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# NIA TODAY



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Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure to come to the end of Term 2 achieving and highlighting all the wonderful work that took place this term. Students and teachers have worked exceptionally hard and it is clear in the Newsletter the successes of everyone.

As parents, you can be proud of your child's performance and achievements and you can be proud to part of NIA. We are proud of our students and appreciate your ongoing support in your child's learning and participation in all school activities. We continue to strive forward with the excellent partnership between teachers, students and parents, NIA successfully achieved its goals to continue high standards of Teaching and Learning. We appreciate everyone's efforts in making this work and fostering good relationships and good communication.

This year, we are very proud that NIA have been selected to celebrate our outstanding students by the new MOE initiative 'Proud of You'. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education invites NIA to attend the first annual event on 10th March for outstanding private schools around the world under the slogan "Proud of You," which is organized by the Department of Private Schools and Kindergartens. Once again, I would like to highlight our school's vision: 'An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success'. Our vision is always clear in everything we do. We would like you to continue working with us and be part of NIA community so that we can end this academic year successfully.

Have a lovely break. Stay safe wherever you may be. Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

Kind regards,

*Nadia January*





## A Word from the Head of Secondary

**A**gain Term 2 was a very short and highly intense term. Students and staff worked very hard to fit everything necessary in and achieve as many great results as possible, and here we would like to celebrate their success and commend them for striving for excellence. Year 11-13 students started with mock and external exams in January. I am pleased that the vast majority fulfilled their potential whilst our staff certainly added value to their efforts. KS3 students persevere and aim to build a strong foundation for IGCSE exams. A huge well done to the girls in the French top set who are the first group of students in Qatar and beyond who are now on their way to sit the IGCSE French exam in June 2024 before they even start KS4 – well done, keep it up! We are also very proud of year 10s for their ongoing positive attitude towards learning, all of them fast-tracking at least one subject this year and also working towards the new modular IGCSE preparation in History, Geography and Economics (Edexcel).

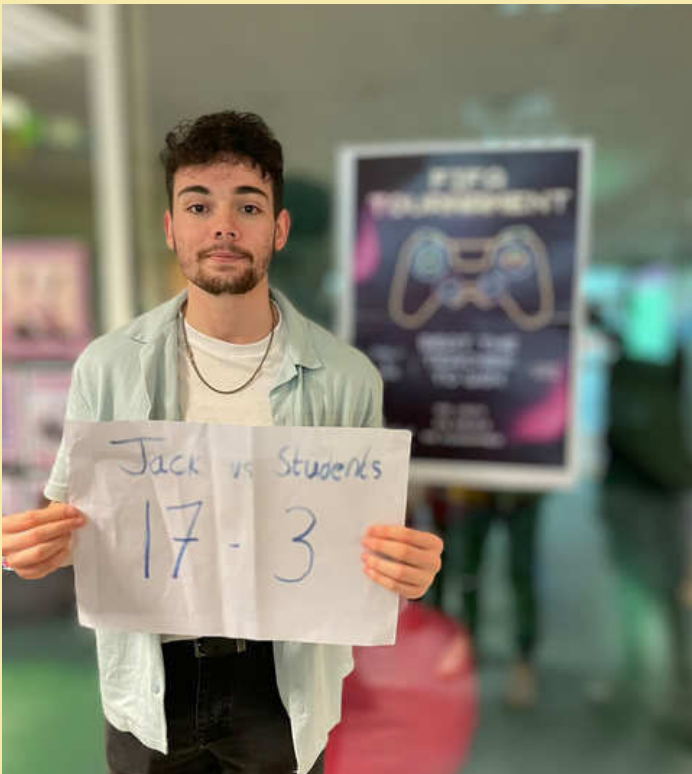
Besides strong academics, NIA students also excel in extra-curricular activities. Again we had a very successful Science Week, Business Week, NIAMUN and several other MUN conferences, sports success (house competitions, Sports Days, QUESS and Qatar School Olympic Programme competitions), Duke of Edinburg expeditions, French exchange, Debating, our Senior student leadership team and Student Council organized again collections for Charities and much more. Many trips also took place this term and we are proud that our NIA official Instagram account [nia\\_barwa\\_city](#) where we share every event that takes place at NIA (392 posts since August 2023), has now reached 1284 followers!

Looking back, I am very proud of everyone, and I also wish to thank our parents and community for being amazing partners in our efforts. Thank you for your feedback, support and positive engagement. Have a great and restful holiday, and we look forward to returning to complete Term 3 successfully!

