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Once again we have reached the end of another school year, in what seems record time. A year that started with great anticipation of the World Cup and seems to have flown by since returning to school in January. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of all members of the community who have contributed to our successful accreditation through QNSA this year. Our belief in NIA has been endorsed by the visiting team, and with that, we will continue to strive for more success. I would also like to thank the many parents who have taken the opportunity to either see me or other members of SMT to discuss the positives and negatives. Having a good understanding of our parent body is very important to enable the school to meet the needs and aspirations of our families and students. Term 3 has seen many highlights with Early Years and Primary class heading off on field trips and also some Secondary students resuming international journeys, this time to Jordan. It is so nice to be returning to normal. We hope to have many more trips in the next academic year.

Once again we will see many members of our school community move on to other countries and challenges. To all students and families who are leaving this year, we wish you well and thank you for your efforts at NIA. We also farewell a number of staff who have made NIA the school that it is. We thank them for their contributions and wish them nothing but success in the future. With Eid al-Adha coming up, on behalf of all NIA staff, we wish you and your loved ones joy, happiness, peace and prosperity. Finally, I want to reiterate my gratitude for your continued support and wish you and your family good health and safety over the summer.

Paul Williamson

A Word from the Deputy Principal



Dear Staff, Students and Parents,

Term 3 has been a very productive term for all. It was lovely to see the many improvements across the school. Despite some challenges, we achieved our goals through our willingness to always strive to achieve the very best in everything we do. Teachers have worked extremely hard this year raising teaching and learning standards as well as providing as many opportunities through the different activities and platforms in the school.

Students have worked extremely hard to progress throughout the year to achieve their best results and participate in different assessments to ensure their results are comparable to and above the standards of the UK. We are very proud of their input in all the academic activities, and the competitions, that took place internally and externally. All these activities in conjunction with their daily academic subjects contribute to a holistic education. All areas of student development are a focus and important at NIA and we remain proud of every student's achievement and performance.

Parents have worked closely with their children in providing the necessary support to assist with their ongoing learning and education. We are very thankful to all the parents for their input as this remains a pillar of strength for teachers and students. Without the parents' support, we cannot achieve so many goals and raise student progress progressively alongside teachers. Parents are part of the ongoing growth and developments in NIA and we are proud to have this kind of community.

Thank you, staff, students and parents for another successful year which we all can be very proud of. We wish everyone well over the holiday and look forward to a successful start in the new academic year.

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A Word from the Head of Secondary

What a grand finale of this successful, vibrant, fun yet difficult academic year! The largest graduation of Year 12 leavers and Year 13 students in the history of NIA Secondary, and the first Alumni gathering of all NIA former students who graduated in the last 10 years since the school opening are most certainly two fantastic events by which this year deserved to be concluded.

However, these were not the only two school history-breaking landmarks. NIA Secondary also extended Prize giving and end-of-year assembly awards in order to acknowledge all outstanding students either academically or/and in extracurricular activities. After 9 years of set numbers – we had to triple the numbers of awards and certificates as the number of outstanding students in NIA from Y7-13 also multiplied!

The results achieved by NIA students this term and over the course of the academic year clearly show the constantly increasing quality of education. NIA Secondary value added is positive and very high which shows the outstanding teaching across all year groups.

The size of our Sixth form (Years 12 and 13) continues to increase every year as our excellent reputation in the Doha community attracts students from many other schools in Qatar. And our well-rounded, skilled, experienced and mature graduates continue to secure places at prestigious universities.

As we are developing students holistically, academic results are not all we strive for – yet again our staff created multiple opportunities for our students to develop their talents outside of the classrooms. Drama, Music and languages dominated our Book week and all ECAs were showcased and our Enrichment gala for Year 6 students as a part of their transition. All students who joined the school Sports teams and worked very hard every week of the year achieved many fantastic results!

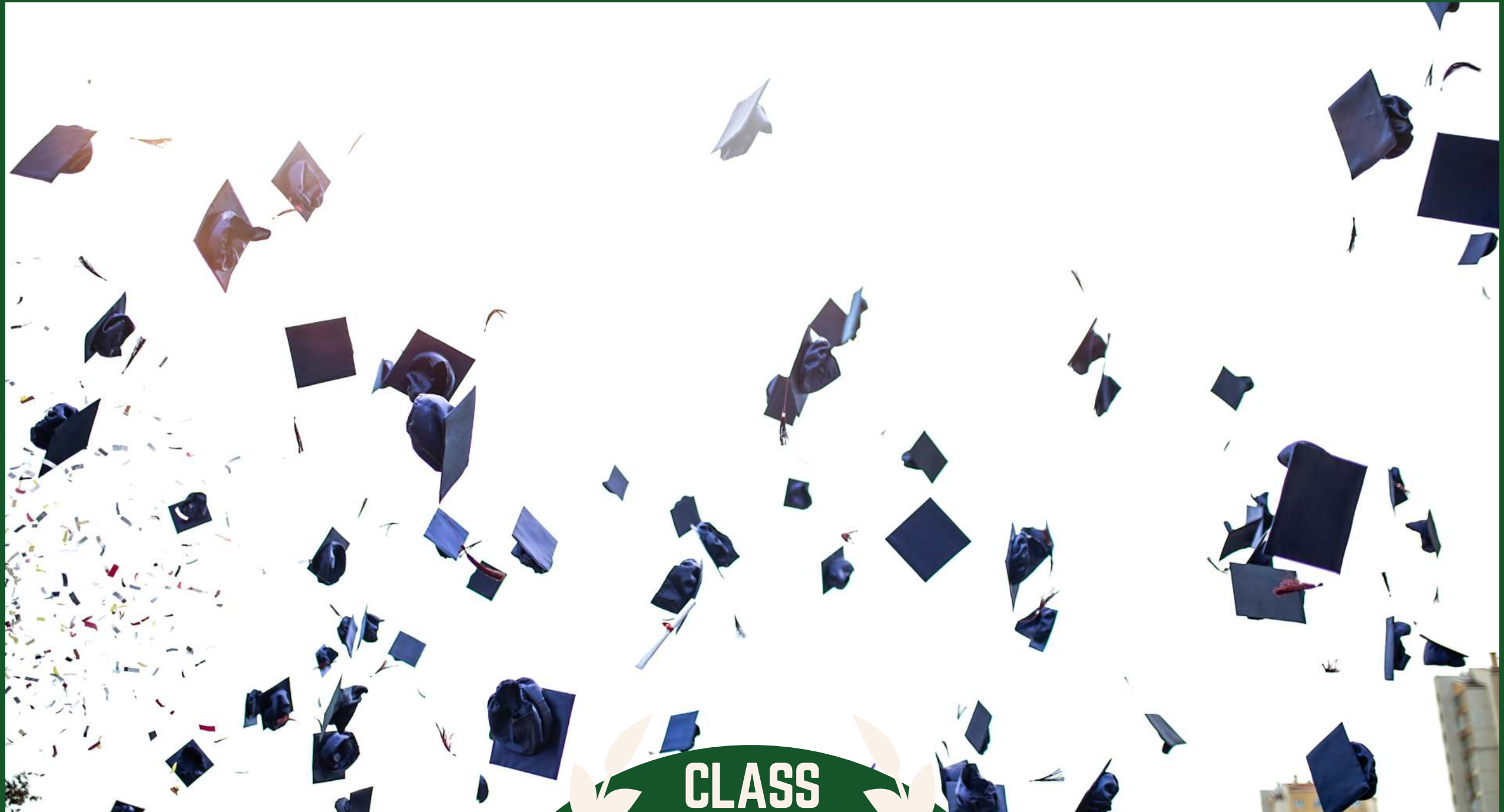
We are very proud of all of our students and their achievements – however big or small they have been this year. Well done NIA – a springboard to a bright future! Thank you all teachers for your dedication and hard work and parents for your support. I wish our whole community a fantastic summer holiday and we are looking forwards to another decade of NIA success – starting with the next academic year 2023-2024!

Dr Tereza Woolgar



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CLASS OF 2023











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SENIOR FAREWELL DINNER



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The milestone tenth graduating class in NIA history made sure to commemorate the incredible journey our school has taken in a truly special way. With great excitement, NIA hosted its very first Senior Farewell Dinner—an evening filled with glamour, fun, and a flood of cherished memories. The event was organised by a remarkable team of Year 12 students, Noora Al Naimi, Karen D'Souza, Priscilla Agbozo, Azwa Junaid, and Jordyn-Lee Visser. Under the guidance and support of Ms Ania Debbah, our Head of Years 12 and 13, as well as our wonderful heads of secondary, they orchestrated an unforgettable event.

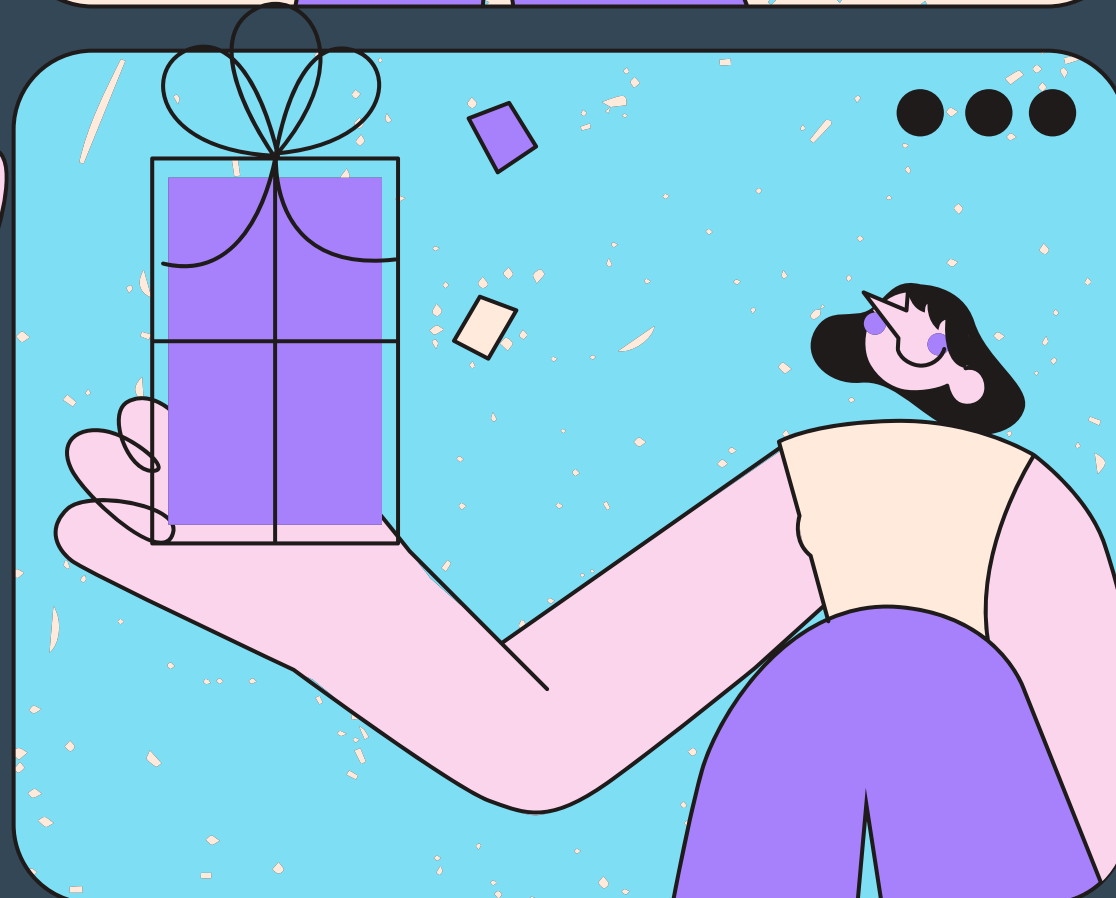
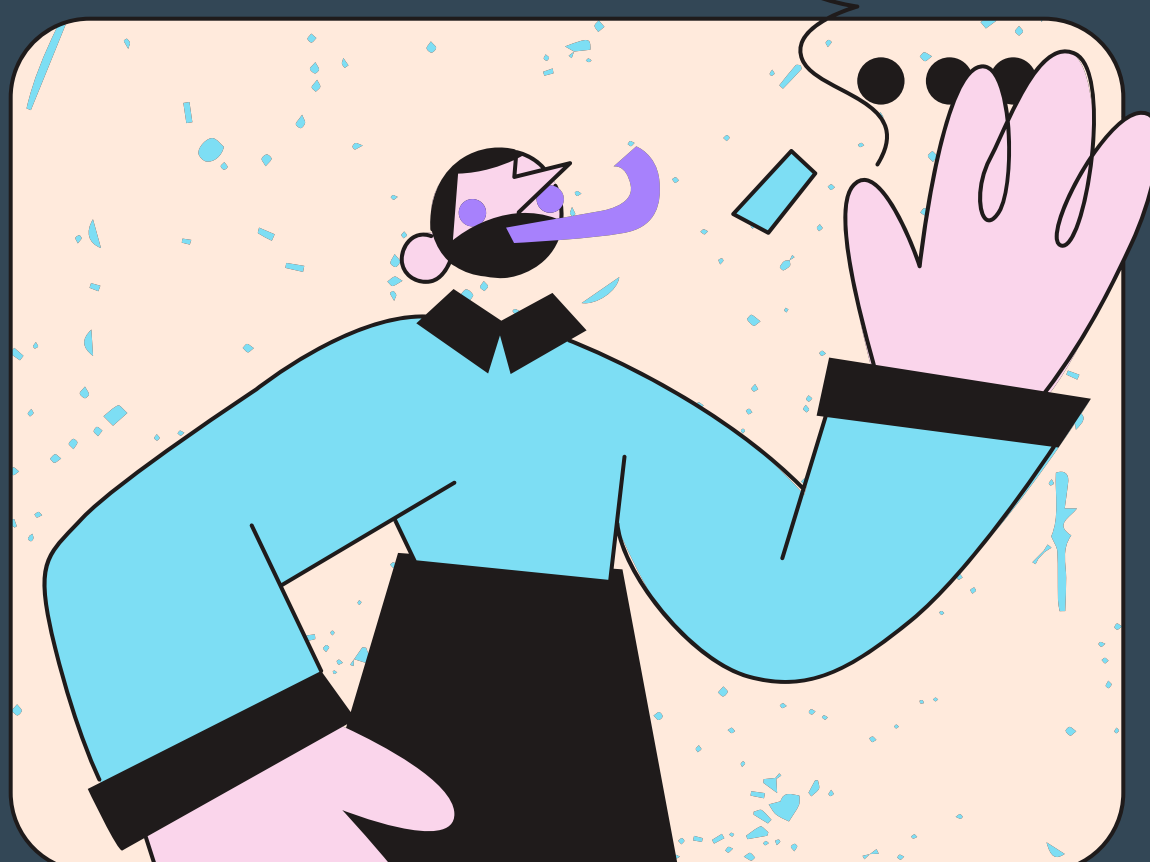
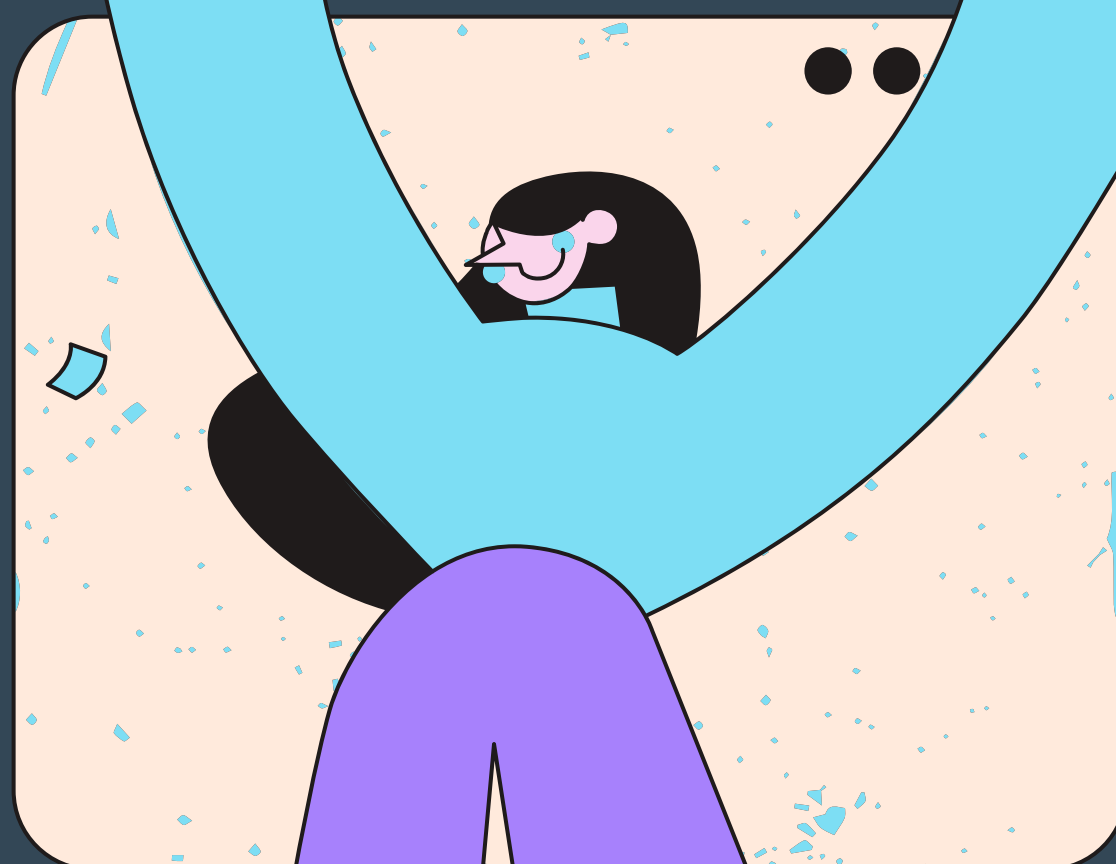
As a heartfelt gesture, the student body voted and rewarded our peers with superlative awards, capturing their unique qualities and contributions. One could argue that we were more excited to hear about the recipients of the "Most Likely to Be a Spy" award than our class distinctions. We couldn't let our teachers escape the action either! The highlight of the student award ceremony was undoubtedly the heartwarming acceptance speeches delivered by our very own Dr Woolgar and Principal Mr Paul Williamson, who graciously accepted the titles of "Most Driven Head of Secondary" and "Most Proactive Principal", respectively. Their speeches were filled with equal parts inspiration and humour, leaving the audience in stitches and teary-eyed. A reminder to be persistent and work hard to achieve what was once thought impossible.

