



**AL DIYAFAH HIGH SCHOOL**  
*IGCSE / A Level, affiliated to University of Cambridge*



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### News letter - February '10

Dear Parents,

I write to you as we are well into our second term and already moving ahead towards the last few months of this academic year. I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during the past term. Now that we have commenced our second term I think it appropriate to share with you the following information.

To start with, I would like to thank all parents who took time to fill the online parent survey conducted by KHDA. We were informed by the inspectors that the feed back they received through this survey was very encouraging and the parents were highly appreciative of the school. The Management and Staff of ADHS sincerely thank you for your support. We will share the report with you as soon as we receive it from KHDA.

We hope all parents received an eco-friendly bag that was sent through the children, last week. This gift from the Management is a token of appreciation for your support as well as in keeping with our mission to conserve and protect the environment. The painting on the bag has been done by Prerna Khiani, a Year 11 student of our school- a way of encouraging our youngsters to be aware and care for our planet.

**We are proud of you!** - Two of our students, Deborah Rebello ( 5G1) and Ruth Zachariah (6G) participated in an Inter School Debate competition held by Star International School. Our team was judged the best team and Deborah the best speaker- well done girls, we are proud of you!!

**The Annual Concert** for Years 1 to 3 was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January and was enjoyed by all who were present. The KG children and Years 4 to 6 students are presently preparing for their concerts.

The senior school too, is working hard towards its production that will be in April. I would like to thank all teachers and students who are giving their time so selflessly towards the success of this production. This level of commitment includes after school rehearsals and also coming to school on Saturdays. Thank you to the parents who make an effort to drop off and pick up their children. Let me assure you, being on stage and performing to an audience will teach your children much more than what can be learnt through books alone.

We hosted an **Inter School Basketball tournament** in which 7 girls' teams and 6 boys' teams participated. We witnessed some amazing basketball during the 2 day event.

**Confirmation-** To enable us to plan for the next academic year, it is important for us to know whether or not your child/children will be returning to school for the next year( 2010-2011). We have sent a letter asking parents to confirm this. You are requested to fill the form and send it to the class teacher latest by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Important dates** - I hope you have all read the circular regarding revised dates for the end of the academic year. We would also like to inform you that the new academic year will commence from 13<sup>th</sup> of September '10, (after Eid Holidays), for the students of grades HKG to Year 11. AS and A level classes will commence from 15<sup>th</sup> September - details will be announced during the Open Day on 18<sup>th</sup> March '10. Orientation day for LKG students and all other new students can be found as a circular.

I take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Stan Surrao who joined the senior school in the English Department and as a Coordinator for Years 7 to 9. He comes to us with more than 20 years of experience and was the Head of English in a school in UAE for the last 4 years.

In the end, I'd like to share a quote:

*“ In a completely rational society, the best of us would aspire to be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honour and the highest responsibility anyone could have.”*

Joyce Rufus