

# FALCON PRIDE

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أكاديمية قطر  
Qatar Academy

عضو في مؤسسة قطر  
Member of Qatar Foundation



Grade 5 students enjoying their rehearsals, working as a team demonstrating their skills on guitar, keyboards and drums.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL AKHBAR

## Our Guiding Statements

### Vision

Empowering students to achieve high levels of academic growth and personal wellbeing and to be responsible citizens who are locally rooted and globally connected.

### Mission

At Qatar Academy Doha we offer a rigorous academic program with strong Arabic and Islamic Studies. Our school community develops and challenges learners to be active, internationally minded citizens who demonstrate environmental consciousness.

### Values

At Qatar Academy Doha we are **SAFE, RESPECTFUL** and **RESPONSIBLE** learners.





## Director's Message

Dear Parents,

We are getting to that stage of the year when the new Admissions process begins for the next academic year, 2021-22. As you will know, applications opened last October for parents who have siblings currently in the school and we have just been undertaking the testing of those students. The OpenApply applications process will open on 17th January, when parents who do not have a child currently in the school can apply for places at QAD. In practice, we do not have many places in the Primary School as most of the Grades are already full, but it is likely that some places will become available in the course of the year, as parents move overseas etc. and that is why we maintain a waiting list. There are places available in the EEC and in most Grades in the Senior School. If you know parents who are looking for spaces in these Grades, please do encourage them to apply – the earlier the better.

Yesterday, we participated in the Virtual Fair “Discover PUE”, where parents could join a virtual fair and have the chance to engage with any of the schools in the Qatar Foundation. This was a very well organized event, run by the PUE Communications Department and I was impressed by the amount of effort and professionalism which went into it. We had Admissions and Admin staff available from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm to answer any questions which prospective parents might have and there was also the opportunity for parents to receive digital documents about the school to read later. There were a number of webinars throughout the day and it was good to see some of our students participating in the session on THIMUN. Four of our recent Alumnae spoke about their time at QAD in the final session of the day, explaining just how much they got from studying at the school. I am very grateful to the students, Alumnae and staff who participated on the day and, in particular, Thuraya Abulhair our PR Officer and Ghada Abdelkarim our Admissions Assistant, for all their work in the build up to the event and on the day.

If you have any questions about Admissions, please do contact the Admissions Department.

Best wishes,

Stephen Meek



## Director's Message

رسالة المدير

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

لقد وصلنا إلى موعد بدء عملية القبول والتسجيل للعام الدراسي القادم 2021 – 2022. كما تعلمون، فقد فتح باب التسجيل في شهر أكتوبر الماضي لمن لديهم أشقاء حاليًا في المدرسة، وقد قمنا للتو باختبار هؤلاء الطلاب.

سيفتح باب تقديم الطلبات في 17 يناير الجاري حيث يمكن لأولياء الأمور الذين ليس لديهم أطفال في المدرسة حاليًا بالتقديم لأطفالهم.

من الناحية العملية، لا يوجد العديد من الأماكن في المدرسة الابتدائية حيث أن معظم الصفوف مكتملة العدد، ولكن من المحتمل أن تصبح بعض الأماكن متاحة خلال العام، ولهذا السبب نرغب في الاحتفاظ بقائمة إنتظار من الطلاب المسجلين.

يوجد هناك أماكن متاحة في مركز التعليم المبكر وفي معظم الصفوف في المدرسة الثانوية. إذا كنتم على تواصل مع أولياء أمور يبحثون عن أماكن لأطفالهم في هذه الصفوف، فالرجاء تشجيعهم على التقديم، وكلما كان ذلك مبكرًا كان ذلك أفضل.

بالأمس، شاركنا في المعرض الافتراضي "اكتشف التعليم ما قبل الجامعي"، حيث تمكن أولياء الأمور من الانضمام إلى المعرض الافتراضي وأتيحت لهم فرصة التفاعل مع جميع ممثلي مدراس مؤسسة قطر. لقد كانت الفعالية منظمة تنظيم جيد للغاية من قبل قسم التواصل في التعليم ما قبل الجامعي وقد أعجبت بكفاءة الجهد والاحتراف الذي تم بذله في التنظيم. لقد كان موظفو مكتب القبول والتسجيل متواجدين من الساعة 10 صباحًا وحتى الساعة 6 مساءً للإجابة على أسئلة الجمهور، كما أتيحت الفرصة للآباء لتلقي مستندات رقمية تحتوي معلومات عن المدرسة. كما عقدت أيضًا عدد من الندوات والجلسات النقاشية على مدار اليوم وكان من دواعي فخرنا رؤية بعض طلابنا يشاركون في جلسة تايمن النقاشية كما شارك أربعة من خريجيننا خبراتهم مع الحضور خلال السنوات التي قضوها في أكاديمية قطر - الدوحة، موضحين مقدار ما حصلوا عليه من الدعم في المدرسة.

إنني ممتن جدًا للطلاب والخريجين والموظفين الذين شاركوا في تنظيم فعالية يوم أمس، وعلى وجه الخصوص، ثريا أبو الخير مسؤولة العلاقات العامة وغادة عبد الكريم مساعد القبول والتسجيل في أكاديمية قطر - الدوحة على كل عملهم في التحضير للفعالية.

إذا كان لديكم أية أسئلة حول التسجيل، يرجى الاتصال بالموظفين في قسم القبول والتسجيل.

أفضل الأمنيات،

ستيفن ميك





## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Live registration will be shared with you on Sunday 17th for After School Activities options, so look out for that!

