



THE ABA WEEKLY

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

On behalf of the administration, staff and our community, I extend our sincere appreciation to this year's Board of Directors for their commitment, dedication and support. The role of a Board Director is an entirely selfless, one that involves complex, patient, skillful and well-organised work - honouring the ideals of collaboration, respect and trust, which in turn has a profound influence on the spirit that characterises a community's impression of its school. This description epitomises the work ethic demonstrated by our outgoing Board directors Lamya Al Kiyumi, Clauss Niazi and Stuart Caunt. Thank you for your tireless efforts and service to the ABA community this year.

Congratulations to our newly appointed members, Shanthi Giridhar and Al Muthir Al Kharusi, who will join Bikram Monga, Puja Khimji, Robert Redling and Nadia Naber to form the Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 school year. I look forward to all the good work we can achieve together for our community.

To the Class of 2022, know that we are very proud of you, and your many successes. Best wishes on your graduation tomorrow, and the road ahead. Remember, the world is your stage. Strive always to make a difference through your voice, choice and agency.

This has been a year of celebrations and new beginnings, as well as fond farewells and goodbyes. A few months ago, while we excitedly started our new chapter at our new home - the ABA Al Irfan campus, it was indeed a bittersweet experience to move from our old campus. Many from our community have had an emotional attachment to the ABA Al Khuwair Campus, an understandable bond to familiar places filled with memories, especially one with as much institutional history. Following the graduation ceremony tomorrow, Friday, June 3rd, please join us at 5:30 pm in front of the Administration Building of the Al Khuwair campus as we lower the ABA flag there one last time. Please remember to park your cars outside the campus. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Craig Williamson



MISSION, VISION, VALUES

ABA
OMAN
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Inspire. Empower. Explore.

MISSION

We are a dynamic IB Continuum school, working in partnership with our diverse community. Together, we inspire and empower learners to explore their unique pathways to success.

VISION

Innovative and authentic learning in a diverse and creative community where sustainability and individual growth are to the betterment of all.

VALUES

Our values are encapsulated in the IB LEARNER PROFILE and THE ABA WAY

ABA's new Mission, Vision and Values were announced at the AGM 2022. The MVV and Strategic Plan are a result of the collaborative forward thinking efforts of the entire community including the Board, SLT, faculty and staff, parents, students, alumni and all stakeholders with a strong connection and drive to take our school to greater heights. Special mention of thanks to Adele Hodgson, renowned education consultant for facilitating this process. **Please visit our website to view the Strategic Plan.**



FRIENDS OF ABA



Ms Mary Tadros, Senior Manager - Development, Recognition and eAssessment at The International Baccalaureate visited ABA Oman International School today. Ms Tadros exchanged productive thoughts and ideas with our Senior Leadership Team and IB coordinators, and later took a tour of the new campus with our Accreditation Coordinator, Ms Jinane Helou and Ms Kym Brotherton. Ms Tadros is an IB educator with extensive experience as a workshop leader, consultant and team leader for school evaluation and authorization visits, in addition to being a professional development evaluator.

Ms Tadros: "I visited ABA in 2017 last, and it is such a pleasure to be back; this time to the new campus which has exceptional learning spaces that evidently make school life enjoyable and offer enriching learning opportunities. ABA's focus on student-centered learning is commendable, and I must appreciate the teachers who provide a nurturing environment for students to flourish. I am particularly impressed to see how e-assessments, implemented at ABA since 2019, are used by the faculty as a tool to prepare students for the levels of the IB programme, through assessing their performance and stimulating learning."

THE CLASS OF 2022




ABA Oman International School | Leave a message for the class of 2022!

Click the plus icon below to leave a message for the class of 2022. (Please enter your name as the subject of the message).

Anonymous 7d

Craig Williamson




Hey Seniors. All the best as you complete one journey and begin many others. You are, and always will be a part of the ABA family! We will continue to be here to support you as your new adventures unfold. Thank you for all that you have contributed to the school, community, and world, whilst at ABA.