Throughout the evening, we were treated to mesmerising musical performances by some of our talented Year 12 students—Amna Dahar, Karen D'Souza, Mohammed Aljomaily, and Azwa Junaid. Captivating skills showcased the immense talent within our senior class.

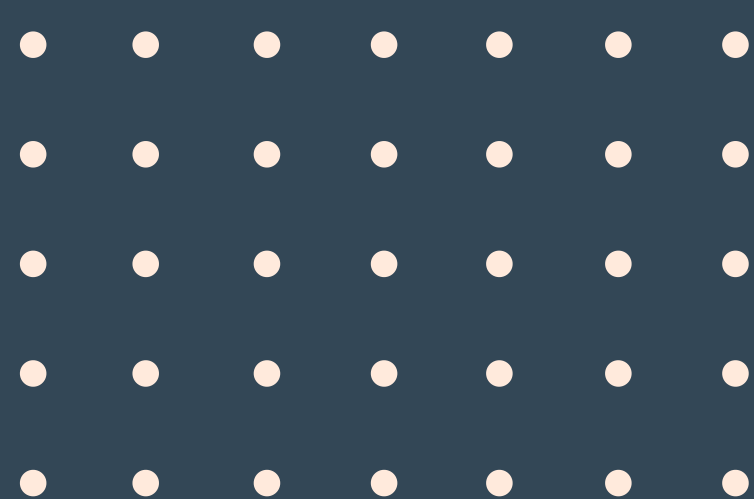
To conclude the event on an emotional note, Deputy Head Girl Isha Faris presented a special video—a heartfelt walk down memory lane. The nostalgic scenes of the events we organised, trips we went on, and simple cherished moments reminded us of the incredible bond we share as a graduating class.

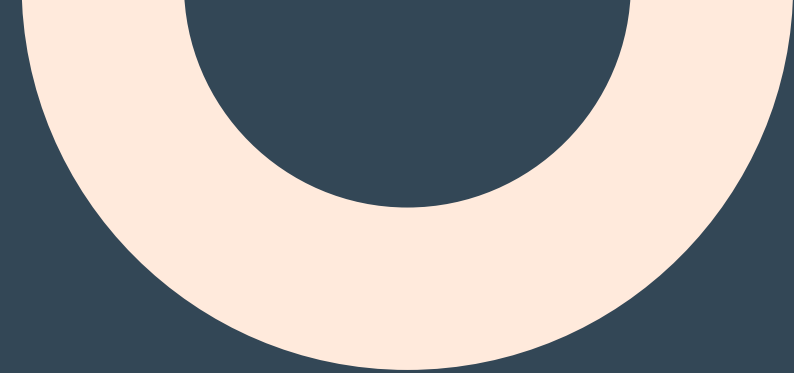
From the delightful photo booth pictures that captured our radiant smiles to the delectable food, the Senior Farewell Dinner provided an unforgettable backdrop for bidding farewell. Together, we celebrated the remarkable successes and milestones accomplished by NIA's Class of 2023. It was an evening filled with laughter, tears, and an unwavering sense of camaraderie—an ode to the unforgettable memories we have created and the promising future that lies ahead.

As we turn the page to new chapters in our lives, we carry with us invaluable friendships and cherished moments from our time at NIA. The Senior Farewell Dinner was not just an event, but a testament to the enduring spirit of our graduating class—the Class of 2023.



STUDENT COUNCIL

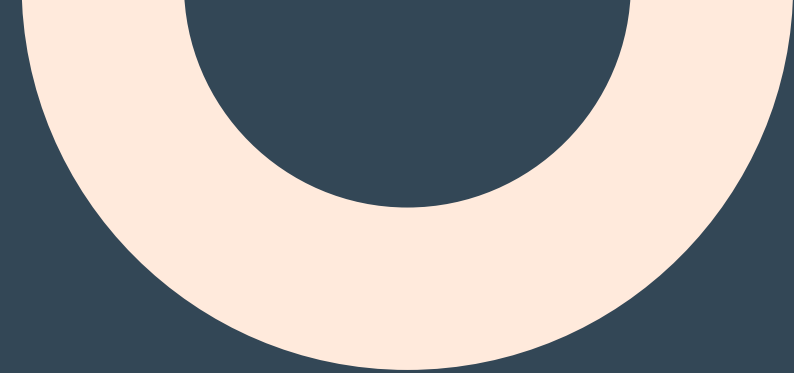




BRITISH VALUES

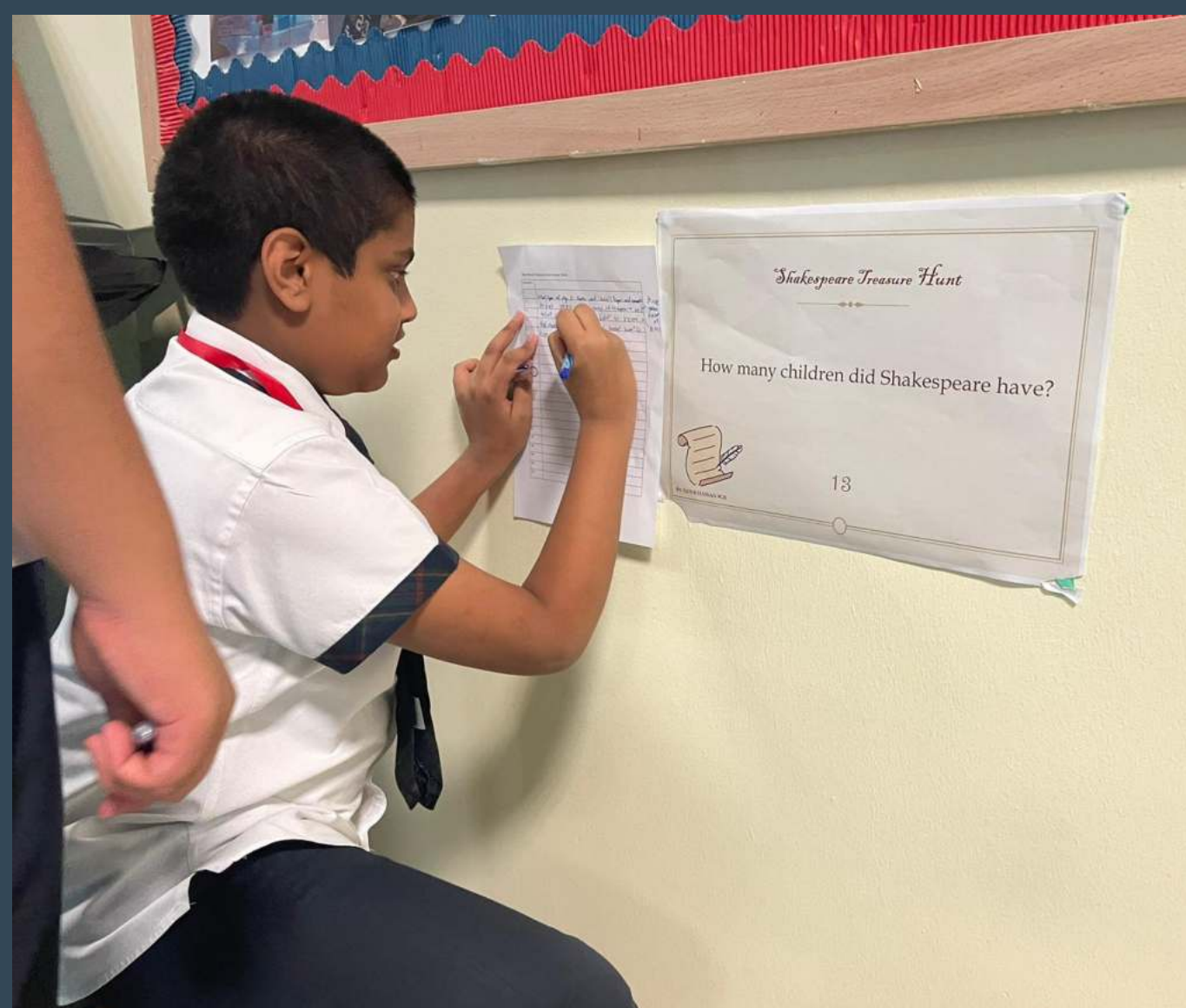
The student council plays a vital role in fostering a positive school environment and upholding core values. The student council understands the significance of promoting British values within the school community. They have been working diligently to ensure that these values are embedded in all aspects of school life. By painting the values on our school's walls, they aim to foster a sense of unity, tolerance, and respect among their fellow students.

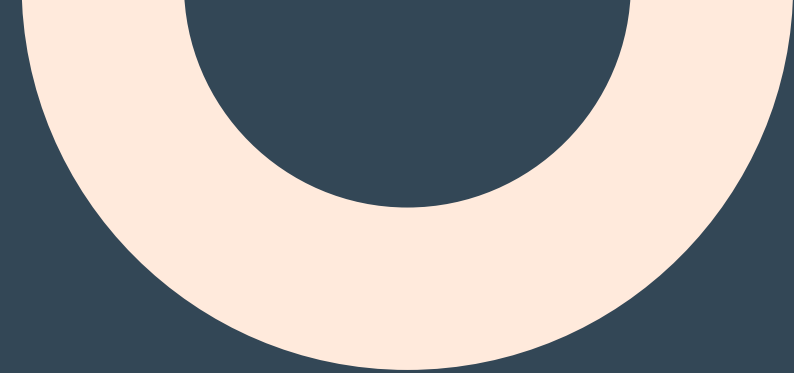




BOOK WEEK

One of the contributions made by the student council was their active involvement in the annual Book Week. Recognizing the importance of books, they organized a “welcome to Arendelle” Stall and gave refreshing ice cream and juice to our students.





APPRECIATING TEACHERS

The student council recognizes the tireless efforts and dedication of their teachers. To show their appreciation, the student council decided to express gratitude to their teachers in a special way.

On a chosen morning, the student council members surprised their teachers by presenting them delicious chocolates. This gesture touched the hearts of the teachers and served as a reminder of the positive relationships nurtured within the school community.



DAY YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Our very eager and excited Year 6 students had an insight into Secondary lessons when they got to attend secondary classes during their transition day. We shared our secondary procedures and schedules and talked them through how things will change for them as they enter secondary school level in the next academic year.

