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for excellence and celebrating success"

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Dear Parents,

would like to start of this message with a huge thankyou to all of our parents who have helped us make it through this most difficult year. I know how tough it has been at home during our blended and homeschooling times of the year. Without you it would not have happened, so thank you very much.

Not many can argue that the 2020 2021 school-year was not a challenging one, but as we wrapup the year, I hope we can all agree how amazingly resilient our students, teachers, families, and community members are! I am so proud of our students and staff for all of their hard work and wellearned successes, and on behalf of all of us at NIA, I would like to thank everyone for their patience, enthusiasm, and support.

Together, we have been able to ensure that students had the opportunity for blended learning, online activities such as MUN, and prizegiving ceremonies. Together, we made the most out of the year!

Once again we will see many members of school our community move on due to COVID and its impact on businesses. 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 nothing but success in the future.

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

Principal





Dear Staff, Students and Parents,

'erm 3 has been a very productive term for all. Many challenges were faced and 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 worked have extremely hard to progress throughout the year to achieve their best results and different participate in assessments to ensure their results are comparable and above to 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 an importance at NIA and we remain proud of everv 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 remain a pillar of strength for teachers and students. Without the parents support, we cannot

achieve so many goals and raise student progress progressively alongside with 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.

Kind regards,

Nadia January Deputy Principal





Head of Secondary's Message

Dr Tereza Woolgar

n Term 3, despite the initial switch from blended to online, our Secondary continued to blossom. We successfully

completed all of our external exams including iGCSE, AS and A levels in Year 13. All KS4 and KS5 staff worked extra hard to complete teacher final grades and portfolios of evidence for the examination boards to ensure every NIA Secondary student achieved a fair grade they deserved. We are very pleased with our senior student achievements and also that the size of our Sixth form continues to increase every year as our excellent reputation in Doha community attracts students from many other schools in Doha. Our graduated continue to secure places at prestigious universities which is not only down to their academic abilities, but also to the diligence of their teachers who provide them with multiple opportunities of enrichment and help them develop holistically as well rounded individuals with vibrant CVs application letters.

Similarly our KS3 students did very well in their final exams which is admirable as they had to work extra hard this year.

Our staff and students should be also commended for running TEDx talk online and Debating competition and participating in a running competition. Well done all involved!

I would like to also thank our parents for their support and cooperation throughout this difficult year – without your help we couldn't have done what we managed to achieve this year!

Overall, we are very proud of all of our achievements accomplished and on behalf of all NIA staff I would like to commend all NIA Secondary students for their efforts this year, wish good luck to all our leavers and a beautiful well deserved holiday to all students and staff.

Dr Tereza Woolgar











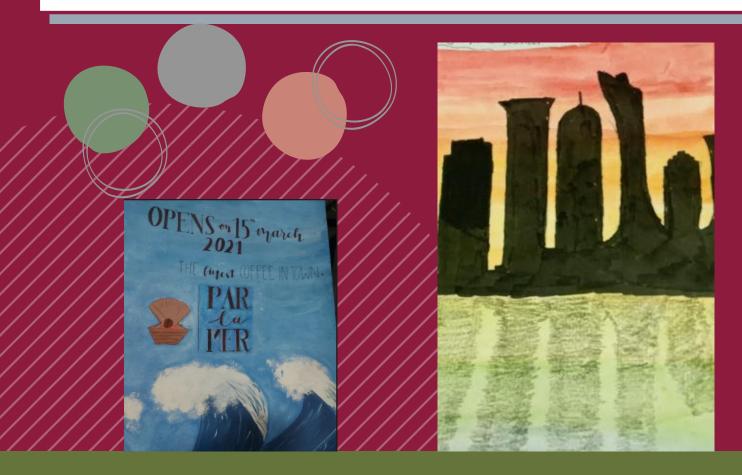
ART & DT

Art and Design

In year 7, as the students are introduced more to different techniques, the first project is about colour theory. This project centres around the Doha skyline. In year 9, the students focused on street art, which is becoming a fast growing trend here in Qatar. They study the work of Kaws, using art installations found around Qatar to influence their own ideas. In Key Stage 4 and 5, the students usually pick projects they can take first hand photographs of, this helps to promote Qatar across most of their art work.

