

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to a number of activities this month and of course, to welcoming our secondary pupils back on-site... we have missed them very much! It is a busy month and a time when we can start to better enjoy our wider school community, whilst still working hard to continue to improve academic achievement.

### Assemblies

We recently held our first Awards Assemblies, celebrating the excellent effort and progress made by students from every year group. For many of the youngest children, these were the first certificates they had ever received and the first time the children had ever participated in an assembly. I was very impressed by how well all students behaved during the assemblies and in particular, how warmly they congratulated their classmates on their success. Awards assemblies will take place every half-term and we look forward to the time when we will be able to have these events as a whole school altogether. Congratulations to all certificate recipients, they have inspired their peers to work hard. The next awards will take place in mid-December.

We will now be starting regular morning assemblies, which will be organised by year group. It is essential that pupils attend their assemblies and in the case of the Secondary School, these will commence at 7.00am. Important information and guidance will be shared during these times, success will be celebrated and a greater sense of connectedness will be promoted. Key themes in the upcoming assemblies will be antibullying, careers and personal responsibility.

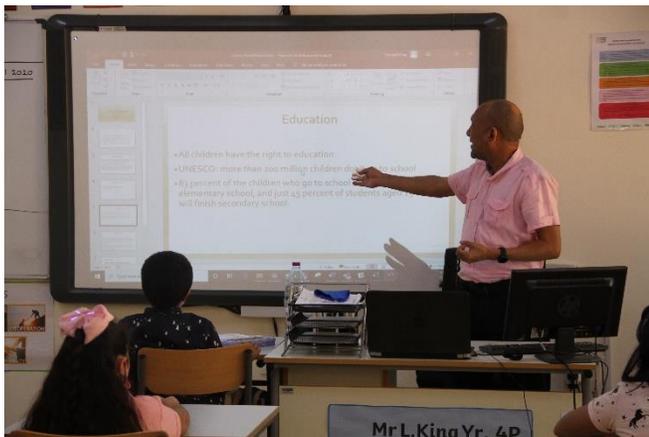


Primary Activities – November 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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**Form Time and Home Room Activities**

Primary students have recently spent some time with their class teachers talking about poverty and how this affects millions of people around the world. They have also participated in Pink Day but sadly the Secondary School missed out this time. We are therefore going to have an extension of the Pink Day activities and a non-uniform day next week for the secondary students, alongside activities to encourage reflection on the other key topics of focus. These include poverty awareness, antibullying and world food day. In line with the above-mentioned activities, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November will be a non-uniform day, when **secondary students** are invited to attend school wearing pink. This term, our charitable efforts are focused on children without an education and should you wish to donate, please follow the link provided by Qatar Charity <http://qch.qa/PSI>



Please see the tables below for more information on the schedule for next week.



## Pearling Season International School

### News and Notices from the Pastoral Coordinator

<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>					Assembly – P	Assembly – P
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>					Assembly – S	Assembly – S
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>			Assembly – P	Assembly – P		
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>			Assembly – S	Assembly – S		
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Assembly – P World Food Day	Assembly – P World Food Day	World Food Day	World Food Day	World Food Day	World Food Day
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Assembly – P World Food Day	Assembly – P World Food Day	World Food Day	World Food Day	World Food Day	World Food Day

#### Form Time Activities for Secondary – November 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Tutor time and reorientation	Cancer Awareness	Assembly			
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Poverty Awareness	Cancer Awareness	Poverty Awareness	Cancer Awareness	Assembly	Poverty or Cancer Awareness
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Assembly	Poverty Awareness	Cancer Awareness	Anti-Bullying	Supporting Poverty Awareness Y8	Cancer Awareness or Antibullying
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying	Assembly	Assembly	Poverty Awareness	Supporting Antibullying Y7	Poverty Awareness
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Cancer Awareness	Anti-Bullying	Anti-Bullying	Assembly	Cancer Awareness or Antibullying	Antibullying
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	World Food Day	World Food Day				
<b><i>From Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Year 11 and Year 12 will be taking on support and leadership roles</i></b>						

#### Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA's)

We are preparing to be able to run ECA's after the winter break, however; we would like students to have a couple of taster sessions this term, with of course, social distancing in place. Students will be issued with the ECA information card and application form on Thursday during first registration. There are limited places for each club and applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must have parental consent to join a club and these forms should be returned to school by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The taster sessions will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



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#### Year 12 Responsibilities

A special note to Year 12 students who, alongside working intensively to prepare for their final qualifications with us, must also maintain momentum in meeting the requirements and deadlines for university applications. All Year 12 students must attend the Thursday morning assembly this week at 7am and should follow up with Miss Myriam the School Counsellor to finalise all of the necessary documentation. Miss Myriam will also be in contact with the parents of all Year 12 students to provide an update on the progress of the university applications. Students in Year 12 have received many hours of assistance to select and apply to universities; the deadlines are now fast approaching and students must ensure their file is complete by November 19<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

#### Careers Day

Careers Day is on 26<sup>th</sup> November and both the primary and secondary students will be involved in a variety of activities. From Year 1 to Year 12, all students will learn about different occupations... what the roles involve and what education is needed to access these professions. They will reflect on their personal interests and strengths and consider what options and opportunities they would like to create for themselves through their education and personal development. More information will be sent to you about this next week.

#### Expectations

We acknowledge that with the difficult circumstances and changes, it can be a challenge for students to get into a routine and remember all of the expectations all of the time. We appreciate the support of parents... your role in reinforcing standards is so important in helping your child/ren to make good choices and remain organised. Just a few reminders:

- Social distancing remains in place and the guidelines previously issued must be followed
- Students must attend school prepared for learning. A pen, pencil, ruler and rubber are required, along with the learning materials needed or equipment as stipulated by the class/subject teacher
- All students should be with their form tutor or class teacher by 7am for registration
- Full school uniform must be worn by all students. The link to the PSI Dress Code is reposted here for your convenience.  
<https://psisd.sch.qa/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Dress-Code-2020-2021.pdf>
- The use of mobile phones by students inside the school building and/or during school hours is not permitted. The link to the PSI Policy on Mobile Phones is reposted here for your convenience.  
<https://psisd.sch.qa/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Mobile-Phones-and-The-Use-of-Technology.pdf>
- Through the Behaviour Policy, a framework for rewarding and celebrating success is provided. Disciplinary measures and expectations are also clarified. The link to the PSI Behaviour Policy is reposted here for your convenience.  
[https://psisd.sch.qa/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Behaviour-Policy\\_08-31-2020.pdf](https://psisd.sch.qa/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Behaviour-Policy_08-31-2020.pdf)

With thanks and appreciation for your continued support.

Mrs. Rebecca Cruickshank,  
Pastoral Coordinator.