



'Achieving Excellence'



# AAESS Secondary School Fortnightly Newsletter

## 07/02/2019

ECOVENTURE, SATELLITES, OAD AND MR IRLAM.

## This week at AAESS...

by Mr. Neil Rowley, Assistant Principal



Mr Chris Irlam, art teacher and Head of Yr 8

I arrived in the UAE in 2016 where I spent my time in Ras Al Khaimah and Dubai. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the country and have made some fantastic friends and even better memories. Galleries such as 'The Louvre' have been amazing, the architecture is fantastic. What an addition to an ever changing country! I am a keen free diver and enjoy the country side off-roading. I am new to Al Ain and so far I have found it very pleasant and culturally rich.

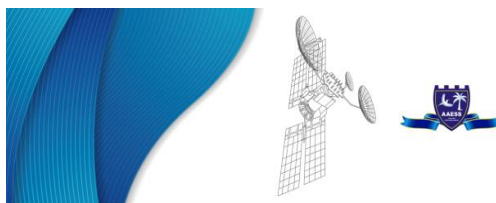
I am looking forward to what is in store for the new year and even better in AAESS.

### Satellite Reward Scheme

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February saw the launch of the 'Satellite Reward Scheme' for years 7 – 9. It will run for 6 weeks and end on

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. During this time, students will earn Satellite Commendation points and Satellite SCF points for being 'out of this world' in and out of lessons. Each student has been given a Satellite Point card in which to record their points with various rewards being given to students.

A big thank you goes out to Mr Crocker for organising this scheme. More information can be found on the school's website including the Satellite Rewards Scheme video designed by Mr Crocker and Mr Irlam.



### Satellites Reward Scheme

Years 7,8 and 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

### KEY DATES

Sixth Form Reports Issued  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Sixth Form Parents Evening  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
5pm – 7.30pm

Sports Day  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February

Prefect Team Building  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Exam Entry Deadline  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

International Day  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term Break  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February



### QAD Assembly

Year 9 students take part in a daily QAD; in which they are expected to answer a question on Math and Science. They have been answering these questions most diligently from September and with confidence, they had taken their first Trimester exams in November. The results were most pleasing, with many students achieving over 75% in both Maths and Science.

To celebrate their success, we had a special assembly on the 23rd of January in which these students were awarded by both Mr Giles and Mr Abbas.

Mr Giles spoke about the value of perseverance and how proud he was of all the students who gained their certificates.

As their Head of Year, I was extremely proud of them all as their hard work definitely paid off.

**Ms Shafiq, Head of Year 9**

### Ecoventure



Some of our Year 8 Students had an amazing time at Ecoventure Al Mina, Ras Al Khaimah recently. They enjoyed water sports such as kayaking and windsurfing and challenged themselves with climbing and the Leap of Faith. Collaboration and teamwork skills were also built upon with the Sensory Trail and All Aboard activities. This group really showed the AAESS inclusive spirit and represented our school admirably with their supportive and willing nature towards each other, their teachers and the Ecoventure Staff.

**Mr Sommerville**

**Assistant Principal**