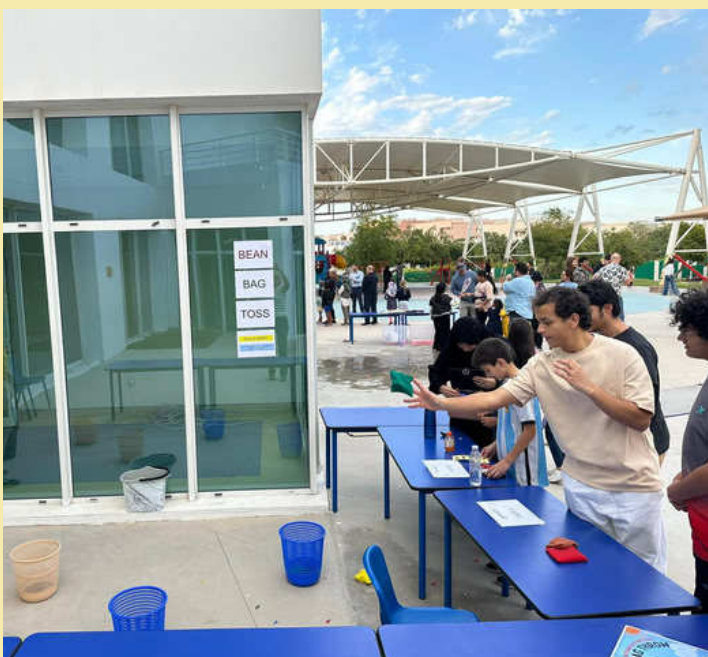
*Dr. F. Woolgar*



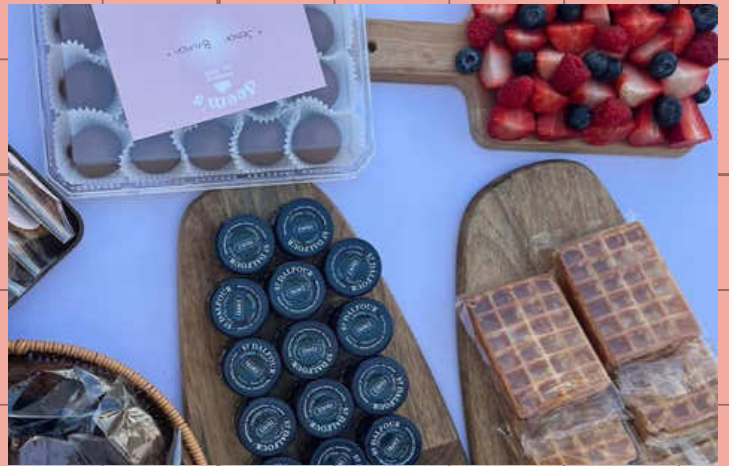
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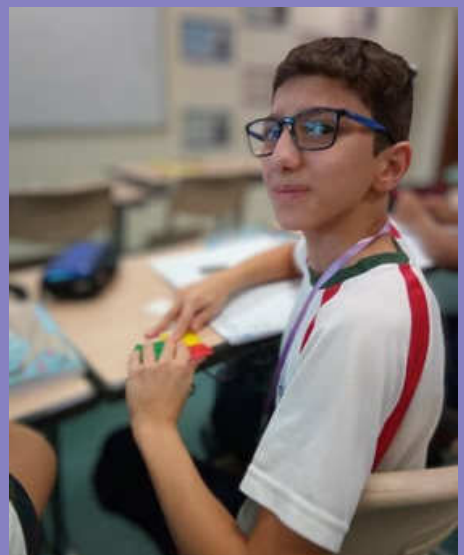
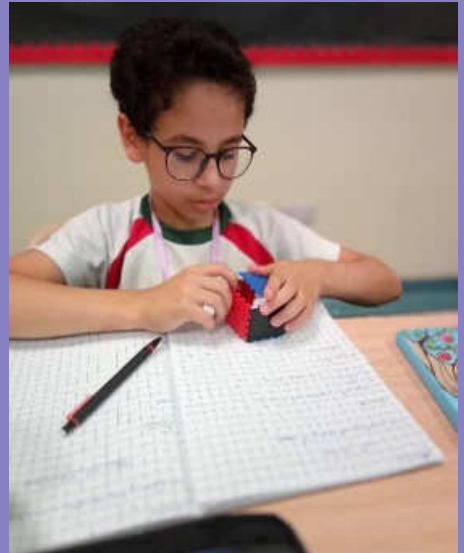




# SENIOR BRUNCH



# MATHS WEEK

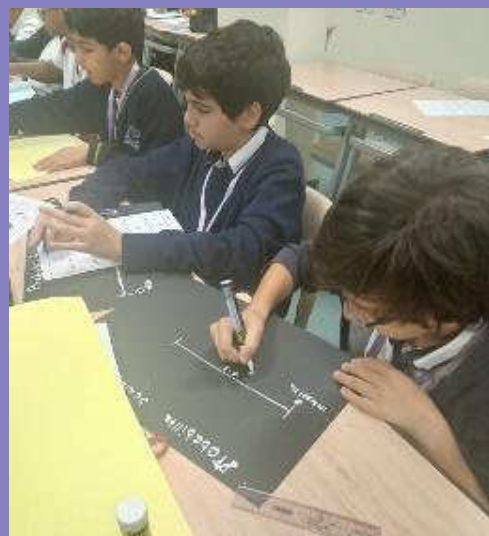
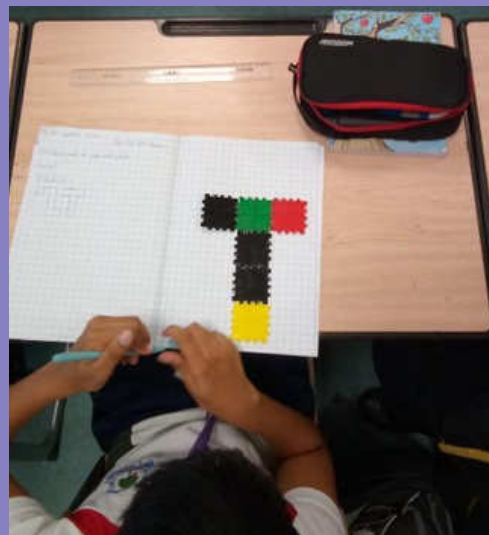


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This term in Mathematics we have been exploring 3D shapes in Year 7, having fun with mathematical treasure hunts and class quizzes in KS3, creating probability posters and having fun calculating real-life probabilities with card games!

