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Principal's Message

Paul Williamson



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Term 2 has been a fantastic one for NIA. Our dedicated staff have worked beyond their duties to offer support for all our students in and out of the classrooms. During this term we have been busy letting our community know about ourselves; our Newton Group Social media pages have had many posts showing what we have been up to.

It has been a term of firsts in Secondary. Just a few examples of this are our U-12's boys' football team making the final of the Olympic Programme out of approximately 150 schools for the first time; NIA hosting an MUN event for the first time; and also our Preparatory Girls' First Team debaters achieved another first by winning seven of their eight debates and taking top honours in the second QPSDL Competition.

The only down-side to our busy term has once again been traffic issues. Our staff have been pressured every day by drivers who are not being careful in our school zone. As a parent you have the greatest influence on your child's safe walking, biking, and driving. They will follow your lead, so we ask you to:

- Stay focused on the driving task, turn off and store your mobile phones while you're driving, and establish safe traffic behaviors.
- Stay alert and watch for students going to and coming from school.
- Please also stick to the 30 km/h speed limit in our school zone as children are around and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around our school and avoid dangerous maneuvers like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians, especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.
- At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

These simple steps should improve safety around the school. We ask you and your drivers to assist with this.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and say thank you to the large number of parents and students who attended our many Parent Information and subject selection evenings during Term 2, and also to those who attended our rather windy and dusty school fair.

Our Newsletter is full of what we have been up to this term. I hope you enjoy reflecting on the content. I also wish you and your family a relaxing break and look forward to Term 3 commencing on 14th April. Sincerely,

Paul Williamson

Deputy Principal

Nadia January



Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure to come to the end of Term 2 achieving and highlighting all the wonderful events, trips, competitions, tournaments and activities 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 be 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 are also very proud that NIA is participated in an International Test, TIMMS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study). These tests are completed across the world in many countries to tests the levels and standards of students Reading, Mathematics and Science levels. We are confident that our students will perform well in these tests.

Once again, I would like to highlight our school's vision: 'An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success'. We would like you to continue working with us and to be part of the NIA community so that we can end this academic year successfully.

Have a lovely vacation. Stay safe wherever you may be.

Kind regards,

Nadia January

Deputy Principal





Head of Secondary

Dr Tereza Woolgar

What an amazing term we have just completed! It has been filled with enrichment, success and fun as well as a historical participation in Sport tournaments and events on a school and Inter-Newton level as well as inter-schools in Doha and national level. Last year I asked a question: 'How many curricular and extra-curricular sporting and academic events can we fit into one term?' to demonstrate how much our students were shining in Term 2 in 2017-18; well, this year will be truly hard to beat, as the number of opportunities provided for our students by NIA Secondary staff is unprecedented. Please take time reading through this newsletter thoroughly and feel proud even if your child did not participate in all of these activities, as it is enriching and inspirational for all of our NIA students to merely be a part of this vibrant community which offers and achieves so much! Our Mock exams have been successfully completed, two overseas trips successfully accomplished, MUN students were on fire this term

participating in all MUN conferences provided in Doha AND hosting our first MUN conference at NIA – well done all staff and students involved! The quality of Debating teams is also growing – this year our Junior and Senior students qualified into the Finals of Qatar Debate and we wish them all the best next term! DI team achieved excellent results too and as already mentioned, the number of students participating in Sport competitions multiplied this term – thank you all staff involved and students for representing NIA so well! Our Senior leaders and Student council performed well in all of their activities and made us proud with their initiative. Finally, our Art exhibition this year was also a great success and as every year our students studied hard in their lessons and at home and continued to improve their exam results – overall I am very pleased with this term! I wish everyone a restful holiday!

Dr Tereza Woolgar





PREFECTS AND STUDENT COUNCIL

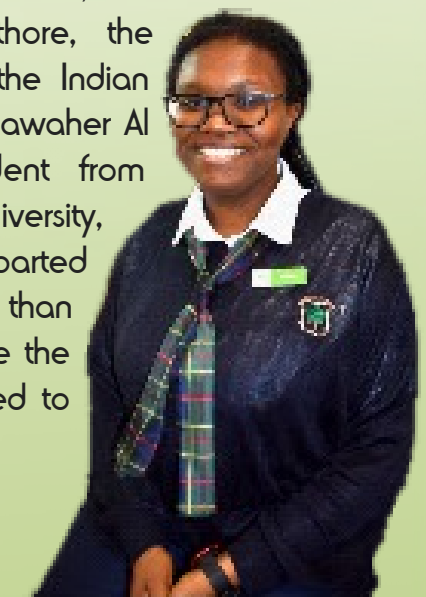


Hi! My name is Mashad Chowdhury and I am the Head Boy at NIA this academic year. This term has been exciting and filled with lots of activities and our students have really worked hard, not only in academics, but also in things outside the school curriculum. Over the course of this term, students have participated in debate, cricket, MUN and much more. This has really been beneficial as it has helped enhance critical thinking, leadership skills, and public speaking skills and I hope these skills can help our students in every other aspect of their life. This term the prefect body also held a flag competition where students from all years were given the chance to design logos for each of our 4 houses: Edison, Bell, Curie and Wright. A winner was chosen and the flags are getting ready. I am very proud of what we have achieved this term as a group and I hope the rest of the year is just as exciting! Thank you!

Head Boy
Mashad Chowdhury

This term, members of our student prefect body participated in Model United Nations at Newton International Academy, which was the first of its kind which aimed to create a pathway to learning and understanding today's world issues from a large spectrum for students. This year's conference was themed around Sustainable Development Goal 3, Good Health and Well-Being. The following committees GA 1, GA 2, GA 3, HRC and ECOSOC were all assigned topics related to SDG 3, ranging from attaining measures to prevent violence against children, to ensuring sustainable housing for those living in extreme poverty in Southeast Asia. Throughout the conference, prestigious delegates were not only seen bringing about initiatives to solve problems but also delivered a creative outlook to the problems at hand. The executive team alongside admin, press, and respected directors were a massive contribution to the success of the

conference. With inspiring and motivating speeches from keynote speakers such as Mrs. Fatima El Mahdi, Head of THIMUN, Stefan Söderberg, Deputy Head of Missions for the Embassy of Sweden, Ms Chandrakanta Rathore, the third Secretary of the Indian Embassy, and Ms Jawaher Al Shammari a student from Georgetown University, delegates departed feeling more ready than ever to begin to be the change they wanted to see in the world.



Head Girl
Princess Magor Agbozo



PREFECTS AND STUDENT COUNCIL



Deputy Head Boy

Ahmad Danish Abdul Fata

The school fair was filled with more activities than ever. Hundreds of students came on Friday to enjoy the many stalls we had planned and organised. Some of the activities were Juice Pong, Pony ride and Scooter race. One particular event was enjoyed by many - the Haunted House. The team had to spend countless hours to design and create the set for the haunted house. I can't congratulate enough of how much of a success it was.