Design and Technology

In Year 8 the students focus on architecture throughout the year. In Term 2 and 3, the students look at creating a hotel in Qatar. This projects helps to promote the various buildings that have been designed and built here. In year 9, the project in Term 2, is about creating a brand new coffee shop in Qatar. This helps to promote local businesses as well as show how diverse and broad the option choices in the hospitality sector are.

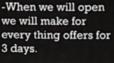




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-our sweets and coffee is fresh and we don't use preservatives.





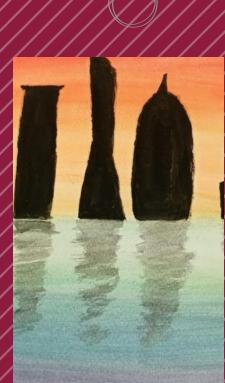


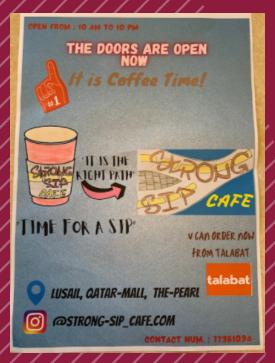
-We have the best coffes to drink.

-In wonder café we have whatever you want to fix your mood.









MATHS

This term and throughout the school year we incorporate Qatar identity into our lessons through discussing money expenditures and percentage using QAR and looking at the probability of different events and venues in Doha. We were also quite interested in the planning and construction of the new stadiums for the 2022 World Cup. In maths lessons, we discussed scale drawings and 3D images of these buildings and it's great that we also get to see them come to life when driving around QATAR.



ENGLISH

The students of NIA quickly took up the task of portraying the beauty of Qatar in some wonderful videos this term. Their challenge was simple: 'Make a video that shows the culture of Qatar' but their end results were creative, varied and always impressive.

From newsreels of real and interesting events, to fake interviews and hilarious scenarios, the boys and girls of Newton did themselves and Qatar proud, while educating their friends and

life in Doha and further afield.



A duel between two opponents with one slightly more skilled than the other has a similar time frame, and a duel between opponents with a huge skill difference can be over in as little as three seconds, but typically will last less than 30 seconds, barring luck or other factors.



Henna painting is a distinctive part of the Arab culture, it is used in important occasions such as Arab weddings.

Henna has been used in the Arab culture for many years and is hugely popular amongst the Arab women.



The public library houses over a million books and space for thousands of readers over an area of 42,000 m2. The library is part of the Education City, a new academic campus which hosts satellite campuses from leading universities and institutions from around the world.







A brief shot through the aisle showing what the sellers in Souq waqif sell (music will be added as we go along with the video)

V/O: explain a short history about Souq waqif.

A shot of traditional foods and zoom in (transition)



Zoom out from Al-Fanar and take a long shot of the skyscrapers in Doha.

V/O: Say about how Qatar had significantly improved after gained independence.

Take a fast motion, turn the camera up and quickly zoom into the sky (transition)



Make a shot as if it is coming out from the sand and zoom out showing a long shot of Desert camps in Qatar.

V/O: Explain how Qatar had made its desert into a useful source to gain money.

Take a quick shot of an empty desert and zoom into the sunset. (transition)



A quick shot starting from the sky and turn the camera showing the oil and gas refinery.

V/O: Explain some things about the oil and gas refinery

Take a brief shot of the first oil well along with V/O.

V/O: Say a brief history about the first oil well





Take a long shot of the fireworks while It is still exploding. The shot will be taken from afar

V/O: Explain some of the celebrations in Qatar

A shot of people celebrating and waving the flag of Qatar

End the video by zooming into the Qatar flag.

ARABIC

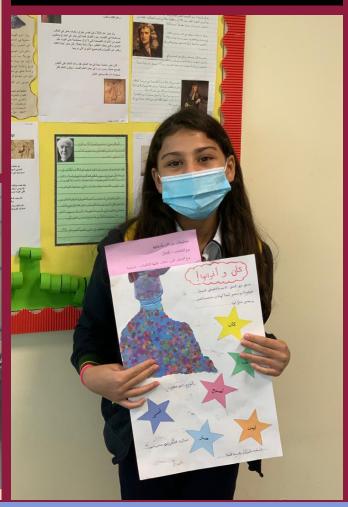


















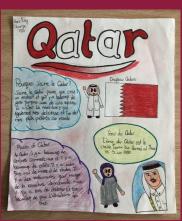
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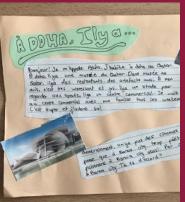