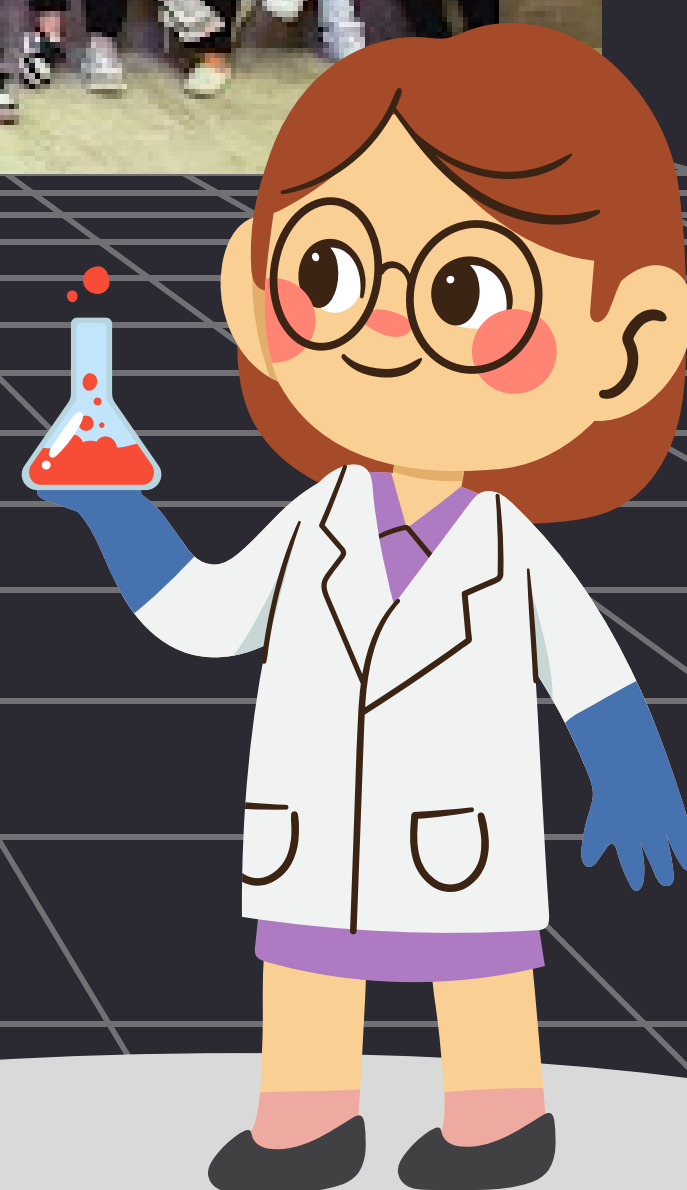
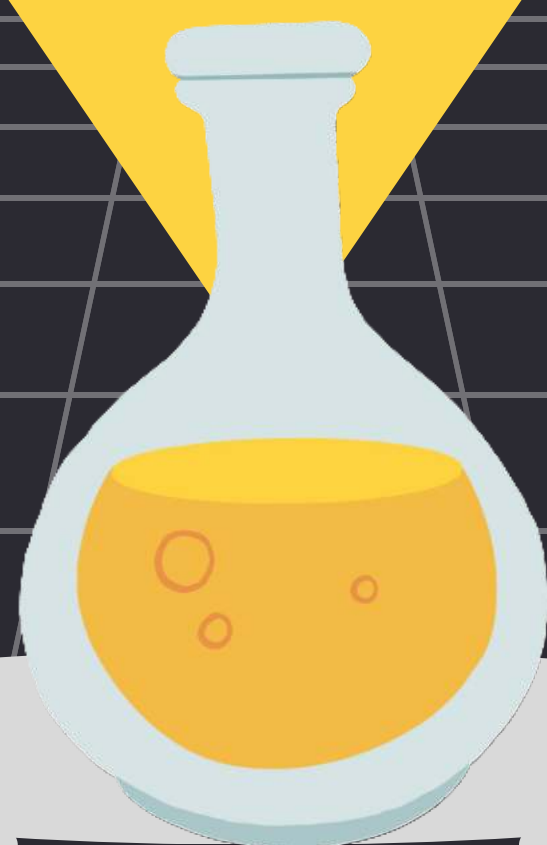
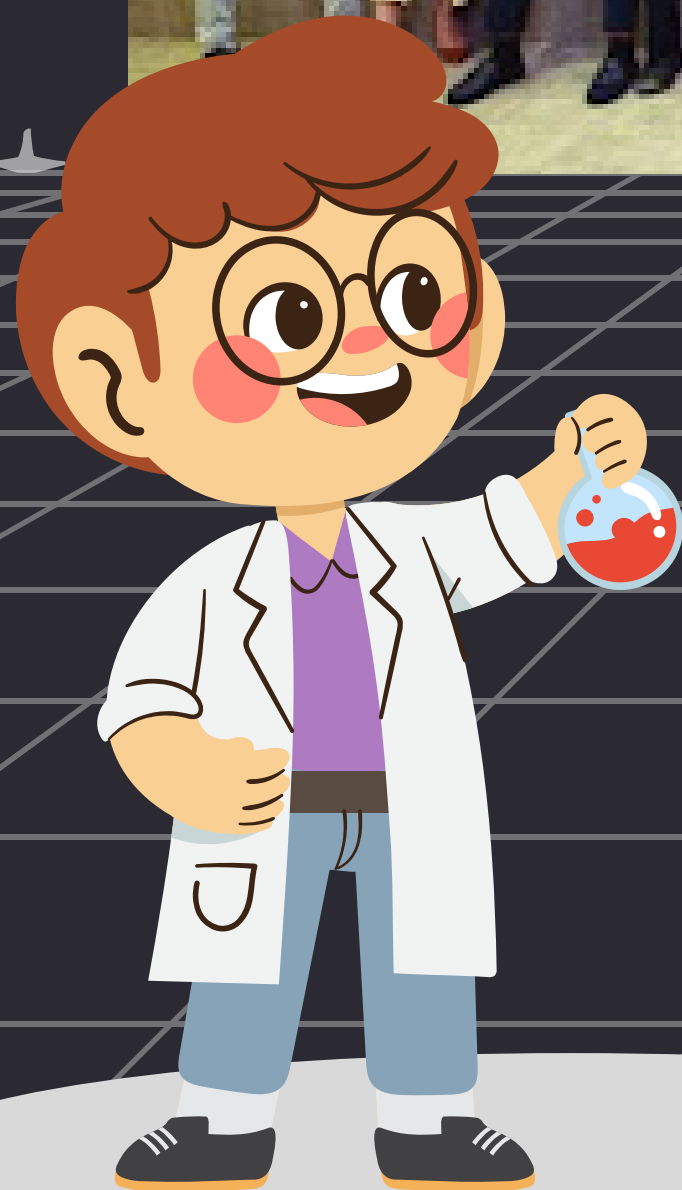
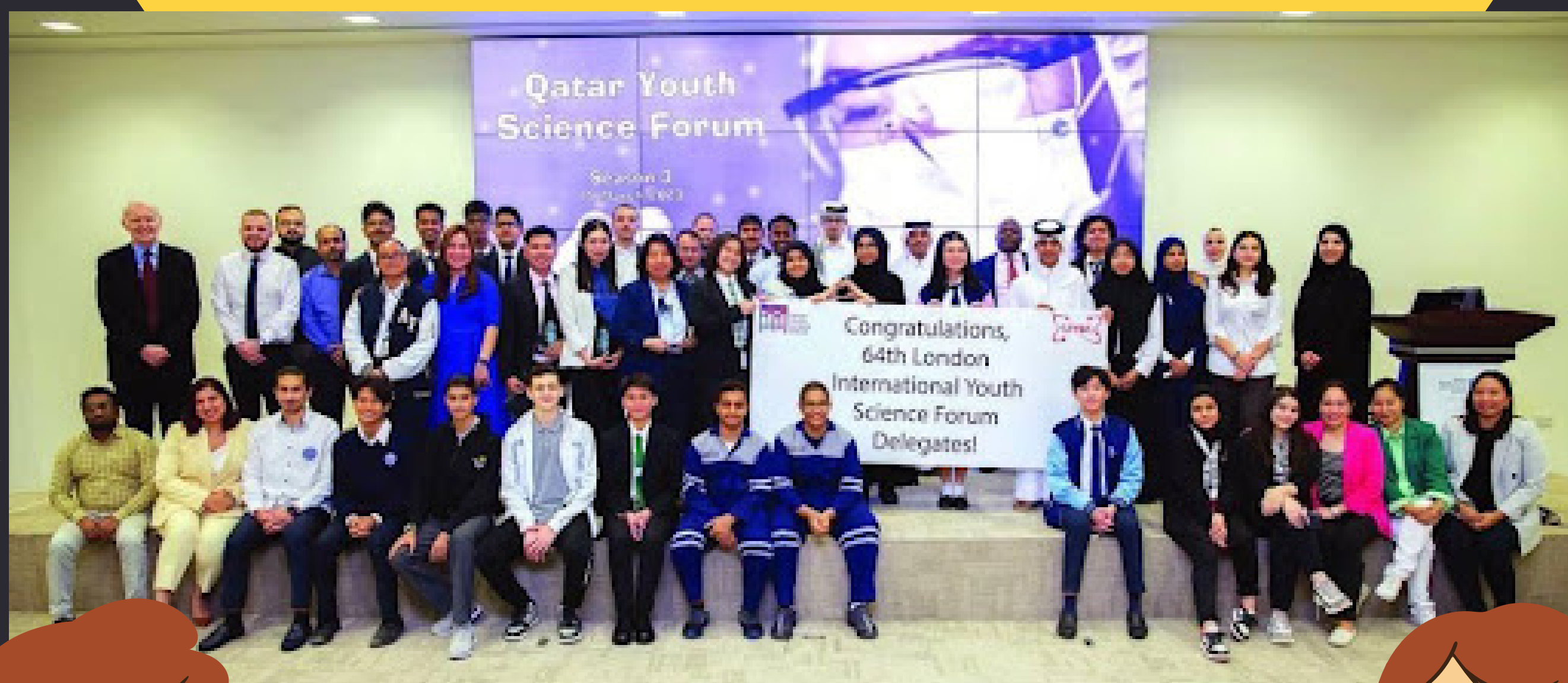
They participated in secondary science experiments, maths challenges, drama performances and Artistic creations. All students thoroughly enjoyed their transition day and showed enthusiasm and excitement for attending Year 7 next year.



QATAR

YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

NIA students recently participated in a research competition hosted by the Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar Youth Science Forum 2023. The event saw 55 teams from high schools across Qatar submit entries, and compete to demonstrate their research and presentation skills in front of a national audience. Their technologies sought to address contemporary issues with innovative thinking, ranging from projects such as biodegradable crayons to reducing environmental waste, and specialised communication and entertainment systems designed to aid quadriplegic patients. NIA was represented by Aiko Gillian, Shafay Sheikh, and Amed Mohammed, who showed resilience and bravery in front of an 'intimidating' panel of professors. Note that, 15 schools had been shortlisted from the original 55; however, the NIA team did not make the final 5 who will visit this year's 64th London Science Youth Conference in early July. The NIA team is to be commended for their fighting spirit.





ENGLISH

department

A VERY WARM WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, HERE AT NIA. WE ALL HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A SPLENDID YEAR! YOUR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS HAVE WORKED VERY HARD THIS TERM AND ARE A CREDIT TO YOU.

IT WAS A TERM WHERE WE HAD VISITING INSPECTION TEAMS, INCLUDING ONE FOR P4C AND THIS LATTER ONE WENT VERY WELL. THE STUDENTS ALL ENJOY THE DISCUSSION AND PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATE WHICH WE HAVE IN SOME ENGLISH LESSONS.

THE SENIOR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN STUDYING FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS AT A LEVEL AND IGCSE. THE SPEAKING EXAMINATIONS FELL DURING RAMADAN; IT IS TO THE STUDENTS CREDIT THAT NOT ONE TEST IN OVER A HUNDRED WAS MISSED AND I THINK THAT IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED – SO A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM ME.

AT THE TIME OF WRITING, SOME OF THESE EXAMINATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT MANY STUDENTS CAME TO SEE ME AFTERWARDS AND ALL SEEMED HAPPY AND CONFIDENT. MY HOPE IS THAT THEY WILL ALL ATTAIN THE GOOD RESULTS THAT THEY HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR.

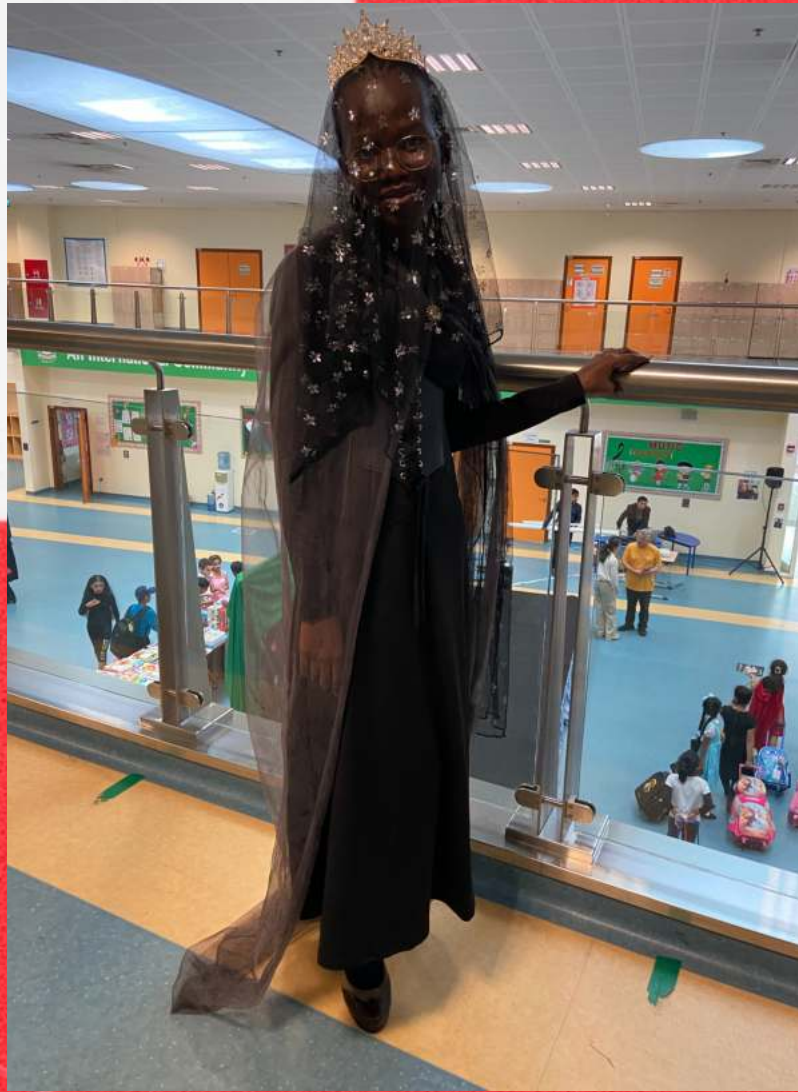
THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ALSO HOSTED INTER HOUSE DEBATES THIS YEAR AND I AM SURE MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE, MR TYRONE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT THIS EVENT – I AM PLEASED THAT THE DEBATES WERE SUCCESSFULLY HELD THIS YEAR AS USUAL AND THERE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION FROM OUR STUDENTS.

IN FACT, THERE WERE LOTS OF EXCITING EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE HOSTED BY THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE THE ONGOING SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM', BUT DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MUSICAL. IT WAS THE CASE THAT WITH FIFA, THE INSPECTIONS AND RAMADAN FALLING WHERE THEY DID, REHEARSALS WERE PUT ON HOLD AND WE WERE NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE. MY HOPE IS NEXT TERM WE WILL CONTINUE AND BE READY IN TIME FOR WINTER BREAK.

THE SCHOOL BAND IS ALSO CONTINUING STRONGLY AND WE WERE ABLE TO PERFORM SEVERAL TIMES. THE STUDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED THOROUGHLY ENJOY IT. WE REHEARSE ON MONDAYS. ALAS, WE STILL DON'T HAVE A NAME, BUT I'M SURE ONE WILL COME EVENTUALLY. IF ANY OF YOUR CHILDREN WANT TO PLAY MUSIC, OR LEARN, ASK THEM TO SEE ME OR MR DYLAN.

FINALLY, WE CELEBRATED SHAKESPEARE DURING BOOK WEEK THIS YEAR. THERE WERE MANY COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING THE POPULAR DRESS UP, PORTRAIT PAINTING, SONNET WRITING AND ACTING. THE STUDENTS ALL TOOK PART ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND WE HAD A FANTASTIC BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY CELEBRATION. I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE PICTURES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, WE DO APPRECIATE IT! I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR AND WISH YOU A RESTFUL SUMMER BREAK.



COMPUTER LESSONS

IN KS3 COMPUTER LESSONS, STUDENTS LEARN PYTHON CODING TO DEVELOP COMPUTATIONAL THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS. THE PYTHON CURRICULUM COVERS VARIABLES, DATA TYPES, CONDITIONALS, LOOPS, FUNCTIONS, AND BASIC ALGORITHMS.

IMPORTANCE OF PYTHON CODING:

PYTHON'S SIMPLICITY AND READABILITY MAKE IT IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS. PYTHON FOSTERS LOGICAL REASONING AND CRITICAL THINKING ABILITIES.

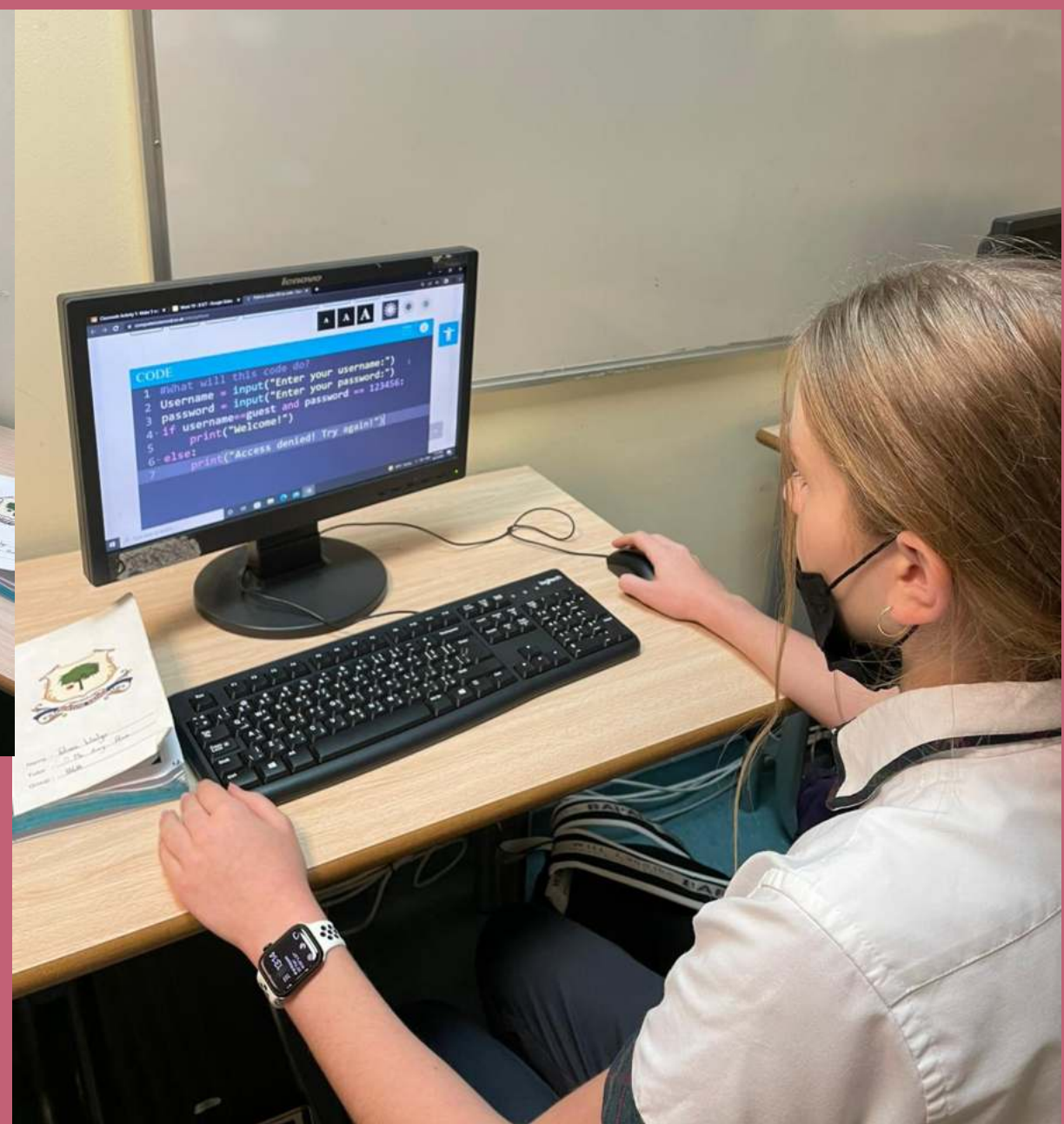
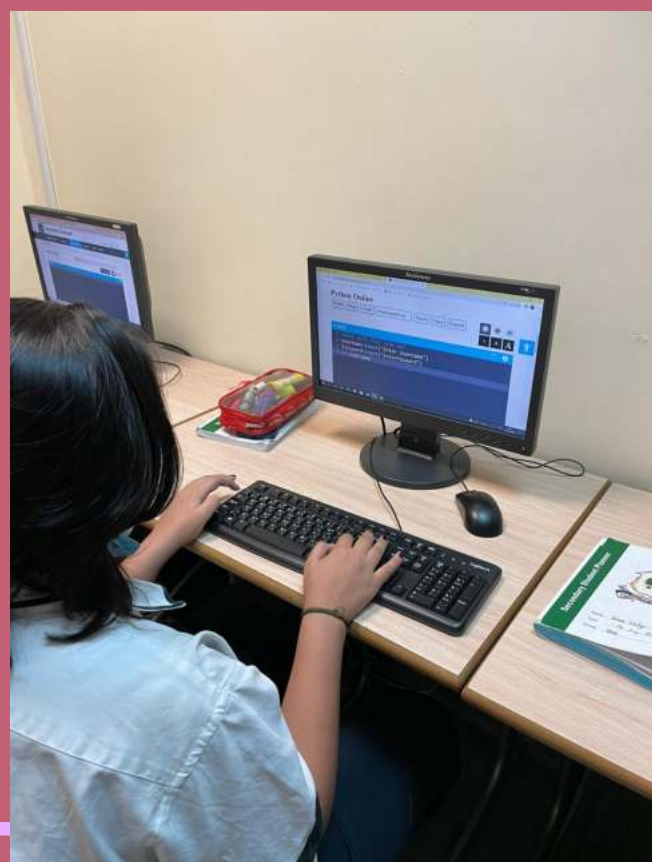
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

PYTHON CODING ENHANCES COMPUTATIONAL THINKING, CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, AND TROUBLESHOOTING SKILLS.