Deputy Head Boy

Ahmed Omer Magzoub Mohamed

Prefects have really outdone themselves this term in regards to duties, on duty this term they have imbued certain qualities that have helped to keep breaks even more orderly, prefects this term have been successful in stopping altercations from escalating and have also reduced the amount of rubbish thrown outside, and thus succeeded in their main objective upon





PREFECTS AND STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council this year initiated the idea of having student led ECAs to assist the junior year groups. The idea was to help them with the subjects that they need extra assistance in or the activities that they are interested in but not provided by the school. This is going to come into action from the beginning of term 3 and has been quite beneficial for some of the student. Along with that, the senior students leading these ECAs are going to benefit them as well because they will learn management and teaching skills. Overall, I am quite proud of our student council body this year since they have been working on a variety of things since the beginning of the year.



Deputy Head Girl
Ayesha Ahmed

As the student body, we noticed a lack of unity represented in the girls' uniform. Whether it was the logo not shown, or the colour scheme did not correlate, the physical appearance of the students did not portray a united community of learners, which is what Newton International Academy stands for. Hence, an assembly was arranged to spread awareness on the topic and clarify how the uniform should be presented. During this term, many girls were influenced



and are wearing the correct uniform representing Newton International Academy and what it stands for, unity. Whether the student decides to wear pants, skirts, jumpers or abayas, the logo or unique checkered print on the scarves are present clearly portraying an integrated community. This term sparked an evolution in the way students present themselves, which is a great indicator that students are proud individuals who merge to become a well-rounded community.

Deputy Head Girl
Fatima Khalid Rahimi

BOOK WEEK



This year's book week was another successful celebration of reading. It was enjoyed immensely by the teachers and students alike, who threw themselves into the activities wholeheartedly. The theme was short stories. Classes read and appreciated this challenging form, but also explored narrative poems and sonnets. The week was capped off with the usual celebration assembly led

by Mr Nightingale. What was particularly impressive was that classes from every year group participated, performing their own compositions, sharing short stories and poems. There were some excellent dramatic presentations as well. And, of course, the annual fancy dress parade which was extremely impressive; many imaginative and outlandish costumes were on display.

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

Charles W. Eliot

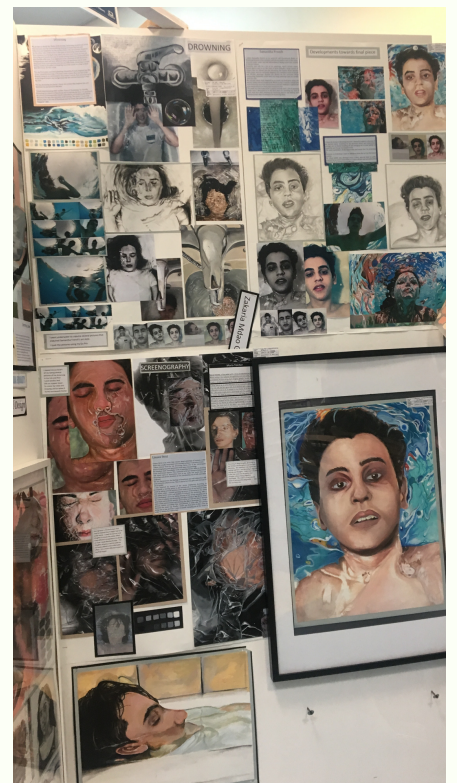


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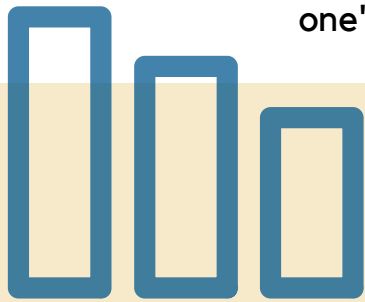


In February 2019 our Art and DT Department celebrated their Annual Art Exhibition. We have showcased work from our very talented students from Year 7 right through to Year 12. We are so proud of all of our amazing students especially our IGCSE and Year 12 who achieved the best grades to date. Special mention to our very

own Zack Gremada who achieved the highest international grade in year 12 Art in Qatar. Massive appreciation to the hard work and determination of our students working alongside their teachers, Mrs Banan Farhat (Year 11,12 Art), Miss Majella Shields (KS3,4 Art) and Miss Alex Adcock (Year 8 Art, KS3,4 DT).



During 4 weeks, our Y12 Business Students had the privilege of having Mr Amar Benaissa, from INJAZ Qatar, sharing his experience and knowledge about personal finance. The workshop focused on earning money; spending money wisely through budgeting; saving and investing money; using credit cautiously; and protecting one's personal finance.



PERSONAL FINANCE



QATAR SHOW



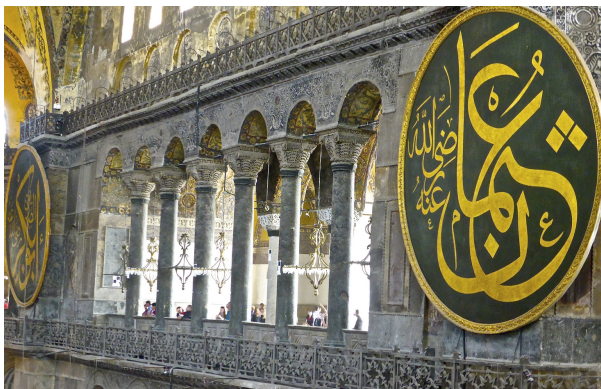
PEARLS, WATCHES AND JEWELLERY

The Business Studies Department at Newton International Academy are continually looking to enhance student learning through extra-curricular activity. Our Y12 Business students had the opportunity to visit the 'Qatar Show at Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC).

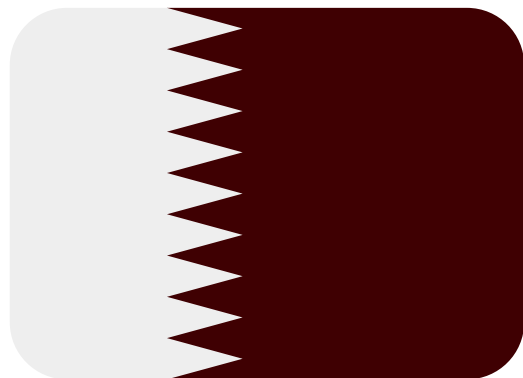
This exciting trip took place on the 21st February 2019. The students received information of how a business can use Exhibitions to promote their products, and experienced the dynamic of a trade fair. Thank you Germana, Caroline and Yonis for this great opportunity.

