



KISTIMES

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to yet another school year, the 2023-2024 Academic Year! We are proud to be marking over 25 years of international education in Riyadh, for learners in KG to Grade 12.

As we anticipate the launch of our robotics program in January 2024, we already have so many exciting updates from the first term to share with you.

Here is an overview of what we have been up to, and what is to come.



Classrooms are now more interactive... thanks to technology!

We have installed interactive screens into all our classrooms. This marks a significant step towards enhancing our learners' in-class experiences.

By integrating state-of-the-art technology into our teaching methods, we are fostering a more engaging and interactive environment. Our dedicated educators have enthusiastically participated in a series of workshops, including the View Sonic workshop, AI for educators, and other various software training sessions to ensure they are well-equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge for an effective integration of technology in the planning process as well as in the classroom.

This is our commitment to staying at the forefront of educational technology empowers our teachers to deliver dynamic lessons that cater to different learning styles, ultimately enrich the educational journey for our learners, and prepare them for a tech-driven future.





RECENT EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Saudi National Day

On the occasion of the 93rd Saudi National Day, KiS learners joined in the celebrations, which included a varied program with traditional dances. High school learners volunteered to entertain upper elementary learners on the occasion, with face painting and Henna.

Upper Elementary girls joyfully dressed up and shared food to celebrate the Saudi National Day.

The Boys' school celebrated the Day with pride and honor.

Students expressed their genuine feelings and deep loyalty to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The speeches told the great history of KSA and the high expectations going firmly alongside the 2030 Vision. Flags were waved high, national songs were played, and poems were recited, expressing the belonging we all feel toward the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The videos showed Saudi Arabia's rich history, the value of Vision 2030, the kingdom's great deeds, as well as the valuable process of advancement King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman are governing to guide the kingdom.

May God bless the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Orientation sessions

Learners in grades 10, 11, and 12 took place in orientation sessions over the last 2 weeks. The sessions included a combination of college guidance and AP orientation for learners.

- Mrs. Hawraa Abdallah, the AP/IB coordinator, disseminated information related to AP.
- Ms. Rania Sidani, the grade 8 to 12 HOS, gave the learners a thorough idea about the external exams: SAT, ACT, IELTS, GAT, and SAAT.
- All learners' queries were answered and useful websites and resources were shared with learners.



Visit our <u>Facebook page</u> for all the pictures!

JOIN THE GREEN CLUB

TO PROTECT & PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

Let's join hands and raise awareness about the importance of recycling, sustainable living and eco-friendly practices inside our school and outside it.

Our SHARED GOALS:

- Promote Recycling to make it part of everyday life, encourage responsible waste management and enhance recycling practices
- Develop sustainable living practices that do not harm the environment, or that cause the lowest possible impact on it
- Reduce the use of plastic and paper, within our community.
- Raise Awareness amongst our learners across all Grades.

As a CHANGE ADVOCATE and member of the Green Club, you will:

- Increase your environmental awareness on key issues and how to address them
- **Build a community** of likeminded individuals who share your passion for sustainability
- Access valuable knowledge and insights about ecofriendly practices and solutions
- Create a healthier future for ourselves and generations to come

MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE! JOIN THE GREEN CLUB NOW!



Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your child to the lower elementary department for this new academic year! This will be a wonderful year full of learning and fun as well as an incredible year of change for welcoming Grade 4 Boys into our department. You will be amazed as you watch your child bloom as a friend, reader, writer, mathematician, scientist, and thinker!

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. We are excited by the anticipation of the countless milestones we will reach in each grade level and those your child will reach as an individual.

Thanks to all of you for supporting your child as we start a new year. We have high hopes for a great year as we strive for excellence together. Be sure to check your Microsoft Team's account so you get updates on all the school news, policies, rules, and regulations.

Thank you in advance for entrusting us with your precious children.

Ms. Alia Alameddine



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FLASHBACK VIDEO?
CLICK ON IT!

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UPPER ELEMENTARY - GIRLS' SCHOOL

This year will be filled with many fun and interesting learning opportunities. Our learners are being engaged in interactive learning using online teaching tools/ apps and hands-on activities.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL - GIRLS' SCHOOL

Positive Morning Affirmations

Middle and high school learners repeat positive affirmations every morning. The HOS encourages middle and high school learners to repeat two to three positive affirmations every morning while lining up at 7:30 a.m. Repeating these affirmations aloud, daily, positively alters the brain. Based on research, positive affirmations help overcome negative thought patterns, improve mental well-being, change the mindset, improve self-esteem, and provide motivation.



The UK University visit

Mrs. Amel Ibrahim from the UK University gave an informative presentation to grade 12. The UK University is an advisory education agency representing more than 50 world-leading universities including top-ranked institutions in the USA and the UK. The topics covered were the UK University and the services provided, why study abroad, schooling systems (USA, UK), Entry requirements (USA, UK), UK & USA Degrees, foundation courses, personal statements and scholarships.

RECENT EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - BOYS' SCHOOL

Seniors' Breakfast

Learners in the Boys' Section had an enjoyable time during the senior breakfast they had with their teachers.

Charity - KiS Cares: clothes donation

Charity is one of the true ideals and ethical beliefs we believe in here at KiS. We have started the process of donation, whereby teachers and learners participate in this concept of giving by bringing clothes, toys, and shoes to school to donate to children in need.

"Charity is a virtue of the heart, and not of the hands."

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Do you enjoy reading books? How about novels, poetry and science fiction?

Would you like to share your book reviews with peers? Do the characters and concepts in the books you read stand out?

Sign up to KiS' Book Club now!

Please visit Ms. Rania Sidani's office.



All the ways to communicate & connect with KiS...



Effective communication between parents and school is vital for our learners' success. At Khaled International School, we have made it a priority to answer any concerns you may have.

You can reach the academic administration by:

Calling the school on the following numbers:

011 - 4939197

Sending emails for direct communication with academic admins

- **Sending messages on Teams** for Grades 1 to 12 learners, instructional staff daily communication, assignments, upcoming assessments etc.
- Sending messages on Seesaw for preschool learners

In addition, we have other ways to connect with the KiS administrative staff and faculty by using these tools and platforms:

- WhatsApp chatbot: for administrative concerns and digital platform credentials
- **Eduflag:** for school announcements and up-to-date notifications (absence, grades, memos, etc.)

We are here, together with you, to support the academic journeys of our learners.

WHATSAPP CHATBOT

For any administrative inquiries and to retrieve digital platform credentials



MICROSOFT TEAMS

For learners (Grades 1 to 12), daily communication from instructional staff, assignments, upcoming assessments etc.



EDUFLAG

For school announcements and the latest notifications (absences, grades, memos etc.)



SEESAW

For preschool correspondence.



DISMISSAL & GATE RULES

Dismissal Rules

Learners may not leave school premises before the end of the school day unless they have a valid reason or an emergency. Any doctor's appointment can be taken after school hours or on weekends. The divisional secretary will take the names of the learners.

Morning School Gates Rules

- Bloc A Gate opens from 7:15 A.M. until 8:00 A.M.
- Bloc B Gate opens only from 6:45 A.M. until 7:45 A.M.
- Bloc C Gate opens from 7:15 A.M. until 8:00 A.M.
- Boys' School Gate opens at 6:45 A.M.

Afternoon School Gates Rules

- Bloc A Gate opens at 12:30 P.M.
- Bloc B Gate opens at 1:50 P.M.
- Bloc C Gate opens at 1:45 P.M.
- Boys' School Gate opens at 1:45 P.M.

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