

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

As we head into the October half term holiday, I write to thank you all for your dedication, commitment and support over the last 8 weeks.

I do not have to tell you how challenging the last few months have been, with strict policy and guidelines in place to keep us all safe, which we have all had to adhere to and make changes and adjustments of our understanding and perception of what going to school means.

As with all schools in Abu Dhabi, AAESS has been inspected almost weekly over this period of time, and I am pleased to say that from the tremendous effort of the team here, we passed every one to ensure that our school remains open in these torrid times.

I have been very impressed with all the students this term, who have adapted well back into school or online, and I am exceptionally proud of the current Year 11's, who, despite not being physically in school since March, and who have only just started their new academic year, have sat the iGCSE English Language paper this week. This is both testimony to their character, and the hard work and dedication by the staff here at the school. We are looking forward to sharing these results with you in mid-January when they are published.

I have also had the pleasure of welcoming students to the Primary Parliament, as well as congratulating our new Head Girl, Naimh Chell, and Head Boy Elie Daher. They have been joined with Deputy Head Girl, Rouda Al Jaber & Deputy Head Boy, Zayed Al Kodmani.

In addition to the Primary school welcoming in a new prefect team, I also had the honour of being part of the interviewing team for the Secondary senior prefect team, where we see Malik Elkarri as Head Girl, and Muhammad Yahya as Head Boy. They are joined with their deputies, Azza Omer and Abdallah Al Balushie, respectively. Both of our prefect teams bring tremendous value to the school and we wish them well in their new roles.

I thank you once again for your support, and we will see you on the 25th October.

Yours sincerely,



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