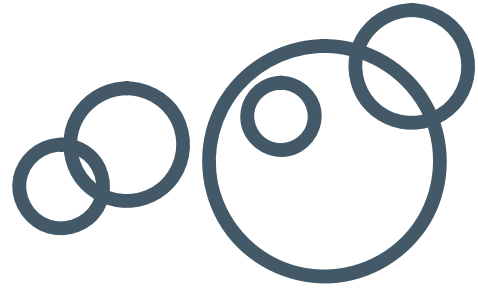


IBDAA COMPETITION



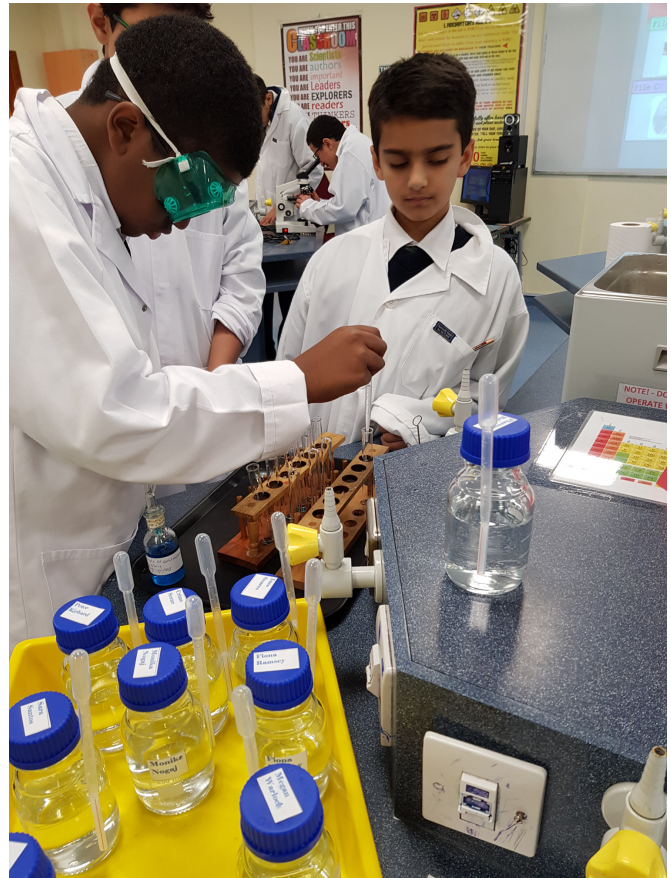
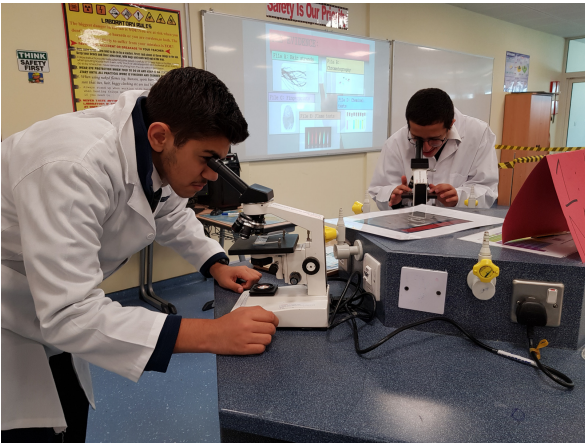
Our school, Newton International Academy has won 2nd place, out of all Newton schools, in the IbdAA competition. Some students from our school had participated in the competition by performing a play in a theatre.





SCIENCE WEEK

The Science week has been a huge success. Students took part in a large number of activities. During break time, students had the opportunity to play Kahoot, experience magic Chemistry and explore science outdoors. Year 7-9 students were involved in a Forensic science investigation, while the year 10 students got the opportunity to teach a science lesson to year 7 students. Students were also enthused to participate in the Science photography competition that had the theme "Wildlife in Qatar".

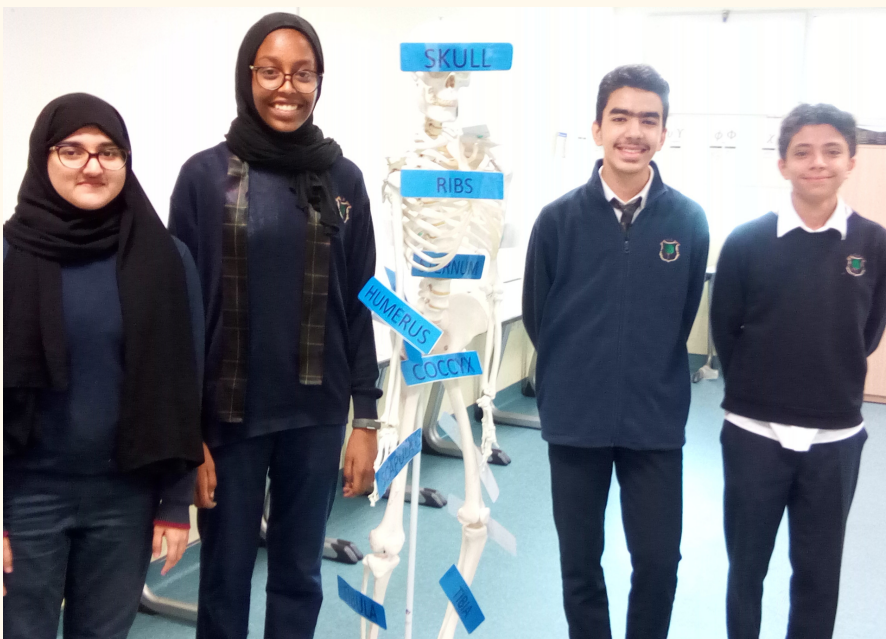
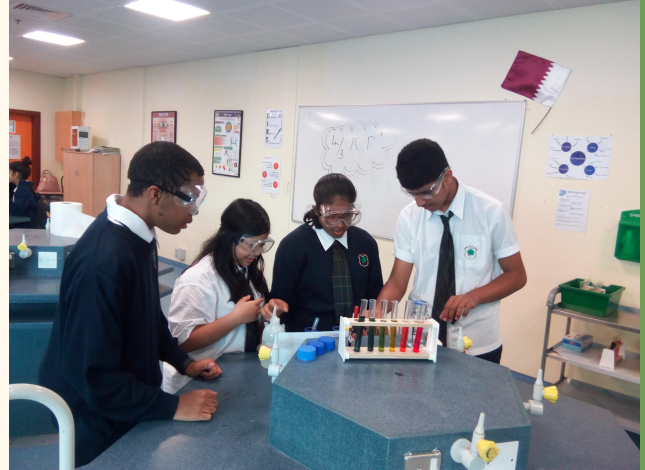


SCIENCE WEEK



Science Competition @ NBA

A small group of NIA students from years 7-10 attended a Inter-Newton Science competition at the Newton British School campus. The students completed a variety of different scientific challenges and thoroughly enjoyed this amazing opportunity. Well done to all the pupils who participated and to the Year 7 and 8 group who were runners up in the competition.



