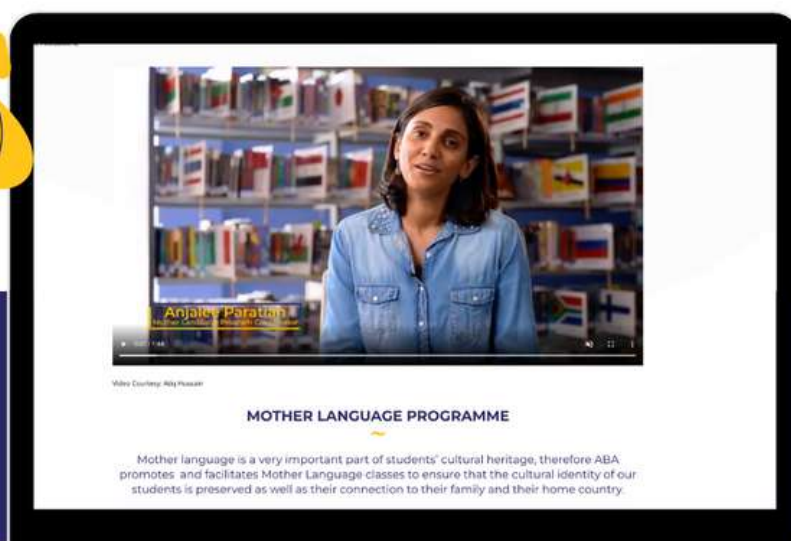
The Vipers Booster Club wishes all participants and coaches success and fun in the upcoming MESAC events in Track and Field as well as Speech and Debate. Go Vipers!

MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

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more
information.



Mother Language Programme **WEBPAGE NOW LIVE!**



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