



Monthly

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Welcome to PHES News.

Introduction



We are delighted to introduce the first edition of the revised Park House English School newsletter. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable. The school is a hive of activity and the aim of the newsletter is to keep parents, guardians and the wider Park House School community better informed.

The newsletter will be issued every month and will include teacher advice, school news, school events, student achievements and sports news. A lot has happened at Park House English School this term and the school continues to develop and grow with the help of parents, teachers and the school community.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and your feedback is welcomed.

Events This Month

Sunday, 17th June 2018

EID break

Sunday, 24th June 2018

Awards evening

Tuesday, 26th June 2018

Last day of term for Early Years 1 & 2

Tuesday, 26th June 2018

Transition Day Year 6 to Year 7

Thursday, 28th June 2018

Last day of term

PHES Students Star in Video



Two Park House English School students recently starred in a promotional video for Qatar National Library. **Dylan Smith** Year 12 and **Brooke Baker** Year 2 appear in the video. The Qatar National Library recently opened its doors and the exceptional building has over one million

books. It utilises the latest technology for an enhanced user experience. There is also a children's library. You can view the video on the Qatar National Library Facebook page. The URL is www.facebook.com/TheQatarNationalLibrary. The library is worth a visit for both young and old.

Principal's Welcome

Mr. John Smith

Welcome to the relaunched Park House English School newsletter. I hope you enjoy the new format and we look forward to communicating school news with you in this way. The school year is nearing its end and we have achieved a huge amount. Our Year Book is now available and will provide a wonderful summary of all the achievements from this year.

This term is always busy as pupils go through their various end of year assessments. The IGCSE, AS and A2 examinations are well underway and will continue this month.

The importance of these examinations cannot be underestimated as pupils look to achieve their best for entry into Year 12 and for our A2 pupils, entry into some of the world's best universities.

The academic achievements of pupils in all areas of the school have been commendable this year and we look forward to this continuing. As well as the academic achievements, our sporting success has been considerable.

It is very encouraging to see so many of our pupils participating in competitive sports on top of their usual P.E. lessons.

There has been a staggering number of trophies and medals won by our pupils and this is a credit to the skills dedication and competitive spirit of our teams, plus the commitment of our staff.

As this term draws to an end, we will have a team move in to carry out work on a series of major enhancements to our school environment.



These include more shading for our pupils in both primary and secondary outside areas, a completely redesigned Early Years outside area, new science laboratories, completely refurbished libraries, a new Sixth Form Centre and a re-designed School Reception.

There are other projects planned and I will share more detail information once all has been finalised. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and, as always, comments and suggestions for improvement are welcomed. I hope you all enjoy the Eid holiday and I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.



NEW KS4 PREFECTS

With the senior students now left for study leave, we asked Year 10 students to apply to represent the school as prefects. The 12 students selected were not only chosen based on their applications, but due to high work ethic and outstanding attitude to learning demonstrated in school. In the role of Key Stage 4 prefect, students will be ambassadors for the school assisting with school events, school tours, break time monitoring and other important school events.



SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

QPSSA South League Girls Swimming Champions. Congratulations to the PHES Primary girls swim team. It was a terrific competition, PHES beat ASD, in second and DBS in third to take the title. All students received a medal. Well done!



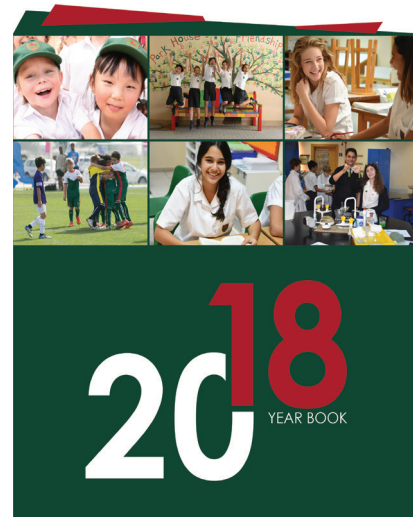
Year Book 2018

The 2018 Year Book has been completed and is now available. The Year Book captures all the amazing events and activities that took place during the year.

The Year Book is a wonderful momento that will be treasured for years to come.

It is now available from the accounts office. Payment will only be accepted in cash.

We look forward to your support of the Year Book and we are confident you will treasure it for years to come.



Year 13 University Preparation Day *Getting ready for a new way of life.*

Preparing for university is not solely about securing a place, it's about preparing for a new more independent way of life. Year 13 recently completed a pre-university day which was geared towards providing practical help and advice to students adapting to life as a university student.



The day covered areas such as cooking and eating healthy on a budget, managing money and personal safety.

Best of luck to all Year 13 students as they embark on new way of life. They will be studying primarily in the USA, and the United Kingdom.



Head of Primary Message

Mr. Brian Allen



The summer term in any school is always laced with excitement – the summer holidays are in sight, plans are being made, excitement mounts and plans are being developed for 2018-19. However, the term itself is always extremely busy with this one being no exception.

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed success on the sporting front with our swimming teams being incredibly successful and our Year 3 football team winning their competition at Aspire. Congratulations to our teams and a huge thank you to staff and parents for their support. This year the primary school has piloted the Smart School Council model. This has been used across all year groups and given every child the

opportunity to share their own views and opinions, ensuring improved pupil voice and engagement. We have also recently

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES RAMADAN KAREEM.

completed our GL Assessments in Years 2 – 6 and these have now been dispatched to the UK for marking. We expect data back within 3-4 weeks, hopefully in time to be included with reports

at the end of the school year. On this latter point if parents are leaving Qatar for good before the end of term they should leave a forwarding address so reports can be forwarded on to them. This service is only available for those families who are leaving us for good. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families Ramadan Kareem and look forward to a successful end to the school year.