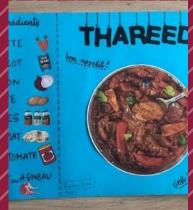






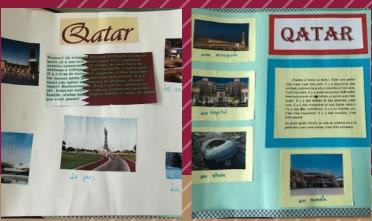


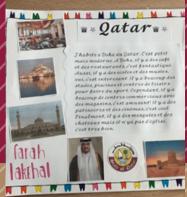












HUMANITIES

Humanities covers the History of Qatar, History and Geography. The History of Qatar looks at Qatari history and how it has become the wonderful country it is today.

In Geography in Year 8 the students are looking at Population and we often refer to Qatar in our classes. Qatar's population is mostly made up of young and middle aged men to help build the infrastructure for the World Cup. In Year 9 Geography we are looking at coasts and being a small peninsula country it gives us the perfect opportunity to discuss tides, waves and general resources we obtain from the coast. The coastline here is vital as the majority of products arrive here by boat. In Year 10 Geography we are looking at urban areas and it is fascinating to refer to areas such as The Pearl and West Bay when discussing areas that have urbanized in the last 10–20 years. There are even a number of photographs of both of these in the core textbook. We can see that Qatar is at the forefront of the World in terms of upcoming events, especially sporting and cultural activities.









BUSINESS

Y11 Economics:

Year 11 Economics completed a healthy eating presentation on Qatar.

Year 10 Business:

Y10 Business completed a presentation on a company from Qatar (Ooredoo), and completed healthy eating presentations on Qatar.

Y11 Business:

Year 11 Business students examined a case study on the GDP of Qatar. (QNB)

Y12 Travel and Tourism:

Y12 Students completed their course work by organising online tours about different places in Qatar. Each group prepared a virtual tour.

Y13 Business:

Twelve Y13 Students developed a new program in school called: International Exchange. The objectives of this program were: promote Qatar culture and know more about other countries; promote inclusive behaviours, tolerance and broad-mindedness; promote multiculturalism and understand the importance of English language in the world. The meetings were held online.















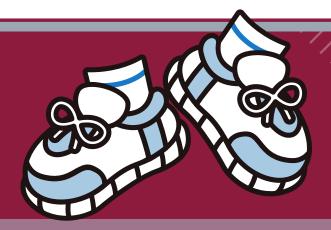
In the PE lessons delivered to our KS3 and KS4 Secondary students - boys and girls, we approached various topics where Qatar's National Identity was widely and consistently represented.

Our students were delighted and excited to discover important facts and relevant information regarding the sports representation in terms of different local sport governing bodies, national sport competitions and sport facilities across the State of Qatar – sports federations (Basketball, Football, Athletics, Swimming, Fencing), Qatar Schools Olympic Programme, sport clubs and sport academies, national Football, Athletics, Basketball and Volleyball championships just to mention a few.

Moreover, they have learnt about Qatar participation at top world international sport events (World Championships, Olympics) as well as about Qatar hosting successfully different major world sport events - Diamond League, Asian Games, Swimming World Series and the most expected FIFA World Cup in 2022.

The KS3 students boys were happy to produce some outstanding pieces of individual work in projects related to Qatar hosting the 2022 World Cup.

Considering the high level of creativity and originality of our boys and girls students, the NIA PE Department will organize an internal exhibition – Sport in Qatar and Qatar in sport – where our students' creations will be proudly displayed.