Our seniors have been solving some really tricky card sorts in preparation for their AS Level exams in May!

Finally, we have some really exciting news...students at NIA will be taking part in a math competition where they will be competing against schools from all over the world to win some amazing prizes!



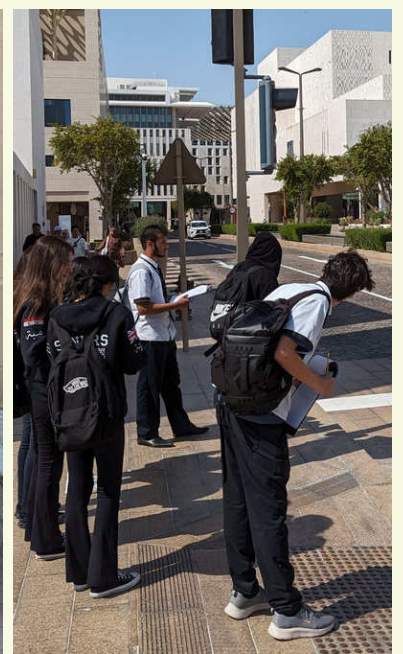
# HUMANITIES



IGCSE and A level geography learning during Term 2 was taken out of the classroom and into the real world where students tackle various physical and human topics such as the effects of beach management on Qatar's coastline and the impact of Urban regeneration on different areas within Doha. These unique experiences are equipping our students with the knowledge they need to complete their academic studies and also giving them a chance to see the knowledge they learn in the classroom exists all around them and they are able to observe and understand it through the use of various skills and methods. Our NIA Geographers will move forward to achieve their greatest potential during Term 3. February 2024 a group of ten students from years 7, 8, 10 and 12 visited Atlanta USA to learn about the life of Martin Luther King. We learned about the limitations of living in the "Jim Crow" south and how through community self-empowerment African Americans overcame some of their limitations.



# HUMANITIES



# WEILL CORNELL QATAR *finals*

The culmination of months of hard work and dedication came to fruition as sixteen teams from our school competed in the finals of the High School Research Competition held at Weill Cornell Qatar. Selected from a pool of hundreds of entries and after an initial round of presentations, these students showcased their exceptional research projects with confidence and poise. The weekend was not only about the competition but also provided a unique opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in university life. They attended the Medical Unlimited Conference, gaining valuable insights into various aspects of the medical field, and participated in an admissions panel discussion, where they received valuable advice for their future academic endeavors. It was a weekend filled with inspiration, learning, and the celebration of our students' achievements, highlighting their potential to excel in the realm of academia and beyond.



# JUNIOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

We're thrilled to announce that four of our outstanding students have been actively engaged in the Junior Science Olympiad, showcasing their brilliance and passion for science. Following the initial round of competition, we are proud to share that three of these students have been selected to advance to the upcoming second round. Organized by the Ministry of Education, this prestigious event provides a platform for young scientists to demonstrate their knowledge and problem-solving skills on a national level. The dedication and hard work of our students have truly paid off, earning them a well-deserved opportunity to compete among the brightest minds in the country. As they continue to prepare for the next stage of the Olympiad, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to these talented individuals and wish them the best of luck in their pursuit of excellence. Their achievements serve as a testament to the strength and commitment of our school's science program.

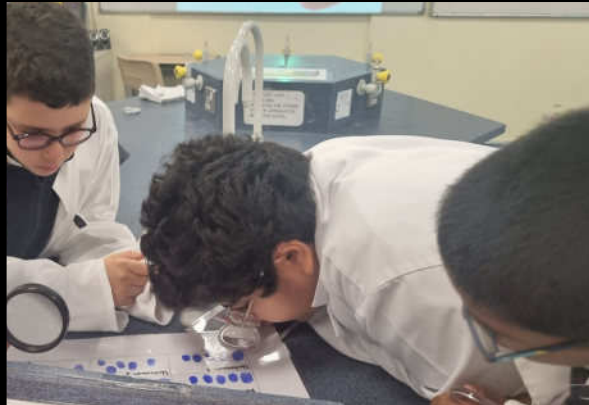
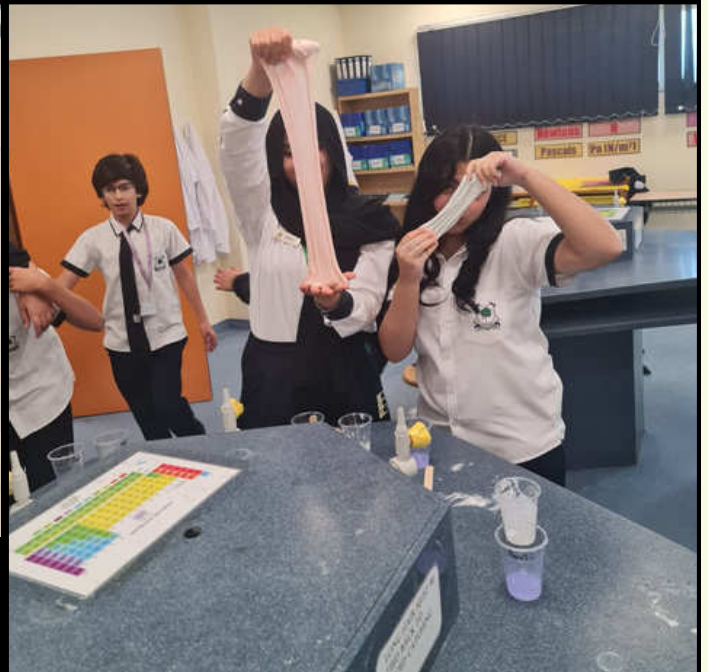


# SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week in January 2024 was a whirlwind of excitement and discovery at our school. Students delved into the world of science through a myriad of hands-on activities designed to ignite their curiosity and passion for exploration. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Forensic Challenge, where budding detectives used their investigative skills to solve a thrilling mystery. From decoding clues to analyzing fingerprints, students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Beyond the forensic adventures, there were plenty of other engaging activities to enjoy. Fun science experiments captivated students' imaginations, while outdoor challenges during break time encouraged teamwork and problem-solving. Kahoot quizzes added an extra layer of excitement, testing students' knowledge across various scientific disciplines in a friendly and competitive atmosphere. Throughout the week, laughter, curiosity, and a sense of wonder filled the halls as students immersed themselves in the wonders of science. Science Week served not only as a celebration of scientific inquiry but also as a reminder of the limitless possibilities that await those who dare to explore. We look forward to next year's Science Week, where we will continue to inspire and empower the scientists of tomorrow.



# SCIENCE WEEK



# BUSINESS

## Week

As we embark on the journey through the second term of the academic year, we're excited to share some of the wonderful accomplishments and activities that have taken place within the Department of Business, Economics, and Travel & Tourism.

This term, our Y13 Economics students dived into the intricacies of globalisation through an engaging Economics debate. It was inspiring to see them dissect and analyse the multifaceted impacts of this global phenomenon.

Meanwhile, our Y13 Business students showcased their research and presentation skills with an insightful Emerging Economies presentation. Their exploration of burgeoning economies provided valuable insights into the dynamics of global business landscapes.

On another note, our Y10 Business students participated in an enlightening activity focused on the importance of communication in the business world. Through this experience, they gained a deeper appreciation for the vital role effective communication plays in driving business success.

Additionally, the highlight of this term was our highly anticipated Business Week, organised by our dedicated Y13 Business and Economics students. Throughout the week, students were immersed in a plethora of engaging activities designed to enhance their understanding of business concepts and foster their entrepreneurial spirit.

The week kicked off with the exhilarating Stock Market game, where students eagerly navigated through market fluctuations and strategic investment decisions. This hands-on experience provided invaluable insights into the dynamics of financial markets and risk management.

Students also put their knowledge to the test with captivating quizzes, including a Kahoot Quiz and a terminology quiz, challenging their understanding of key business concepts and principles. These quizzes not only sparked friendly competition but also reinforced learning in an interactive and enjoyable manner. Furthermore, our students engaged in stimulating debates on pressing issues in business ethics, showcasing their ability to analyse complex ethical dilemmas and articulate well-reasoned arguments.

One of the most anticipated events of the week was the Lion's Lair challenge, where 16 groups of students presented their innovative business ideas to a panel of judges. From groundbreaking tech startups to sustainable business ventures, the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit on display were truly inspiring. The judges were impressed by the depth of research, strategic planning, and presentation skills demonstrated by the participating teams.

We extend our sincerest appreciation to all the students, teachers, and staff who contributed to the success of these initiatives. Together, we continue to foster a vibrant learning environment that nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial spirit in our students.

# BUSINESS *Week*



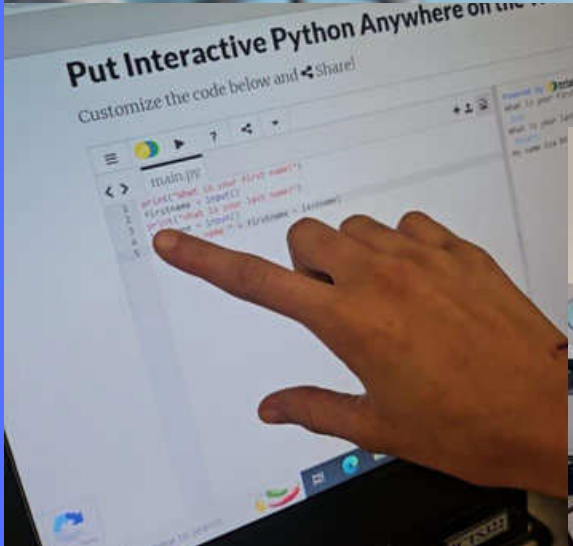
# ICT activities



Follow the progress of our aspiring programmers in Year 8 as they delve into game development, and coding with ECA. Witness their journey of turning concepts into interactive experiences, showcasing their burgeoning skills in the captivating world of game design and programming.