With much respect,
Craig Williamson
Head of School

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Anonymous 18h

Well done Annelies 🥳🥳



Congratulations Annelies, you did it!
You girls have grown up way too fast and new and exciting adventures await. I'm sure Erin will be over to visit you during her gap year. Enjoy your celebrations and pray all goes well for the next chapter.
God bless. Love Jan, Erin & Ciaran Locke 🥳

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Anonymous 4d

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2022!!!! 🎉🎉 - omar



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I'm so proud of you all!!! especially my amazing sister Zaina!!! 🥳🥳

hope you guys have an awesome celebration and take in this moment ❤️🥳 you've worked so hard and it's finally here :)

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Anonymous 6h

Congratulations Annelies!
Looking forward to see you over the summer. Enjoy your free time! With love, The Bradshaw's xxxx

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Anonymous 6h

Lama Al Kiyumi - Chair, ABA BoD

Congratulations Class of 2022! You made it! Looking forward to celebrating you on graduation day.


Caps off 🎓

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."
Maya Angelou

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Anonymous 6d

Well done, Class of 2022! - Denise Barker



We applaud you for the resilience you have shown over the years. Congratulations on all that you have achieved so far! Best wishes as you move on to the next exciting phase of your personal and academic

Anonymous 2d

Well done, Annelies!!

We are soooooo proud of you. Can't believe we're at this point already. Have a great summer and then... a whole new adventure in Rotterdam! Be fantastic! Love, mum &

Anonymous 6h

Class of 22 - Annelies

Dear Annelies. Congratulations on your Graduation day. May it be a special day to remember. Your hard work and determination throughout the times at different schools has given you maturity confidence for the future. Sorry we can't be with you on this special occasion.

It's Graduation Day tomorrow!
Click here to leave a congratulatory message for the Class of 2022!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRADE 5 INTERHOUSE SPORTS!

CAFETERIA

MENU



"PLAY HARD, PLAY FAIR, HAVE FUN!"



MIDDLE SCHOOL



GRADE 5 TO 6 TRANSITION

FLY-UP

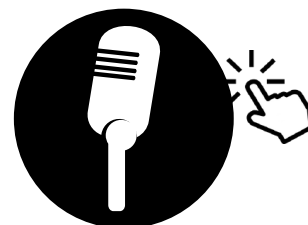


On the evening of May 29th, Middle School hosted a Grade 5 to 6 Transition meeting for the parents. On Monday, a Fly-Up Day was organized for Grade 5 and incoming students from other schools around Muscat. Students experienced a day in the Middle School with an assembly, tour of the school, taster lessons in Design, PHE, Science, and Language and Literature. A busy and exciting day for our incoming Grade 6 students.



PODCASTS

"Hi I am Rayaa Sinu Siddique from Grade 6. I am currently doing a project in I&S called Service as Action, and I am doing an action for homelessness. I am advocating the issue through a podcast" - Rayaa Sinu Siddique



Have a listen!



OMAN'S GOT TALENT MS PHE GRADE 7 DANCE SUMMATIVE

What a dance off! Students collaborated and choreographed some really cool dance routines, which they then showcased to their peers. Students held a secret vote to send the groups through to the final. The final routines will be shown to all MS Students and voting will take place in the last week of the school year. Not long to wait!



MS CONNECTS

The MS Connects Drug Awareness unit was taken to a new level by our Grade 6 risktakers. They decided to go the extra mile and ran an awareness campaign in the High School; presenting their learning, and sharing the dangers associated with drugs. Well done Grade 6.



ARTS UNLEASHED - A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Tickets for the MS production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are now available at ABA reception. Students may purchase up to two tickets at OMR 1/000 each for a performance of their choice. The performances will be on 7th and 8th June in the main Atrium of ABA at 4.pm and 6.pm on each day.



HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All students in Grade 10 will be off-timetable throughout the week of June 5 - 9. They will use this time to complete work experience within a local organisation. Only students who are completing their placement within a particular department at ABA will be on campus. Students are expected to return to school on Sunday, 12th June.