*"Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge."
- Carl Sagan*

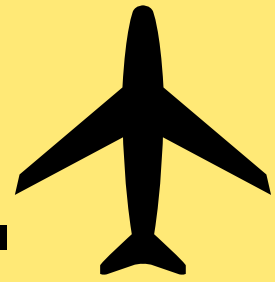
PARTICLE PHYSICS TRIP

Year 12 physics students attended the International Masterclasses in Particle Physics, organised by Qatar Physics Society, and held at Carnegie Mellon University. They had the opportunity to explore the enthralling world of quantum physics, the interactions of fundamental and subatomic particles, and how they make up our world. Part of their research involved manipulation and analysis of data from CERN. They also had the chance to meet and speak with particle physics researchers, and link up with like-minded students from all over the world.



On Wednesday the 6th Of March, the Year 12 Physics students took part on the trip to GE On-Wing, Support Maintenance Repair Organisation (MRO), Qatar. GE Aviation is a world-leading provider of commercial, military, and general aviation jet. The Year 12 Physics students had the opportunity to see and explore aviation jet and turboprop engines. Students also had the chance of using a borescope to observe and learn about the internal parts of an aircraft engine, engine systems' components, and engines' shop maintenance.

GE AVIATION TRIP





ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COURSEWORK



The Year 12 Environmental Management students undertook field research in different parts of Qatar. The boys visited Al-Khor Mangroves and Baladna farm. Interesting topics on desertification, soil quality, atmospheric pollution were researched. This research makes up 20% of their final mark and the students learnt many skills while researching these topics.





Geography Field Trip

The Year 11 Geography students investigated urban land-use in four different parts in Qatar as part of their field work research on 13 January 2019. The four areas visited were Old Ghanim, Corniche, Aspire Zone and Barwa. The fieldwork helped students to understand the impact of urban sprawl in these areas.



TRAVEL & TOURISM TRIP TO EZDAN HOTEL

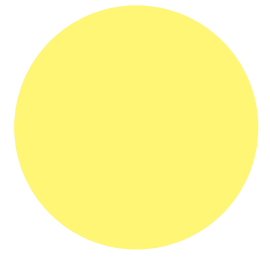
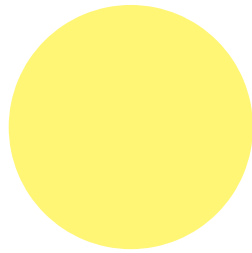


The Year 12 Travel & Tourism students visited Ezdan Palace Hotel to learn about the hospitality sector. The tour of the 5* hotel was a huge eye opener for the students and this experience will help them with the theoretical component of the syllabus called customer care.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The latest news from NIA Student Council



Drawn by Isha Faris from 9GR



SC-QISH Trip

Our visit to Qatar Institute of Speech and Hearing was definitely an enlightening one. We got to spend the day with kids aged 4-12, who are also on the autism spectrum. I was a new thing for all of us who went and it was great to have gotten this chance to learn. The kids were very intelligent (and adorable) and it was fun to have gotten to know them. The way they conversed was something we all had to adapt to and it was amazing to see how

open and happy they were with us coming. We got toys for them, played with them, and even danced along to Baby Shark with them. QISH as an organisation also impressed us all. The branch we went to was the Rehabilitation Centre, focused on mainly the education aspect for disabled kids. We left the centre feeling joy and awe, as well as a sense of gratitude for what each of us have. It's safe to say most of us would like to go back there one day.

SC Health Circuit

It was a pleasure conducting the Health Circuit. The idea of bringing fun filled sports activities to breaks aimed to increase the competitive spirit in school and also make the breaks more entertaining. In addition, it also assisted in house points and that made the event all the more fun as everyone worked hard for their respective houses. It was a success and the Student Council looks forward to host more of such events in the term 3!



Our Student Council members fully immersed themselves with the children, by teaching simple math, playing with them and feeding them as well! In the end, everyone enjoyed the event, and successfully contributed to their houses, which resulted in:
1st- Bell, 2nd- Wright, 3rd- Edison, 4th- Curie



"THE HEALTH CIRCUIT INCLUDED VARIOUS STATIONS CONSISTING OF PLANKS, BEAN-BAG THROW, WALL SIT, CRUNCHES AND THE POPULAR ARM WRESTLING AND PUSH-UPS."



SC NATURE ART COMPETITION



DEBATE SOCIETY



The second round of the 2018 – 2019 Debate season presented a number of pleasant surprises and a few unfortunate disappointments. This phase of the competition saw us competing with full teams in all four rounds. Our new debaters performed with aplomb and did us proud. Although our Senior Girls' Teams did better this time around, they just could not match their competitors. However, they won three of their debates and we are certainly proud of their success in this regard. The Junior Boys' Teams were eager to outdo their past performances and did just that, winning five of their eight challenges against tough competition. In addition, our Boys' squad has grown tremendously and this bodes well for some exciting debates next season. The lads have been enthusiastic and more than prepared to show their mettle. The greatest achievement in our history is that both our Senior and Preparatory Boys' teams have made it to the Finals, bringing relief to a two year-drought. We are proud of you! Making it to the Finals is a wonderful testament to the hard work and dedication all our members have put into preparation this year. Also, our Preparatory Girls' First Team executed another first by winning seven of their eight debates and taking top honours in the second QPSDL Competition. Remarkable! Priscilla Agbozo stood out, as she achieved top spot as reply speaker. It is a pity that our Girls haven't qualified for the Finals but, with their talent and enthusiasm, I am positive that they will surpass our grandest expectations next year! Our teams have been truly committed this term and have shown a greater willingness to perform at their peak. Their diligence and labour have reaped sweet results and we can't wait for the new season to commence!



From left to right:
Loujayne, Jordyn-Lee, Rawan, Raza, Priscilla, Afreen.



From left to right:
Mohammad Suliman, Mashad, Shalal, Muhammad Saad, Abdulla, Ejiro (front)

INTER-NEWTON DEBATE CHALLENGE

The third Newton Interschools' Debate Challenge was hosted at our school on the 27th February this year. The event has gained momentum and it was a pleasure to welcome a new addition to the event – The Military School, under the leadership and guidance of their English teacher, Ms Denise, who, until recently, taught at NIA. The military boys arrived in full uniform and caused quite a stir. Their debut at competitive debating was quite stressful, but they maintained their composure and were absolute gentlemen. It is pleasing to know that students wish to develop their critical thinking skills and enhance their ability to engage with others in verbal chess. We are looking forward to seeing you again next year.

It was clear from the outset that NBA and Lagoon meant business and were here to show their mettle. As it is, Lagoon won the award for best Junior Boys' Team and one of their students took the coveted Overall Best Speaker award, dethroning Ejiro Osoro from his favourite position. All the other challenges were won by NIA, and Priscilla Agbozo was crowned Best Reply Speaker overall.

