

## Secondary Newsletter



AAESS Secondary Staff 2011-12

Dear Parents, Students, and friends of AAESS welcome to the new Academic year



Sunday 30th October:

**First Lieutenant Engineer, Ali Nasser Yabhouni & Khalid Obaid from Abu Dhabi Police GHQ** gave all Secondary Students (during Assembly) an excellent presentation on Internet (electronic) Crime, covering themes from Facebook fraud to identity theft. He also gave us measures on how to prevent such attacks.

All students and staff greatly appreciated this public service.

### School Photographs

Package Includes:

1X 6X8 inch class photo; 1x 6x8 inch individual photo; 1x 6x4 inch individual photo; 4 x individual passport photos

Package Fee - AED75.00

Photographs will be available on a CD to only those ordering packages at an extra cost of AED 10.00 each.

All other photographs taken i.e. Prefects, House Captains, 6th Form etc. will be charged at AED15.00 per 6x8 inch photo. These can be viewed within the school and ordered separately.

Contact: [lcash@aaess.sch.ae](mailto:lcash@aaess.sch.ae) or your child's form tutor.

### New teaching Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Sonja Nel and Mr. Albert Akpoza to our Mathematics department. We are grateful for their expertise and we now have our full complement of Mathematics teachers for this academic year. I would also like to take this opportunity to praise Mr. Halime and Mr. Alkunshalie for ensuring all students received mathematics tuition during this difficult period.

We are expecting Mr. Philip Thompson imminently to complete our quota of Science personnel. Many thanks to the Science department for ensuring all our students received assistance and cover material to ensure that they were not too disadvantaged.

### Parental Questionnaire & Student Questionnaire

A Parental Survey to help us with your feedback to further improve the school was issued to all students this month. If you have not received one, copies are available at the school reception. Please return these in the boxes provided in reception. The SRC are preparing a Student questionnaire to get also feedback from students also, shortly.

### A level and External CIE Inspection

**November CIE Examinations:** Students are currently sitting examinations and re sit examinations to improve their grades. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two parent Invigilators **Mrs. Noelene Shaw & Maura Madigan** for helping out during these next few weeks. If you are interested to assist in exam invigilation for January or June series examinations please contact [fbrand@aaess.sch.ae](mailto:fbrand@aaess.sch.ae)

Examination procedures have gone through a complete review and I am very pleased to report that a recent CIE (Cambridge International Examination) exam inspection found our procedures and conduct of examinations **Completely Satisfactory**.

Year 11 and sixth form have received letters explaining examination fees and examination deadlines. Please contact [fbrand@aaess.sch.ae](mailto:fbrand@aaess.sch.ae) if you have not received this information.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE International Examinations		EXAMINATION CENTRE INSPECTION REPORT
Assessment:		Additional Comments:
Completely Satisfactory	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Satisfactory Minor Points	<input type="radio"/>	
Some Cause for Concern	<input type="radio"/>	
Serious Deficiencies	<input type="radio"/>	
Other Comments:		
Everything runs very smoothly — there is plenty of admin support. Procedures as listed in 3.2.7 should be followed after the candidates enter the room i.e. do not open the CP packet until the candidates are in the room, and then make all the specified announcements. Check CDs on delivery as well as the day before the test. Action Plan has now been returned CIE — all terms have been met. Invigilators have excellent training and support.		

# Ecoventure

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Catorina James HOKS3

This year's Ecoventure trip saw 47 pupils, along with Ms James and Ms. Kateregga, experience white water rafting and kayaking at Wadi adventure park for the first time.

This is a man-made water facility, built at the base of Jebel Hafeet. It is not open to the public until the New Year, so it was a very exciting and exhilarating start to our water-themed trip. Many pupils advanced quickly to the faster run in their Kayaks, having practiced wet exits in the lake and on the slower runs. The instructors were very patient and well trained to guide novices and experts alike. The next day saw us at Kalba for a visit to the mangroves where some raft building, canoeing and sea kayaking were tried out.

The year 8 girls' team along with Ben Ward deserve special mention since their raft was the most solid the instructors had seen to date. Well done!! Some groups were lucky to see a turtle swim alongside their canoe. The final day was spent at camp doing some team building activities, archery and mountain biking.

One group of students missed out on archery, since the bow material was not able to withstand the desert heat. Special mention, too, goes to Rachael Brough and Hayley Lamshed for the many bull's-eye's scored in the archery competition. Thank you to everyone who made this trip the best one so far!!

