

Thursday 17th December 2009

Dear Parents,

The atmosphere in our new auditorium on Monday evening was tremendous. The over 300 highly appreciative parents made all the hard work worthwhile for our students and the Expressive Arts Department. Of course we have always had talented students and teachers at AAESS but it is very rewarding to see such good facilities for them. Thank you to all those who took part and to all those teachers who supported their colleagues backstage.

The Friends table-top sale was a great success and I would like to add my thanks to theirs for everyone who made the day so worthwhile. Our Duke of Edinburgh students, bravely led by Mr. Evans and Ms. Musi, generated quite a lot of money for their Silver and Gold trip to Thailand in the Spring.

You should be receiving a school report today for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. If one is not immediately offered when your daughters and sons arrive home you may need to request that they hand it over. Please see our website for an explanation of Year 7, 8, and 9 National Curriculum level descriptors. Year 10 along with Arabic and Islamic for all year groups use the more usual letter grade system.

The mock I/GCSE, AS and A2 examinations will be taking place in the first week back in January, starting on 3rd. During this week Years 11, 12 and 13 will be on examination leave which means that students in these years only need to come to school when they have examinations. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will have a normal schedule. Please see the school website for the mock examination schedule.

The January external examinations begin on 11th January. There are schedules posted on the examination notice board and students should take note of when they have an examination scheduled. If a student has an examination scheduled in the afternoon s/he may take the morning off classes. If a student has an examination scheduled in the morning then s/he may have the previous afternoon free.

There is a Year 7 Parents' Evening scheduled on 6th January. Please note that this will take place between 17.30 and 20.30 pm. This time may vary from that posted on the website. Please note the difference.

School will reopen on Sunday 3rd January at 7.50 am.

May I wish you a safe and happy holiday with your families.

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