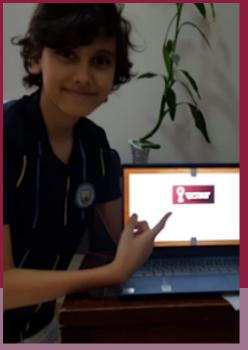
















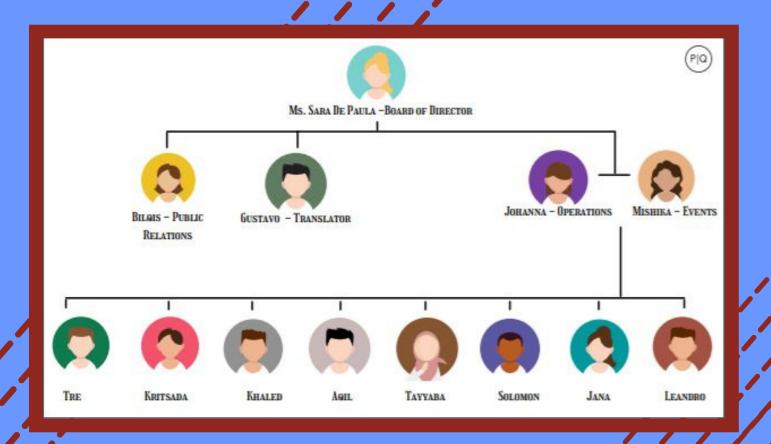


IMTÉRNATIONAL EXCHANGE











Activities Planned

- SKRIBBLIO
- · GARTIC PHONE
- LANGUAGE EXCHANGE
- LIFE IN BOTH COUNTRIES
- CULINARY EXPERIENCES
- · SHOW & TELL
- · BUDDY PROGRAM
- · TEACH A TOPIC
- VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR
- VIRTUAL CHARADES

Life in Both Countries

GUSTAVO



NIA students in Qatar will show the students from the Portuguese school our lives in Qatar with videos and pictures.

ETAP - Escola Profisssional School students will show us their lives in Portugal with videos and pictures.





Y13 Business students organised a fun, interactive and exciting business week. The participants, form Y12 and Y13 had the opportunity to learn about Businesses and the external environment by participating in different activities such as: Business Challenge, Business Terminology, Unethical and Ethical practices, Methods of production, Guess the brand and Business Kahoot. Well done Y13 Business students! You did an amazing work and we are extremely proud of your continuous achievements.