A grateful thank you goes to all our student assistants who executed their tasks with aplomb. We sincerely hope that we can rely on your continued participation. All in all, the occasion was a wonderful success, and all the participants, without exclusion, seemed to have had a truly delightful time.



School Fair

Our annual School fair took place on the 1st of March and again NIA was flooded with students and their families having fun with staff (and it was for a good cause too!) Thank you everyone for coming - it was great fun!



Jawaher Alshamari

Future is female!



On the 17th of February, our beloved Jawaher Alshamari came to NIA to speak about the "Journey of women's rights – women and society". She was one of our most preeminent students and is now, a proud student at Georgetown University.

The Future is Female is a student-led initiative in Georgetown University that aims to empower women in the region and increase their participation in the public sphere. It is a platform that addresses gender issues in Qatar and engages the youth in the current political and social conversations.

We wish Jawaher all the best in her life. She is an inspiration for all the youngsters in our school.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

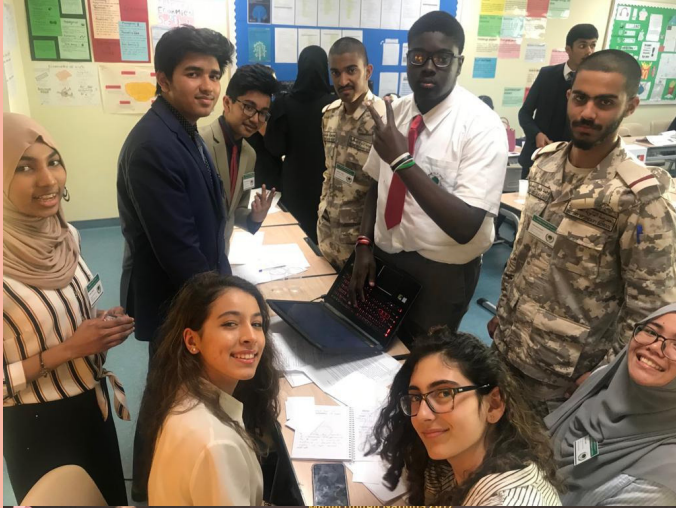


Kushi, Noor, Miret, Mariam and Aditi attended the National Finals of Destination Imagination (D.I.), an organization that encourages students to solve open-ended challenges that require technical skill, artistic talent, interpersonal skills – or maybe all of that and more.

This year, the girls have learned new skills, foremost among them the ability to cooperate and work together as they navigate the creative process. They did a great job representing NIA, scoring an amazing 82% and making their parents and teachers proud. Well done girls!



MUN@NIA



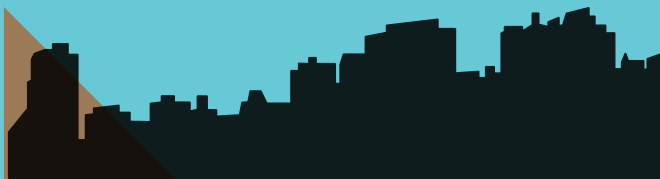
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GEORGETOWN MUN

Unforgettable experience! I met people coming from different countries such as Morocco, South Africa and Nigeria. I also improved my public speaking skills and learnt how to think on the spot. It was a pleasure making new friends and educating myself on controversial topics. I would definitely want to go again if I get the chance.
Fatima Rahimi, Y12G

Georgetown MUN was a great experience for me and it was really fun. This was my second G-MUN conference. This year I was more confident to speak and I was also the main submitter for my resolution and I also made a lot of new friends. The most interesting part of G-MUN is the crisis situation and even this year during the crisis there were a lot of heated debates and it was fun taking part in debates like these. In addition, I had so many opportunities to go up to the podium and speak about an issue. I would like to thank Ms. Sara for giving me this opportunity to go to G-MUN this year.

Akshita Manra, Y11G



MISMUN



MISMUN was definitely the most enthusiastic MUN conference that I had ever been to. The event was filled with speeches, socializing and laughter. The committee I attended was very fun, interesting and led me to making more friends. In general, the outcome of this whole experience gave me confidence and teamwork skills. It was a very special experience and I would definitely recommend to those who would enjoy the idea of coming together with others and finding a solution to problems we have today to make a difference. My favourite part of the whole event was definitely the closing ceremony and how everyone came together dancing to the music.

Najwa Suhaimi



It was fun and exciting especially the closing ceremony. I and my friends danced a lot – jumping around and making lot of noise. After all, that's what MUN is all about – have fun, enjoy yourself and party hard. I also made lots of new friends at my first MUN conference, some from my compound and some from my committee (UNODC - United Nation of drugs and crime). I wish I could go back in time to do it again. However, what I will suggest you to do if you want to do MUN is you always have to be formal and debate on the topic that you were given...don't go off topic and also make sure that you always take your **OPENING SPEECH AND RESOLUTION** with you where you will combine your resolution with your other committees.

So that's my experience at MUN.

Egbert Solomon



MISMUN



MISMUN was a great experience for me and it was really fun. It's not like any other MUN but it's one conference that I really enjoy and have fun in. This year also I made a lot of new friends and I got a chance to lead my whole group while lobbying. In addition, this year I was more confident and I spoke a lot of times. I would like to thank Ms. Sara for giving me this opportunity to go to MISMUN this year also.
Akshita Manra



To be part of MISMUN 2018 is a wonderful experience. I was able to step out of my comfort zone and be someone who can resolve issues around the world. I was the delegate of Sweden in Security Council and through this, we were able to discuss a worldwide problem — non-proliferation of nuclear weapon. I made a lot of friends after the conference thus making it a more worthwhile experience. MISMUN 2018 has been an amazing experience and I can't wait until the next. Thank you, Ms. Sara, for everything!
Johanna Karen Sarsonas



THIMUN



Twenty one NIA students, from year 10 to year 13, participated at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) in Qatar. This event was held at QNCC, from the 21st till the 25th of January. The delegation, with 13 delegates, 1 delegate at the special committee HRC French, 3 advocates, 1 judge and 3 press members, was led by the Ambassador Princess Agbozo. This diversified and experienced team made us all very proud, and it was highly praised by MUN Directors from other schools. Well done NIA delegation!





It was a pleasure to be in THIMUN. I feel very fortunate to have got the opportunity to be part of one of the biggest MUN in school. Moreover, I really enjoyed my committee and engaged in very enjoyable debates in which I learnt a lot. I was also able to make many good friends. Lastly, I would like to thank NIA for providing me the opportunity to be part of THIMUN.

Muhammad Saad Amin, Y12B – General Assembly 2



Being a part of MUN for the past 3 years I've realised that it is something that everyone should experience at least once in their lives. This year at THIMUN Qatar, I had the honour to serve as a judge at the International Court of Justice. Not only was it an intense three days of judging two cases, it was an enthusiastic committee where everyone enjoyed and worked equally. Other than my own committee, the good part was that I met a lot of new people and made a lot of new friends that I am surely going to cherish for a long time. Lastly, I can't thank Ms. Sara enough for being our second mother, for taking care of each of us and for giving us the opportunity to experience this amazing conference.

