

A newsletter for our learners and parents August & September, 2024

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Dear learners, parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to yet another school year – the Academic Year 2024-2025!

As we begin term 1, the KiS family would like to highlight the following:

ACADEMICS

GENERAL ORIENTATION FOR NEW PARENTS

• At the beginning of the new academic year, new parents were invited to a general orientation session in order to get acquainted with the school communication methods and overall system.

TRAINING SESSION ON the KIS EDUCATIONAL PLATFORMS OFFERED TO GRADE 1 TO 5 PARENTS

AP and IBDP ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS WITH LEADERS IN GRADES 7 TO 10

• On Thursday, September 12, 2024, we invited parents of learners in grades 7-10 to an orientation session about the IB program and its benefits as well as details relevant to the AP courses.

IB PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS led by the IB coordinators, Mrs. Hawraa Abdallah at the Girls' School and Mr. George Srour at the Boys' School.

- Introduction to the IBDP Program and the IB Diploma
- The IB learner Profile: focused on the ten key attributes inquirer, knowledgeable, thinker, communicator, risk-taker, open-minded, caring, reflective, balanced, and principled
- International mindedness: emphasized global engagement, multilingualism, cultural understanding and awareness

WHAT'S NEW AT KIS?

We have so many developments to share with you, for this Academic Year. Our efforts are to enhance the learning environment for all learners and create a more welcoming and stimulating space.

NEW PLAYGROUNDS

We are adding playgrounds in both campuses, to positively impact the well-being and development of students by promoting physical activity and social skills.

NEW CLASSROOM UNITS

We are building new classroom units in the Boy's School campus.

ENHANCED LIBRARIES

We are upgrading and refurbishing libraries and labs in both schools to provide students with access to resources, promoting critical thinking, research skills, and fostering collaboration.

NEW ENTRANCES

We are beautifying the school entrances in both campuses in addition to a new external wall design, for a more inviting school facade.

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NEW PRAYER ROOM

The new prayer room welcomes all learners throughout the school day.

RECENT EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SAUDI NATIONAL DAY

The 94th Saudi National Day was celebrated on September 19th with the participation of mothers from K to Grade 3. It was a heartwarming event where all the children were dressed in green and white, complemented by the beautiful decorations displayed by the school.

The mothers actively participated in a series of activities conducted in their children's classes. The event featured Saudi cultural dances, a bake sale, a photo booth, and face painting.

A group of learners from Grades 8 to 12 participated in the Saudi National Day program, confidently sharing information about the country and contributing to the traditional dances.

Activities - Boys' School

Saudi National Day was also celebrated in the Boy's School. It was a deep and loyal theme of celebration, where learners, with their teachers, expressed their pride, honor, and true feelings toward Saudi Arabia. The speeches and national songs reflected the learners' high respect and admiration towards the Kingdom.



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RECENT EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

"TRAFFIC RULES AND SAFETY" AWARENESS

• Teachers, along with the social worker Ms. Reem Al Khaldi, explained to the learners traffic rules and safety measures relevant to traveling in cars and buses.

FIRE-DRILL EVACUATION

 During the beginning of year fire drill, learners were trained on how to evacuate the school building safely in the case of a fire.

PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT

On August 27, 28, and September 1st, preschoolers and first-grade learners were warmly welcomed in a well-organized and efficient manner.

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ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT - GIRLS' SCHOOL

Grades 2, 3 & Grades 4,5 Boys

Dear Elementary parents and caregivers,

September was a busy month at KiS Elementary Department as we welcomed our learners into a new academic year, including Grade 5 Boys joining our section.

Our learners were engaged academically and socially.

Classroom activities, along with interactive activities, played a crucial role in the learning process, encouraging learners to take a proactive approach in the classroom.

Classroom curricular activities offer a practical environment for learners, allowing them to apply their skills and expand their knowledge about their surroundings. Teachers play an essential role in assisting students to generate new ideas and discover effective communication and collaboration techniques with their peers, which helps reduce misbehavior and fosters a healthy classroom environment.

Our learners in the different grade levels (from 2 to 5) were engaged in interactive and hands-on classroom activities. Furthermore, grades 4 and 5 Boys visited the laboratory.

UPPER ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT (GRADES 4 TO 7)

Welcome back to school!

We are proud of the learners, families, and staff members at Khaled International School. The whole KiS family is committed to developing a learning community where all learners:

- Feel physically and emotionally safe
- Develop a sense of belonging in a caring learning community
- Experience academic success, maximizing their learning potential

EDUCATING LEARNERS FOR A BRIGHTER WORLD

As an IB-DP Candidate School, we are committed to extend highquality, international education to our learners.

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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - BOYS' SCHOOL

Grades 8 to 12

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

The College Guidance orientation sessions were conducted for grade 10, 11, and 12 learners. Thorough clarifications were provided to learners about IB, AP, SAT, and GAT. The orientation also included steps for setting smart goals and selecting a university.