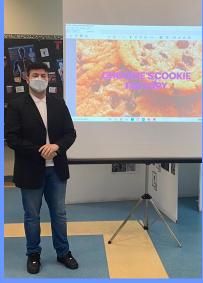




































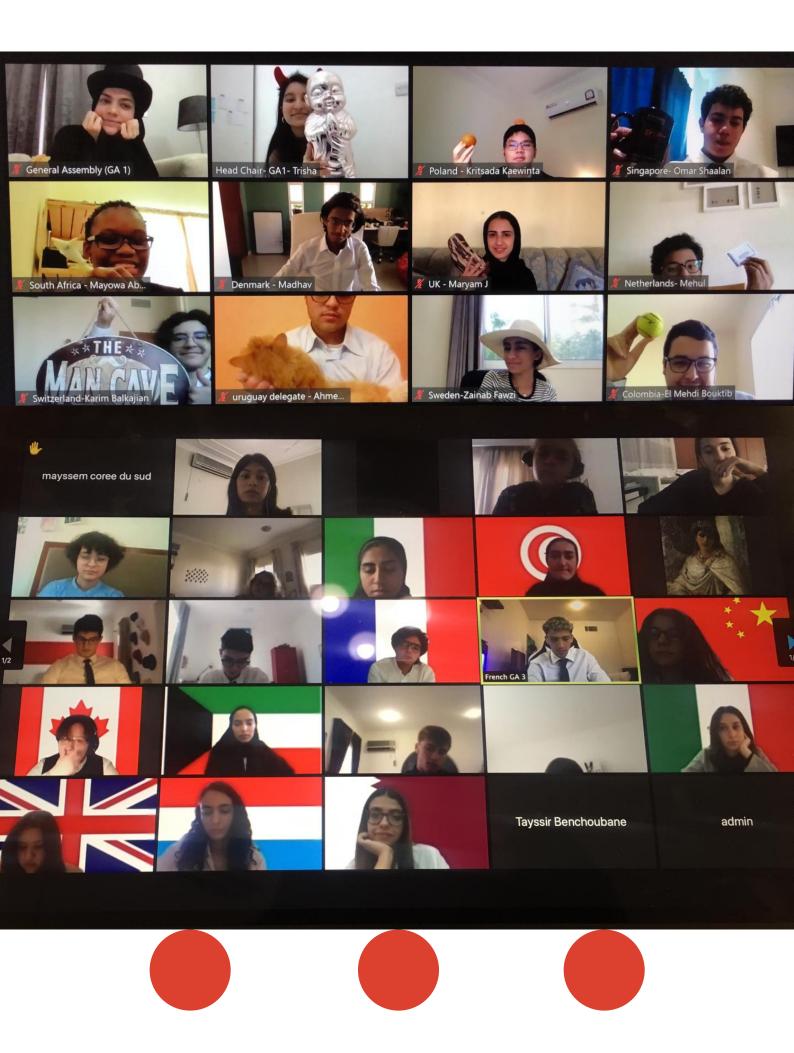


THIMUN





14 NIA students, from Y10 till Y13, participated at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) in Qatar. This event was online, from the 4th till the 7th of April. The delegation, composed by 9 highly motivated and experienced general delegates; 2 outstanding delegates of the French Committee; 3 extraordinary and passionate advocates representing Palestine; 1 experienced and assertive student officer; was led by the Ambassador Elizabeth Hutasoit. This diversified and experienced team made us all very proud once again. It has been noticed and praised by other MUN Directors that confirm the hard-work, resilience, and success of NIA MUN team. Well done to all!





Global University Placements

NIA Secondary Students who graduated in 2021 have done extremely well with their university applications. We are very proud to announce that 16 students were accepted to various Engineering universities worldwide (mainly UK, Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia), 7 students were accepted in Medical universities, 7 in Computer Science courses, and the others will start their majors next year in Law, Biochemistry, Business/Accounting, Architecture and more. Below are profiles of some of our students who achieved also scholarship to prestigious universities. Well done NIA Seniors and staff!! We are very proud of you.



Full name: Hanna Elisa Diones Ocampo

Year Group: Y12GB

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years

University 2021/22: She didn't decide yet

Course: Computer Engineering

Other Universities: University of Wollongong, Heriott Watt University, Susquehanna University, Hofstra University, New York Institute of

Technology

Scholarship: Yes (Susquehanna University, Hofstra University, New

York Institute of Technology)

Extra-activities: Netball



Full name: Salman Ismail Wadi

Year Group: Y12BG

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

University 2021/22: University of Brighton

Course: Civil Engineering

Other Universities: Simon Fraiser University, University of Nottingham

Trent, Ljmu and others

Scholarship:

Extra-activities: MUN@NIA, under 16 football team





Full name: Rati Bhatia

Year Group: Y12G

How many years at NIA: 1-2 years

University 2021/22: University of Southampton

Course: Business Management

Other Universities: University of Leeds, Cardiff, Liverpool, Bristol,

Durham, Glasgow and Sheffield

Scholarship: Yes (University of Southampton- Academic Scholarship)

Extra-activities: Volunteering for parents' evening and primary sports'

day

Full name: Ghazi Ayman Ghazi Kahled

Year Group: Y12BG

How many years at NIA: 2 University 2021/22: Malaysia

Course: Business Other Universities: Scholarship: Yes

Ghazi left end of term 2 and started foundation year because he got

the scholarship.





Full name: Johanna Karen Sarsonas

Year Group: Y13GR

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

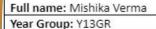
University 2021/22: She still didn't decide

Course: Law

Other Universities: Georgetown University in Qatar, University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, University of Liverpool, University of Aberdeen, Queen's University of Belfast, Monash University in Australia, Macquarie University

Scholarship: Yes, University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, Queen's University of Belfast, Macquarie University

Extra-activities: MUN@NIA Club, National and International MUN conferences, ICJ (International Court of Justice) at THIMUN Qatar, TEDxYouth@NIA, Head Girl, Injaz Programs, International Exchange, Business Week, Business Competition, QYP (Qatar Youth Power)



How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

University 2021/22: Newcastle University or Aston University

Course: Law

Other Universities: Coventry University, Queens Belfast University, University of Kent, Westminster University

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Scholarship: Yes, Queens Belfast University and Newcastle University

Extra-activities: MUN@NIA Club, National and International MUN conferences, TEDxYouth@NIA, Injaz Programs, International Exchange,

