



News and Updates

Our little ones took their first steps into Foundation today, and what a wonderful start it was! Smiling faces (and a few happy tears from parents!) filled our classrooms as children explored their new learning spaces for the first time. From meeting new friends and teachers, to discovering exciting activity corners, singing our first songs together, and enjoying a settling-in snack time, our EYFS superstars showed such courage and curiosity on this special milestone day.



What a wonderful start to the new school year! Our Primary students have settled in brilliantly, enjoying reconnecting with friends, making new ones, meeting their teachers and getting to know their new classrooms. Throughout the week, students explored classroom routines and expectations, helping everyone feel confident, happy and ready for a successful year of learning.



It was an especially exciting week for our Year 1 students, who explored the “big school” through tours of the Primary building, becoming familiar with their new surroundings and all the exciting spaces they will use this year. There have been lots of smiles, new friendships and happy moments, and we are so proud of how well our students have settled in.





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It has been wonderful to welcome our Secondary students back to school this week! It was fantastic to see our corridors and classrooms full of energy, smiles, and excitement once again. We are looking forward to a positive and successful academic year filled with new opportunities, learning, personal growth, and achievements. A very warm welcome back to all our students — it is great to have you with us again!



SMT Updates

NIA Barwa has appointed Ms Ansonet Oberholzer as the new Head of Primary, with Ms Courtney Gaillard taking on the role of Deputy Head of Primary – Pastoral. We are very excited to see them begin the new academic year in their new leadership roles and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our Primary section, supporting both students and staff and continuing to strengthen the quality of provision across the school. The Principal and Deputy Principal have worked closely to ensure that Preparation Week and staff orientation were well organised and effective, enabling both new and returning staff to begin the academic year with confidence and clarity. New staff have settled in well and completed a range of induction and professional development sessions designed to prepare them thoroughly for the year ahead. Recruitment has now been completed, with staffing structures carefully adjusted to reflect current student numbers, needs and school priorities. We are particularly proud to have maintained the same strong student enrolment as last academic year, while also having a positive outlook for further growth beyond our current population of approximately 1,792 students.

Also the final preparation for the three upcoming inspections (CIS, BSO and Character Education - October 2026) and applications for MENA Awards are taking place and all staff and students are responding very well.





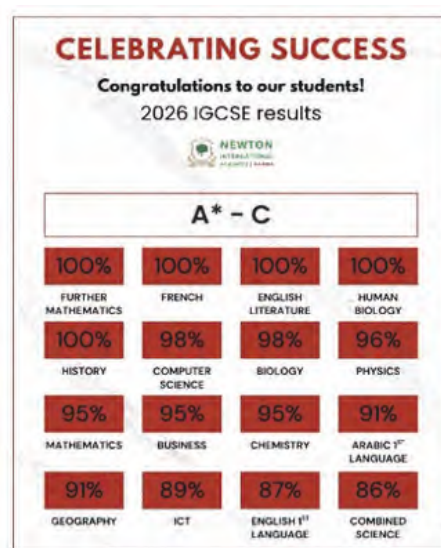
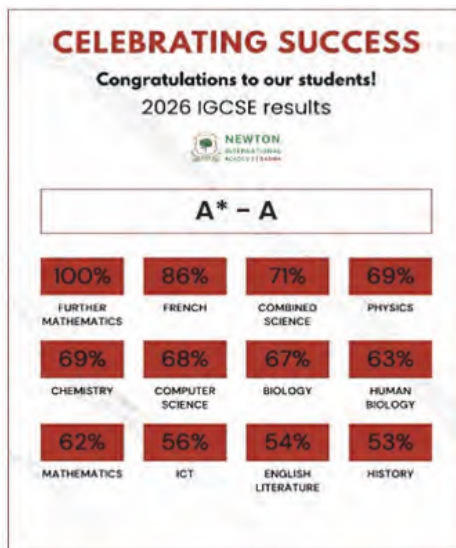
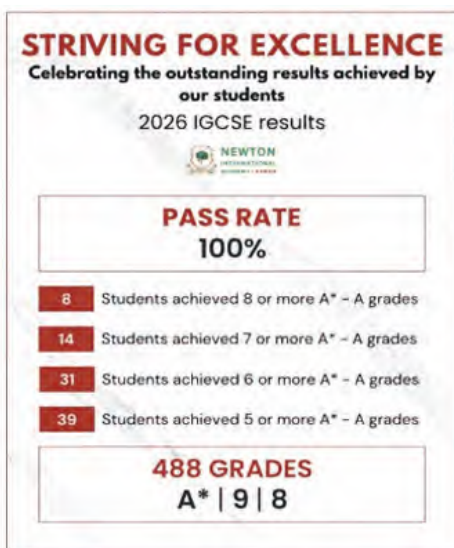
Workshops