Ayesha Ahmed, Y12G – Judge at International Court of Justice



THIMUN Qatar was yet another great experience. I'll always be grateful for the opportunities NIA has given me. I thoroughly enjoyed being in Security Council for the first time. The debate process was definitely different, but equally thrilling nonetheless. I look forward to continue being part of MUN and keep improving my soft skills.

Fatin Nurbatrisya Abdul Fata, Y12G – Security Council



THUMUN was one of the best MUN's I've ever went too. Not because I debated on issues but made new friends, supported and met an organization called HELA which stands for Hope for Education and Leadership in Afghanistan. Had the opportunity to meet people with great ambitions and dreams to come through future years, talked to International directors and chaperones. Got introduced to new challenges that I learned how to deal with in future conferences; got the best advice from people internationally who I'm proud to call my best friends. THUMUN was an unforgettable experience and a memory I'll never forget, it had gave me new strengths to my personality and new actions to take on the world.

Maryam Al Marridi, Y10G –
Disarmament Commission

This year I was part of ICJ for THUMUN Qatar, it was my second time being an advocate for ICJ. The experience was wonderful, it was structured just like a court, and there were judges and presidents. The case we had at hand was Cyprus vs. Turkey, I was an advocate for Cyprus along with Anaya and Minahil. We spent months making the evidence packet and so on and at the end it was worth. Not only that, I got to make new friends from Chennai (India) and America. Everyone was nervous at first, but later on we had fun and enjoyed our time. THUMUN Qatar 2019 was super exciting and full of surprises. Sadly, this might be my last THUMUN Qatar but I am happy to say I enjoyed it with my friends and everyone who contributed to make it the best experience

Yusra Syed, Y12G – Advocate at
International Court of Justice

This year's THUMUN Qatar conference was extraordinary. There are no words to describe how much I've enjoyed my time. Despite some of the debate being quite boring and inactive, I managed to make awesome memories this year. Making new friends along with meeting overseas delegates was absolutely delightful. The best thing about THUMUN Qatar is the fact that it allows you to meet people from around the world and keeps you in touch with them. Personally, my favorite part has to be the cultural night. It was beyond amazing!! Overall, I'm exceptionally thankful for being a part of THUMUN Qatar 2019 and as it was a fulfilling experience.

Karine Algamrawi – General Assembly 1

THIMUN Qatar 2019, indeed was a new learning escapade even for an experienced delegate like myself. Being appointed to the Security Council opened my eyes to what the advantages of thoroughly researching an issue can do in terms of contributing to debate in the committee. It also brought my attention to how negotiation is a vital part of the United Nations. THIMUN Qatar 2019 brought about not only newly learnt skills and knowledge in terms of current world problems but lasting friendships with both international and local delegates from all over the world. Nevertheless, having the opportunity to meet many important people who have contributed to solving our world's issues could be counted as the cherry on top to THIMUN Qatar 2019. I really, truly did enjoy myself at this prestigious conference and ready more than ever to do my part in solving the world's problems today. Princess Magor Agbozo, Y12G – Security Council and Ambassador

THIMUN Qatar has always been an amazing experience for me, but this year it was extraordinary. I got to experience something extremely new, I was selected as an advocate in the international Court of Justice. This was really exciting for me as I've always passionately loved law. I got to learn so many new things and learnt how to be a lawyer. I also met so many new people from all over the world and learnt so much about different cultures. I'm truly thankful to Ms. Sara for this opportunity!
Anaya Khan, Y12G – Advocate at International Court of Justice



THIMUN was a great experience for me and it was really fun. It was my first THIMUN conference and it was a whole new experience for me. I made a lot of new friends and I got a chance to speak as a co-submitter for my resolution. My committee was one of the biggest committees as there were around 120 people that came from all around the world to attend the conference. In addition, I had so many opportunities to go up to the podium and speak about an issue. I would like to thank Ms. Sara for giving me this opportunity to go to THIMUN this year.
Akshita Manra, Y11G – Human Rights Sub Commission 1

NIA SPORT MATTERS



SCHOOLS OLYMPIC PROGRAM

Qatar Sports Club hosted the annual School Olympic Program Athletics competition for our Preparatory and Secondary girls. Battling it out in both track and field events, the NIA girls took to both track and field in style recording some very impressive times and distances. We are eagerly awaiting the Athletics finals day in April.



GIRLS SPORTS DAY

Once again, this year's Girls Sports Day was nothing short of a huge success. The turnout for the event was amazing, recording the highest participation rates since the school opened in 2013. The new venue for our sports day was the impressive Al Ahli Sports Club providing us with excellent facilities and a perfect location for our girls to battle it out for best Track and Field athletes. All events were fiercely battled until there was a winner across each age group. At the end, all results were totaled to see which House won overall. For the last few years, Edison has been the dominant house among the girls. However, throwing a spanner in the works and winning the tournament for the first year ever was CURIE! Well done Curie and well done to all our girls, they are truly an inspiration!



BOYS SPORTS DAY

On January 29th 2019, Al Hilal Sports Club hosted the Sports Day for Secondary Boys. Coordinated by the PE staff and helped by supporting Secondary staff, our students, divided into year groups and competed in the following events:
Track events: 100 m, 200 m, 800 m.
Field events: Shot Put, Long Jump, Vortex.
It was a fantastic competition, dominated by Fair Play, the students putting in their best efforts trying to win as many points as possible for their Houses.



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our Cross Country Teams, U12, U13, U14 and U16 who on Sunday, January 20th, 2019 competed against students from 10 other International schools (DIS, AKIS, DC, MIS, QAS, GEMS Wellington, Sherborne, NIA, ASD, ORYX) in the Cross Country hosted by Dukhan School at Dukhan Water Sports Club.



KS3 HOUSE BASKETBALL

On February 4th 2019 the Basketball House Matches for our KS3 boys took place in the main gymnasium, the atmosphere was competitive and sporting. At the end of the day, after a few great and attractive games, here are the winners of this competition:

Year 7: House of WRIGHT

Year 8: House of EDISON

Year 9: House of WRIGHT



SHEIKH FAISAL FOOTBALL CUP



On Thursday January 31st, 2019 at Al Garaffa Sport Club the 'Sheikh Faisal's Football Cup' was held. Congratulations to all our teams for proudly representing NIA and for reaching the following positions at the end of this competition:

U 14 - Semifinalists

U 15 - Runners-up

U 16 - Semifinalists

U 18 - Semifinalists

KS3 ATHLETICS PREPARATORY QSOP

Wednesday 27th of February our NIA KS3 Athletics School team went to Al Gharafa to participate in the Qatar Schools Olympic Programme.

Our Athletes did an amazing job and were able to show their individual progress in the different events.