Business Week, Business Competition, Duke of Edinburgh



Full name: Muhammad Ahmad

Year Group: Y12B

How many years at NIA: 1-2 years
University 2021/22: Qatar University

Course: Computer Science

Other Universities:

Scholarship:

Extra-activities: Business Week







Full name: Reem Al Salihi

Year Group: Y12GR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years

University 2021/22: Liverpool John Moores University

Course: Computer Science

Other Universities: Did not apply anywhere else

Scholarship:

Extra-activities: MUN, netball and football girls' team



Full name: Kritsada Kaewinta

Year Group: Y13BR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years

University 2021/22: Stamford University in Thailand

Course: Communication arts in advertising and Public Relations

Other Universities:

Scholarship:

Extra-activities: MUN, Injaz programa, TEDxYouth@NIA, Business

Week, Business Competition





Full name: Egbert Kwesi Ebiesa Solomon

Year Group: Y13BR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years

University 2021/22: Regina University

Course: Environmental System

Extra-activities: MUN, Debate, Chemistry, Sports, MUN@NIA,

TEDxYouth@NIA, Injaz Programs, Business Week



Full name: Shuaa Mubarak Al-Faddalah

Year Group: Y12GR

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

University 2021/22: Qatar University

Course: Law





Full name: Nusrat Khan

Year Group: Y12GR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years
University 2021/22: Stellenbosch University

Course: BA in Sports Science, Major in Geography and Environmental

Studies

Extra-activities: NIA Falcons swimming club, netball ECAs

Full name: Bilqis Khan

Year Group: Y13G

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years University 2021/22: University of Cape Town

Course: BA in Humanities, Major in Geographical and Environmental

Sciences

Other Universities: VCUQ

Extra-activities: School drama productions, Destination Imagination, MUN@NIA, THIMUN, Environmental Committee/Club, NIA Beach Cleanup, Student Leadership Team, NIA Ballet, Netball and Basketball, Business Week, International Exchange and TEDxYouth@NIA





Full name: Tayyaba Awais

Year Group: Y12GR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years

University 2021/22: Qatar University or University of Calgary

Extra-activities: MUN@NIA and other National MUN, TEdxYouth@NIA, Injaz Programs, Business Competition, International

Exchange, Business Week

Full name: Leandro Alvarez

Year Group: Y13BR

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

University 2021/22: University of Queensland

Course: Environmental Management

Extra-activities: Basketball, Injaz Programs, Business Week, Business

Competition, International Exchange







Full name: Amna Zar

Year Group: Y12G

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

University 2021/22: Hopefully Qatar University College of Medicine

Course: Medicine

Full name: Naeema Abdulaziz Alkhori

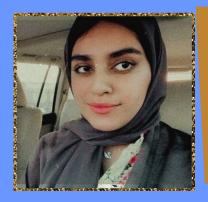
Year Group: Y12GB

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years

University 2021/22: Northwestern University in Qatar

Course: Communication





Full name: Raneem Al Obaidli

Year Group: Y12GR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years
University 2021/22: Birmingham University

Course: Environmental Geoscience

Extra-activities: Basketball

Full name: Amira Hamdi Year Group: Y12GB

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years University 2021/22: University of Amsterdam

Extra-activities: MUN





Full name: Khaled Al Tayeb

Year Group: Y13B

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years
University 2021/22: University of Bristol

Course: Accounting and Finance

Extra-activities: Business Week, International Exchange Program,

Business Competition, Innovation Camp, other Injaz Programs

Full name: Payal Sameer Gorule

Year Group: Y12G

How many years at NIA: University of Toronto
University 2021/22: Business Management
Extra-activities: MUN, Debate and Netball