We had a highly successful Orientation and Preparation Week, with staff working together to prepare classrooms, strengthen routines and expectations, review key policies, and ensure everything was ready to welcome our students back. Our Middle Leaders also took part in an engaging workshop with Pinnacle International on The Power of Inspirational Leadership, providing valuable opportunities to reflect, collaborate and strengthen leadership across the school. The week set a positive and purposeful tone for the year ahead.



Accomplishments

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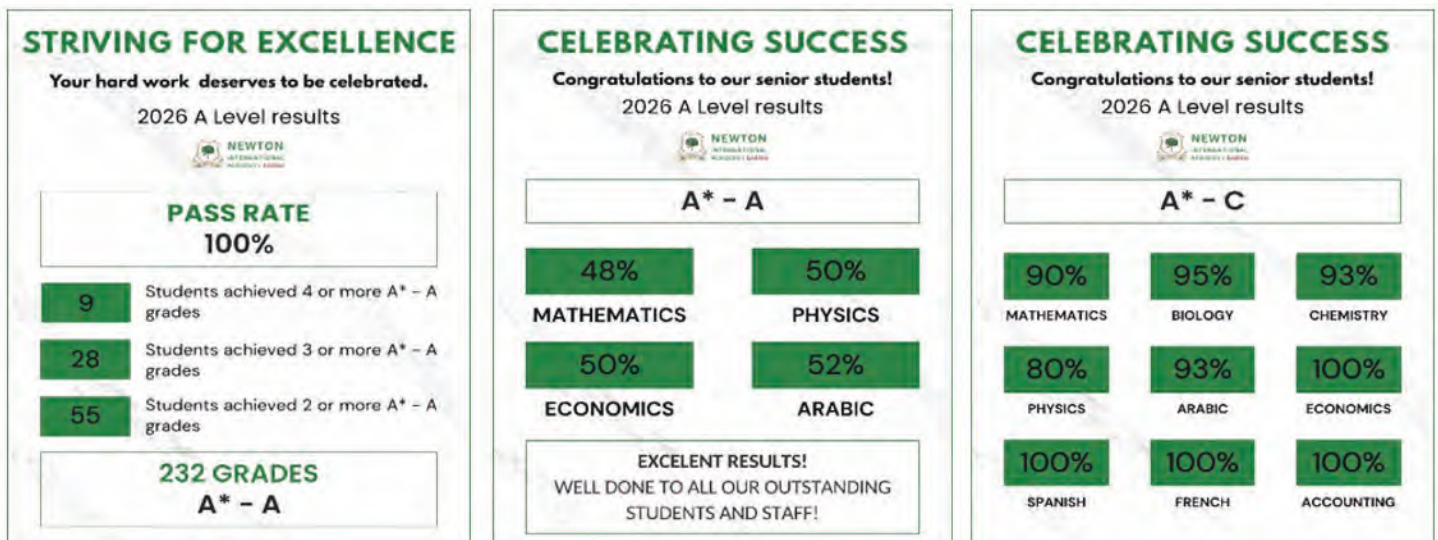