Qatar Ladies Rugby Team West Asian Champions

We were proud to hear that Malak Kamel, Kelsey Wilson and Noor Shalaby from Year 10 represented Qatar, playing for the national ladies rugby team in Lebanon recently. Alongside the Asia Rugby Championship Division 3 west mens competition, a women's seven tournament also took place. Qatar

had a very successful tournament, defeating two Lebanese teams and Syria. Qatar ladies were the winners of the tournament beating Lebanon Red in the final. With all of our girls being U-15, this is a big achievement. Well done to the girls and we wish you every success for the future.



SCHOOL UNIFORM



GOODBYE OLD UNIFORM

From August 2018 all pupils will be wearing the new school uniform. It is the end of an era but not the end of the road.

Park House English School would like parents and students to donate their old school uniforms to support underprivileged communities in Sri Lanka.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Secondary students should return their library reading books to the Sen library by Thursday 7th June.

No return box will be left in the auditorium for text books at exam time. All resources need to be returned to the library by the 20th June to enable students receive their reports.

If students leave before the end of term, please ensure all books are returned before summer holiday.

Eco-Committee

Smart School Council



This year the Primary School has promoted the Smart School Council model. This has been used across all year groups and given every child the opportunity to share their own views and opinions, ensuring improved pupil voice and engagement. This successful pilot will also be used in the Secondary School next year. Lots of classes raised concerns about environmental issues and world-wide plastic pollution.

Joe from Year 6P was particularly concerned and raised various questions about how we as a school could make small changes and improve our understanding

of the impact we have on our environment.

Joe nominated one pupil from each other Year 6 class to join him in our first Eco-Committee. Y5 teachers each nominated one pupil, to ensure our Eco-Committee has a strong start next term.

Year 5 and 6 are working together to have class meetings across all year groups. The first discussion is about the bags we use when grocery shopping. Children from Year 1 and Year 2 have made suggestions about how to improve our usage. We will share these with you later and appreciate your support when asked to discuss these topics at home.

Quran Competition Awards

Twelve Students from Park House English School have proudly participated in the annual Holy Quran interscholastic competition this year, which was held in February 2018. They were awarded by Sheikh Muhammad Oways with participation certificates and cash prizes due to their excellent performances.





Year 6 Toy Sale

Our Year 6 Smart School Council Communication Team planned, organised and completed a toy/book sale in March. We asked for your help to raise money for the very first Year 6 prom, you were very supportive and donated lots of books/toys, thank you!



Every class had the opportunity to buy and the teachers commented on the fantastic attitude of our Year 6 pupils. A grand total of QR 4,624 was raised, this exceeded all expectations.

Throughout this process we used our Smart School Council tool, Year 6 used the class meeting tool to vote on their prom theme and decided on 'walk of fame'. The prom took place in May and all the boys and girls were very excited. Thank you once again for your support.



Art Examinations

As part of their **IGCSE** and **A-levels** art examinations, Park House English students spoiled us with a display of their exquisite pieces. There is a wide array of art pieces on exhibition in the main reception area of the school including paintings, sculptures and photographs.

The quality of the pieces on show is a credit to the students and their art teacher Ms. Sameen Johnson. You can view more of the art pieces on our Facebook page.



NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

New website is designed to improve communication between home and school

Park House English School is proud to announce the launch of our new website. It can be accessed at www.parkhouseschool.com. As well as providing information to existing and prospective parents the website is designed to improve communication between home and school.

In particular, the 'Life at School' section will be developed further to provide useful information and updates, including a downloads section with links to newsletters and other helpful documents. There are also sections for school news which include a brief write up and photographs to celebrate the different activities that take place at the school.

The new Park House English School website has updated content, as well as the latest web technology, and can be viewed on all mobile devices, having been carefully designed to give users the best possible experience .

Features of the new website include an updated school gallery, interactive online

messaging service and links to the school's social media accounts.

Mr. John Smith, Principal of Park House English School, said *"We hope users find the new website helpful and easy to navigate. A lot of hard work has gone into making the website responsive across all devices especially mobiles and tablets. Our goal is to ensure that visitors can get an understanding of what makes Park House English School so special"*.

Please visit the new website at **www.parkhouseschool.com** and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

New Park House English School Website



Head of Secondary Message

Mr. Graham Braben



As you are no doubt aware, the Secondary School is now in the midst of examination season. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are sitting their external IGCSE, AS and A level examinations from May until the end of June.

Whilst it is a stressful and at times extremely challenging time for the students, we are confident as ever, the results in August will show the quality of Park House English School once again.

I would ask that, if you are in the vicinity of the Auditorium or the classrooms at the back of the Sixth Form block, that you remain quiet as the noise does disturb students' concentration.

Elsewhere in the Secondary School all year groups are working towards their end of year assessments, be it examinations or a continuation of class tests.

I am confident that as long as everyone has kept up their work and is familiar with the material then they will be successful.

Just a final word, end of year reports for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be issued on Wednesday, 13th June.

After that, I hope that you all have a restful summer holiday and that everyone returns on 29th August ready for more hard work and another successful year.

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