## Communication with Parental Groups

At present information is relayed to student individual year groups depending upon the type of communication required.

We understand that some students do not always give you letters, therefore if you have changed your contact details or are unsure please contact Floris Brand [fbrand@aaess.sch.ae](mailto:fbrand@aaess.sch.ae) so that we may update our database and information shall be relayed via email also. Thank you.



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SPIRIT OF THE UNION  
اليوم الوطني  
NATIONAL DAY  
الامارات العربية المتحدة  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

**40**

**1ST DECEMBER**

**AAESS** shall be celebrating 40 years of Emirati Independence, Culture & Heritage

If you wish to be involved in this special day please contact your SRC representatives

ديسمبر  
DECEMBER  
اليوم الوطني  
NATIONAL DAY

## Head Boy and Head Girl



Head Boy 2011-2012  
Malik Zbaeda



Head Girl 2011-2012  
Pragya Charu Manihar

The beginning of this term saw the submission of applications from potential candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl. Each candidate was required to complete an application form and present themselves for a formal interview.

The quality of candidates applying for the positions this year was outstanding and this made the selection committee's decision very difficult indeed.

I am pleased to announce that the successful candidates were Malik Zbaeda and Pragya Charu Manihar. I wish them both the very best of luck in their roles this year.

**Ms. Lorraine Harte** Head of Sixth Form

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*"As Head Boy and Head Girl our roll is to encourage and ensure a positive attitude between all members and towards all areas of the school. Our respective positions are highly regarded therefore we wish to lead by example and ultimately help the school run smoothly in a professional manner. We have assembled a team of exceptional prefects and are looking forward to working closely with them, the staff and the pupils in order to reach the schools optimum level socially and academically."*

Malik Zbaeda

## Senior and Junior Prefects, House Captains

Supporting the Head Boy and Head Girl in their role this year are a team of Senior Prefects from year 12 and year 13. The Senior Prefects for this term are:

- Patrick Malzahn
- Harry Stanworth
- Omar Islam
- Omar Sharaf
- Ziad Al Janabi
- Fahad Mohammed
- Ammar El Sheshtawy
- Hannah Ingram
- Carla Aboud
- Latifa Al Dhaheer
- Lucille Philpott
- Alicia Hooper
- Megan Bain
- Josephine Allison

This year in conjunction with Mr. Rowley, Head of Key Stage 4, we have introduced further roles for Junior Prefects selected from year 11 students. The Junior Prefects for this term are:

- Jack Roberts
- Sylvia Vilsoni
- Devon Cash
- Cindy Aboud
- Sarah Kowash
- Martine Mourani

The prefects have been doing an excellent job so far this term—monitoring corridors during breaks, mentoring younger students and supporting teachers with their form classes.

### Work Experience Program

Many sixth form students have chosen to participate in an on-site work experience programme running across primary, secondary and administrative sections of the school. Each placement lasts one term at the end of which the supervising member of staff will evaluate the student's performance during the placement. This evaluation will be very useful to have for the future, be it for job applications or for use when applying to universities, or other third level institutions. I would encourage sixth form students who have not participated in the programme in term one to seriously consider signing up for it in term two.

While the colours of the Houses remain the same as last year, the names for each house has been changed and House Captains elected from current sixth form students. The House Captains for the secondary school are;

**Griffin** - Ziad Al Janabi Musi

Josephine Allison

**Dragon** - Lucille Philpott

Katie Smith

**Rukh** - Omar Sharaf

Carla Aboud

**Phoenix** - Daniyal Siddiqui

Harry Stanworth

## Extra Curricular Activities :Term: Autumn Year: 2011

Day	Club	Led By
Sunday	Student News	Ms. Singbeil
	Football	Ms. Donovan
		Mr. Ismail
	Swimming	Ms. Donovan
	Robotics	Ms. Hamer
	Costume Design	Mr. Abass
	ICT	Ms. Crainic
	Spanish	Mr. Ameri
Monday	German	Ms. Atfield
	Ms. Cowen	
Tuesday	Cricket	Mr. Brett
	Choir	Mr. Vilsoni
	Biology Club	Ms. Conte
	Girls Touch Rugby	Mrs. Serhane
	Chess	Ms. Donovan
	ICT Club	Ms. Hamer
	Year Book	Mr. Hansen
Wednesday	Afrikaans	Mr. Ameri
	Basketball	Mrs. Cash
	School Production	Ms. Katregga
	Orchestra	Mrs. Abass
	Golf	Mr. Smith
	Homework Club	Mrs. Hooper
History Club	Mrs. Smith	
	Ms. Sabiti	
Golf	Ms. Conte	
	MS Dnovan	
Homework Club	Rm Rowley	
	Mr. Uddin	
History Club	Mrs. Lone	