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022

It was lovely welcoming our Grade 12 students to the Al Irfan campus on Monday for the annual Senior breakfast. This is a proud ABA tradition we were pleased to be able to resume this year.



Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, June 3.



UNIVERSITY UPDATES

This week our senior students participated in a range of pre-university workshops focused on preparing for transition, maintaining good physical and mental health; self-defence as well as managing their finances.



Our seniors also took time out to share their experience of this year's university application process for the benefit of Grade 11 students who will be applying next year.

#ABASENIORS22

ABA ALUMNI CONNECT

We are super proud of ABA Alumnus, Gauri Bahul (Class of 2013) who was chosen to be the class speaker for the graduating class of 2022, at MIT Boston. Gauri completed her Master of Finance from MIT, Boston and is currently working at a fintech company in San Francisco. Gauri is the daughter of our CFO, Mr Bahul Pillai. Hearty congratulations to the family.



Class speaker at MIT

MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

END OF YEAR TEAM MEETING

We had our end of year meeting Nabu Cafe to celebrate the amazing work that our teachers have put in this year. A big thank you to Manar for hosting us and treating us with her delicious Iraqi food.



This meeting was also a great opportunity for the team to reflect on this year's successes and on challenges that we can work on next year. Some exciting news was also shared with the team which will be revealed to the whole community very soon. Stay tuned!

PARENTS FEEDBACK SURVEY

We would like to thank all our parents for their trust and support and we hope you will register your child again in September. We value your feedback, therefore it would be great if you could fill in the **following survey**.

MLP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Please click on **this link** if you wish to register for next September. The languages offered are: French, Turkish, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Urdu, Persian, German, Hindi, Afrikaans, Gujarati and Korean.

If your Mother language is not taught in ABA yet and you would like to enrol your child in our programme, please fill in the **following form**.

Term 1 will start on 11th September and end on 14th December. Please read the guidelines carefully before registering your child. Registration will close on September 1st.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

We are very excited to announce the launch of the FLP (Foreign Language Programme), an after school paid programme, which will start next September.

We will be offering Arabic, French, Spanish, German, Turkish, Urdu, Italian Hindi, Persian and Russian. Japanese and Chinese were 2 languages which came up in the FLP survey, therefore we are actively looking for a Japanese and Chinese FLP teacher for September. These classes will run subject to demand (minimum of 4 students)

Term 1 will start on 18th September and end on 14th December. Please read the FLP guidelines carefully before registering your child. Registration will close on September 1st.



Please click **here** if you wish to register your child in our FLP program next September.




ABA AQUATICS

Our swim instructors are excited to welcome you to our super fun Summer Splash programme for children aged 3.5 to 12 years. Sign-up for 1 week, 2 weeks or all 3 weeks.

BOOKING FOR SY2022-23

The new term will run from the week commencing August 28th to the week commencing October 23rd. It's an 8-week term excluding 26th - 30th October (Spring Break). Classes timings are 1:45pm, 3pm, 4pm and 5pm. The cost will be 62 OMR per child for the course for ABA students. Booking for these classes can be done at 3pm by cash or card at the pool. Current students have priority booking until Thursday, 9th June. From Sunday 13th June new swimmers are invited for assessment to book. If your child has not swam in the current term please complete the assessment booking form on our website.

19th June - 23rd June (9am or 10am)
26th June - 30th June (9am or 10am)
3rd July - 7th July (9 am or 10am)

Sign up through our website 

ABA ATHLETICS

Vipers Sports is back!

It was definitely the best week of the year as we hosted and travelled vs BSM in MS basketball games. This was a massive learning curve, experience and opportunity for our players who, for some, were not even in Middle School the last time these inter school games took place (pre-pandemic). Thank you parents and families for supporting these student athletes at the games which are all about the process and growth with the performance results secondary to the positives of being finally back in the sporting arena.



Reverse fixtures come next week which makes this end of school year very exciting for everyone involved in these teams as we also start to look ahead to next year's international and domestic seasons.

