



# ALAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL

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## Welcome Back Everyone!

By *Bushra Malkawi*

Welcome back to all our students and staff. We hope you have had a relaxing summer break and are ready for the challenges of the new academic year. The year that is planned is an exciting one and we would love to see you participating in everything that AAESS has to offer you. The cliché, 'put your mind to something and it is possible' is true and it starts right now. Make a weekly schedule putting in all your activities, making sure that you have a balance between academics, ECAs (sports or others) and leisure time. Our senior students are available to help any student who feels they need the extra support. Please just shout and we will be there! Many of our alumni students graduated this summer break from universities all over the world. It all seems so exciting to think that that will be all of us in a few years. Who knows, maybe one of us will be the inventor of the first time-travelling machine, or the cure for cancer. Nothing is impossible. I mean, after all, 'that's one small step for man, and one giant leap for mankind' Neil Armstrong. Let's make 2019-2020 the best year ever! Good luck to you all.

### INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"People generally fall into one of three groups: the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no notion of what happens. Every person is either a creator of fact or a creature of circumstance. He either puts color into his environment, or, like a chameleon, takes color from his environment."— Myles Munroe, *Understanding Your Potential*

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Place your bottles in the bins provided

## FORENSICS CLUB

YEAR 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY - LAB 69

## DEBATE CLUB

YEAR 9 - 13

TUESDAY - ROOM 104

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

YEAR 6 - 13

MON & TUES - HALL

## GLEE CLUB / POP CHOIR

YEAR 6 - 13

MONDAY - MUSIC ROOM

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

YEAR 9 - 13

TUESDAY - ROOM 107

## PODCAST CLUB

YEAR 7 - 13

WEDNESDAY - ICT1

## SPORTS

SUNDAY

ATHELETICS

MONDAY

YEAR 7 - 13

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

TUESDAY

YEAR 9 - 10

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

YEAR 7 - 10

BOYS' FOOTBALL

THURSDAY

YEAR 10 - 13

BOYS' FOOTBALL

# New Year, New things!

By Fatima Al Imam

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This year, we have collated a very exciting range of activities and days which you will be celebrating with us including

The Box Project  
Girls' Night In

Our ECAs for Term 1 have already been chosen and are posted on the school website, including football, basketball, swimming (3 tiers), cricket and loads more! If you want to sign up for any of the ECAs, please complete the form on the AAESS website by filling in your details, or simply talk to any member of the PE Department. LET'S GET INVOLVED!

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Well done to all the top achievers in GCSEs, AS Level and A-Level this year! You have worked very hard over the past years and this is to be celebrated in the brand new auditorium. Our Student Leadership Team has grown in size and ideas this academic year 2019-2020 appointing the following elected students:

**Headboy:** Assir Satti  
**Headgirl:** Ye-Eun Ahn  
**Head of Houses:** Abbie Sommerville  
**Head UAE Ambassador:** Saeed Al Kaabi

### Head of Year Prefects and House

#### Captains:

Jasmine Hadjigeorgiou – Year 11/Cousteau  
Tehana De Klerk – Year 11/Cousteau  
Ahmad Al Shadid – Year 10/Thesiger  
Malak Elkkari – Year 10/Thesiger  
Tamati Hemi Pakai – Year 9/Armstrong  
Hannah Mae Holmes – Year 9/Armstrong  
Fatima Al Imam – Year 8/Stinnes  
Sara Ahmed – Year 8/Stinnes  
Manahil Afzal – Year 7/Library & Reading Program  
Morgan Burger – Year 7/Library & Reading Program

#### UAE Ambassador Prefects:

Muzen Al Maskari  
Mouza Al Qubaisi

#### Senior Prefects:

Maham Sheikh  
Farida ELZeftawi  
El-Roi Mutepfa  
Yahya Khattak  
Shahd Hassan  
Elisha Mines  
Joudy Beck  
Cameron Fortuin  
Dylan Dessoir  
Azza Alyas  
Gabriella Luus  
Marne Ebbinkhuysen

#### Junior Prefects:

Yarah ElHayes  
Angelina Symon  
Alhena Jaffer  
Steven Fincher  
Mikela Ebbinkhuysen  
Sanika Sandeep  
Shahd El Sayed  
Malaika Butt  
Ainsling Nathan



# Emirati Culture

By Muzen Al Maskari



In a journey he had begun over forty years ago, Sheikh Zayed infused in the United Arab Emirates a spirit of responsibility, of camaraderie and of collaboration. Sheikh Zayed's vision was driven by a passionate belief in social, economic and environmental sustainability. Armed with the valuable lessons of the past, he believed that it is important to pursue development that meets the needs of present and future generations. To that end Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan laid out a vision that would ensure the sustainable development of the UAE - The Legacy of Sheikh Zayed

من يصدق أن رجل كانت هذه بداياته بما فيها  
من ضيق العيش وشدة الظروف وصعوبة الحياة  
وقلة الموارد يستطيع في زمن قياسي أن يحقق  
معجزة لا شبيه لها في العالم أجمع!

Who would believe a man whose beginnings included severe living circumstances and the difficulty of life and the lack of resources, could in a record time, achieve a miracle like no other in the whole wide world!