We have approached some families to support and agree to, our Reading Intervention initiative for students. As Covid guidance has insisted that we operate at 50% capacity right now in a Blended programme, some opportunities to read together have been lost. This is the school's way of supplementing Arabic and English reading for those students who we need to capture. So please sign up if you have been approached by our team. It will be a 10-week reading booster group, delivered by our Arabic speaking team and our English speaking team. We will teach reading using Levelled Literacy books. Teachers will lead a group of students, maximum 4, through mini lessons, 30 minutes long, twice a week after school. On the other days the students may choose an ASA as mentioned.

I would like to thank the huge amount of our staff who signed up to support this After School Reading initiative. The response has been amazing and I am truly grateful for their unwavering efforts to do the best for our QAD children.

The MAP assessment cycle has come around again and we plan to administer a 'full' MAP assessment this time, not the shorter 'Screener' students took back in October. This will provide yourselves and the Teacher a detailed progress report for your child. It will show strengths and areas for development for your child to work on next. From a whole school perspective, it compares the data to last year at this time and we can analyze trends and compare ourselves to the suggested 'norm'. This data helps inform School Improvement and myself and my team review our learning provision. More details to follow on this from our Curriculum Coordinators.

We have had a busy week screening QAD families for Admissions to some Grades. On Sunday 17th January OPEN APPLY goes live for other applicants and Grade levels, so please look out for that and tell any interested families. Linked to this, my team and I have been working closely with PUE on supporting parent expectations when they join QAD. I am pleased to say we have developed a Parents as Partners Agreement that, once verified will form part of the Admissions process. More to come on this.

Have a super weekend.

Marie





## Term 2 Activities & Clubs

We will be opening Term 2 ASA and Club registration on Sunday, January 17th using a new system for registration. QAD Primary is excited to be the first QF school to pilot the SchoolsBuddy platform. SchoolsBuddy is used at many elite schools around the world to help streamline the organization of school activities and events. Highlights for this platform include user-friendly functioning, extra child safeguarding features and increased efficiency for registration and communication.

You will receive an email on Sunday with instructions for setting up your account (please check your junk folder if you do not receive an email). If you need support please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy and Mrs. Muneera Al-Mannai via Dojo. More information will be posted on Dojo on Sunday once the registration goes live.

You may also want to review the SchoolsBuddy [FAQ](#) support website. More information will follow on Sunday to help support the sign-up process (ie. you will receive your login information Sunday).

[SchoolsBuddy Registration Support Document](#)

[Click here to download the iOS SchoolsBuddy App on App Store](#)

[Click here to download the SchoolsBuddy app on Android](#)

Click the chart below to view the Term 2 ASA & Clubs Weekly Schedule

| QAD Primary ASA & Club Weekly Schedule Term 2 |  |   |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|
|   | SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  |
| KG-1  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginner Swimming</li> <li>Eco Warriors</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Development Club</li> <li>Virtual Science Club 3PM</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Art</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego Club</li> <li>Football Development Club</li> <li>Virtual Art Club 3PM</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr 1 Clay Art (7:30-8:30AM)</li> <li>Gr 1 Student Council (10:30 - 11:30AM)</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Ballet Club 3PM</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cosmic Kids Yoga</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Development Club</li> <li>Virtual Chef Club 3PM</li> </ul>  | PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Development Club</li> </ul>                                  |
| G 2-3   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eco Warriors</li> <li>Beginner Swimming</li> <li>Swim Squad Mixed</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Development Club</li> <li>Virtual Science Club 3PM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gymnastics Girls</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego Club</li> <li>Basketball Boys Club</li> <li>Roller Skating Club 2PM</li> <li>Virtual Art Club 3 PM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clay Art (7:30-8:30AM)</li> <li>Coding (7:30 - 8:30AM)</li> <li>Swimming Mixed (8:45-10:00AM)</li> <li>Gr 3 House Captains (10:30 - 11:30AM)</li> <li>Student Council (10:30 - 11:30AM)</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Ballet Club 3PM</li> <li>Virtual Chess Club 3PM</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typing Skills</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball Girls Club</li> <li>Chess Club</li> <li>Squash Club</li> <li>Tennis Club 2PM</li> <li>Virtual Chef Club 3PM</li> </ul> | PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Development Club Mixed</li> <li>H2O Swimming Club</li> </ul> |
| G 4-5   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swim Squad Mixed</li> <li>Beginner Swimming</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Science Club 3PM</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gymnastics Girls</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego Club</li> <li>Basketball Boys Club</li> <li>Roller Skating Club 2PM</li> <li>Virtual Art Club 3PM</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr 4 Orchestra (7:30-8:30AM)</li> <li>Gr 5 Band (7:30-8:30AM)</li> <li>Clay Art (7:30-8:30AM)</li> <li>Swimming Mixed (8:45-10:00AM)</li> <li>House Captains (10:30 - 11:30AM)</li> <li>Activists in Action (10:30 - 11:30AM)</li> <li>Student Council (10:30 - 11:30AM)</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Ballet Club 3PM</li> <li>Virtual Chess Club 3PM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volleyball</li> </ul> PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball Girls Club</li> <li>Chess Club</li> <li>Squash Club</li> <li>Tennis Club 2PM</li> <li>Virtual Chef Club 3PM</li> </ul>    | PAID CLUBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Development Club Mixed</li> <li>H2O Swimming Club</li> </ul> |

\*Registration will be through the SchoolsBuddy website/APP. An email will be sent to parents email to create an account password.





# Student Leadership



Thank you to all students who have applied for a QAD leadership position. Please note we are still accepting applications until January 20th.

Please click [here](#) to access the mission and vision of each of the leadership groups. All meetings will be held in person at school. However, we will have a small group of student leaders who will be working online only for Activists in Action.

If your child is interested in applying for one of our groups please have them fill out and return the form to their homeroom teacher by January 20th. Forms are available by clicking the link above or at the Primary Office.