IMPACT ON EDUCATION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

PYTHON CODING SETS THE FOUNDATION FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE CAREERS AND OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

PYTHON CODING IN KS3 EQUIPS STUDENTS WITH VALUABLE SKILLS FOR PROBLEM-SOLVING AND FUTURE SUCCESS.



IT LESSONS

OUR IT (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) LESSONS AT NIA EQUIP SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH ESSENTIAL DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS. THE CURRICULUM COVERS COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, INTERNET USAGE, DATA MANAGEMENT, DIGITAL COMMUNICATION, AND ONLINE SAFETY. THROUGH PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES, STUDENTS DEVELOP PROBLEM-SOLVING AND CRITICAL THINKING ABILITIES WHILE GAINING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH VARIOUS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS. IT LITERACY IS CRUCIAL IN TODAY'S DIGITAL ERA, ENABLING STUDENTS TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE TECHNOLOGY, USE PRODUCTIVITY TOOLS, COLLABORATE ONLINE, AND BE PREPARED FOR FUTURE ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVOURS. JOIN US IN FOSTERING DIGITAL COMPETENCE AND EMPOWERING YOUR CHILD FOR SUCCESS IN THE DIGITAL AGE.



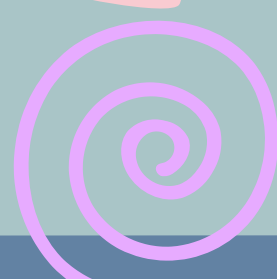
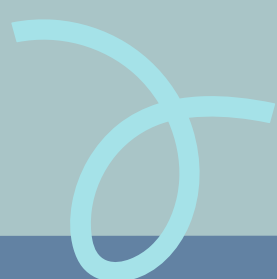
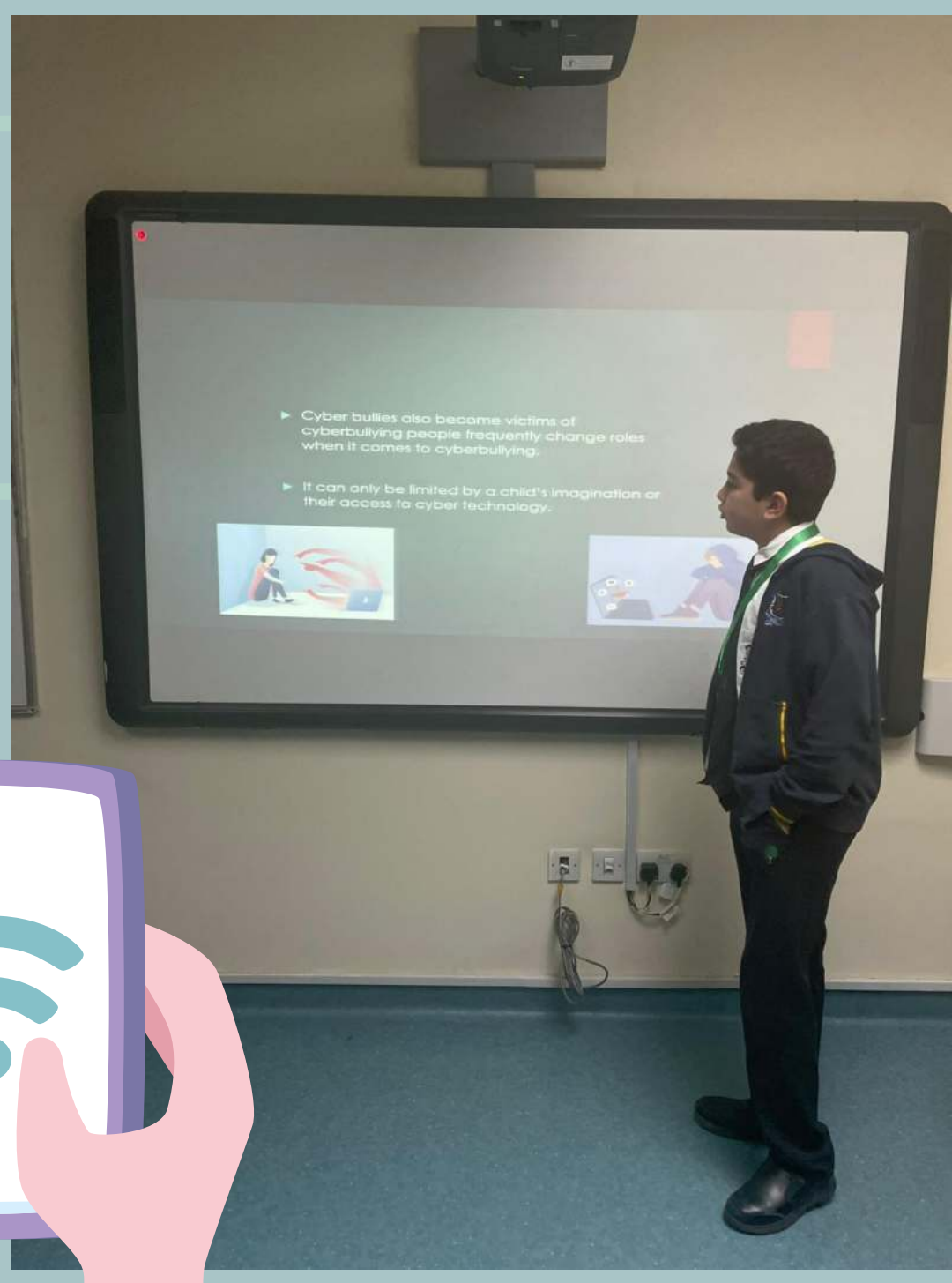
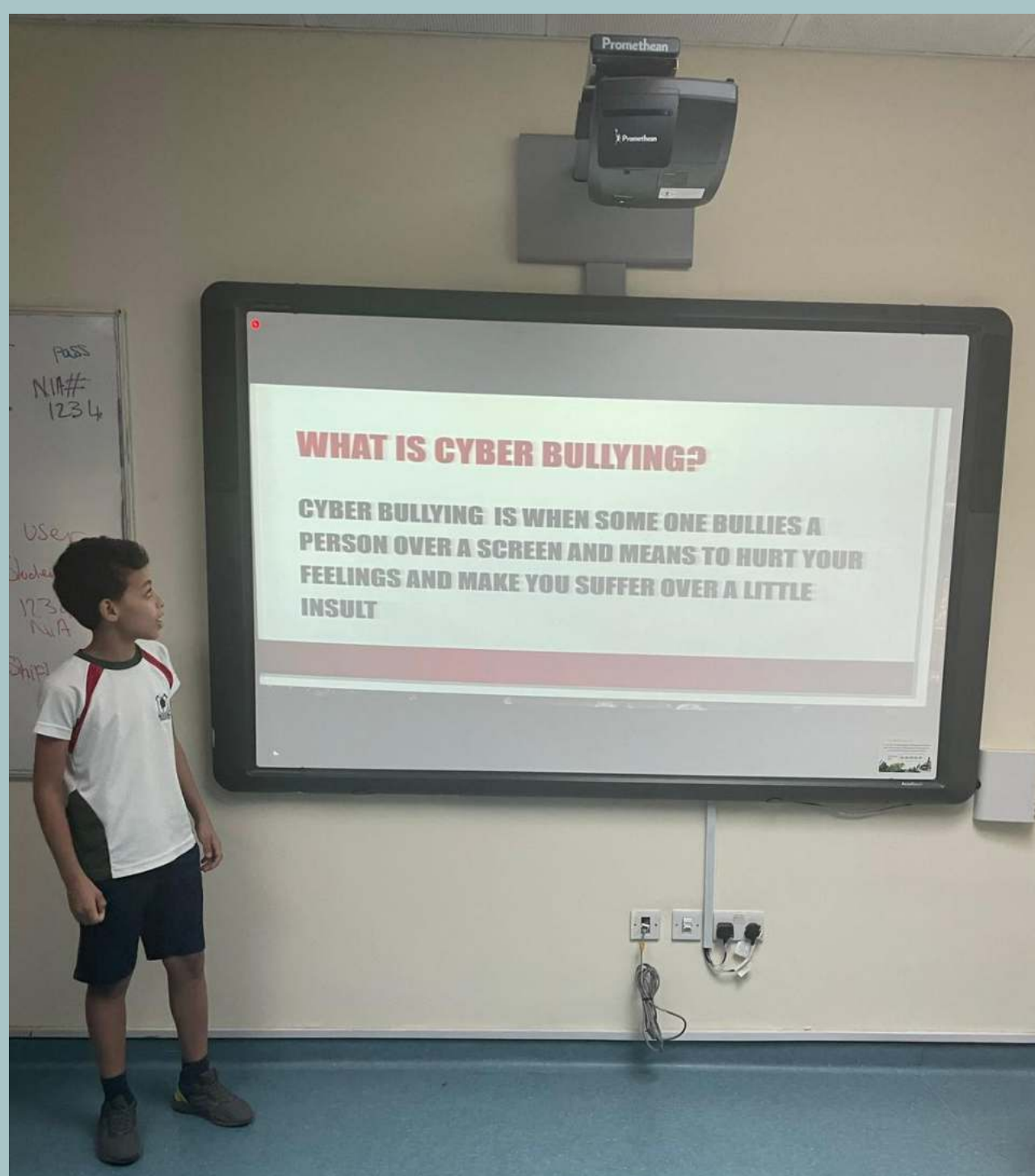
CYBER SECURITY WEEK

INTRODUCTION:

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE SUCCESSFUL CYBER SECURITY WEEK THAT TOOK PLACE AT NIA. THIS SPECIAL WEEK AIMED TO PROMOTE DIGITAL RESILIENCE, EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT CYBER SECURITY, AND EQUIP THEM WITH THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE SAFELY. LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPACT OF THIS EVENT.

ENGAGING WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS:

THROUGHOUT CYBER SECURITY WEEK, STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENGAGING WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATIONS LED BY OUR TEACHERS. THESE SESSIONS COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING ONLINE PRIVACY, SAFE SOCIAL MEDIA PRACTICES, PASSWORD SECURITY, AND IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING CYBER THREATS. STUDENTS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED, ASKED QUESTIONS, AND GAINED VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO PROTECTING THEMSELVES AND THEIR DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS.





Arabic/ Islamic Studies

اللغة العربية

قسم اللغة العربية بأكاديمية نيوتن العالمية يتبع منهج وزارة التعليم والتعليم العالي بدولة قطر من الصف السابع إلى الصف التاسع في مادتي اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية .

أما اللغة العربية في الصف العاشر نتبع منهج كامبريدج للغة العربية كلغة أولى (0508) ويمكن للطلاب اختيار كود آخر حسب جنسيته ومكان دراسته الجامعية .

