

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Date: Thursday 1 June 2017

What's Happening in Our School Community?

Tuesday, 6 June	KG2 Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, 11 June – Thursday 15 June	Senior High School Based Assessments
Sunday, 18 June	Make Up exams
Monday, 19 June	Grade 12 High School Graduation Ceremony
<i>Thursday, 22 June Last school day for KG2 – Grade 12 students, dismissal @ 9:30 am</i>	
Sunday, 10 September	First day of school for students 2017-18 school year

End of Year

We would like to remind you that the last day of school for all students is Thursday, June 22, 2017. This is a regulation from ADEC. Due to the fact that we must hold our examinations at the same time as Nova Scotia, exams and school based assessments will begin on Sunday, June 11 and end on June 15. Make up exam will be on Sunday June 18 provided that the student has a *medical excuse*. Although exams will be over, teachers will continue curriculum instruction and activities until June 22. Students **MUST** be dressed up in their proper AGS uniform when they come to school.

Start Day Next Academic Year

School for students will resume on **September 10th, 2017**. In order to have a more streamlined opening we are asking that students begin school, on **September 10 only**, at the following times:

*KG - Grade 6 7:55 am
Grades 7 - 9 11:00 am
Grades 10 - 12 1:00 pm*

Class lists will be placed on the school gate on Thursday, September 7, at 4 pm.

If you are planning on returning to school later than September 10 but still wish to retain your child's seat at AGS please contact the school by email. The email address is: agsadmin@agsgrmmr.sch.ae
Also, if you have found out that you are leaving the school and it was unexpected please notify us as well.

Seats will be held until September 30th only.

We look forward to seeing you in September and for those who are leaving our school we wish you well in your future endeavours and hope that you will keep in touch with us.

School will be opened for all staff on September 3rd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

AGS School Uniform for Next Academic Year

The AGS school uniform is purchased at *First Day Textiles (Tel#: 02 6340043 & Mob#: 050 5322630) behind Omeir bin Yousif mosque, Hamdan St., Abu Dhabi. Shop hours: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm.* Please see the price list below for the uniform items:

1	Polo T. Shirt half sleeve	65 dhs
2	Polo T.Shirt full sleeve	70 dhs
3	Round neck half sleeve- sports	45 dhs
4	Round neck house T.Shirt-sports	50 dhs
5	Black pants- sports	55 dhs
6	Black shorts- sports	55 dhs

Please note that students are responsible to buy their own pant for school. Pants must be LOOSE FITTING, regular, plain black pants/trousers. Leggings and denim, 'jeans' are NOT allowed at school. AGS logo is not required on the pants.

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Grade 5 Musical- Character Matters..... A big success!

Congratulations to the Grade 5 students and teachers for the three fantastic musical performances of "Character Matters". Great messages within the presentations and a nice integration of art, music and academic subjects! Below is a reflection of one of the participants on his experience in playing a role in this performance.

Character Matters

by Saad Faisal, Grade 5

Hi, my name is Saad Faisal and I was in the 5th Grade musical production, 'Character Matters'. My role in Character Matters was the Troll from the fairytale The Three Billy Goats Gruff. In the fairytale, three goats want to cross a bridge which would lead them into a land filled with grass to eat but under the bridge lived a Troll who would eat anyone who crossed the bridge, including the goats. In Character Matters, the Troll decides he does not want to eat them.



I auditioned for the role of Jack, but eventually I got the role of Troll. We practiced for weeks on end. When I entered the stage the day the parents came, I felt kind of nervous but excited at the same time. After I stepped to the microphone, all of that was gone. The whole stage was massive and I could imagine how long it took to build. All of the Grade 5s also drew and painted the backdrop.

