



Thursday, 13th August 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015 – 2016 school year! Hoping this finds you and your children rested, having had an enjoyable school break. We are looking forward to seeing your child/children back at school next week, as well as welcoming new students to the Academy's Junior School.

On Monday, 17th August we will host an orientation session for **students and parents new to the school**, from 8:00am to 10:00am. The students will have a chance to meet and spend time in class with their teacher. During this time parents of new students are invited to attend a presentation provided by the School Leadership Team with important information about school routines, logistics, services, facilities, as well as an opportunity to answer any queries.

Tuesday 18th August will be the **first day of school for all students**. School days start at 7.40am and end at 2.40pm. Class lists with students' names will be posted on the school boards on the main corridor ready for students to see which class they are in when they arrive at school on Tuesday morning.

Please note that until Friday 28th August, the school day ends at 2.40pm each day and students should be collected by 3.00 pm. Buses will leave campus at the same time. **Please note that, we cannot take responsibility for any students left after 3.00pm.** From Monday 31st August, Enrichment activities will take place each week on a Monday and Tuesday and students enrolled for these should be collected by 4.00 pm.

Attached with this letter is a document with stationery needs for your child. This is the same one that was sent out at the end of last academic year and is attached again as a reminder and, indeed, for parents new to the school. This year the school will be providing all student portfolio files so it will no longer be necessary for parents to purchase these.

Uniform and P.E. Kit

A uniform list is also attached. **All uniform items and bag should be labelled with the student's name.**

New staff in the Junior School

This year we welcome Mrs Anu Mohsin to our Junior School faculty as a Year 4 class teacher. Mrs Mohsin is already very much part of the AKAM community as a parent, with her daughter who will be in DP1 this year and her son joining Year 1. I am sure you will be accompanying me in extending a warm and supportive welcome to Anu. We are also in the process of appointing a librarian and a teaching assistant and I look forward to sharing news about our successful candidates with you.



Calendar of Events 2015-2016

Attached with this letter is a document with dates of key events in the Junior School for this new academic year. These have already been set for planning purposes. However, some of the dates for the events might have to change, due to unexpected circumstances, and we will do our best to notify you of any changes in reasonable time.

One of the first dates to take note of is the Parent Information Evening which takes place on the **Thursday, 27th August**. It is essential that this session is attended as it is a chance to meet your child's teachers. Information will be communicated to you about your child's programme. I too look forward to meeting you and it will be our first opportunity to collectively welcome new parents to our school community.

For parents who are new to the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP), or indeed, those who wish to participate to refresh their memories, there will be, 'An Introduction to the PYP' coffee morning on Thursday 3rd September from 8.15am to 9.15am, and the same session will be held on Thursday 17th September from 5.15pm – 6.15pm. Please email the school office to let us know if you are able to attend this meeting. rebecca.davis@agakhanacademies.org

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend and looking forward to meeting and seeing you soon.

With kind regards,

Isla Gordon
Principal, Junior School