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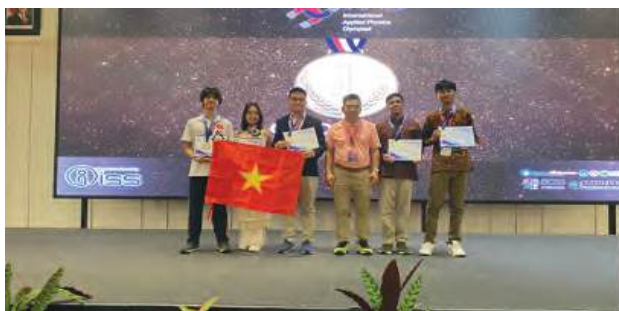
We are incredibly proud to celebrate our **2026 IGCSE Top Achievers** and their outstanding results. Their commitment, perseverance, and passion for learning have led to exceptional success. These achievements reflect not only their hard work and determination but also the support of their teachers and families throughout their journey. A huge congratulations to all our top achievers! We are very proud of your success and look forward to seeing what you accomplish next.

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We are incredibly proud of our **2026 IAL Top Achievers** and their outstanding results. Their hard work, determination, and commitment to learning have led to fantastic success. **Congratulations to all our IAL achievers – we are proud of you and excited to see what comes next!**

Muhammad was awarded a **Bronze Medal at the International Scientific Physics Olympiad (ISPhO) 2026** and a **Gold Medal at the International Applied Physics Olympiad (IAPhO) 2026**. These achievements are a wonderful reflection of his hard work, dedication, and passion for Physics. We are incredibly proud of Muhammad Dzikry and look forward to supporting him in his future competitions and achievements.





Accomplishments

Year 12 diving into their core Biology practicals with plenty of enthusiasm and curiosity. A great start to hands-on learning in the lab!



Physics in Action! Year 11 putting wave theory into practice! Using vibrating strings, students measured wavelength and frequency before applying the wave equation to determine wave speed.

Turning equations into experiments and building confident physicists!



First week of Year 7 art: Checkmate. 🏁 Our brand new artists are starting the term by tackling baseline drawing assessments. The challenge? Capturing the complex curves, symmetry, and shadows of chess pieces. Baseline drawings are the perfect way to establish a starting point for form and tone—and these Year 7s are already showing some serious skill.





Accomplishments

Year 13 students investigating the relationship between force exerted on an object and its change in momentum using an air track



Achievements

During Prep Week, our Secondary teachers worked incredibly hard to ensure that everything was ready to welcome our students back for the new academic year. From preparing classrooms and resources to planning engaging learning experiences, our staff demonstrated great teamwork, dedication, and commitment. A huge thank you to all our teachers for their hard work behind the scenes. Their efforts have helped create a welcoming, organised, and positive learning environment, ready for another exciting and successful year ahead!

MOE Updates

SLT, together with the PLO, is currently compiling all required documentation in preparation for the upcoming MOE visit. The team is also carefully reviewing and implementing all recent MOE circulars to ensure that the school remains fully compliant with current requirements and expectations.





Events

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain a top priority at NIA. This week, we successfully completed our first “Shelter in Place” drill of the academic year. The drill provided an important opportunity for students and staff to practise our safety procedures and ensure that everyone understands how to respond calmly and appropriately when required.

Welcome parents meetings EYFS, Primary and Secondary took place on Monday 7th September.

A wonderful start to the new academic year at NIA Barwa! It was a pleasure to welcome our EYFS, Primary and Secondary parents to our Welcome Parents Meetings, share key information for the year ahead and strengthen the important partnership between home and school.



Year Assembly was dedicated to setting clear expectations for the term ahead, while celebrating the outstanding achievements of our Term 3 top achievers. Proud of the dedication and excellence on display.