In an inspiring endeavour, Year 8 girls, aspiring programmers, are mastering the art of coding using Python language. Their dedication and curiosity drive them to unravel the intricacies of programming, showcasing a passion for technology that promises a bright future in the world of coding and innovation. Dive into their coding journey!

Year 9 boys collaborate on an ICT project exploring real-world applications across industries. From healthcare to finance, they aim to bridge theory with practice, showcasing the transformative potential of technology in diverse careers. Stay tuned for their insights and visions.



# ENGLISH



A very warm greeting on behalf of the English Department.

It has been a short Term 2 but I know all of the English teachers have worked very hard this Term, educating your youngsters and preparing them for mid-term assessments and termly examinations. We are also delivering the P4C programme, of course. I am delighted with our students here at NIA; they work hard, display a positive attitude and are a delight to teach. In short, they are a credit to you as parents.

Many of the English teachers also deliver extra-curricular activities, as I am sure you are aware. Mr Dylan and I are continuing to run the student and staff band and we performed for our sister school NBA as well as at the School Fair. I think we will also play at the Ted Talks this year. We are both delighted with the enthusiasm of the players and singers. Mr Nightingale and Mr Andrew continue to teach and run the debate and have achieved much success. Ms Guntaz took several of our students to a Spelling Bee and they were successful there and finally, Mr Denis and Mr Jack are involved in football.

Please encourage your youngsters to participate in any of these activities as I think they will find any of them extremely enriching. Please also encourage reading at home, spending time on homework and speaking English. Thank you very much for continuing to support us. I look forward to writing to you again at the end of Term 3.



# Frenchimmersion

As part of our school exchange program, our French class students had the privilege of immersing themselves in a school day at Le Lycée Français Bonaparte in Doha. This experience was profoundly enriching for our students, especially for those who plan to pursue further studies in the French language. They gained insight into the French educational system and had the opportunity to practice their French language skills. Numerous additional collaborations with this esteemed institution are currently underway.



# ART & DT

This term has focused on experimenting with different techniques and building skills, from drawing skills to different painting techniques and projects. The year 10s have been developing their art history knowledge. They have all shown good enthusiasm to learn and explore this term. The year 11's have been finalising their IGCSE exam project with exciting developments. Students have been working on different projects, ranging from pop-up card mechanisms to perspective drawing and understanding the importance of sequential drawing.



# **Student** *COUNCIL*

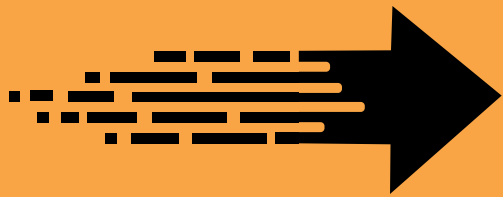
**The Student Council at Newton International Academy took on the challenge of helping organise two major events during Term 2: a haunted house and a talent show. With creativity, dedication, and a commitment to giving back, they turned these events into huge successes that entertained their peers and contributed to a charitable cause.**

**First, let's delve into the spooky world of the haunted house. The Student Council members brainstormed ideas, scoured the school for the perfect location, and transformed it into a chilling labyrinth of frights and thrills.**

**Transitioning from scares to talent, the Student Council then spearheaded the organisation of a spectacular talent show. They began by inviting students to audition, showcasing various talents ranging from singing and dancing to gymnastics tricks and rapping. After careful deliberation, the Student Council selected the most captivating acts, ensuring a dynamic lineup to captivate the audience.**

**The Student Council donated the proceeds from the haunted house and the talent show to support humanitarian efforts in Palestine through Qatar Charity.**

# Student COUNCIL



# DEBATE SOCIETY

Our debate society is growing from strength to strength and we have proven our capacity for success by winning the Newton Inter School Debate Championship for the sixth year on 8 February. The margin of victory was small, though, and we beat the runners-up, NBA, by only four points.

The Senior Girls team shone in the Qatar Debate League Championship on 10 February by winning all four of their debates. We hope they get to the finals. The Preparatory Girls teams were successful in the Qatar Preparatory Debate League Championship in 4 of their 8 encounters on 17 February, while the Boys Preparatory teams secured 5 out of 8 victories on February 24th. We keep our fingers crossed for both Preparatory teams in the hope that they will qualify for the finals.



**NEWTON CUP WINNERS FOR THE 6TH TIME!**

# DEBATE SOCIETY



**PREPARATORY BOYS AT QPSDL**



**preparatory girls**



**SENIOR GIRLS AT QSDL**



**PREPARATORY GIRLS AT QPSDL**



**senior girls**

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

This term, 16 girls and 26 boys participated in The Duke of Edinburgh International Award, completing their Bronze Qualifying Adventurous Journey.

The journey took place in Zekreet, Dukhan, where they journeyed through the desert and were self-sufficient for two days, cooking all their meals and carrying everything they needed. Zekreet provided the groups with breathtaking scenery as they navigated challenging terrains, set up tents and camped under the starlit skies. Overall, the two groups had a fantastic experience, and one the students will not forget! Well done, DofE participants!!