Israel achieved 4m and Methul 3,90m in long jump. In 100m Yazan and Shahmir achieved 2nd place in different heats. In 200m Methul finished 3rd in his heat and Israel 1st in his heat - amazing work, we are now awaiting the overall results to see whether our athletes qualified for the finals.

In the relay, 4x50m our team competed against more than 20 teams, running in the heat 4 lane 2, our school won the heat. Well done to everyone!

Overall it was a nice day, the runners and coach were all proud of the work done.



Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.
Michael Jordan



QSOP GIRLS SWIMMING

NIA is incredibly fortunate to have some very talented swimmers that have been competing in several competitions across Doha. In this year's Qatar Schools Olympic Programme our girls took to the water in superb fashion coasting through the initial tests and semi finals. There was great anticipation for the final and our girls did not let us down winning medals across all events in both Primary and Secondary. They impressively took home 5 medals including; 1 Gold (Nusrat Khan: Freestyle), 3 Silver (Nusrat Khan: Back Stroke, Angeline Clavijo: Backstroke, Secondary Relay) and 1 Bronze (Mariamawit Tewodros: Butterfly). Well done and congratulations to all our swimmers!



STAFF VS. GIRLS NETBALL

On Tuesday the 2nd of April, a handful of brave ladies thought it would be a good idea to challenge a few fearless girls for a Netball - friendly.

A huge thank you to all staff who played, umpired, coached, cheered and supervised throughout the competition.

It was a great afternoon and one we should all be proud of. The students loved it too.

The final score was 12-12. You've got to love a close game.



GIRLS SWIM GALA

This year's girls swim gala went incredibly well with our biggest participation rates ever! Our girls are getting stronger, faster and technically more efficient. Students from various ability groups took part in the competition and they should all be incredibly proud of their performances. To finish the competition, the girls swam as a team representing their house. The goal was to swim as many lengths as they could in 10 minutes. The girls' grit, determination and team work was amazing to see. As always, there could only be one winner. Congratulations to team Bell who narrowly beat the rest of the houses by one length.



U 14 QUESS NETBALL

This life is like a swimming pool. You dive into the water, but you can't see how deep it is.

Dennis Rodman

Our Under 14 Netball team took part in their first ever competitive tournament. The competition was incredibly tough but our girls' tenacity and 'never give up attitude' was commended by all the other teams. The team work they displayed should make every single one of our girls incredibly proud. Bring on the next tournament girls!



QUESS ATHLETICS - BOYS

On Tuesday 12th March NIA Secondary Boys Athletics Team of 49 students participated in Athletics competition hosted by The American School of Doha.

Our students enjoyed the great opportunity to compete against other international schools in Doha (379 students from 12 International Schools). Well done, boys – NIA is very proud

Best achievers:

Gold medal:

Michael Ochoche U 12 - Long Jump

Silver medal:

Israel Ochoche U 14 - Long Jump

Bronze medals:

Israel Ochoche U 14 – 200 m

Areeb Hassan U 19 – Long Jump

Ahmad Navid U 19 – 800 m

Muhammad Farhan U 19 – 400 m



BOYS SWIM GALA

On Tuesday – March 19th The Inter House Swimming Gala for KS3 boys took place. The boys competed in three events relay, Backstroke and Freestyle. The gala was enjoyed by all the students who competed well in a sporting manner. Bell - 160 points; Edison - 84 points; Curie - 65; Wright - 54. Well done boys!

QATAR SCHOOL OLYMPIC PROGRAMME – BOYS



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LLVIEW Dual Camera



*I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life a champion'.
– Muhammad Ali*

Tuesday – February 26th, 2019 Al Sadd Sports Club hosted the 12th Edition of Qatar School Olympic Programme – Athletics for Boys Secondary.

It was an intense and very attractive competition where Newton International Academy was proudly represented by seven students on different Athletics events as follow:

- Richard Pereira - 800 m and 4x100 m Relay
 - Areeb Hassan - 200 m and 4x100 m Relay
 - Egbert Solomon - 60 m Hurdles, 60 m, 200 m and 4x100 m Relay
 - Abdullah Mohammed - 60 m, Long Jump and 4x100 m Relay
 - Ali Ghazali - 200 m
 - Qadir Khan - 800 m
 - David Ochoche - Shot Put, 60 m and 200 m
- The organizers will announce the official results within 7 to 10 days but until then we are glad to notice few remarkable results: David – 10,20 m on Shot Put, Abdallah – 4,90 m on Long Jump, Areeb – 4,80 m on Long Jump.

The top achievement of our students on this competition came from our

- Egbert Solomon: - 2nd place on his heat at 60 m
- 3rd place on his heat at 200 m
 - Areeb Hassan: - 3rd place on his heat at 200 m
- We are looking forward for the official results which will confirm our two students qualification on the next round.

Congratulation to you all!

U19 QUESS TOURNAMENT



NIA U19 boys cricket team reached the final in the QUESS Doha International Schools competition. After a fierce fight unfortunately we lost to Dukhan by 5 wickets.

Match 1: Newton 57/2 off 6 overs, Alkhor International School 36/2 off 6 overs

Match 2: Sherbourne 42/4 off 6 overs, Dukhan 43/2 off 5.4 overs

Match 3: Third place playoff: Alkhor beat Sherbourne

Final: Newton 48/2 off 6 overs, Dukhan 49/1 (4.5 overs) Congratulations to the team for this excellent achievement!



CRICKET

U19 QUESS TOURNAMENT

The Asian Cobras won the inaugural Newton Cricket League. They beat the Blazing Falcons in a one sided final. Star performers for the Asian Cobras were Shelbin and Muhammas Najjat. It was a very successful tournament full of upsets and intrigue.



AQUATHON

To celebrate Qatar Sports Day Newton International Academy Mathematics teacher and swimming coach Stuart Bloor, competed in the Katara Aquathon. Where there were over 70 participants.

He competed as a part of a relay, swimming 750m in the delicate Doha ocean at the Katara beach. Emerging as the first team out of the water he handed the lead over to his relay partner to complete a 5Km run and they were able to claim the gold medal and the trophy to acknowledge the success. His concentration will now turn back to the swimming pool as our very successful swimming team at NIA continue to compete and find success at the national competitions, School Olympic Program and QUESS.

U12 QUESS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Newton International Academy U-12 team enjoyed a very successful first outing of the year, winning all 3 matches and gaining the maximum 9 points. They will now go onto play in the finals on the 23rd of January. The team played with maturity, intelligence and ferocious work ethic through-out the afternoon. The hard work and high standards on the training ground instilled by Mr Tom McGuigan gave the boys confidence in each of the games.

