



## Al Ain English Speaking School

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

Well we made it! However, this would not have been achievable without the unwavering support of yourselves, the determination by the students or the dedication by all the staff here at the school.

Despite the challenges we faced this year I was pleased to receive notification from ADEK that our TIMMS scores (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study) were above average. Likewise, I was very proud of the year 11 cohort that sat a physical and early entry IGCSE in English Language last November where 40 out of 42 passed with A\*-C grade. In addition a number of year 11s also sat an early entry IGCSE Chemistry with 100% passing.

It is clear that our students with your support, have shown great resolve, where we have even had a number of students complete their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards in such trying times. Elliot Graham-Sommerville and James Thomas have started the journey of their Gold award, and I look forward to hearing about their expedition next year. This week we have also celebrated some year 6 students who came third in the Formula Ethra Competition at Yas: Elie Daher, Vareck Schafer, Zayed Al Kodmani and Tarek Oukacha formed Team Fire Delta and secured their place on the podium.

In addition to this, our STEM Squad have become semi finalists in the 2021 ADNOC Energy for Life Competition. We wish Angelina Symon, Fiona Jeyakumar, Nida Alam, Sanika Sandeep and Sarah Shaikh well in the next round.

A number of students have also had great success in talent competitions. Ahmed Beshr Abdualh in 6B won first place in the ADEK Talent Show for 10-13 year olds with Sara Alhajali in 4C also winning her age group too. Sara was also the winner of our own Al Ain English Speaking Schools Got Talent too.

As you would expect we have been planning for the return in the new academic year as well as planning ahead for the future of the school. Mr Abass and Mrs McCauley will write to you with any details about the start of the new academic year as soon as we receive them. We are told that this will be no later than 15<sup>th</sup> August.

I am also excited to tell you that we have started several new build projects here in the school. The floodlit tennis courts should be completed for the return of the student, whilst the following will be completed for August 2022: Design Technology workshop; Home Economics kitchen; Apple Mac suites; TV and radio production studio; falconry unit and automotive garage workshop. These will be used to increase the curriculum offer as well as play a key part in our ECA and community programme.

And so, as we turn our immediate attention to the summer holiday, I wish you all a peaceful and safe time. Once again I am grateful for your support. It is very much appreciated, and we look forward to opening on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to start the new year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Thomas', written in a cursive style.

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