This years SRC is filled with a large number of creative, hardworking members. In only 4 weeks the SRC has had a successful bake sale and non uniform day which raised 5000 Dhs that are to be all

donated to Towam Hospital for breast cancer. The SRC secured a deal with ADNOC to sponsor our school with 75 000 Dhs worth of Eco-friendly school improvements. The SRC successfully organized a trip to the water-park, Iceland, which will be happening on the 29th of october. The SRC on the demand of the students started setting up a stationery store and a Hip Hop Dance Club. So far we have successfully dealt with all the issues raised by the students such as the "Prefect Power Abuse" issue. For the upcoming weeks the SRC is working on a "70's Disco" and The Self Esteem Booster project. In the future we have plans such as increasing the number of rubbish bins around the school, more trips and fundraisers, a donation to the earthquake victims in Turkey and much more !

**SRC President**  
**Mohamed Shaaban**

List of the leading members:

SRC President

**Mohamed Shaaban**

SRC Vice President

**Jean-Marc Choufani**

SRC Co-Secrutries

**Elyssa Mourany**

**Martine Mourani**

SRC Treasurer

**Ammar El Shishtawi**

SRC Supervisor

**Mr. L.Hansen**

"Eco Project" President

**Bashir Al Mughairbi**

"Eco Project" Supervisor

**Mr. A.Akpoza**

Head of Advertisement

**Grace Shaw**

Head of NB Committee

**Katharine Smith**

The Self Esteem Booster project

President

**Awab Al Malik / Mohamed Shaban**



Recently we had a House Logo competition and students were asked to design a suitable logo for their allocated Houses. We had a number of entries from both Primary and secondary students and the quality of the designed logos was high.

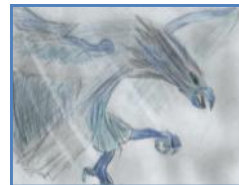
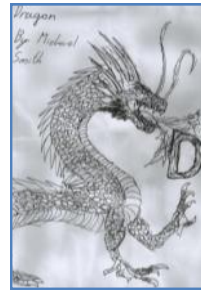
A winner for the best logo design was selected from each of the four houses including a further winner for the best graphics design.

The following winners are:

**Meth Aberathne** in Year 6 for the Griffin Logo **Michael Smith** in Year 9 for the Dragon Logo **Felix Payne** in Year 4 for the Phoenix Logo **Elrico De Bruyn** in Year 10 for the Rukh Logo

**Tessa Khairy** in Year 9 for the graphics design

**Congratulations to the above winners and their logo designs will be made into House Flags and will be displayed in the school hall.**



## Future Events



**Spain trip:** Only for KS4-5 Spanish students. get to study in university of Malaga and visit places of cultural interest in Andalucía. Possible dates: 30/03 - 06/04. The Spanish Department shall keep you informed directly of details once finalised.



**Paris/UK Trip:** Final details are currently being finalized. Possible departure date is the 22d March



**Duke of Edinburgh** award trips will be announced shortly.

It is hoped Oman and Nepal will be confirmed shortly

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
28 October	Music at Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon
14 November	Yr. 9 Parents Evening
17 November	Abu Dhabi Art trip to Yas Island
18-19 November	Bronze Award Duke of Edinburgh Trip
24th November	Possible Travel & Tourism Trip to Dubai
1st December	UAE National Day Celebrations (One School)
9 December	Christmas at Intercon (choir)
10 December	Peripatetic Concert at AAESS
14 December	Talent Show At AAESS
15 December	Christmas at Ayla Hotel

The school production of Charlie and the chocolate factory is now underway. The ompa lumpas are working hard to prepare the factory ready to welcome you lucky golden ticket owners along with Charlie, Verruca, Augustus, mike and violet. Willy Wonka invites you to his wonderful factory for a tour and adventure along the way.

**Karra Smith:** Expressive Arts Department

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