

AL SHOHUB PRIVATE SCHOOL

مدرسة الشهب الخاصة

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The Voice



Mrs. Lisa Passante
Principal

It was wonderful to welcome back our students earlier this week after the winter holiday. We have a busy term ahead of us with Year 11 students sitting their mock IGCSEs next week in preparation for their final exams which will begin in May.

Next week we will be fully involved in Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, considering what we can do as individuals and as a school to make an impact on the environment around us. We will be having paper-free lessons during the week as well as looking at how we can conserve energy around the school. In addition, we welcome all our families to join us in our partnership with Simply Bottles, an organisation which recycles plastic bottles turning them into clothes and accessories.

Thank you to the parents who came to our first Parent Association meeting of the term. This week we discussed the National Agenda, focusing specifically on the priority of developing a first rate education system within the UAE, and what we can do as a school to contribute to this target. We will be hosting our Parent Association meetings once a month, with a different focus for each meeting.

Next week, we will begin our new reading initiative 'Oh Dear' (Drop Everything And Read). Once a week, the tannoy system in school will sound the alert 'Oh Dear' and everyone in the school building will be expected to pick up a book and read for 15 minutes. This will include students, teachers, Admin and support staff. We would love for parents to be involved too, so if you are coming to school, please bring a book with you just in case the alert sounds while you are visiting. It would be great for the children to see their parents reading in school too!



MESSAGES FROM OUR HEADS



Ms. Alison Lloyd
Head of Primary

What a wonderful start to Term 2 this has been; the students have all come back refreshed and ready to take on the fantastic challenges and learning opportunities the teachers have planned for them this term. We are all so proud of their improved attitudes towards their learning and can't wait to see them continue to make outstanding progress over this term.

A big thank you to all those who have participated in the 'extreme reading' competition by sending in pictures of their child reading in unusual places. Our display is really getting the students talking about their books and love for reading. If you have not already entered a picture into the competition but would like your child to participate, please send it to your child's class teacher over the weekend.



Ms. Su Boyd
Head of Secondary

It has been good to see that our students after the winter break have come back fresh and ready to continue their learning journey. As always it has been a busy week at Al Shohub, Year 9 have had an intensive week of intervention days in English, Mathematics and Science where we have seen pleasing progress in each subject. I know the girls enjoyed seeing their Science teachers race as part of their demonstration! The Year 11s have been getting ready for their mock examinations that start next week. We wish them all the best and hope that their hard work is reflected in their grades. All students were in a Child Protection assembly that was led by Ms Walaa. This was to remind students of the school policy, how to protect themselves with particular focus on keeping safe online and to ensure that all students know who the child protection team in the school are and who to go to. Students were very mature and sensitive in their responses throughout the assembly which demonstrates the caring nature of our girls.

There will be an opportunity for our students to sign up to a football club on Sunday and Monday so if your daughter has an interest in football then please encourage them to be involved.

We would like for students to develop their understanding of their own progress and how their attitudes to learning has an impact on their attainment grades. On Sunday students will be reflecting on their end of term subject grades and Attitude To Learning (ATL) grades, and with their form teacher they will set targets and an individual action plan on how to improve. These will be shared with parents as a scanned and emailed copy will be sent via their form teachers. We hope that you find these useful and it opens up further discussions at home about your daughter's progress.



RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLES


Our school has recently joined the Simply Bottles initiative. As the UAE currently has the highest rate of plastic water bottle consumption per person in the world, we want to make a difference here at Al Shohub. Through this amazing initiative, plastic bottles are recycled into clothes and accessories. With Sustainability Week in Abu Dhabi next week, we hope you can help the school do its part by sending in old plastic bottles to be recycled. The initiative will be running all year long in the school and we thank you for your support!



How to Recycle



Our school goal is to collect as many plastic water bottles as possible

- Plastic water bottles only please
- Look for  on the bottom of the bottle
- Try to empty liquid out of the bottle before placing it in the bin
- Crush the plastic bottle by stepping on it before placing in the recycling bin – this helps save space
- Do not mix with other plastics or rubbish – mixed plastic will not be accepted



FOUNDATION STAGE



Ms. Sara Alatrach
Foundation Leader

Its Term 2 already! In Nursery during the first half of Term 2 our topic is 'Bears, Bears, Bears'. During our topic we will investigate a range of learning such as size, shape, different species of bears, where bears live, what they eat and who takes care of them. Additionally, we will focus on a variety of fact and fiction books to support our learning. This week children have investigated the story 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. Children have explored porridge using tools and bowls in a range of sizes.



In FS2 we have started a new Thematic Unit which is Transportation. The objective of this theme is learning about the many forms of transport. Transportation can move us on land, sea and in the air. This week we focused more on land transportation such as fire trucks, ambulances, and tow trucks and how they help us and what safety rules we have to follow when using transport.



KEY STAGE ONE



Ms. Denise Somers
Key Stage 1 Leader

Welcome back! Everyone in Year 1 and Year 2 are well rested and excited to get back to learning. The children are happy to start new topics and themes this term. They have been enjoying being back with their peers and have been sharing stories of their Winter Break.