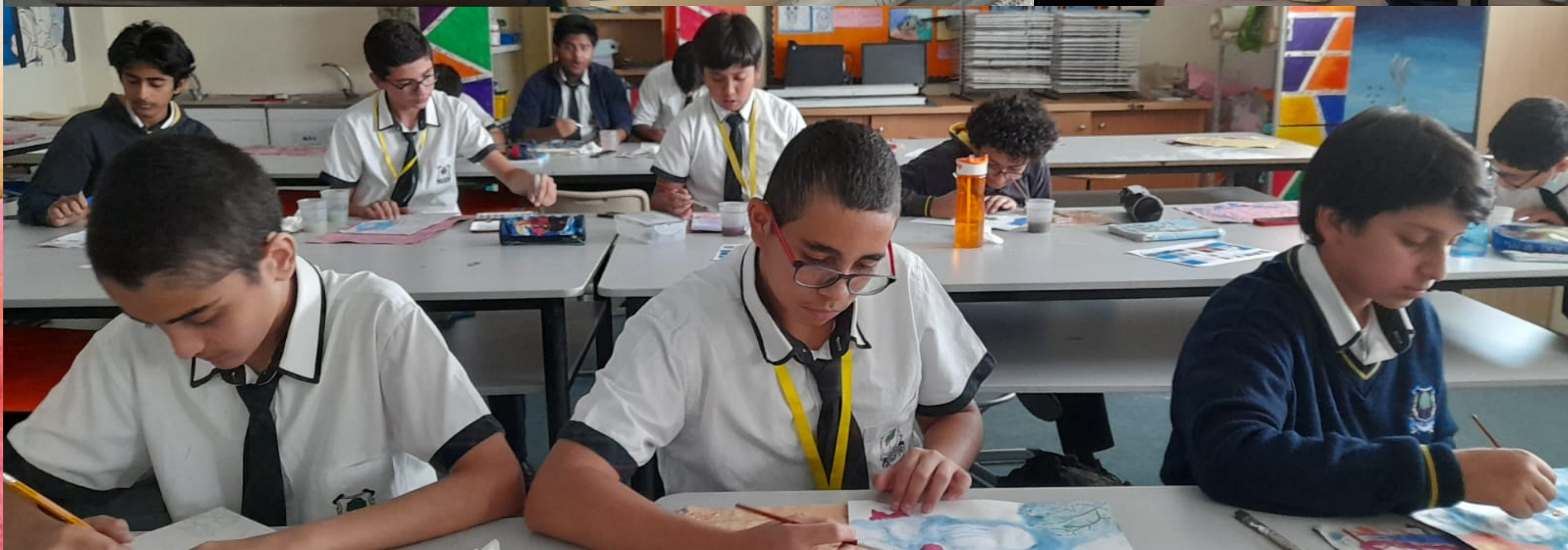
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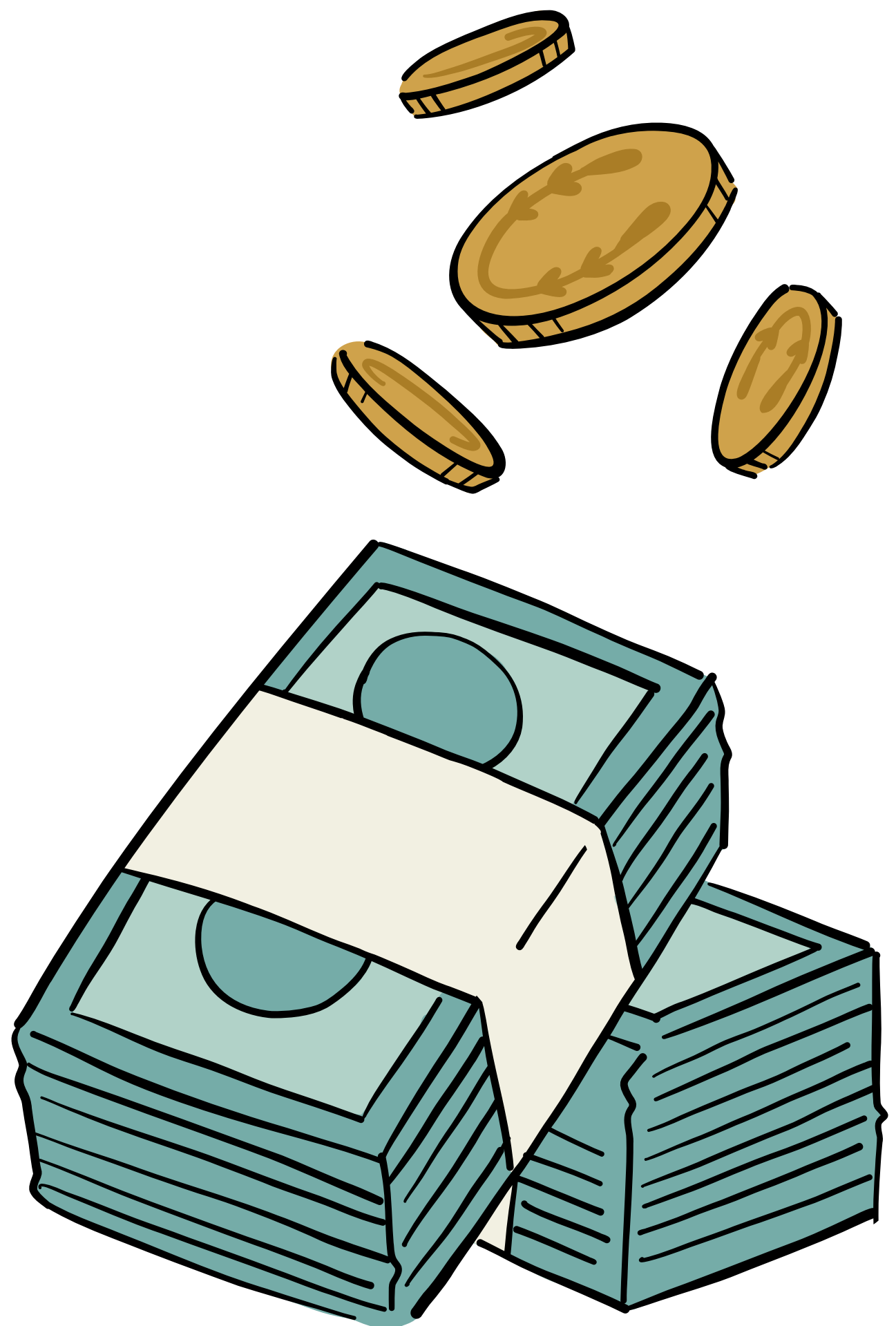
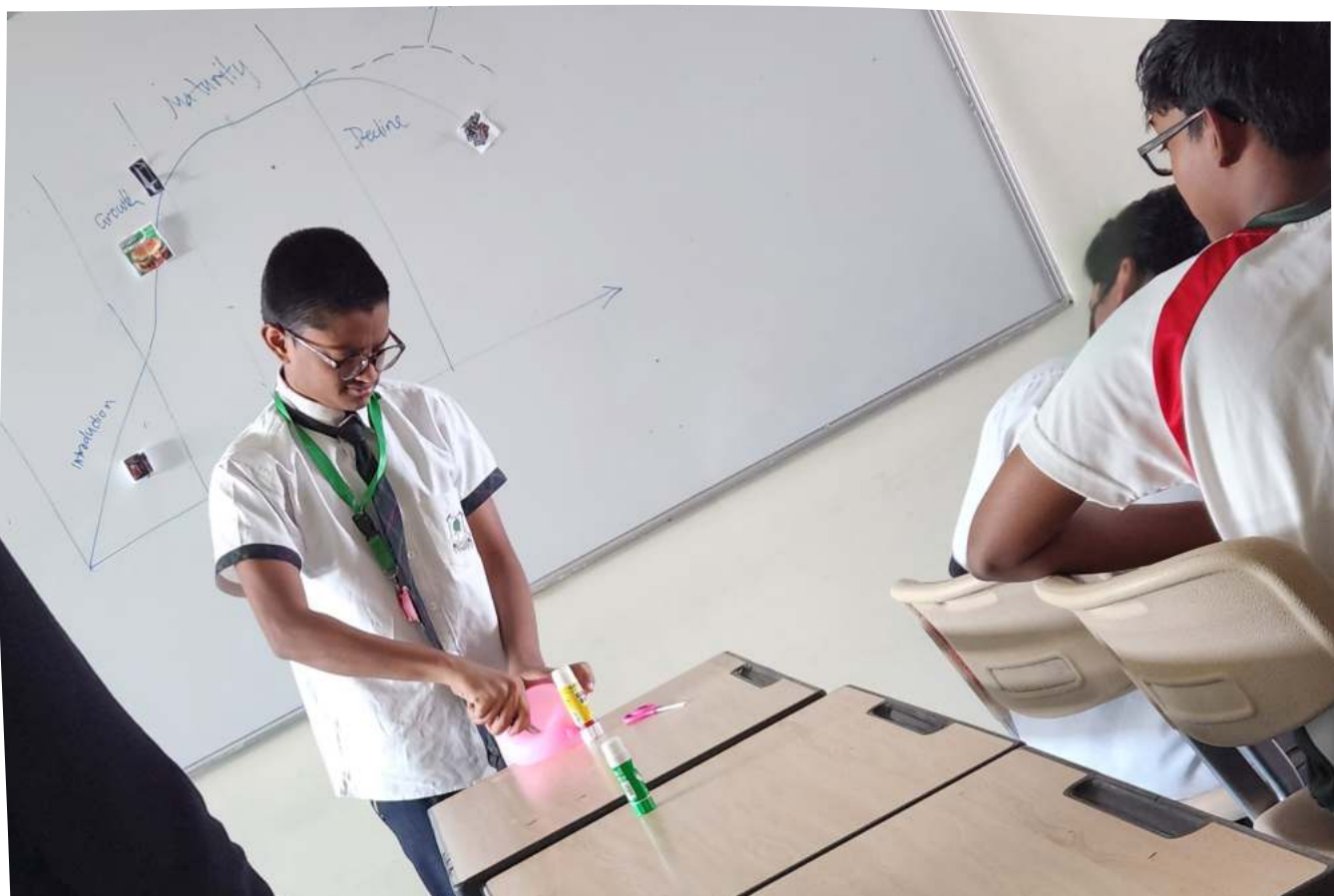


THIS TERM, THE YEAR 10 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING TO WORK WITH EASELS AND IMPROVE THEIR PAINTING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES. THEY HAVE STARTED THEIR IGCSE COURSEWORK, FOCUSING ON A PROJECT THEY HAVE CHOSEN. THE YEAR 7'S HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT ABSTRACT ART, THE YEAR 8'S HAVE BEEN CREATING AN OCEAN COMPOSITION, AND THE YEAR 9'S HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT ANATOMY.



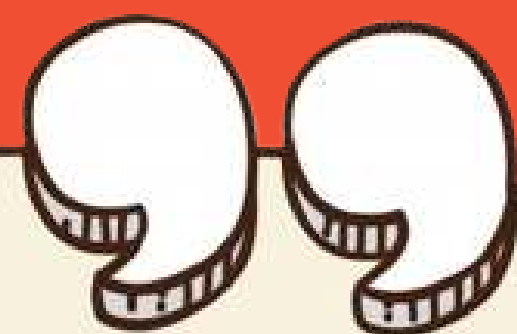
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

This academic year presented a great opportunity to include real-life examples for Business and Economics due to Qatar hosting the Fifa World Cup. We were able to apply the various concepts of supply and demand, economic life cycles, marketing mix, externalities, opportunity cost, etc. We encouraged students to take the lead in the learning process by introducing student-led lessons into the classroom, as well as the "pop quiz" for some balloon fun.



DEBATE SOCIETY





QPSDL RESULTS:

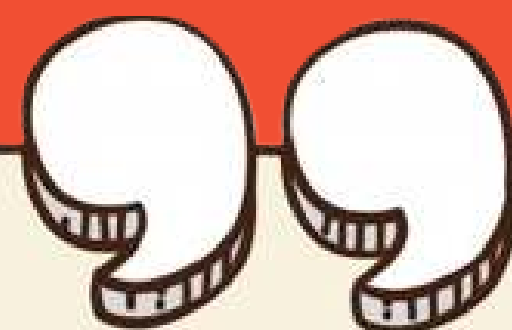
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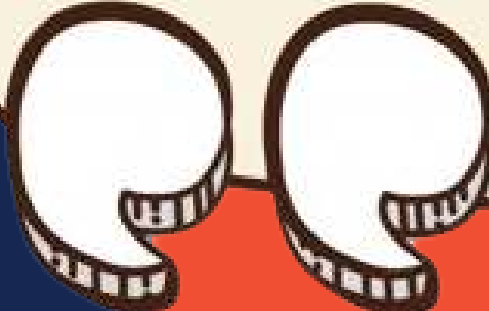


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NIA INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION:

After numerous postponements, the competition was finally held on Wednesday, 3 May. Both Juniors and Seniors were excited about the event, and more than 50 students signed up.

The competition started well with four teams competing against each other during each of the three debate sessions. The Seniors debated in rooms GF 1 and 2, while the juniors competed in BF 1 and 2. All the teams put on a marvellous show and displayed excellent debating skills. Well done! We are so proud of you. The auxiliary members, such as timekeepers, runners and computer assistants, performed their tasks with aplomb and kept everything running smoothly. The value of your contributions cannot be overemphasised. Thank you for your hard work.

In addition, the adjudicators, who had volunteered time and service, were truly committed to their tasks and provided fair and accurate results. Thank you, Mr Andrew Henry, Ms Elizabeth Yorke, Mrs Loren Townshend and Mr Thiren Naidoo for your sterling efforts.

The competition was tough and most debates were closely contested. In the end, however, there could only be a few winners:

Best Junior Team: Curie; Runners-up: Wright

Best Senior Team: Edison Runners-up: Curie

Best Junior Speaker: Aseel Abdelgaffar (Wright)

Best Senior Speaker: Mohammad Ahmad (Curie)

Best Overall Speaker: Priscilla Agbozo (Bell)

OVERALL WINNER: Curie

DEBATE SOCIETY

NEWTON INTER SCHOOLS' DEBATE CHALLENGE

The competition was held on 2 February and our debaters were, once again, amazing, making it through to the Girls' and Boys' Senior and Boys' Junior Finals and winning all three categories. Our teams' successes resulted in us retaining the Newton Cup, with NBA as runners-up. Special mention should be made of Priscilla who won the Best Speaker Award for Senior Girls as well as Sinan Abdul Naseer who won the Senior Boys' Best Speaker award.

FINAL RESULTS: WINNERS

GIRLS' JUNIOR FINAL: Muraikh

BOYS' JUNIOR FINAL: NIA

GIRLS' SENIOR FINAL: NIA

BOYS' SENIOR FINAL: NIA

BEST SPEAKERS:

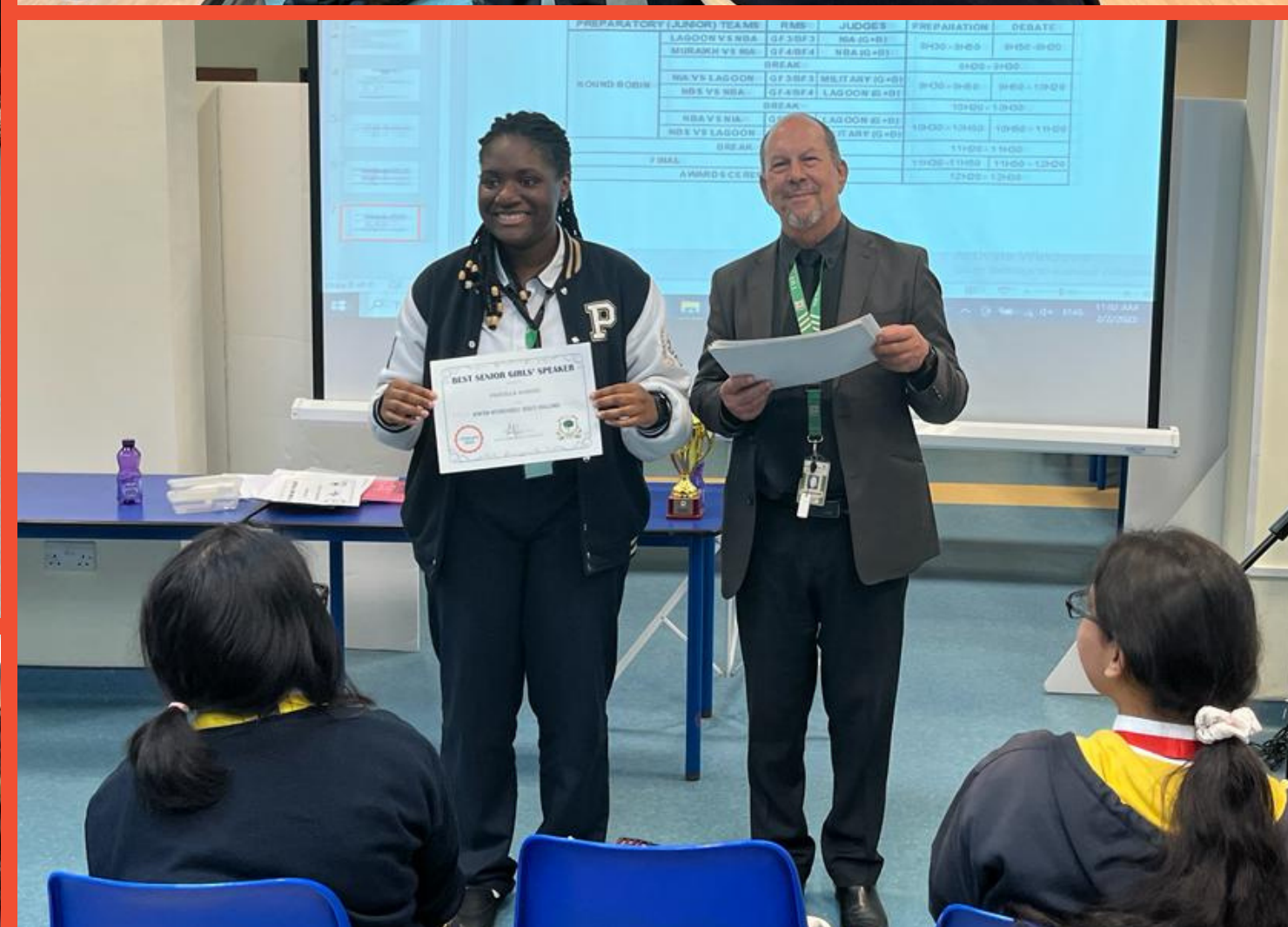
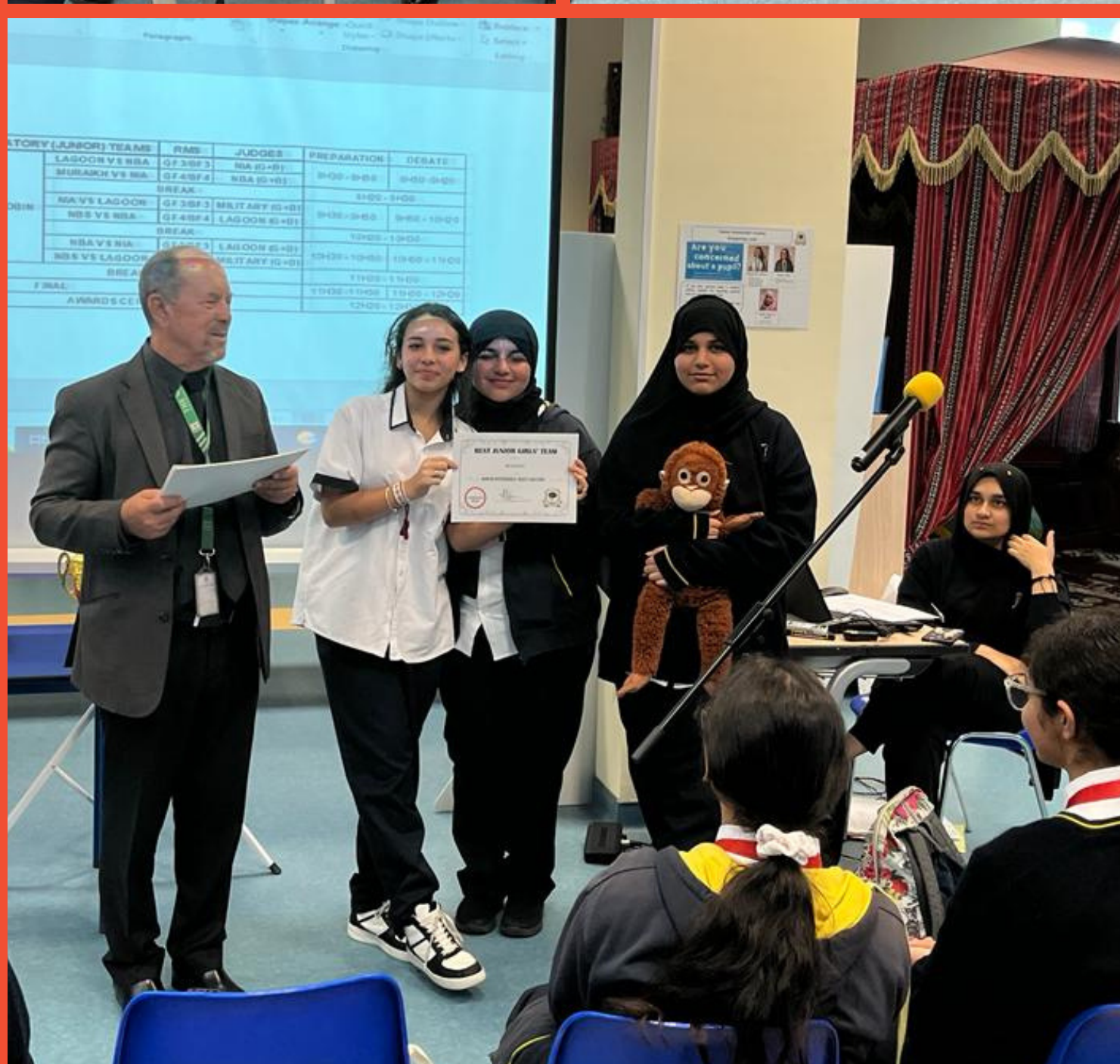
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BOYS' JUNIOR: Yaseen Hamed (Muraikh)

