



AAESS Secondary Newsletter

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End of Term 2
Assembly
21st March 2019

AWARDS ASSEMBLY, SATELLITES REWARD SCHEME, SPORTS DAY RESULTS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS ABU DHABI 2019

This week at AAESS...

By Mr. Neil Rowley, Assistant Principal



On Thursday 21st March, there was a special whole school assembly led by Mr Giles, Head of Secondary School. He went through five real life examples of people who had shown 'resilience'. Students had to think about what they would do if they were faced with the same dilemmas before revealing the famous people who had shown 'resilience'. These ranged from JK Rowling to Chesley Sullenburger.



Adam Khasawneh in Year 12 then read from the Qu'ran and the Bible and led a minute's silence to recognise the tragic terrorist attacks in New Zealand.



This was followed by the Outstanding Achievement awards for Year 7 to Year 13 students. Ms Norton, Head of Year 7 was first to recognise those students in Year 7 who had achieved this award. Congratulations went to Adil Rautureau, Yahya Tariq, Lewis Mines and Wasn Abushawashi.



Ms Shafiq, Head of Year 8 and Year 9 was next to award the students from Year 8 and Year 9. In Year 8, congratulations went to Lean Tabeedi, Rashed Al Momani, Yusr Bilal and Fathima Addy.



For Year 9 the awards, congratulations went to Nadir Khan, Thomas Giles, Marni Moussa and Samaa Ahmed.



Ms McIlroy, Head of Year 10 then presented the awards to Year 10 and congratulations went to Caitlyn Magwa, Osama Satti, Shahd El Sayed and Zain Farooq.



Ms Stradling, Head of Year 11, presented the Year 11 awards and congratulations went to Reine Al Salous, Sara Ahmed, Leandri Hayton and Levente Simon.



In place of Ms Cash who was on an Art trip, Mr Evans presented the awards to Sixth Form students. Congratulations went to Nahla Mohammed Nias, Mohammed Dahab, Sameer Shaik and Selma Babic in Year 12.



In Year 13, congratulations went to Yanal Rida, Adam Khasawneh, Khaleel Al Mousa and Eiman Asim.



Well done to all of the students who achieved an Outstanding Achievement award.

Key Dates

Last Day of Term 2

Thursday March 28th

Spring Break

Friday March 29th –

Saturday April 13th

Start of Term 3

Sunday April 14th

CIE and Edexcel Exam Series

May 2nd – June 14th



Mr Crocker, who set up the Satellites reward scheme for Year 7 – 9 students from Sunday 3rd February to Thursday 14th March, then announced the final results. Prior to announcing the winners in assembly the students were invited to a short reward afternoon on Wednesday 20th March, in which they ate pizza and watched a film. Mr Crocker thanked everyone for their hard work during the scheme and how amazing they all were.

The winning 12 students in Year 7 with the most satellite points were Naina Sunish, Lorrain Martins, Yousef Tawfiek, Camelia Mahut, James Aitken, Adil Rautureau, Wasan Abushawashi, Cathy Han, Minnat Ahmed. Kaede Vogan, Salma Ali and Adnan Ahmed.



The winning 12 students in Year 8 with the most satellite points were Sebastienne Abass, Asma Hoosen, Bhoomi Rai, Mahin Imran, Abena Amfo-Brobbe, Hanen Murshed, Nicole Daher, Sayed Zaidi, Josephine Grabcova, Yanees Lagouit, Yusr Bilal and Fatimah Addy.



The winning 12 students in Year 9 with the most satellite points were Elliot Sommerville, Catherine Jones, Muhammad Khanzada, Thomas Giles, Myles-Domino Church, Shaika Al Darmaki, Elisa Eichaker, Caid Bowbyes, Nahas Nias, Sami Ibrahim, Som Virwani and Menna Hassan.



Mr Crocker then announced the 2 students who achieved the most house points overall and congratulations goes to Naina Sunish and Lorrain Martins.



The Top Year 7 Tutor Group went to 7B with 13280 points!

The Top Year 8 Tutor Group went to 8B with 10520 points!

The Top Year 9 Tutor Group went to 9D with 11260 points!

The Final Year Group Scores were as follows :-

Year 7 with 44070 points!

Year 8 with 38630 points!

Year 9 with 36075 points!

A special thank you goes to all the students who took part in the scheme, their teachers and especially Mr Crocker for organising such a fantastic event!

Sports Day Results



Blythe Chapman, Head of Houses, announced the Sports Day Results which were as follows:



5977 points



6171 points



6448 points

Overall AAESS Sports Day 2019 winners are...



6874 points



Special Awards



The last part of the assembly was very special indeed with one of our former students, Mollie Sommerville who was a Year 13 student last year and who is currently working as an LSA in the Primary School before going to university achieving her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Ms Norton explained in detail the level of dedication needed by Mollie who started it in 2013 in order to achieve such a prestigious award. She had already been presented the award by HRH Prince Edward in a very special ceremony in Dubai, so it was only fitting to congratulate her again but this time in front of the whole school.

Unknown to Mollie or her parents, another special award was given to Mollie presented by Mr Abass, Deputy Head of Secondary School. Mollie Sommerville had achieved the highest mark for Psychology in the Middle East! You can imagine the surprise on Mollie and her parents faces! Her father, Mike Sommerville is also an Assistant Principal in the Primary School.



The Special Olympics World Games have been taking place in Abu Dhabi and as a result, two of our Year 10 students Yarah El Hayes and Alhena Jaffer decided to produce a presentation for all students to see during form time informing them of this important event taking place. Well done Yarah and Alhena! Please read their presentation below.



Four brothers of different backgrounds can come together and compete in something they enjoy. Everyone is different with many different abilities. The variety of countries/nationalities as well as the variety of sports that athletes can partake in, shows tolerance. Everyone is good at something and the UAE, in honour of The Year of Tolerance, has made it clear that being different is not a setback. It is the future.



Four brothers, Misha, Joel, Joseph and Nathan, are competing in the open swimming competitions on March 16. Misha, Hamdani aged 16, won the gold medal in the 100m freestyle event, which took place only days before this year's Special Olympics. This event not only allows disabled athletes to participate, but includes a range of people and abilities. This made it the most inclusive competition event to witness. Misha's brother, Joseph, also aged 16, won silver. All four brothers are also athletes. The event took place on March 16th at the Yas Viceroy Hotel. 33 Special Olympics athletes from 14 countries competed in a 750m swim, 200m cycle and 500m run. Over 2,500 athletes participated in this single



What's currently happening in the Olympics?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aB-3mexrMk0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_XHhUgHQ_E