Welcome Ms. Jan!

Year 1 Seahorses are delighted to welcome their fantastic new teacher Ms. Jan. They have been enjoying getting to know Ms. Jan over the last few days and are excited for the rest of the year with her.



KEY STAGE 2



Ms. Michelle Lloyd
Key Stage 2 Leader



I hope that students and their families had a wonderful winter break and I am happy to see the students back at school and eager to learn. We have had a fantastic first week back at school and lots of exciting activities happening in classrooms – what a great start to Term 2. This week, we had our first sustainability assembly delivered by Year 5 and Year 6, giving children lots to think about and ideas of how we can help our environment. Year 6 welcomed their new teacher, Ms Caroline, to their class and they are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.



OH DEAR! DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

As part of our curriculum we have highlighted that reading is at the centre of our students' academic success. Most of us read without even thinking about it. It's a skill we take for granted, yet one that is essential for being able to get on in life. As a child grows up, being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts and to learn here at school, but essentially opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities.

Reading enables children to acquire the information and skills they need in life, such as:

- * *The relationship between sound and print, and knowledge of printed letters and words*
- * *Familiarity with a variety of writing styles*
- * *Vocabulary development*
- * *The difference between written language and everyday conversation*
- * *Development of language skills*
- * *The ability to learn from others, whether reading fiction or nonfiction*

Here at Al Shohub Private School, we are launching a new reading initiative, that will involve our whole school community.

'Oh Dear'- Drop Everything And Read!

A weekly 'Oh DEAR' programme (Drop Everything and Read) provides students and staff with much more than a just-sit-there-and-read experience. Even more importantly, it gives students time to read what they want to read, share what they've read, and receive the support they need for further reading explorations and reflections. Weekly reading sessions last for 15 minutes and are followed by 5 to 7 minutes in which students can write in their reading response logs. Depending on the teachers' preference she can choose to set it as homework as well.

So if you are coming into school please make sure you have a reading book to hand!

Let's improve our students' future through a love of reading!



KEY STAGE THREE



Ms. Priscilla Joseph-Cooper
Key Stage 3 Leader

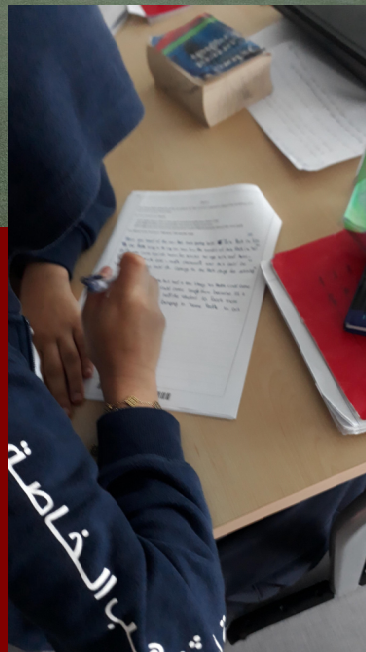
Welcome back to an exciting start to a new term. We have kick started 2020 with enrichment learning for Year 9 in core subjects and will continue to do so this year with up and coming immersion days for Maths, English and Science for Year 7 and Year 8 later this year. We are looking forward to seeing our students leading assemblies, demonstrating their skills from the 7Cs as well as continuing to strive for success in their academic achievements, which we will celebrate across the school.

Up and coming events for Key Stage 3 include:

The power of leadership in the 21st Century

Developing Critical Thinking Skills

My Career Aspirations convention – What do I want to do? Where do I want to go?



KEY STAGE 4



Ms. Claudia Anderson
Key Stage 4 Leader



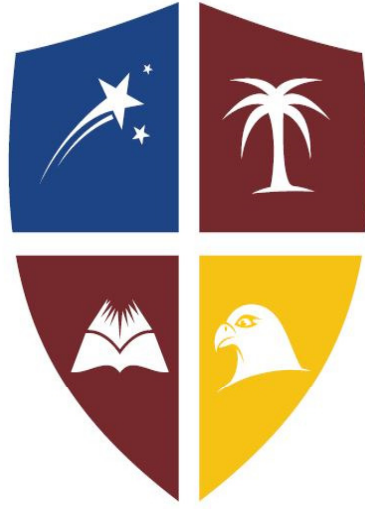
It's wonderful to see everyone back for an exciting new term. We've got straight back into our learning journey and on the road to progress accompanied with success! As Key Stage 4 Leader I am so pleased to see every one enthusiastic about the next steps of this great academic year. Below is an outline of the things that will be taking place during Term 2 and beyond:

- Year 11 Mocks and the timetable has already been released.
- The Breakfast Club is back with a Big Bang!
- We have some exciting trips coming up for Year 10 and 11.
- The Reading Initiative of 'Oh Dear' will be launched apart of our efforts to further develop Leaders of Tomorrow .
- Intense Intervention will continue after school.
- The Year 10/11 Leadership Team will be implementing so new things in school.
- Some Year 11's will be selected to recite their awarding wining poems in Dubai.



The Poetic Heart
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