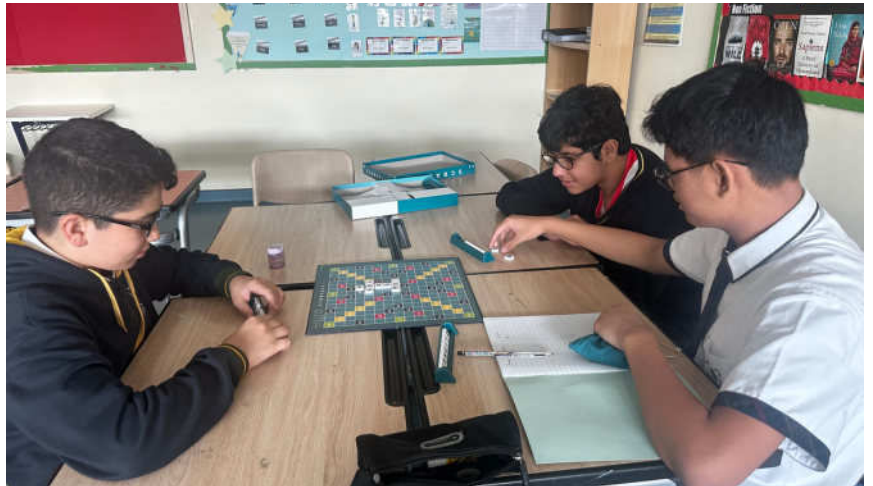


# scrabble

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Our students are embracing the challenge of Scrabble in our Extracurricular Activities program! With tiles clacking and minds whirring, they're honing their vocabulary and strategic skills. From crafting cunning words to outsmarting opponents, each game fosters camaraderie and intellectual growth.

Scrabble isn't just a game; it's a journey through language and critical thinking. Our participants are not only expanding their vocabularies but also learning resilience in the face of challenges. Let's cheer on our students as they embark on this exciting linguistic adventure, embodying the spirit of learning and fun in every tile they place!"



# MUN

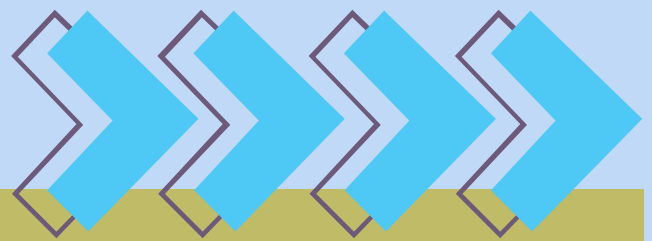
Our NIA students have had an extremely eventful Term 2 in MUN. Qatar's largest MUN - THIMUN Qatar XIII, once again has come around. NIA took charge, showing their skill, resilience and outstanding public speaking skills amongst 800 other students from 23 different schools and 11 countries. NIA also tackled the Georgetown University MUN conference, another International conference attracting students and schools from around the globe. Once again, displaying commitment, skills and professionalism throughout, our perseverance led to our students being celebrated with two awards for their performance.

Finally, our very own MUN@NIA conference took place at the beginning of February. It is our largest conference to date, with 285 students attending from 10 schools around Qatar. Our NIA students worked tirelessly to organize every aspect of the conference, culminating in an excellent, exciting, and engaging conference enjoyed by everyone who attended.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



**Another successful term for our students and the PE Department.**

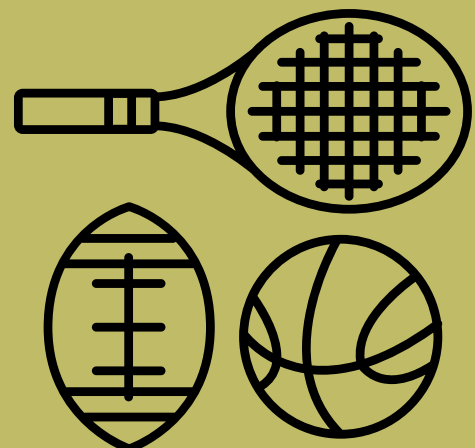
**In terms of competitions and sporting events, our students have been participating in more than 43 different sporting events, proudly representing NIA and obtaining very good and some outstanding results in Asian Football Cup, Qatar Schools Olympic Programme, QUESS, World Aquatics FINA, Sports Days, House competitions.**

**We were all very happy to see our students displaying a high skills level as well as an incredible spirit of competition.**

**Now it is the time to celebrate all these wonderful things we have achieved, to plan already the next challenges and to be grateful to all those who made these possible: students, parents, teachers, coaches, SMT.**

**On behalf of the entire PE Department, I wish you all a restful term break. Stay safe!**

**Mr. Claudiu Pitigoi  
Head of NIA PE Department**



# SPORTS DAYS

On a sunny day, a lot of fun and great athletics skills were displayed at UDST stadium during the Secondary Girls Sports Day. After disputing the House supremacy, these were the winners:

1. Wright (965 pts.) 2. Curie (920 pts.) 3. Edison (705 pts.) 4. Bell (415 pts.) Congratulations to all participants!

In a fantastic atmosphere, full of joy and great time, our Secondary Boys students competed in their Sports Day. Having a lot of fun but displaying very good Athletics skills also, our boys disputed Houses supremacy in various track and field events such as: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Relay and Vortex. Here are the winners: 1. Curie (1045 pts.) 2. Wright (760 pts.) 3. Bell (625 pts.) 4. Edison (580 pts.) Well done, and congratulations to all participants!



