



Year 8 and 9 students enjoy a presentation by Khaled Al Ameri:



"This man is so inspirational". "What he says makes sense. If we work hard we'll get to where we want to go!" "I love the way he told us to follow our dreams and do this smartly." These are just some of the comments from students following a personal Tutorial on 'The Way Ahead' – options for the future – from Khaled Al Ameri last Thursday. The talk was particularly timely for our Year 9 students as they choose their examination courses.



Our winning 'House' Team:



Dear Parents: We have been celebrating many successes this week including one of our Year 8 teams achieving 3rd Place in the Abu Dhabi wide 'Build A Sustainable Home' competition; our swimmers winning the recent Al Ain Gala; and the Year 9 enterprise team running a well supported and enjoyable 'Lego Movie Night' for the FS children. Many congratulations to all involved. With regards to the enterprise event, the students will reinvest this capital into future fund-raising activities and amalgamate their profits at the end of the academic year to make donations to a selection of charity organisations.

Curriculum News: We hope that the following gives a flavour of some of this week's studying:

Art and Design Technology: More secondary students have achieved their sewing License. They are making fantastic progress learning and refining their skills and techniques on the sewing machine. They have been learning about the applique technique and designing and making their own textiles samples for a school patchwork quilt. Well done secondary students!

Business: Year 8 have finished making suggestion boxes that will be used to gather ideas from the school concerning future charity funding raising activities. Year 9 have worked on the movie night for FS and raised 1194 for charity. Well done aspiring entrepreneurs!

Computing: Year 7 have started a new project this week - Spy School, linking with 'Stormbreaker' in English. They will be learning about spreadsheets, formulae and code breaking. Exciting times! Year 8 are coming to the end of their technology project. This week they explored the history of the world wide web and Sir Tim Berners-Lee's extraordinary developments for humanity. Year 9 learnt more about iPads and the curriculum and using mobile technology in the whole spectrum of their studies at AAIS.

Drama: Year 8 continued to develop their slap stock comedy, developing a 'pie-throwing' scene. Year 9 are working on their own comedy version of the ball scene from 'Romeo and Juliet'.

English: Year 7 finished off their 'Guide to...' using imperative verbs to explain and are now learning about Writing to Argue. Year 8 finished their adverts this week, using persuasive techniques to sell their products, and wrote diaries from the perspective of a Lighthouse Keeper. Year 9 edited and redrafted their six thinking hats essay, based around one of the characters from Roald Dahl's 'Lamb to the Slaughter', as well as worked on the critical appreciation essays on 'The Necklace' and 'The Monkey's Paw'.

Geography: Year 7 have been investigating Glacial Erosion and Deposition. Year 8 have built their own Weather Stations. Year 9 have researched the economic development of an African Country and are researching development projects.

History: Year 7 have been examining the military successes of the Arab armies in the first century of the Islamic period, and analysing the reasons for this success. Year 8 have been continuing with their work on the European Empires and the British conflict with China in the 19th century. Year 9 are beginning a study on Europe in the 1920s and 1930s and examining the facets of democracies and dictatorships of this period.

Maths: What a great week of learning in Maths! 7 Aloe have been studying algebra. The students have worked well undertaking exercises in substitution and rearrangement of formulae. 8 Jasmine have made exceptional progress in their work on averages and stem and leaf diagrams. 7 Cinnamon have been learning standard form and decimal calculations. 8 Orchid have studied volumes of prisms. Year 9 have worked on areas and perimeters of sectors in circles.

Music: Continuing with the topic on Musical Instruments, Year 7 finished presenting their PPTs and compiled a list of world instruments. Year 8 continued with popular structure Theme and Variations. They all finished their own compositions were able to record them. Year 9 completed the first 30 seconds of their music for a cartoon clip and some groups performed their ideas.

PE: Students have been practicing their High Jump and other athletics events ready for Sports Day in 2 weeks. In Swimming students have been racing and the Swim Team successfully competed against AAESS on Tuesday.

Social Studies: This week Year 9 Social Studies examined the precious commodity "WATER". They compared the need for water and looked at this from an environmental perspective, drawing connections between the need for water and the availability of oil.

Competitions open to any of our students:

Build Your Own Minecraft Weather Satellite – www.l.zone.info/minecraft-competition2015

Outdoor Photography Competition, have your picture on the front of an Ordnance Survey Map – www.os.uk/photofit

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