For me the hardest part about the musical was doing actions with the songs. I think the most rewarding part of being in the musical was the applause, after we bowed. In the play, I learned a lot of things about myself. Number one is that I could sing better if I kept trying, Secondly, I learned not to be nervous. There are so many more things I learned about myself. If you watched the play, you might have learned a few messages. In the Jack and the Giant (starring Hadi and Shady) you might have learned that differences are cool. In the song of Humpty Dumpty (starring Amel) you might have learned about responsibility. When I was on the stage I felt awesome! This was my first time standing up in front of the whole school. At the end of the play, at the applause, I felt like I accomplished something in school and it was something for me to smile about.



AGS ATHLETIC BANQUET (2016-2017)

Every year, at Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada), we celebrate and honour our athletes and coaches for their performance and participation throughout all the Sports Seasons.

Various athletes from each sport were recognized for their sportsmanship, dedication, charity, and athletic achievement. Every year the coaches present a Most Valuable Player, David MacDonald Award, Coach's Award, Best Female/Male Athlete of the Year.

The Most Valuable Player is "the male or female judged to be the outstanding player in a sport during a particular season."



The David McDonald Award- A Challenge of Excellence, "recognizes individuals on their team who promote the values of sportsmanship, ethical play in competition, commitment to their team, and charity through service to their community."

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The Coach's Award is "Given annually by the coach to their athlete who best demonstrates, throughout the season, the true spirit of A.G.S Athletics. It is an award in which the means justify the end".



Best Female/Male Athlete of the Year It is given not only for hard work and personal improvement, but for a willingness to understand, to learn, to enter into a partnership with coach and teammates in an effort to recognize one's full potential. The recipient of this award has participated in the struggle, each and every day, and in the end found over his own limitations."

This year the winners are:

Best Female Athlete of the Year 2016/2017- Hala Mustafa Saffarini, Gr.7

Best Male Athlete of the Year 2016/2017- Evan Sabih, Gr.12

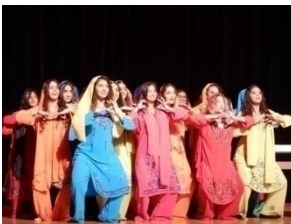
David MacDonald Award - Aicha Henry, Gr.8

Third Annual AGS Chess Tournament

Shown above are Marina (right-Gr. 7) and Jayna (left- Gr. 6) who were finalists in the Grade 6-7 Division of the third annual AGS Chess Tournament. Congratulations to Marina who won this year's tournament as well as the last two year's tournaments. Congratulations to Chess Tournament participants who played very well during the Chess Tournament! All participants enjoyed taking part in the tournament. Special thanks from Tournament Organizer, Mr. Jim (Vice- Principal) to the following staff who helped during the tournament- Mr. Houssein (High School Math) and Mr. Scott (5A).



Art Night... This is a major event that is celebrated at the end of every academic year at AGS. It is an integration of Music, Fine Arts and Performing Arts/Cheer Leading. It was an opportunity to boast our students' talents in all these fields. This year it was held on Wednesday, May 24th at the National Theater-Breakwater.



KG2 Graduation Ceremony

A graduation ceremony for KG2 will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 @ 10:30am in the school's gym. Congratulations KGs!!

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AGS Senior Walk

by Judy Aldroubi

On Monday, May 22 2017, in honor of the 2017 graduates, grade 12 students performed a senior walk in their graduation gowns. The walk started in Ms Abir's class and was led by Mr Andy's bagpipe performance. The students proceeded to walk all around the school, with all AGS students



surrounding them and applauding for the graduating class.

Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony- Sorbonne University



The Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 19 after Isha prayers @ 9:00 pm at the Sorbonne University. Further information on this event will be announced later. Below is the list of this year's graduates... Congratulations to all of the Graduates!