- On September 9, grade 12 students visited the UKUNI exhibition at the Sheraton Hotel, where they spoke with several university representatives and explored future educational options.
- On September 14, the Student Recruitment Officer from Al Faisal University gave a presentation to grade 12 learners, discussing different faculties, majors, and admission requirements.

UNIVERSITIES ROADSHOW – UKUNI

- Senior learners visited the "UKUNI Roadshow" at the Sheraton Hotel.
- They met representatives from different universities and colleges in the UK. It was a good opportunity for them to collect information about majors, admissions, and possible scholarships.

STUDENT COUNCIL AY 2024 – 2025

• Elections of the class representatives in the student council took place over the last 2 weeks, during which learners voted to elect their members.

CHARITY - KIS CARES

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

We, at Khaled International Schools are proud to have the value of giving as one of our ethical beliefs.

This month, we have started the donation process, whereby teachers and learners have participated in this concept of giving by bringing in clothes, toys, and shoes to school.

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DISMISSAL & GATES 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; a previous doctor's appointment can be taken after school hours or on weekends. The divisional secretary will collect the names of the learners, with permission to leave.

Morning School Gate Rules

- Bloc A Gate opens from 7:15 A.M. until 8:00 A.M.
- Bloc B Gate opens only from 7:00 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 1:50 P.M.
- Boys' School Gate opens at 1:45 P.M.

DIGITAL PLATFORMS

For digital platforms support and assistance (online book accounts, Microsoft Teams, Seesaw, Eduflag), you can either send an email on the below addresses:

IT Department

ict.support@kis-riyadh.com

Farah Masri, Educational Platforms Coordinator – Boys'/ Girls' school

<u>farah.masri@kis-riyadh.com</u> Extension Nb. 151 or attend / call the school on the following extension numbers:

Mr. Iqbal Mohamad-Ali, System Administrator Extension Nb. 110

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

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hind Al Oteibi & Layla El Saadan Girls' School Leaders

Johanne Mohanna Girls' School Academic Director

Saud Al-Oteibi Boys' School Leader

George Srour Boys' School Academic Director

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COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL & LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

You can reach the Academic Admin by:

- Calling the school on the following numbers: 493 9197/ 4960252/ 4454863
- Sending an email for direct communication with the Academic Admin
- Sending a message on Teams, for Grade 1 to 12 learners, regarding instructional staff daily communication, assignments, and upcoming assessments
- Sending a message on Seesaw for preschool learners

GIRLS' SCHOOL

Hawraa Abdallah, English coordinator (4 to 12) – Girls' school & AP/IB coordinator hawraa.abdallah@kis-riyadh.com

Razan El-Jamal, Science Coordinator (3 to 8) – Girls' school razan.aljamal@kis-riyadh.com

Rima Mekdash, Chemistry/Biology Coordinator (9 to 12) – Boys'/ Girls' school rima.mekdash@kis-riyadh.com

Rania Ghazali, Arabic Coordinator (1 to 12) – Girls' school rania.ghazali@kis-riyadh.com

Chantal Khoury, Math Coordinator (3 to 12) – Girls' school chantal.khoury@kis-riyadh.com

Dahuk Thamine, ICT/Robotics Coordinator (3 to 12) – Girls' school dahouk.thamin@kis-riyadh.com

BOYS' SCHOOL

Samir Jneid, English Coordinator (10 to 12) /Activity Coordinator – Boys' school samir.jneid@kis-riyadh.com

Youssef Masri, English Coordinator (6 to 9) – Boys' school <u>youssef.alm</u>asri@kis-riyadh.com

Hossein El-Jassem, Arabic Coordinator (6 to 12) – Boys' school hossien.aljassem@kis-riyadh.com

Elias El-Jumayel, Science Coordinator (6 to 8) – Boys' school elias.gemayel@kis-riyadh.com

Abdelrahman Abou Zaher, Math Coordinator (6 to 12) – Boys' school abdelrahman.abouzaher@kis-riyadh.com

Hassan Saleh, Physics' Coordinator (8 to 12) – Boys'/ Girls' school hasan.saleh@kis-riyadh.com

Joe Khoury, ICT Coordinator (6 to 12) – Boys' school joe.khoury@kis-riyadh.com

In addition, parents can connect with the KiS administrative staff and faculty (registrar, accountant), by using the following apps.

- 1. Whatsapp chatbot: for administrative concerns and digital platform credentials
- a. N.B: use the following phone number (0531403994) to access the Whatsapp chatbot
- 2. Eduflag: for school announcements and daily notifications (absence, grades, memos, etc.)

a. N.B: download the application from App store/Play store. Usernames and passwords will be distributed shortly.

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