A reminder to parents of Grade 8-12 students who may be making our JV and Varsity teams next year. Please carefully check that passports are not expiring given the 6 months left needed for travel. ABA will not be purchasing flight tickets or allowing students to travel if passport expiry falls inside the 6 month window.

Season 1 travellers will need a valid passport that expires after May 15, 2023
Season 2 travellers will need a valid passport that expires after August 15, 2023
Season 3 travellers will need a valid passport that expires after October 20, 2023

This summer break ahead does provide an opportunity to renew these crucial travel documents.



#VipersSpirit

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

The Vipers Booster Club committee for 2022/23 is taking shape. We still have some positions open if you are interested in joining please contact boosterclub@abaoman.org

Let's welcome

the VBC committee members:

Chairperson Shanoona Albarwani
Vice-chairperson Paula Colaco (interim)
Secretary Aryani Astuti (interim)
Treasurer Sonya Simmonds

VBC Coordinators:

Teodora Zrancheva Fundraiser/ Events
Ann Katrin Van Schie Communications
Nichola Chryssou Merchandise



Coaches Appreciation

Open Positions:

Concession Coordinator
BBQ & Coaches Room Coordinator



Thank you to our incredible PTA Team for organizing such a vibrant ArtEffect this year!

Congratulations to all the artists featured!



Dear Parents, do you have an artistic skills you could come and share with our students as an after-school activity? If you are interested or would like to make contact please complete this form [HERE](#). Thank you - Anthony Langrish, Director of Arts

ABA IN THE NEWS

'ARTEFFECT', AN EVENING OF ART AND POETRY, OPENS

STAFF REPORTER
MUSCAT, MAY 26

Sayyida Susan al Said, founder of Bait Muzna Gallery, officially opened the ArtEffect exhibition organised by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of ABA Oman International School on May 24.

She was genuinely impressed and stimulated by the wide range of creativity and encouraged young artists to explore their creative potential further. The #ABAPTA ArtEffect featured a variety of fascinating artwork by professional artists as well as ABA staff and students.

The exhibition is open to the ABA community and Muscat audience till May 31 from 4 pm to 8 pm on weekdays, from 2 pm to 8 pm on Friday and from 9 am to 8 pm on Saturday. The next highlight will be an Artists' Talk on Saturday from 12 pm to 2 pm.

The art extravaganza opened with colour and vibrance with paintings of different shades and hues, award-winning photography, mixed media creations, digital design, three-dimensional sculptures and thought-provoking installations by renowned and upcoming artists. ABA is a melting pot of cultures and the art displayed reflected incredible stories of multicultural infusion.

Artists featured in the exhibition include Debjani



Bhardwaj, Sara Riaz Khan, Nicole Morgan, Rebeca Nigrinis, Rachel Eapen, Manuela Emmer, Julia Jean Davies, Ian White, Andrea Zarate Pard, Reem Alshaikh, Teodora Zrancheva and ABA students Dora Kali, Yasmeen Hashem, Amrita Giridhar, Kaitlyn Cotton and Anushka Singhal.

The exhibition was curated by Manuela Emmer, an artist, photographer and ABA parent. "We are immensely glad to showcase our annual PTA ArtEffect, an expressive art exhibition at ABA campus, allowing us to present our incredibly talented students, staff and parent artists' diverse creativity as well as opening an avenue for collaboration and exchange of ideas amongst audience and artists", she said.

Anthony Langrish, the Director of Fine Arts at ABA Oman International School

stated, "The exhibition showcases an incredibly diverse cultural and social collection of artwork encompassing International Baccalaureate student art alongside professional artists' work, as well as those starting out on their artistic adventure. Our ABA students have limitless opportunities in the art space through enriching art programmes, and this collaborative exhibition with our parent community is truly a 'must see'.

ABA students also proudly displayed their Poetry Anthology title 'Reflections' at the exhibition, which features a range of haikus, free verses, sonnets, written and published by Grade 7 students.

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