Full name: Mohamd Lakehal

Year Group: Y13BR

How many years at NIA: 8

University 2021/22: Bahcesehir University, Turkey

Course: Medicine Scholarship: Yes

Full name: Awni ALHAWAMDEH

Year Group: Y13BR

How many years at NIA: 8

University 2021/22: Bahcesehir University, Turkey

Course: Medicine Scholarship: Yes

Extra-activities: Head boy, MUN, Diamond league, Sport





Full name: Waleed Hemdan

Year Group: Y13BR

How many years at NIA: 8

University 2021/22: University of Nicosia Cyprus

Course: Medicine Scholarship: Yes

Full name: Alanoud Abdulrahman AlShammari

Year Group: Y12GR

How many years at NIA: more than 5 years

University 2021/22: Northwestern University of Qatar

Course: Communication

Extra-activities: MUN, Prefect of Geography





Full name: Rose Anne Patrice L. Ramirez

Year Group: Y12GB

How many years at NIA: 3-5 years University 2021/22: Qatar University

Course: Chemical Engineering

Extra-activities: MUN@NIA, volunteering at primary athletic

competition

AHMED AL-SADA	Qatar University	Qatar	Computer Engineering	
AWNI ALHAWAMDEH	Bahcesehir University	Turkey	Medicine	University scholarship
EGBERT SOLOMON	University of Regina	Canada	Environmental Systems Engineering	
ELISABETH HUTASOIT	Leiden University	Netherlands	Psychology	
HUSSIEN ABOUZEID	University of Aberdeen	UK	Medicine	
JANA ZAGHLA	Frankfurt School of Finance & Managem	Germany	Business	
KHALED AL TAYEB	University of Bristol	UK	Accounting	
KRITSADA KAEWINTA	Stamford International University	Thailand	Communication	
MAHA CHOWDHURY	University of Waterloo	Canada	Biochemistry	
MAI ALARDAH	American University of Sharjah	UAE	Architecture	University scholarship
MOHAMED LAKEHAL	Bahcesehir University	Turkey	Medicine	University scholarship
MUHAMMAD ROSLAN	University of Wisconsin–Madison	USA	Sports Management	
MUHAMMAD HANIF	Texas A&M University	Qatar	Mechanical Engineering	
MUHAMMAD KHAN	Qatar University	Qatar	Medicine	
NADEEM FAYAD	Trent University	Canada	Medicine	
SAULA LASAGANIBAU	The University of Auckland	New Zealand	Biochemistry	
TAYYABA AWAIS	University of Calgary	Canada	Environmental Science	
TREVARNE TUGAGA	Auckland University of Technology	New Zealand	Psychology	
WALEED HEMDAN	University of Nicosia	Cyprus	Medicine	University scholarship

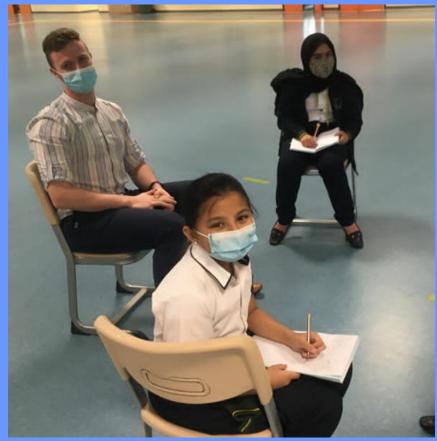
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AHMED JOUBILI	University Foundation College	Qatar		
ALI AL-HIJJI	Texas A&M University	Qatar	Chemical Engineering	
AMIR AL-KWIFI	Qatar University	Qatar	Dentistry	
BISHOY SAMER	University of Calgary	Canada	Electrical Engineering	
EYAD MOSALEM	University of Prince Edward Island	Canada	Engineering	
HAMAD AL-KHORI	Texas A&M University	Qatar	Mechanical Engineering	
MOHAMMAD ALSMADI	University of Calgary	Canada	Mechanical Engineering	
MOHAMMED AL-NOAMAN	University of Liverpool	UK	Mechanical Engineering	
MOHAMMED AL-SAYEGH	Aston University	UK	Cyber security	Qatar petroleum
MUHAMMAD AHMAD	Qatar University	Qatar	Mechanical Engineering	
OMAR MASHAL	University of Calgary	Canada	Civil Engineering	
QAIS ASHKAR	University of Liverpool	UK	Computer Science	
RASHID AL-BUAINAIN	University of Leeds	UK	Mechanical Engineering	
SAAD HUSSAIN	Simon Fraser University	Canada	Computing Engineering	4
SALMAN WADI	Liverpool John Moores University	UK	Civil Engineering	
SHAYYAN ASIM	University of Calgary	Canada	Software Engineering	
TAMEEM AL-KAMALI	Brunel University London	UK	Computer Science	
TAREK ABDALLA	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Canada	Animal Biology	University scholarship
YAHIA IBRAHIM	University of Hertfordshire	UK	Pharmacy	