# QSOP GIRLS ATHLETICS

Great day at the QSOP Preparatory Girls Athletics competition. Well done to all the girls who participated. We managed to secure 2 medals today. Meriem Mouhoub - Gold in Long Jump and Lojine Attia - Bronze in the 200m. Well done to our secondary girls who competed at the QSOP Athletics on Thursday. It was a great effort made by all, with many wins within their heats for the 60m and 200m sprint, as well as placing 2nd in their heat for the 4x50m Relay. Well done to Nadia, Leilla, Lina and Damilya.



# QSOP BOYS ATHLETICS

Great effort for our Preparatory Boys Athletics team. They have proudly represented NIA in QSOP events, competing against athletes from the National Team and different Athletics Clubs. Congratulations to all and a shout out for Jonathan Hughes who won the bronze in 60m event and has been scouted by four different clubs. Our Secondary Boys Athletics team competed in QSOP track and field events. Despite strong opposition coming from the National Team athletes, our great boys came second, third and fourth in their heats for 60m, 200m, 400m, 800m and the Relay. Shout out for Ioannis who won the bronze medal to high jump. Congratulations to all!



# QSOP VOLLEYBALL

In their first year of participation and after nine wins in a row, today our Volleyball Preparatory boys team lost their game in the knock-out stage of QSOP. Extremely motivated and displaying very good Volleyball skills, our boys finished the competition on an honourable position 10 out of 64 participating schools across Qatar. The future of this team is secured for the years to come. After a game not recommended to the weak of heart, we lost 27-25, 25-23 at the knock-out stage of QSOP Volleyball Secondary boys. Fighting for every ball, our boys played their best Volleyball ever and proudly representing NIA, we finished on the 9th position out of 72 public, private and International schools across Qatar. Congratulations to our great boys!



# QSOP SWIMMING

Congratulations to our fantastic Secondary and Preparatory swimmers girls who won again a considerable number of medals in Qatar School Olympic Programme. We are all proud of our medalists: Meriem Mouhoub, Tatiana Woolgar, Karma Ali, Yasmine Mouhoub, Salma Aboulseoud, Elne Meyer.



# QSOP TENNIS

Well done to our great Tennis players, Tatiana Woolgar and Alfahad Almisnad for their determination and effort competing in QSOP tournaments.



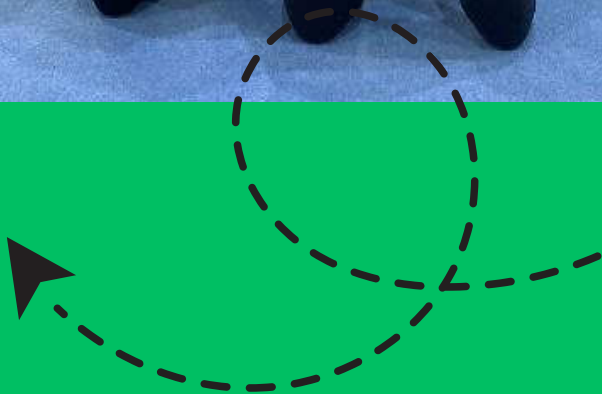
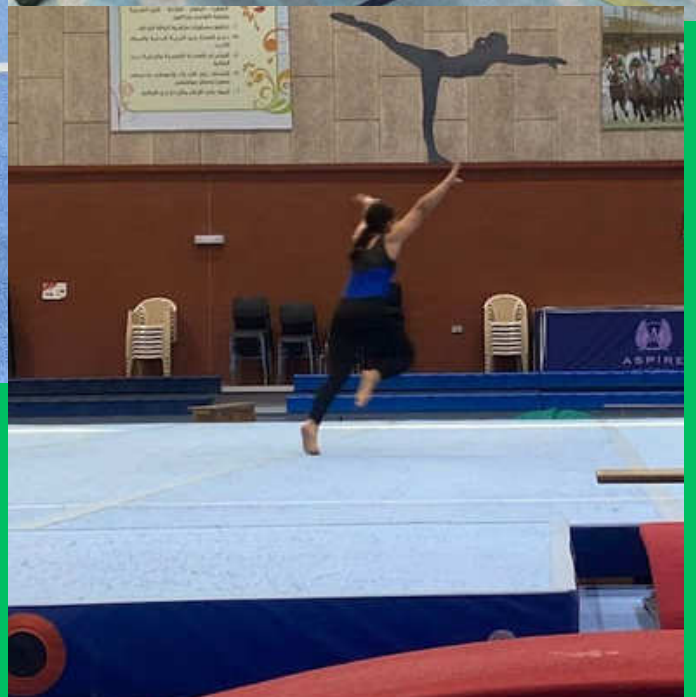
# QSOP BASKETBALL

After three rounds of successful participation at QSOP competition, our great boys are preparing now for the next challenges. A lot of effort, determination and progress were displayed. The NIA Preparatory 3 x 3 Basketball team won a game against a government school and lost the other so we are now waiting for the organizers to communicate the results from the other groups. The Secondary team qualified directly on the next round, based on their last year fantastic performance – second team in Qatar!



# QSOP GYMNASTICS

Well done to our fantastic gymnasts for qualifying in the final round of QSOP competition. Congratulations to our fantastic Gymnastics boys team, who qualified to the finals of QSOP competition from the first position. Well done boys, we are very proud of you.