NIA's first game pitted them against a strong Doha College side. Both teams began slowly as they tried to gain a foothold in the game. Newton International Academy had the better of the chances with Saoud and Al Shaik coming close. The second half of the game saw some slick moves by the young men of NIA with Louai being at the heart of all things positive. Saif was substituted for vice-captain Tejiri and continued the hard work he had started. With minutes remaining it was Saoud who coolly slotted the ball in the bottom left corner to give NIA a deserved lead. In the dying seconds Newton were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box which struck the inside of the post and was cleared by the Doha College defence and the referee's whistle signaling the end of the game. The second game was our finest squad performance of the day. NIA played an EMS Doha side who were full of confidence after beating Park House in their opening game.

This game was played directly after our first and was a good chance to show our squad depth. Tega and Abdul Bari bossed the game from the back. Michael kicked the ball long into the danger zone throughout the game to an attack that was spearheaded by Al Shaik; who hit the wood work twice. It was Habeeb that broke the deadlock with a calmly finish off an excellent team move. Shortly after came a deserved second goal, that was slotted home by Ali with a real strikers finish.

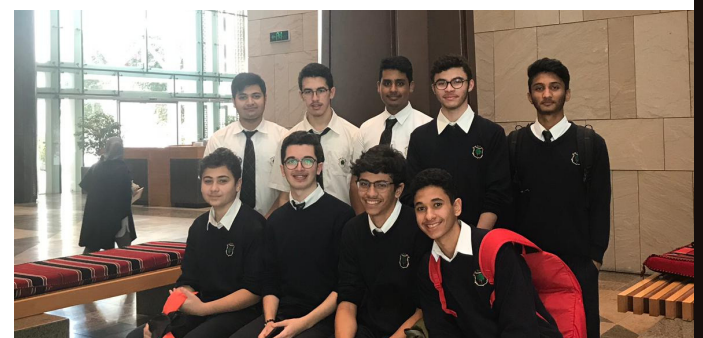
Our final game saw NIA take on the hosts Park House. It was another fine team performance that saw NIA winning the game 1-0. NIA had the lion's share of possession throughout the game with Captain Loai dictating the tempo of the game. After some nice tiki-taka football at the edge of the box Louai hit a wonder strike to break Park House hearts. Newton continued to play with class after going 1 up and came close on more than one occasion. The boys of NIA stood strong and tall when the tackles came flying in from a frustrated home side. Tejiri made a crunching tackle in the dying moments which embodied the determination of the team. The final whistle was blown shortly after and both teams shook hands.

Newton International Academy U-12's did their school proud by the honesty and integrity in which they carried themselves, both on and off the pitch. Well done!

Figure out how to climb it, go through it or work around it



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Thailand Trip

The adventure commenced with a smooth ride up the mountains to experience, learn and tour a temple in Chiang Mai. It was a refreshing experience to learn not only about the cultures and traditions of the people of Thailand but to witness it in action. The environment was filled with beautifully crafted sculptures and the people were absolutely welcoming. The night bazaar being one of the highlights was an amazing experience to not only shop but feel the nightlife of Chiang Mai with all the fluorescent lights and upbeat live performances that made one want to dance. Coming directly to the purpose of the trip, which was to build a library for a local community, was indeed an eyeopener. Every step of the process was absolutely fun from the making of the mud to the preparation of the blocks and to finally the actual building of the walls was indeed a working experience. Not only did building together solidify and grow bonds between the students and teacher, but a strong knowledge and concept of team building was developed. The homestays were amazing and filled with the most caring caretakers one could ask for, not to forget the amazing food that was enjoyed every

day. As the people of Thailand would say, 'aloy mang man'. Maha Chowdhury from Year 11 said "It was a one of a kind experience where not only did we learn a lot about the culture/religion of Thailand but also got the chance to help build a Library for the local village. Living with the local families was a great and humbling experience as well, their food was so good and overall throughout this trip". Falah Uddin, a student from Year 13 also said " I loved getting to know the local villagers and working at the project site daily. Engaging with the locals was so much fun especially in the Cultural night". "Getting the chance to do various activities with students in the school was really cool, they were so obedient. Another highlight of this trip was Pi and David, a huge thanks to them for tolerating our random fights as well as taking us to all the places", was what brothers, Ahmad Navid from Year 12 and Ahmed Nasim from Year 8 had to say about the trip. Finally, "a big thank you to the families that let us stay with them in the village, their food was so AMAZING!" as said by Princess Magor Agbozo in Year 13. Thailand indeed will be a one of a kind trip the attendees will never forget.

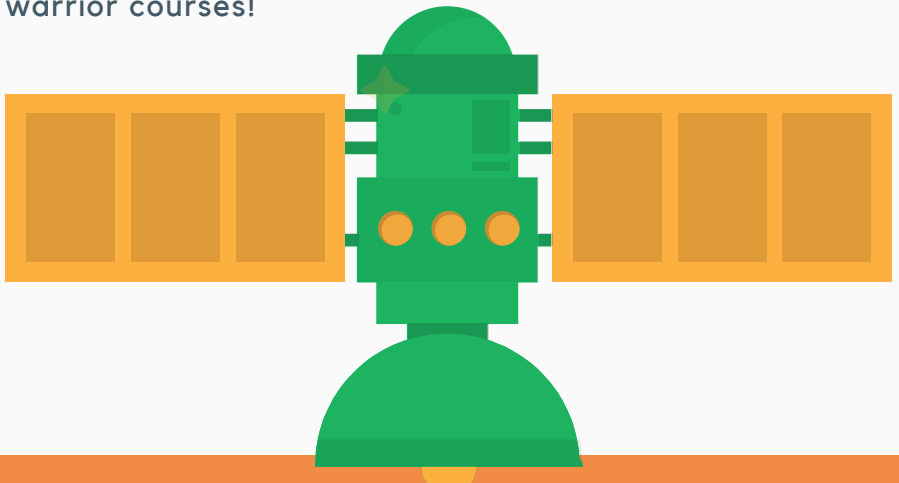
Thailand Trip





NASA SPACE CAMP

24 lucky students and three lucky teachers (Mr Aodhán, Miss Megan and Miss Monika) from NIA visited the NASA space camp in Huntsville Alabama in the U.S. this February (2019). Before we made our way to the camp we spent a couple of days in Atlanta where we visited the CNN studio and the Coco-Cola factory. However, the main attraction was of course the NASA space camp. The students learned lots of information about space, space travel and completed many engineering exercises such as how to build a model hovercraft, a model rover and mechanical claw, a robotic rover as well as a real life rocket that they launched into space (not actually space) which then landed safely with their eggstronaut intact (see image). On top of all this the students learned some very valuable life lessons such as keeping to a tight schedule, learning the importance of team work through very active obstacle courses, and respecting the rules of the space camp. They also experienced how astronauts lived in their preparation to become astronauts by living in similar quarters during their 5 day camp. On our last day we also visited Nitro zone (an amusement park, like bounce on a really good day) which included bowling, go karting, dodgeball and one of the world's largest ninja warrior courses!



NASA SPACE CAMP

