



AL DIYAFAH HIGH SCHOOL

IGCSE / A Level, affiliated to University of Cambridge



Sunday, 30 August 2009

Dear Parents,

I write to you as we head towards the start of the new academic year. We would like to welcome all the new staff, students and their parents, who join the Al Diyafah family this Academic Year.

We would also like to welcome back all our other staff and students and hope everyone had a good break. We look forward to the New Year with enthusiasm and wish you a year full of great achievements.

Let us start the year by building a high level of self esteem in our children. Children's self-esteem influences their social behaviour and learning. Children with low self-esteem are less likely to step out of their comfort zones to extend themselves and try new experiences. Misbehaving children are usually discouraged children who lack confidence. They tend to find their place within their family and peer group through misbehaviour.

Quite simply, if children have a healthy level of self-esteem and feel good about themselves, they are more likely to succeed throughout their school life. Parents and teachers have a huge influence in the way children see themselves. Let us encourage and point out to children their areas of strength, give them realistic responsibilities and develop the courage to be imperfect- let them know that mistakes are a part of learning.

I would like to share with you the academic achievements of our students. This batch of IGCSE gave us outstanding results. We would like to congratulate our students for their hard work, parents for their support and teachers for their dedication and commitment to their students. As your child crosses this milestone in his/ her academic life, it is a matter of great pride for you and for all of us who have been a part of their lives for over ten years.

To give you some details of our IGCSE results, we had a 100% pass rate with 90% of our students scoring A* - C grades!!

Our top achievers are:

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| 1. Naman Mandhan Bhagat Ram | 6 A* and 1 A grade |
| 2. Vaibhav Pattani | 5A* and 2 A grades |
| 3. Khushboo Thakwani | 5A* and 2 A grades |
| 4. Kimberley Fernandes | 5A* and 2 A grades |
| 5. Sumati Mirchandani | 5A* and 2 B grades |

7. Usama Arshad Muhammad	4A*, 2 A and 1 B grade
8. Jason Royston Lobo	3A* and 4 A grades
9. Yousuf Altaf Rehman	3A* and 4 A grades
10. Ahishek Gregory Britto	3A*, 3 A and 1 B grade
11. Aayesha Moitra	3A*, 3 A and 1 B grade

CONGRATULATIONS, we hope your light continues to shine!!

A reminder of some Important dates for the coming month:

Teaching Staff returns to work on the 30th August '09.

1. Retests on the 1st and 2nd September 09.
2. Orientation for KG and all new students' will be on 12th September '09 from 9am to 12 noon.
3. KG students to come to school on 13th September '09 from 8am to 12 noon.
4. School starts for Year 1 to Year 11 on 14th September 09.
5. Classes begin for the AS and A level programme from 15th September 09

Other important information:

- School Timings for the Month of Ramadan will be from 8am to 12 noon for all grades, KG to Year 13.
- After Ramadan, school timings will be from 7:30am to 1:30pm on all days of the week for Years 1 to 13 and from 7:30-11:30 for the KG children.
- Book Store is open from 8:30am to 11:30am from Saturday to Thursday.
- Uniforms can be bought from Aseela – Karama. (They may also be bought from school between 1st and 7th September from 8:30 to 1:00pm excluding Friday).
- **We have added 30 more interactive boards to our existing 14. These will help make the lessons more interesting and enable better learning in our students.**
- As informed earlier, the **Student Protection Plan** will be applicable from this academic year. It will cover medical costs that may arise from injuries at school or during school field trips.
- Revised Transport fee can be found on her website. Please ensure you check it under School Transport.

In the end, we assure you that your child is the centre of our school system. We constantly strive to give them the best possible opportunity. We encourage them to realize their potential and work with passion and sincerity. We make them believe that a thousand disappointments in the past cannot equal the power of one positive action, so go ahead and go for it NOW!

Blessings and Regards

Joyce Rufus