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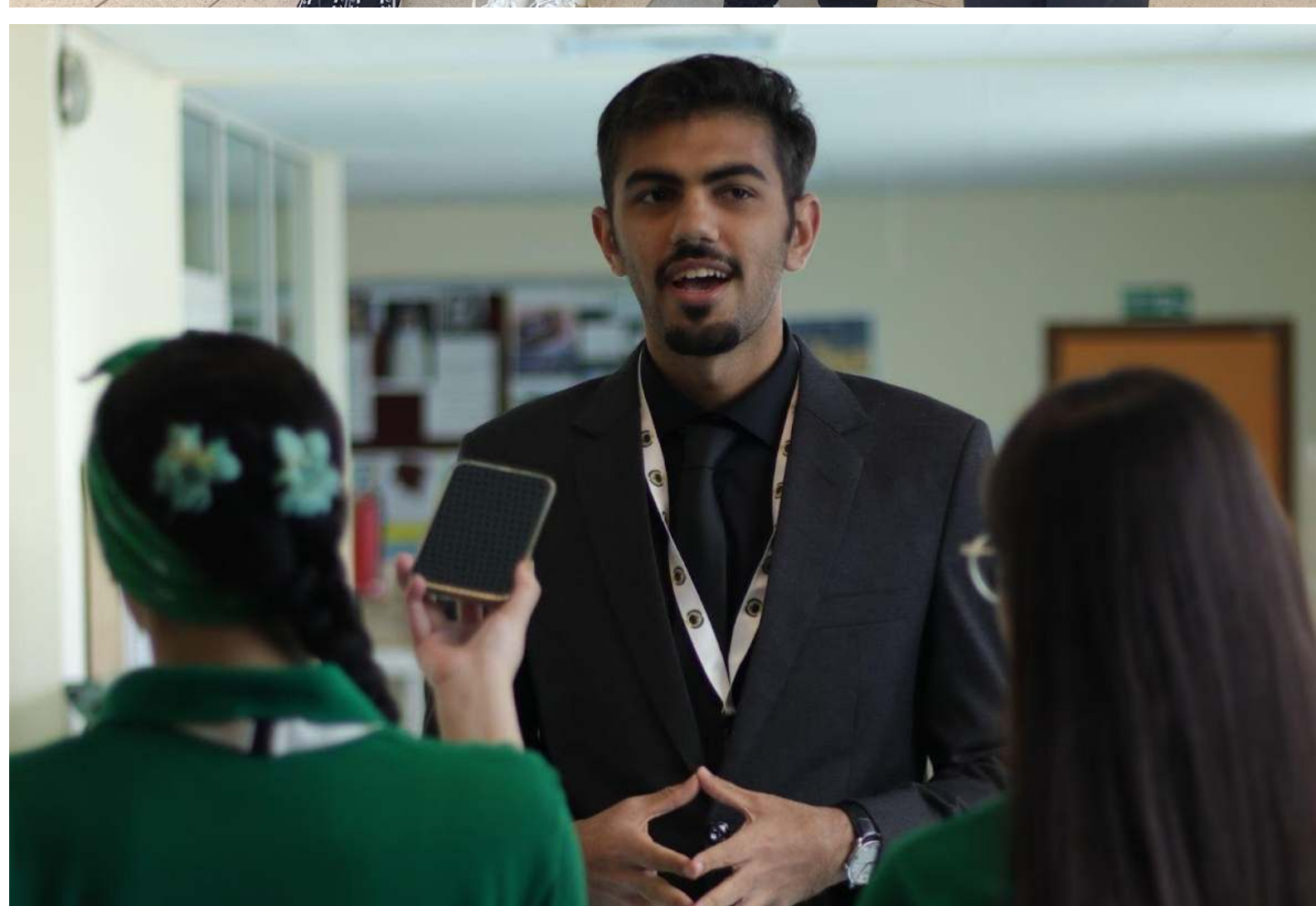
Through the Magnifying Glass

MUN is one of those after-school activities where friends become like family. Individuals who initially test the waters, often stay until their final year at school. After a few months and with some training, students can attend conferences at other schools and, if they are lucky, even attend conferences abroad. Unfortunately, the pandemic cast a cloud over face-to-face activities and all of this excitement took the back seat. Online conferences were not the same and the MUN club gradually faded with conferences being as cold as ice.

And then it changed again — the “New Normal”. Like cherry blossoms during Spring, the ice melted and we were soon permitted to attend small conferences with safety measures in place. 2022 certainly brought about great excitement, not only for the Fifa World Cup but also for MUN@NIA. Months and months of planning and preparation went into an event for more than 200 guests and club members. From redesigning the logo to advertising on social media, this was undoubtedly one for the books. Junior and Senior members came together and the Executive Team headed by Priscilla Agbozo, Hamdan Khan and Angeline Abril pulled out all the stops for an unforgettable MUN@NIA in February 2023.

Other highlights of the year included Georgetown MUN, the Qatar Leadership Conference and the crème de la crème: THIMUN Qatar. These conferences usually start with mountains of paperwork requesting attendance, approving payments and then registering participants with their exact personal details. On conference days, students (now known as delegates) are transported to venues in Education City to spend their time in their respective groups (known as Committees). Each committee represents a specific Sustainable Development Goal from the United Nations and these could be anything from “Clean Water and Sanitation” to “Gender Equality”. Equally, each delegate represents a different country (known as a Delegation) and they have to read through the possible solutions to real-world issues (known as The Resolution). Lobbying and merging are where all the action happens as delegates need to convince delegations to agree with their resolutions. Delegates may only refer to their country when speaking. As they raise their plaque cards and wait for The Chair to be acknowledged, they blare out phrases like “The delegation of China wishes for the delegation of Russia to stop bullying the delegation of Uzbekistan”. Fortunately, all’s fair in love and war and when lunch is served, there is a temporary truce where teens can do what teens do best: socialise.

The MUN club at NIA will hopefully continue to be an ECA where students work hard, dedicate many hours, reap countless rewards and more importantly, make friends for life. “Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.” — Muhammad Ali



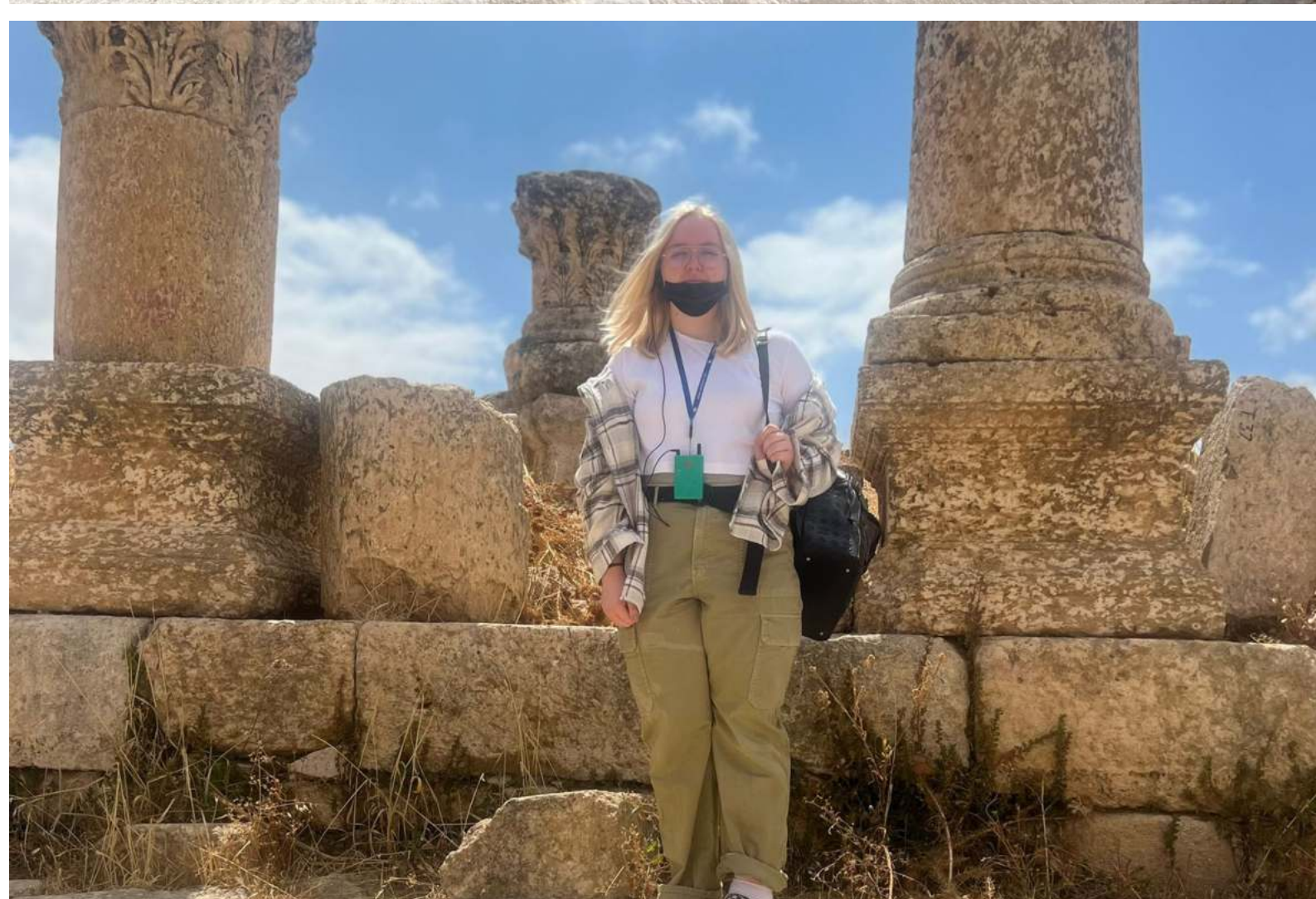
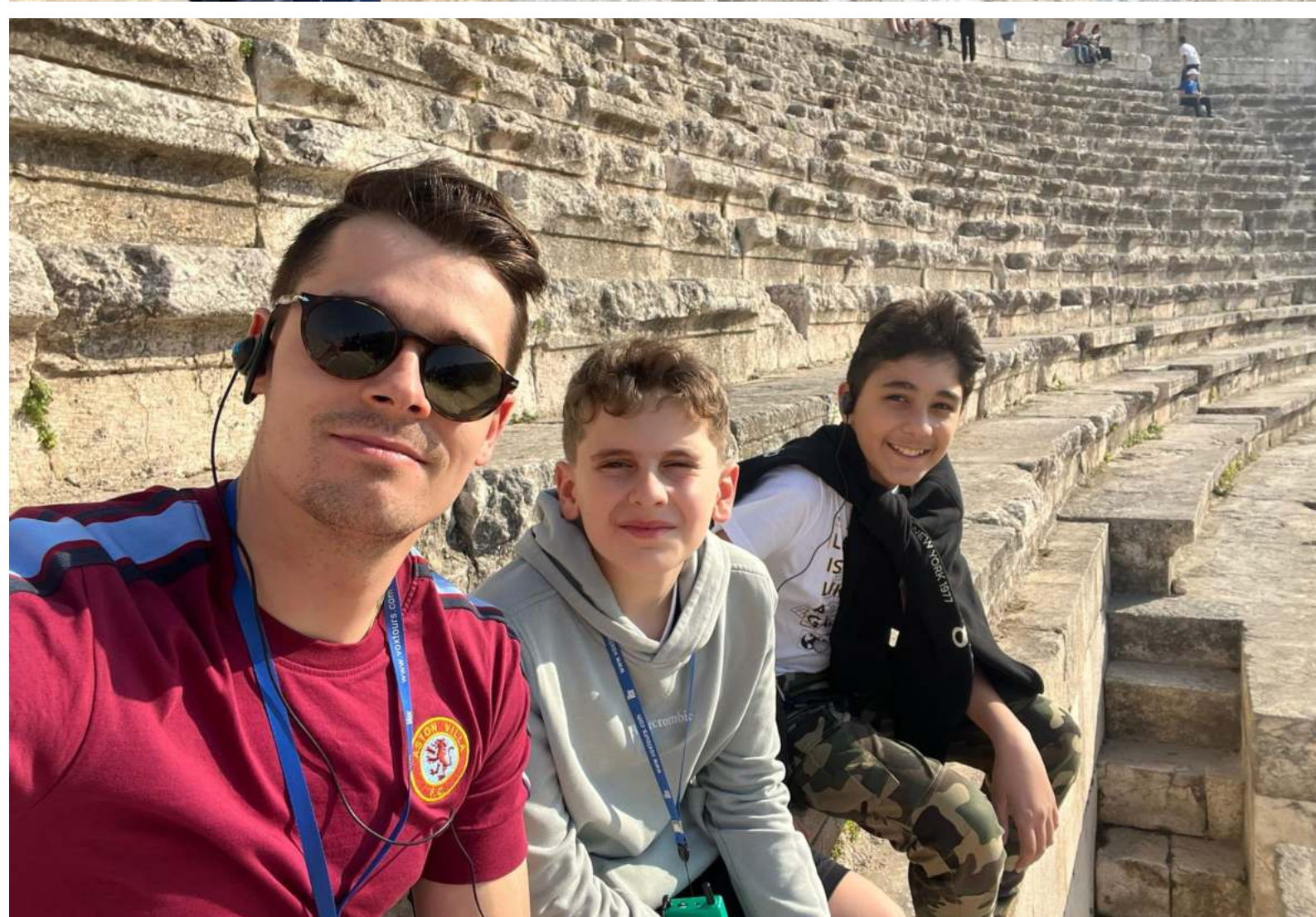


HUMANITIES TRIP TO

Jordan



Excitement was in the air when Secondary Students embarked on the very first International Trip since the pandemic. What a way to end off a busy year!



NEWTON INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

PE DEPARTEMENT



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his year was an extraordinary one for our Department, in both Primary and Secondary School. There were lots of competitions and sports events where our students, proudly representing NIA, obtained very good and outstanding results: Qatar School Olympic Programme, Diamond League, Sports Days, House Matches – Badminton, Football, Basketball, Table Tennis, Chess, QUESS, QPPSSA, FIFA Football World Cup and many others.

In numbers....more than 110 different fixtures and events, more than 350 hours of competition, more than 1000 students involved, and over 100 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

At the same time, high-quality core PE and GCSE-PE lessons were delivered by an excellent and highly professional team of teachers.

Now it is time to celebrate all these wonderful achievements, to already plan for the next challenges, and be grateful to all those who made these possible: students, parents, NIA coaches and teachers, and SMT.

Last but not least, a big thank you and my real appreciation for their passion, devotion and professionalism, to my PE colleagues: Mr John Woolgar, Mr Paulo Marques, Ms Adrienne Thomson, Mr Janos Gieber and Ms Stash Williams.

On behalf of the PE Department, I'd like to wish you all a great summer holiday and stay safe!

Mr. Claudiu Pitigoi
Head of NIA PE Department

MUTAZ BARSHIM AT NIA!



Mutaz Barshim, the current Olympic Gold medalist in the high jump with a personal best jump of 2.43 m, visited the school with delegates from the Qatar Athletics Federation. To begin with, students watched a video of Mutaz jumping 2.43m. Afterwards, students had the opportunity to ask questions, and some students demonstrated their high jumping skills, followed by a signature signing and taking photos with Mutaz.



WORLD CHAMPIONS VISITING NIA!



The Wanda Diamond League Doha 2023 sees top athletes from around the world gather in Doha to compete against each other, as part of the program these athletes promote athletics by visiting schools, we were fortunate to be chosen by the Qatar Athletics Federation as one of only four schools in Doha to have a visit by Andre De Grasse the current 200m Olympic Gold medallist, Holly Bradshaw current Pole Vault Olympic Bronze medallist, Anderson Peters current World Champion and Jasmine Camacho Quinn the current 100m hurdles Olympic Gold medallist came to NIA which gave our students the opportunity for a question and answer session after the athletes organized short clinics in each of the disciplines and gave advice to the students that took part. After the students had a photo and signature session with the athletes, it was a wonderful experience and we hope to see them again in the future.