Abdulwahab Samhan
Adam Abbas
Adnan Asan
Ahmed Alhameiri
Asar Elgammal
Ayman Al-Shakarchi
Bilal Ghazoghli
Christoffer Lacasandilz
Dani Saadzh
Evan Sabih
Ghaith Razz
Hisham Abdo
Jasem Alzaabi
John Saliba
Mohamed Aljnabi
Nasser Altmzh

Omar Agha
Omer Azmi
Osama Gornas
Qais Alftgani
Rabza Alftgani
Rahul Mirchandani
Saif Alnowais
Saif Sulziman
Saif Almasoud
Sami Alehzh Khalzhl
Samir Saidi
Youssef Hallak
Youssef Ahmad
Youssef Gadara
Dalal Al Ameri
Hala Hamam

Hannah Vierns
Joud Nabzsi
Judy Al Droubi
Khairunnisa Binti Ashri
Maryam Benrzkia
Maga Al Durah
Mayar Khamis
Misha Khawaja
Nada Aly
Nashrah Baig
Niloofer Zadeh
Ola Dfa Alla
Rana Hegab
Saly El Saffarini
Yara Hamdan
Zaina Hamam

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Junior High and Senior High Exam Schedules

Please find below the Schedules of the Exams for the Junior and Senior High students. Students should arrive at the regular time 8:25 a.m. and dress in the proper AGS uniform.

Junior High Assessment - Academic Year 2016 -2017

Date	Time	Subject-Grade	Venue
Sunday, May 21, 2017	Regular class time	Arabic Social Studies Grade 7 and 8	Classroom
Monday, May 22, 2017	Regular class time 8:55-10:35	Arabic Social Studies Grade 7 and 8 Grade 8 NS Assessments- English	Classroom Classroom
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Regular class time 8:55-10:35	Arabic/Special Arabic Grade 7 and 8 Grade 8 NS Assessments- English	Classroom Classroom
Wednesday, May 24, 2017	Regular class time 11:55-1:30	Islamic / Special Islamic Grade 7 and 8 Grade 8 NS Assessments- Math	Classroom Classroom
Thursday, May 25, 2017	8:55- 10:35	Grade 8 NS Assessments- Math	Classroom
Sunday, May 28, 2017	Regular class time	French Grade 7 and 8 Note- Grade 8 French will be written during the first 2 periods	Classroom
*Thursday, June 1, 2017	9:00-10:00 AM	English (Core Subject)	Assigned Classrooms
*Sunday, June 4, 2017	9:00-10:00 AM	Science (Core Subject)	Assigned Classrooms
*Tuesday, June 6, 2017	9:00-10:00 AM	Social Studies (Core Subject)	Assigned Classrooms
*Thursday, June 8, 2017	9:00-10:00 AM	Math- Core Subject	Assigned Classroom

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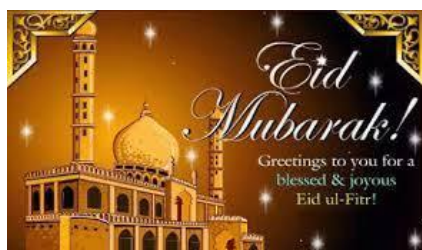
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Final Exam Schedule Grade 9-12 June 7-18

Unless otherwise indicated exams are between 8:45 am - 10:45 am

GRADE	Wednesday June 7	Thursday June 8	Sunday June 11	Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Sunday June 18
9	No Exams	No Exams	French Written 9ABC Period 1-2 in regular classrooms	Social Studies 9ABC	English 9ABC	Science 9ABC	Math 9ABC	Make Up Exams
10	10:30-11:45 Block B All Arabic	9:45-11:00 Block B All Islamic	Grade 10 English Provincial Exams	Grade 10 Math Provincial Exams	Block B	Block C	Block D	Make Up Exams
11	12:00-1:30 Block C All Arabic	12:15-1:30 Block C All Islamic	No Exams	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Make Up Exams
12	No Exams	No Exams	No Exams	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Make Up Exams



School will be closed during Eid Al Fitr and will reopen after Eid from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm throughout the summer.

We wish to thank our school community, students and parents for their ongoing support for our school throughout the year and look forward to seeing you in September!