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AFIFA AL-SAYEGH	Qatar University	Qatar	Teaching	
ALANOUD AL-SHAMMARI	Northwestern University	Qatar	Communication	
ALGHALYA ALKHAYYAT	Texas A&M University	Qatar	Petroleum Engineering	
FATIMA A HIJI	Bangor University	Wales	Information Systems Computing	
HAFSA NAJDAN	Georgetown University	Qatar	International Politics	
HANA IBRAHIM	University of Hertfordshire	Egypt	Pharmacy	
HUDA JOAD	Carnegie Mellon University	Qatar	Information Systems	
MARYAM ALMARIDI	Liverpool John Moores University	UK	Civil Engineering	
NADEEN OSMAN	Qatar University	Qatar	Law	
NAEEMA AL-KHORI	Northwestern University	Qatar	Communication	
NOOR SAAD	Brunel University London	UK	Film, Television and Media	
PAYAL GORULE	University of Toronto	Canada	Business	
RANEEM AL-OBAIDLI	University of Birmingham	UK	Environmental Science	
RATI BHATIA	University of Southampton	UK	Business Management	
REEM AL-SALIHI	Liverpool John Moores University	UK	Computer Science	
SHAYMAA AL-SULAITI	Qatar University	Qatar	Law	
SHUAA AL-FADDALAH	Qatar University	Qatar	Law	

NIA proudly continues to deliver P4C in KS3 classes.













Extracurricular Activities

MATHS COMPETITION





A year 9 maths competition was organised through Qatar Maths Networking, a group of keen and eager Math Departments from schools here in Qatar. We were delighted to have the opportunity of some school competition with our year 9 students.

The students had to complete a mental maths round individually then work as a team for 2 different problem solving rounds. They worked really well together and enjoyed taking part in all the challenges.

No calculators were allowed in parts of the competition and students had to use their math skills for some really challenging problems. Well done to our Year 9 Team!! Other schools across Qatar also participates then scores were calculated and compared.

We attended the virtual presentation online to hear them announce the winners. Unfortunately, we didn't win the competition but we were thrilled that we got to take part and look forward to more competitions in the next academic year.

Year 9 Maths Team: Hamza Awais 9BG, Gaurish Verma 9BR, Maryam Rasooli 9GR, Sandra Chandie 9GR





What a difficult season this has been! NIA Debate Society confronted many challenges this year, but we persevered, and

our senior teams managed to make it to the finals. Their commitment to the cause required so much perseverance and courage. We salute you, seniors. Thank you, Angad Bhatia, Sarvesh Elamparuthi and Muhammed Khan of the Boys' squad and Priscilla Agbozo, Loujayne Haggag and Umaima Imtiaz in the Girls' team who made a sterling effort to represent our school with aplomb.

The Finals was a short-lived affair, though, because of our untimely elimination in the first round of both competitions. However, we haven't lost heart and see our unfortunate loss as a step towards more significant achievements. The arrival of new members during term two rescued our depleted Preparatory Teams. Their debut augured well, and we are more than pleased to welcome them into our fold. I am optimistic they will ensure that our society maintains the same

high standards we have been holding. So, a warm welcome to Nadia & Sarah Tarlochan, Tatiana Woolgar and Akshara Papineni.

Our Junior Boys did well overall, and we thank Gaurish Verma, Sinan Abdul and Saad Sheikh for their performances. Timothy Sathiasuthan also deserves our thanks for his invaluable contribution during the Second QPSDL. Even though our Juniors experienced limited success against fierce competition, they gave their all in preparing for both QPSDL competitions and expressed themselves with enthusiasm. If they maintain their desire to excel, they will surely attain excellence during the new season.

Unfortunately, our annual Interschools Debate Challenge became a bridge too far this year, and we had to cancel the event. After an initial postponement, we finally hosted the occasion online on 1 June. It was apparent that our competitors, NBA, were keen to participate, but we had to abandon the affair due to a cornucopia of technical errors. We will ensure an improved engagement next year! We look forward to the new debate season and hope that the new "normal" will be replaced by the "old" and we will be able to perform at our best!

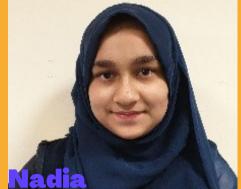




















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