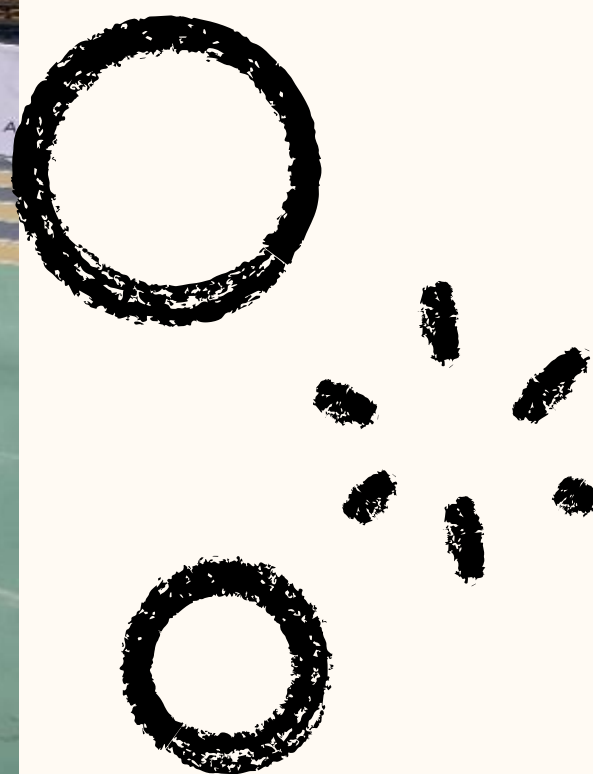


ASPIRE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP



We were very proud to represent NIA at such a prestigious athletics event, and our KS3 boys performed extremely well against students from 15 other international schools in Qatar.

In the finals, proudly representing our school, our magnificent boys won the following: Ukasha Shihar (60 m silver medal), Abdulrahman Fakhroo (shot put bronze medal), and Adham Ahmed Hassan (60m bronze medal) Congratulations to all the boys and their coach, Mr. Claudiu Pitigoi.



BASKETBALL NIA



CHALLENGE CUP

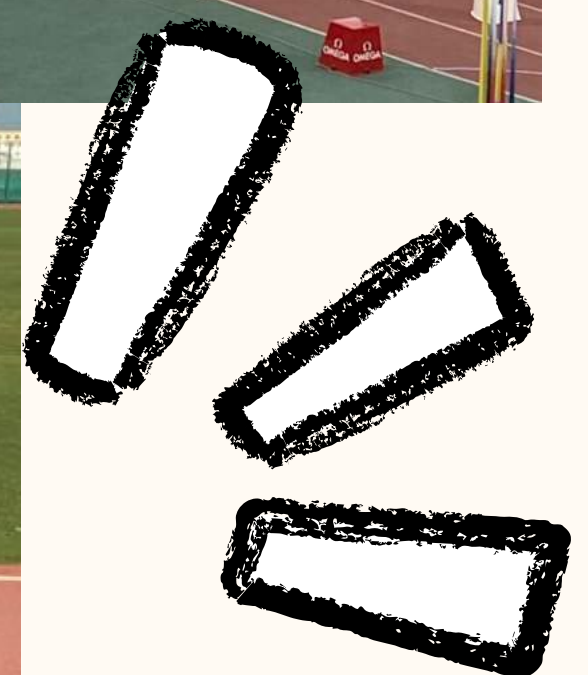
To conclude a fantastic season, our U14 Basketball Boys and Girls teams have challenged each other to play a game under the NIA Challenge Cup. Both teams displayed a lot of high-level skills and played very well. The fair play and the players' effort were amazing. In the end, the boys' team won, but both teams were really happy with the work done. Congratulations to all participants!



DIAMOND LEAGUE ATHLETICS



On Friday the 5th of May, our extraordinary athletes competed in the Diamond League Relay for International Schools. With a fantastic effort and proudly representing NIA, our boys came in 7th place in Qatar, while our girls came in 4th. Congratulations to our magnificent students: Zain U Din Ahmad, Mohammed Fakhroo, Muhammad Dani Fadli, Mazen Hamdi, Ukasha Shihar, Shadman Chowdhury, Lina El Menshawy, Farida El Menshawy, Siham Kosar, Ola Mohamedsalih, Damilya Mekebay, and Damira Mekebay! A special thank you to John Woolgar, who organised the athletes' preparations and coordinated all activities related to this major sporting event.



HOUSE FOOTBALL BOYS



There was a great and competitive atmosphere when the NIA gym hosted the football house matches for KS3 and Year 10 boys. As expected, our students displayed a lot of passion and determination to win as many games as possible and earn house points. In all games, with no exception, the students have put their best foot forward, proudly representing their houses in a great competition where the keyword was "fair play". At the end, congratulating all the participants for their wonderful effort, the winners were: Year 7 – Curie and Edison; Year 8 – Curie; Year 9 – Wright; Year 10 – Edison.



HOUSE FOOTBALL GIRLS



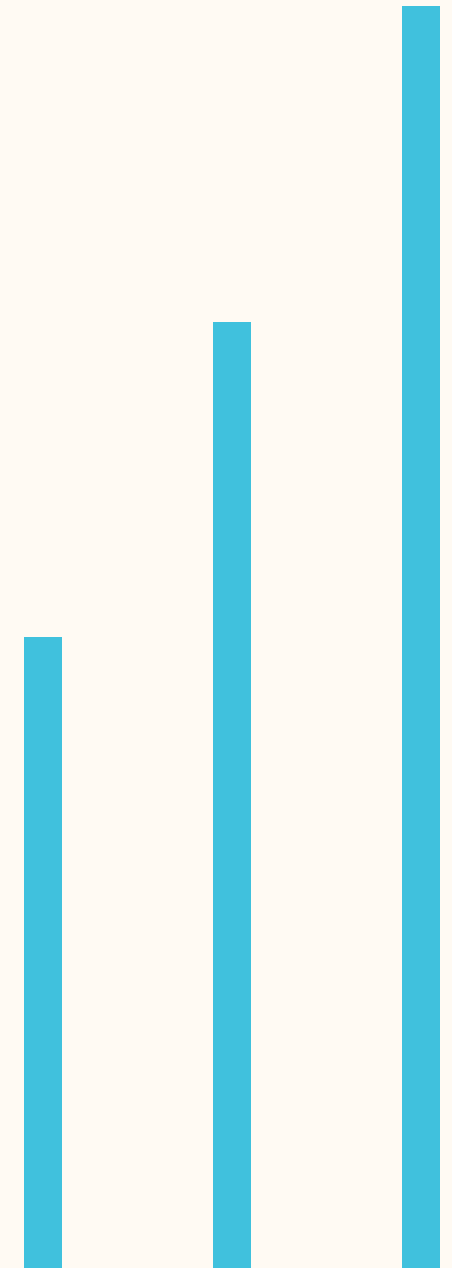
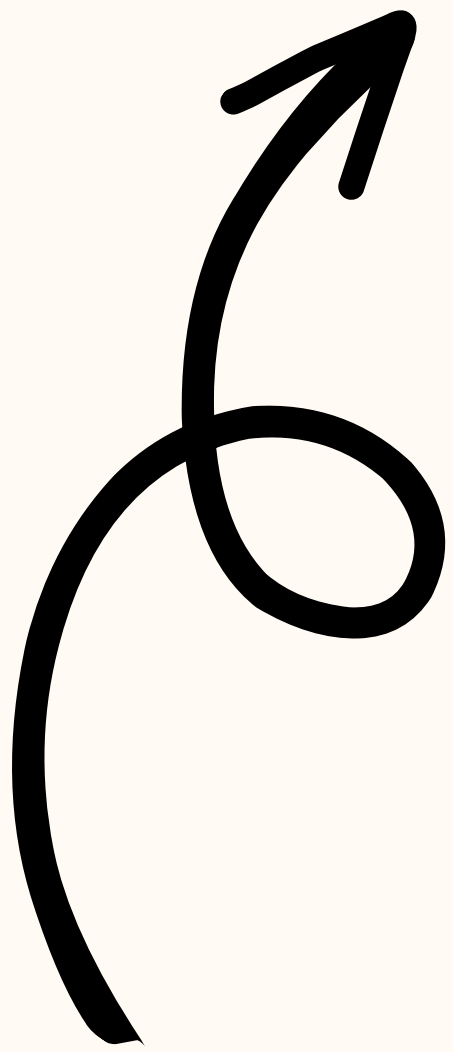
This year's Girls Football House tournament was a fantastic success. More than 90 girls showed a great competitive spirit during the games, with each house performing their best in an attempt to win the title of best football team. The rivalry was very intense between the houses but was met with an admirable display of sportsmanship. Our winning teams are as follows Y7 - Edison; Y8 - Bell; Y9 - Bell; Y10 - Edison. Congratulations to all participants!



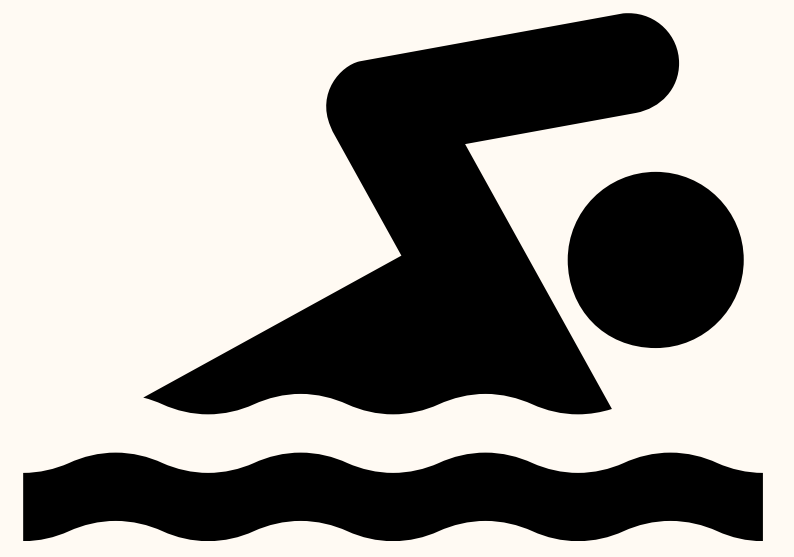
QSOP ATHLETICS PREP BOYS



A great success for our Preparatory boys athletes who won the Bronze medal in the 4x50m relay in the finals of the 16th edition of the QSOP competition. Congratulations to Shadman Chowdhury, Alan Rony, Aaric Ocampo, and Ukasha Shihar! We are proud of you!



QSOP SWIMMING PREP BOYS



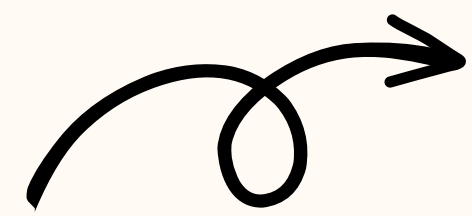
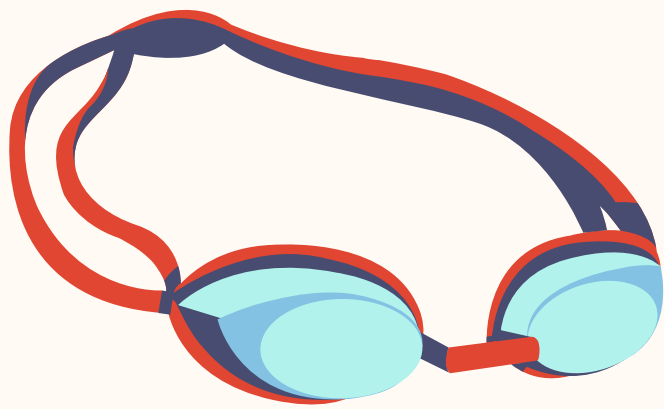
An outstanding result for our talented and hardworking boys, who won the gold medal in the team medley relay. Congratulations to Faisal Ballan, Matias Clavijo, Abed Suleiman, and Khalid Ahmed! Well done, boys!



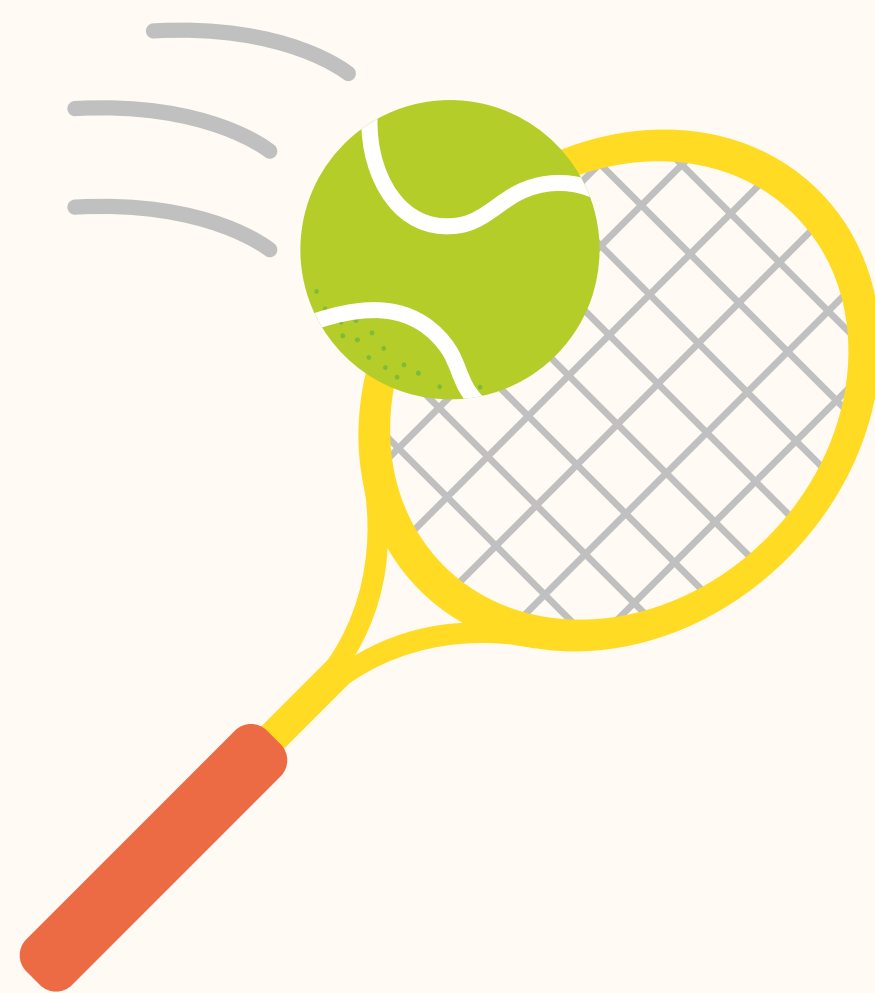
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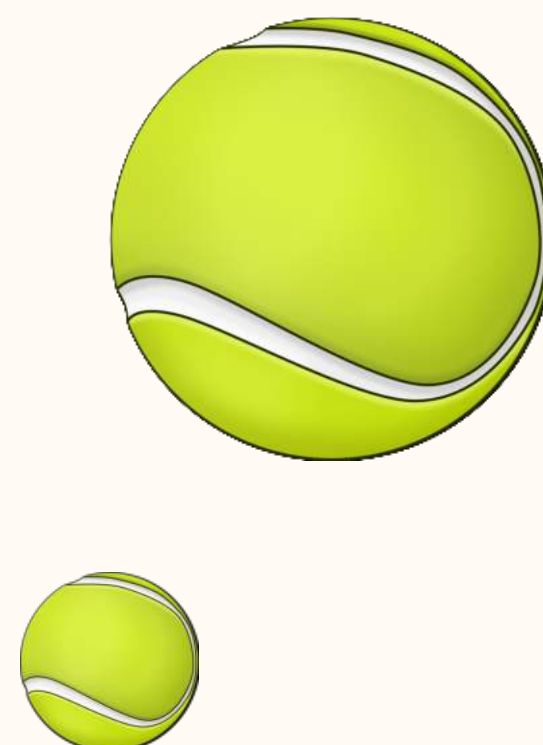
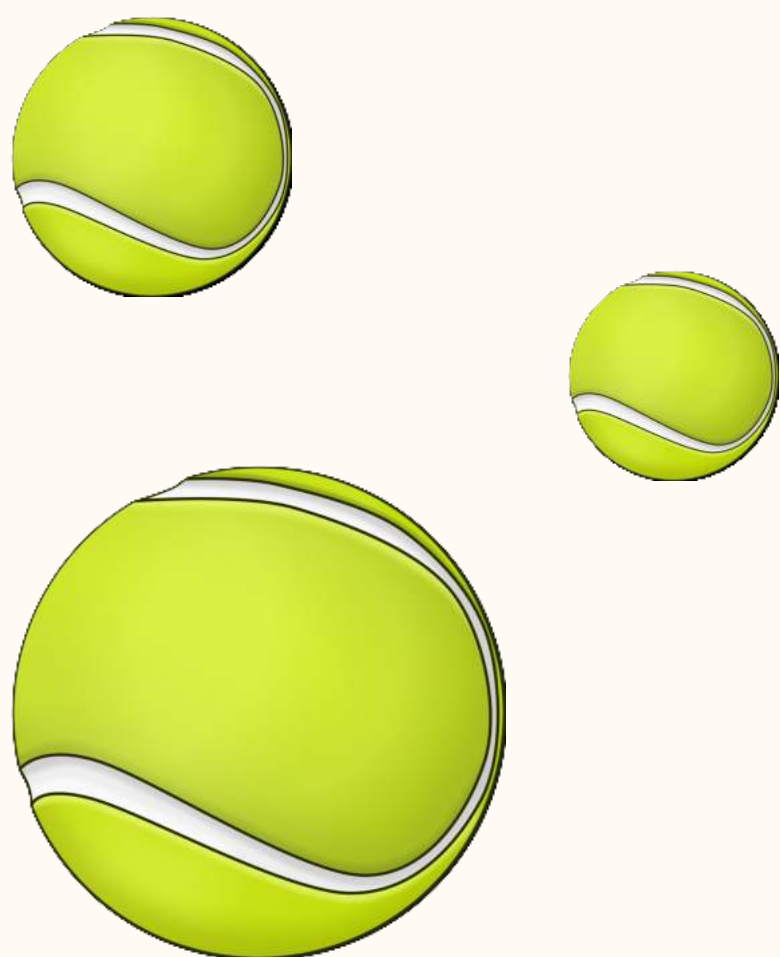
The Preparatory Swimming Girls team attended the QSOP Swimming Finals. Our amazing girls' results: Alya with a 1st and 2nd place medal, Tatiana with a 2nd and 3rd place medal, and Meriem with two 2nd place medals. The girls also won first place in their medley relay. Congratulations to: Alya Permana, Tatiana Woolgar, Meriem Mouhoub, and Salma Aboulseoud!



