



Academy Junior School

Newsletter

Welcome to the new academic year 2018-19
at the IB Primary Years Programme!

Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Head of Academy

A very warm welcome to all our new and returning students, staff and parents. Although we were on vacation, life at the Academy did not stop. Plenty of maintenance work took place around campus, and for three weeks in July we had the annual Global Encounters summer camp, bringing 60 students from over 30 countries together with a focus on service, leadership and global citizenship.

Class of 2018 students received their IB Diplomas at the beginning of July, with our highest achievers scoring a 42 out of a possible 45. I would like to congratulate all the students and staff for the excellent results, both in the Diploma and in the e-assessments. I wish our alumni all the best as they carry on to university in the next few months, and to everyone else: may you have a year full of inquiry, learning and wisdom.





Sreelatha Kumar, Academy Junior School Principal

I wish to welcome all the students and teachers, both returning and new, to the academic year 2018-19, the eighth year of the Aga Khan Academy Junior School. I trust everyone has had a restful, enjoyable holiday!

The staff at the Academy have been working hard last week, preparing for another year filled with the joy of learning. Once again, I would like to request your support and cooperation as our partners in educating your children. To this end, I encourage you to participate in as many Academy events as possible over the coming months. A big thank you to all parents who were able to attend the different celebrations and parent sessions last year.

The Academy had its first IB Evaluation in February 2018, during which the IB evaluation team observed that there was clear evidence of the 'mission in action' in the PYP, MYP and DP.

They also commended us for ensuring a happy environment and maintaining a positive parent, teacher and student community, which we hope to continue and consolidate this year.

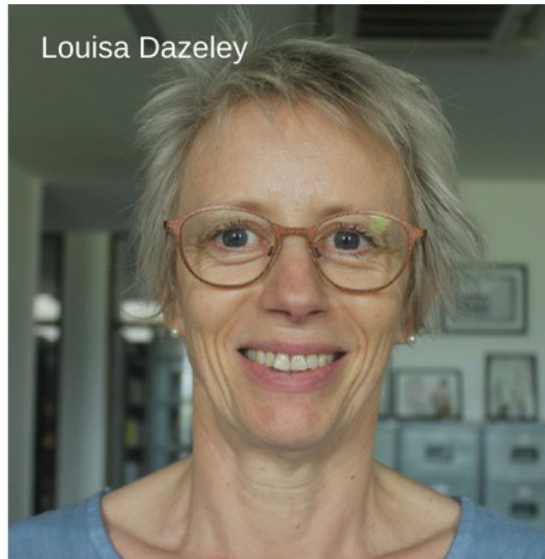
I am looking forward to seeing you all on **Saturday 11 August 2018** for an orientation and meet-the-teacher afternoon, details of which will be sent out soon.

The academic year at the Junior School starts with one class each of grades 1 and 2, and two each of grades 3, 4 and 5. As we continue to enroll more students, we are confident we can rely on our parents and students to be the most dependable and ardent ambassadors of the Academy.

Who are the new faces in the Junior School?



Nishi Prasad



Louisa Dazeley



Sai Ranga



Robin Bussenschutt

- **Nishi Prasad** is our new Visual Arts teacher who will be involved with the PYP & MYP. She is from Ranchi, Jharkhand, but has come to the Academy from Pune where she worked with Symbiosis International School for several years. She has 12 years of IB experience and holds an MBA in marketing.
- **Sarah Louisa Dazeley** is the new addition to the music department, and she will teach across PYP and MYP. Originally from the UK, Louisa joins us from France where she was teaching music for the past nine years. Her main instrument is the viola. She likes cool weather but despite this, is delighted to be in Hyderabad!
- **Saikrishna Ranga** joins us as the Telugu teacher across the Junior and Senior schools. Sai completed his Bachelor's in Oriental Languages from Osmania University and a Masters in Telugu from the University of Hyderabad. He has over eight years of experience teaching across various curricula.
- **Robin Bussenschutt** will take over as the Language Support teacher. She is a primary and middle school teacher of drama and has also worked as the Head of Girls Boarding in two schools. The Academy will be her fourth school in India.

2018-19 teaching roles

Grade	Form tutor
1	Ms. Laboni, supported by Ms. Ekta
2	Ms. Chetna, supported by Ms. Laila
3A	Ms. Nivedita

Subject	Teacher
Hindi	Ms. Sushmita & Ms. Meena
Visual Arts	Ms. Nishi
Music	Mr. Subhadip, Ms. Louisa

3K	Ms. Anjum
4A	Ms. Abha
4K	Ms. Anna
5A	Ms. Reema
5K	Ms. Vidhya

P.E	Ms. Vajravani
Swimming	Mr. Surendra, Ms. Seena
Language support	Ms. Robin
ICT	Ms. Mita
Library	Ms. Veena
Crèche	Ms Rozina, Ms Sameena, Ms Anasuya

Leadership & admin

Junior School Principal - Ms. Latha

PYP Coordinator - Ms. Chloe

PA to Principal - Ms. Shabana

A few reminders...

Parents who are new to the Academy must have already received the information about bus pickup and drop off timings.

You will also receive a set of policies and consent forms from the admissions department. Kindly read them, print off the last page, sign your consent and send it with your child to hand over to Ms Shabana. Existing parents, please send the form if you haven't already done so.



We would like to remind you that this year we expect all students to come in *smart black formal shoes to school, and carry their trainers as part of their PE kits*. Please refer to the uniform details which have been mailed to you.

Please remember, we have a healthy snack policy and in line with this, I would like to request you to donate a book to the school library instead of distributing sweets on your child's birthday.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Shabana at shabana.awadiya@agakhanacademies.org. Phone: 9177078822.

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