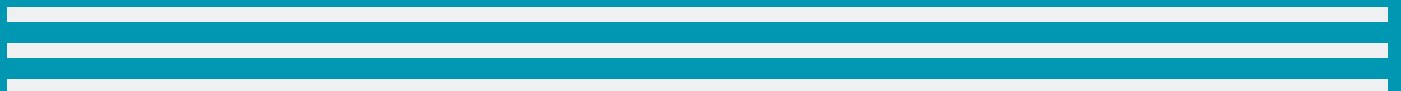
# QSOP CRICKET

In their first year of participation in QSOP competition, our U19 boys performed very well, displaying a lot of determination and very good skills. With two victories, they are now waiting for the next challenges. Well done, boys!



# QSOP FOOTBALL

We have successfully completed the QSOP Football Secondary boys Tournament. We managed to come top 2 between 78 international schools and reach the quarter finals, where we met 6 public schools. Whilst the boys showed great passion and determination, we played three matches in which we won, drew and sadly lost the final game by 2-1. We have completed the tournament as one of top 6 teams in Qatar. This was an outstanding achievement and we are all so very proud of our boys. Congratulations to all involved!



# QUESS BASKETBALL

NIA U16 Girls Basketball team achieved an outstanding result in January in QUESS tournament. After winning 5 matches our team qualified for the Grand finals among the top 4 schools in Qatar which will take place in April. Congratulations! Well done girls, great job! A huge well done to our U18 Girls basketball team for their excellent performance in QUESS tournament in January achieving 3rd place from all schools in Doha very closely after losing to the winning school in their last match only by 1 point. NIA U14 Boys' Basketball team move on to the next round of QUESS compiling a record of 5-1. They played with poise and maturity and the games were not for the weak of heart. Well done boys!



# QUEST BASKETBALL

Competing for QUEST Basketball 2024 our U16 boys did an amazing progress through the competition. The matches were very challenging as we played against very strong teams with a few players from the National team. Our boys' effort and determination was outstanding. Well done boys, this is the way.



# QUESS BASKETBALL

NIA U19 boys Basketball team participated in QUESS competition. The boys played their heart out against the best private schools in Qatar and they are now waiting for new challenges. Well done, boys!



# QUESS BASKETBALL

Massive well done to our U14 girls Basketball team for their bronze in the QUESS tournament. A tough few games and lots to take away and learn from. Well done to all the girls involved. Very proud of their achievement.



# QUESS FOOTBALL

A great effort and team spirit from our boys at the QUESS U19 Boys Football Tournament. After a long day full of dramatic matches, unfortunately, we could only reach the quarter-finals. Great effort from them all. Well done boys!



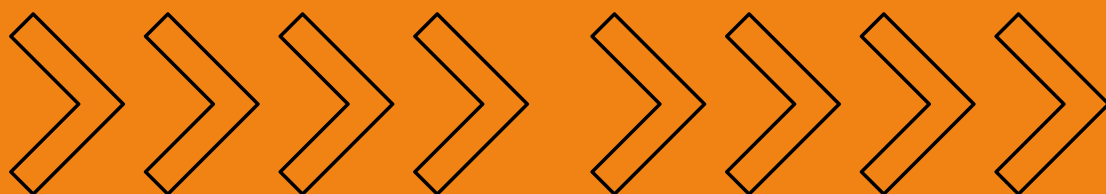
# WORLD AQUATICS

With a lot of enthusiasm and proud to participate at such a high profile event, our great swimmers and volunteers, boys and girls, did a fantastic job displaying very good Swimming and administrative skills also.



# FOOTBALL ASIAN CUP

A once in a lifetime opportunity was given to our pupils. Based on NIA reputation in participating in world class sport event, some of our students have been selected as flag bearers to carry the national flags on to the pitch at different matches, on different stadiums. The pupils received Kelme kit and tickets to watch the match. Well done to all participants!



# HOUSE BASKETBALL

A lot of determination and very good Basketball skills were displayed on House Basketball Tournaments for Secondary boys. Winners: KS3: 1.Curie, 2.Edison, 3.Bell, 4.Wright. KS4-5: 1.Wright, 2.Bell, 3.Curie, 4.Edison. Well done and congratulations to all participants!



# BOYS SPORT TEAMS

As a sign of appreciation for their commitment, efforts and outstanding results, our great student athletes have been rewarded with sport Asian Football Cup sport equipment. In presence of Dr. Tereza Woolgar, the Head of Secondary and coordinated by Mr. John Woolgar, this action was fantastic success with our students from the Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Athletics, Gymnastics, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming teams happy to see one more time how much their effort and commitment is appreciated. Thank you all very much! We are very proud of you, boys.



# ooredoo

## DOHA MARATHON

On February 16th, the energetic spirit of the Ooredoo 5km Fun Run captivated participants, including a spirited group of Year 13 seniors from Newton International Academy. Their vibrant presence added to the excitement of the event, showcasing both their enthusiasm for fitness and their school pride. As they raced through the scenic route, their determination and camaraderie shone brightly, inspiring fellow runners and spectators alike. Their participation exemplified the values of teamwork, perseverance, and community engagement fostered at Newton International Academy. It was a memorable day filled with laughter, cheers, and a shared commitment to healthy living.