QSOP TENNIS



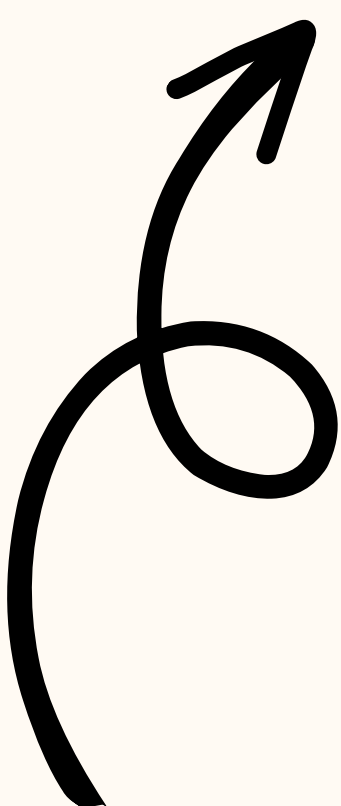
After a fantastic year, our talented Elne Meyer and Tatiana Woolgar were playing in the finals at the 16th edition of the QSOP competition. With Elne winning the gold and Tatiana winning the silver, our two girls were ranked as the first two school players in Qatar. Congratulations, girls! We are proud of you!



HOUSE BADMINTON FOR GIRLS



The Badminton House Competition was a huge success, with over 70 students taking part throughout KS3 and KS4. All students played extremely well and supported each other throughout the tournament. A lot of great effort went into the games, but Edison and Wright came out on top at the very end. Edison was the winner for Year 7 and Wright was the winner for Years 8, 9, and 10, allowing them to take the House Cup for KS3 and KS4. A big congratulations to all the students involved!



QSOP BASKETBALL



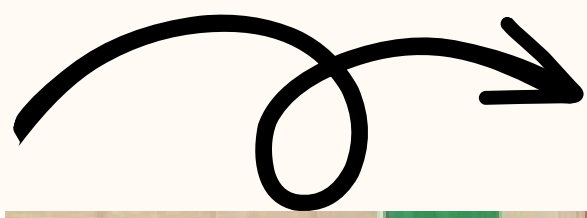
After an amazing season with nine victories and one loss, our fantastic boys won the silver medal in the 16th edition of the QSOP Basketball 3v3 competition, so they became the second team in the State of Qatar! Congratulations to our admirable boys: Ahmed Omeira, Raffan Reyaz, Zain U Din Ahmad, Khaled Abdalla, Esa Farhan and Larson Simbine!



QSOP BASKETBALL



What a fantastic achievement it was for our U18 Girls Senior Basketball team, who was unbeaten until the finals, achieving second place, winning silver (two years in a row!) and being decorated by Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani after a very close match. Congratulations to all our magnificent girls: Janna Blawna, Noor El Masri, Damira Mekebay, Sogod Eissa, Maryam Al Khayat, Rahma Eissa, Siham Kosar, Inge Meyer, Tatiana Woolgar, Ola Mohamedsalih and Nour Hassanein!



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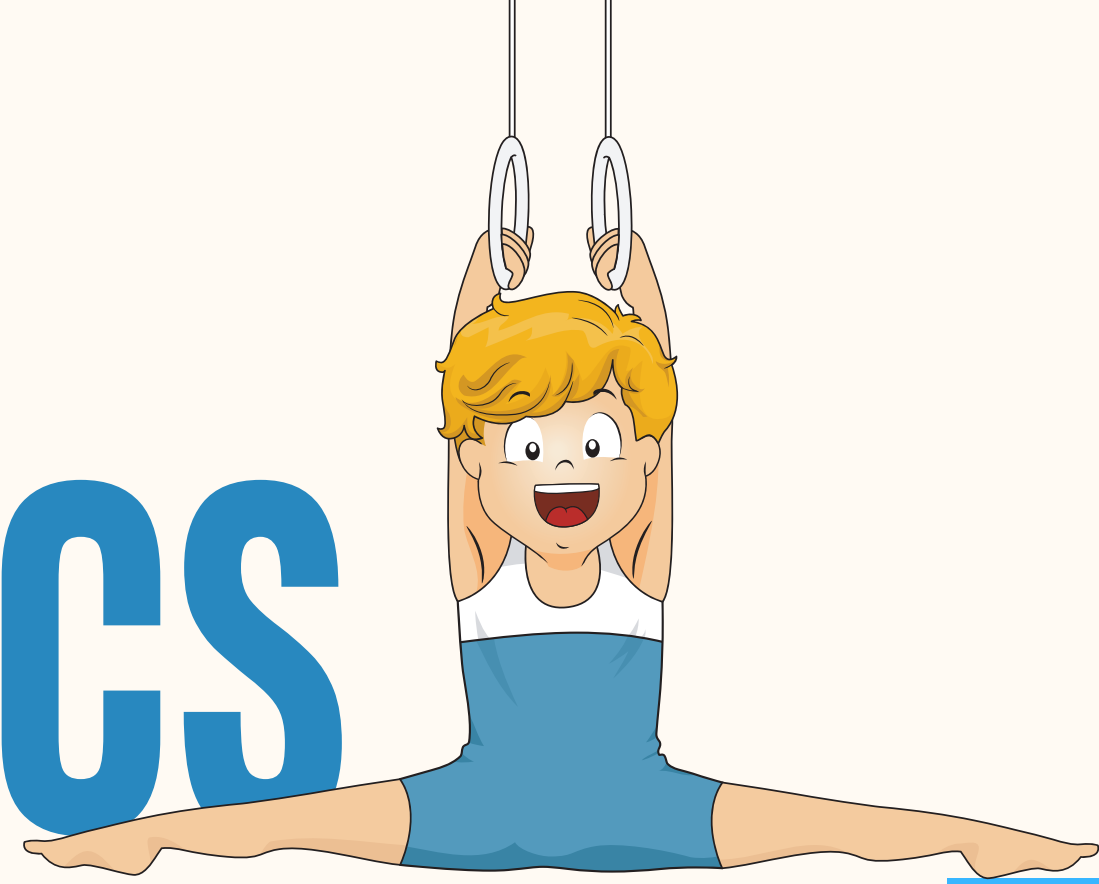
QSOP GYMNASTICS GIRLS



With a lot of passion and commitment and proudly representing NIA, our fantastic gymnasts won the gold medal in both team and individual performances at the 16th edition of the QSOP competition! A wonderful time was had by all and a great result for our hard-working team: Tala Alshaikh, Nour Ahmed, Shahad Aljomaily, Farah Kasht, and Joman Aboud! Congratulations to all!



QSOP GYMNASTICS BOYS



With a lot of determination and proudly representing NIA, our fantastic gymnasts won the gold medal in both team and individual performances at the 16th edition of the QSOP Competition! Congratulations to the best gymnasts in Qatar: Krystof Woolgar, Saif Waleed, Omar Ali Mohammed, Komay Abzouahy and Ahmed Khedr!



QSOP FOOTBALL GIRLS



Our U14 girls played in the QSOP Semi-Finals and Finals and sadly lost 3-0. This put them in 5th place out of 27 schools, which we still celebrated regardless of the loss. An overall wonderful experience for the girls football team!

Well done to our great girls: Meriem Mouhoub, Teema Soliman, Lina Menshawy, Lina Ali, Damira Mekebay, Damilya Mekebay, Mehar Ahmed, and Ola Mohamedsalih!



QUESS NETBALL



The U14 Netball team represented NIA at their first QUESS Netball Tournament on the 28th of May. The team was very determined and showed great skill throughout their matches. The team thoroughly enjoyed their day, and their hard work was rewarded when they placed 2nd! Well done to our magnificent girls: Elné Meyer, Yasmine Mouhoub, Mariem Mouhoub, Katelyn Schilling, Tatiana Woolgar, Ola Abozaid, Salma Aboulseoud, Damira Mekebay, and Munira Affendi!



QUESS TABLE TENNIS



With five victories and four losses in their first participation in this competition, Zaineldin Ali Hassan and Faisal Al-Seyed came in fifth place out of eleven participating schools. Well done, boys!



VOLLEYBALL PREP BOYS



QSOP Volleyball

It was a fantastic year for our Volleyball team. With 11 wins and 2 losses and proudly representing NIA, we ended up in 6th place out of 36 participating teams across the State of Qatar.

SEK International School – Volleyball Tournament

With one win and two lost games, our U15 Volleyball team came 3rd at this important tournament. Congratulations to all our boys for their commitment and passion for this game! Well done to: Daulet Mekebay, Mohammed Sahil, Shadman Chowdhury, Mohamed Hamoudi, Mourad Aboulseoud, Mohammed Shamil, Parsa Karami, Aaryan Sheikh, Alan Rony, Aaric Ocampo, Divan Oberholzer, Mohammed Soliman and Santosh Kancherla.



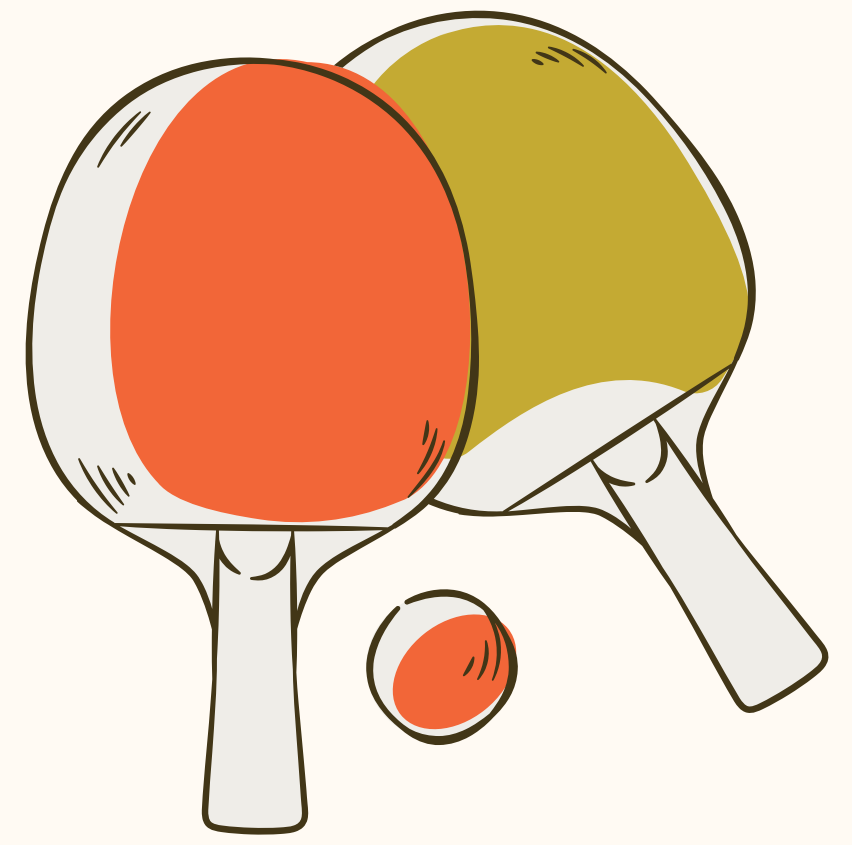
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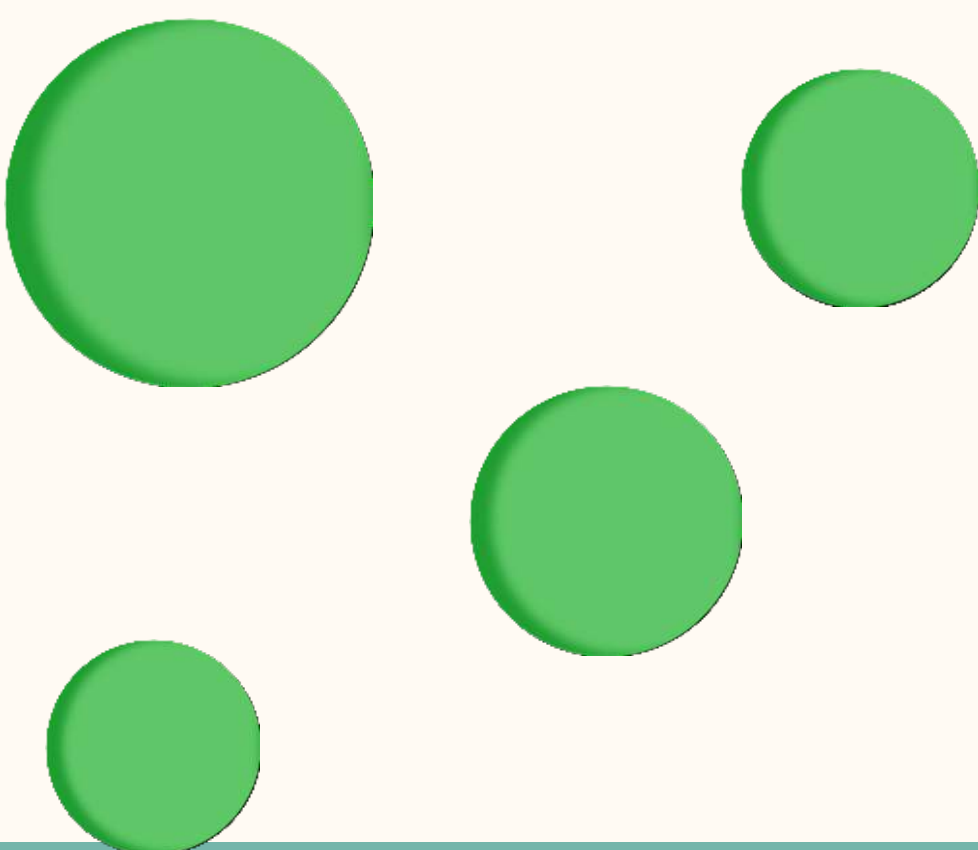
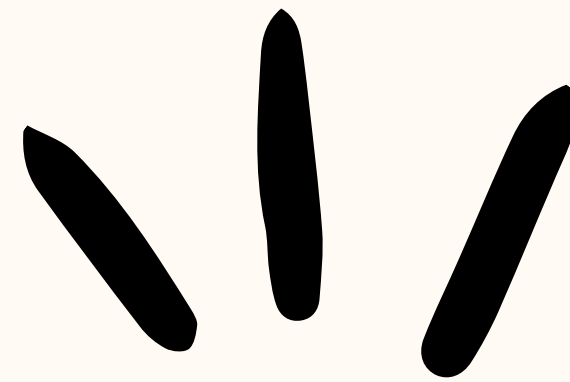
The NIA gym hosted attractive House Chess Tournaments where our KS3 and KS4 students challenged themselves and each other in 'strategic battles'. It was a great opportunity for the students to display their high-level skills in chess, applying themselves at their best to win and collect points for their houses. Well done to all participants!



HOUSE TABLE TENNIS



NIA hosted the House Table Tennis tournaments for KS3 and KS4, boys and girls. All the participants enjoyed the competition, putting their best effort into every game they played and trying to collect as many points as possible for their houses. Effort, determination, and fair play were the keywords of this competition. Congratulations to all participants!



FIFA WORLD CUP 2022



A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was given to our pupils. 22 pupils escorted the players onto the pitch for England vs. Iran match, and 18 flag bearers carried the national flags onto the pitch, as likewise in Germany vs. Japan match. The pupils received an Adidas kit and tickets to watch the match.