## Dubai Metro 10th Anniversary

At 09:09pm on September 9, 2009 Dubai Roads and Transport Authority launched the Dubai Metro, and this time, over 1.5 billion people have used the transport service. Within the first 10 years the Metro has completed 2.348 million journeys and covered around 81.133 million km. The Metro Red Line is being extended from Nakheel Harbour and Tower Station to the site of Expo 2020 and it's known as Route 2020. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum shared this information via twitter on September 8th, "Dubai Metro was once a dream. I was 10 years old when I visited London in 1959 with my father who insisted to see a train's cockpit. 50 years later, Dubai Metro came true in 2009. Nothing is impossible if you can dream it."

## Experience Abroad

By Azza Alyas

### Muzen & Mouza's college/ambassador experience!

Over this past summer, two of our Year 12 students, Muzen & Mouza were chosen out of a thousand applicants to attend Imperial College London and Harvard University amongst many other universities, for a two week course related to what they will be studying in the future. Mouza attended the London International Youth Science Forum of students, based at Imperial College, where she was able to go to physics lectures, meet people from around the world with the same interests and ambitions as her. Mouza would like to pursue a career in engineering or business entrepreneurship. Muzen attended Harvard as a part of the 'Diplomatic Ambassadors' 2019 programme held by the Ministry of Education. Muzen also attended lectures about the UN, had MUN simulations and also got to explore Boston e.g visiting the Mapparium & Quincy market. Muzen would like to pursue a career in international relations. During her experience Muzen learnt valuable skills, which are helpful for her career, such as writing a resolution & researching at college level. Both Muzen & Mouza, found their experiences unforgettable and formed strong bonds with students and lecturers that will last a lifetime.



# AAESS at Rugby Club Open Day

By Tehana De Klerk

Sport is no stranger to the students and staff at this school, so it comes with no surprise that so many are involved with the Al Ain Ambers Rugby Club. On the afternoon of Friday 6th September, many familiar faces were seen signing up for teams, playing netball or rugby, or simply enjoying the company there. It was brilliant to watch our very own Sixth Form students, El-Roi Mutepfa and Dylan Dessoir, playing alongside both primary and secondary teachers in the first friendly match of the Men's Team against Dubai Shark-Eagles. These two students played excellently on their debut game for the team. Huge congratulations to Dylan who received Man of the Match!

Sport ECA's will be starting the week beginning Sunday 8th September. Different sessions will be run every day, and most of these will begin afterschool at 2:45, and end at 3:45. There are also other options in the morning before school starts and during lunchtime. The school website has more information on sport ECA's of Term 1. All students are encouraged to join the AAESS sports community, as all ranges of athletic ability are welcome to participate.



## SPORTS QUOTE

"Nerves are natural, it means you're ready to face a challenge and perform." – Dan Carter



## Life at AAESS

By Roy Khayat

Born and raised in Aleppo and having attended the same school for 8 years of my life, the thought of changing schools never crossed my mind. I could only imagine it to be as I saw it in movies - a horrible and tedious process. Though, after the conflict began, what seemed so far away was right at my doorstep. In 2012, I moved to Al Ain with the rest of my family and my sister and I joined Al Ain English Speaking School. I still remember getting ready for my first day, looking in the mirror and not knowing what to expect. I tried to prepare for the worst. However, I was greeted by the exact opposite. The school's supportive environment helped me settle in quickly, with the teachers being very welcoming while the students took me in as one of their own straight away, as if I had been here for years. I couldn't have asked for a better transition. Moving up from Year 6 to Sixth Form, I have made some amazing memories as well as some lifelong friends, whilst being taught by exceptional teachers who have helped me achieve top grades, in fact, I was given a special award for achieving the highest grade in the world for GCSE French. The diversity in AAESS is one of, if not the most important factors of the school and gives the school a sense of identity, bringing the whole world into a small classroom. Although I am still unsure as to what the future holds, I would love to head to either America and major in Applied Mathematics or to Europe and study Dentistry. Regardless, I will always cherish my time at AAESS and would like to thank everyone for this memorable journey.

## Alumni Experience

By Zoe Patterson

I'm in my final year of undergrad, studying literature and creative writing (with a minor in Art History) at NYU Abu Dhabi, which has allowed me to study in multiple cities including Paris, New York and Prague. AAESS changed my life. Before I arrived, I was a small-town Canadian who had never heard of Dubai let alone Al Ain. AAESS expanded the world for me and gave me access to it— I got to travel to Nepal and South Africa with DofE, compete in the Middle East with model UN, and learn with classmates from so many different countries. My fondest memories happened on non-uniform days, especially international day. Holi festival was also always a highlight, though it permanently dyed my hair purple on more than one occasion. My greatest achievement at AAESS was my year as Head Girl, which I couldn't have done without my co-heads: Richard, Aniya and Elrico, who remain to this day three of the people who I admire the most. I also received the Cambridge Highest in the UAE Language Award. If I were to pick a life motto it would be something like "Be kind, and ask good questions." Both of these require courage, but are essential to personal growth and fostering community, wherever you go.

