



**Upcoming Events  
Term 1 2019/20**

- **11 Sept**  
Curriculum evening
- **15 Sept**  
ASA's start
- **16 Sept**  
University Fair
- **17 Sept**  
Global Studies Fair
- **18 Sept**  
Yr 12 Parent Evening
- **30 Sept**  
Rewards Trip
- **6 Oct**  
Teacher Day
- **10 Oct**  
Mid Term reports
- **20 - 24 Oct**  
Mid Term break

**Communication**

Please sign up for the parent portal if you have not already done so.

Contact our secretaries should you require assistance.

Do we hold your updated contact details on ISAMs? Contact our secretaries to update details.

**SEPTEMBER SECONDARY HIGHLIGHTS**



**PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME**

A warm welcome to a new academic year, which to some will mean a new beginning and to others, a new set of challenges; but hopefully it will all contribute to personal growth and a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

While we were all enjoying our vacation, the facilities team was hard at work renovating classrooms and upgrading the facilities. The new artificial grass looks beautiful around the old cafeteria, and by converting the old multi-purpose room into a PE utility area, we have added a great resource to our campus.

We are all waiting with great anticipation for the approval and opening of our new cafeteria and multi-purpose room, which will hopefully add a

meaningful space for activities and events. Let us, as the secondary community, all contribute to making this another successful year.



Congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy, Karl Manabat, and Head Girl, Sarya Rabah.

**SECONDARY IN FOCUS: Curriculum Evening**

Our Secondary community had their first curriculum evening on September the 11th. Each department had a chance to showcase the subjects on offer and discuss the finer detail of the IGCSE and AS exams with parents. New curriculum guides for our subjects was made available and also published to the [Secondary Google Sites](#).

Follow the [link](#) to see our impressive Secondary Curriculum movie as created by our Media teacher - Mr Imran.

We also discussed changes to our current reporting system in KS3 (Year 7-9) and will arrange further Q&A sessions after half-term to ensure that our parents are fully informed. More about this will be going out to parents in an email.

The next opportunity to meet with teachers will be at the parents evening on the 27th of November after Term 1's reports have been published.







**DEPARTMENT FOCUS: TED**

A warm welcome back to the new academic school year! We would particularly like to welcome our new Year 7 students - who have made an excellent start to their High School career. In addition, we would like to welcome our Year 12 students and wish them well in their final year.

The TED department would like to welcome Mr. Sebastian to our team, a former student at EMS. We are excited to learn from his experiences and adding value to our team. Moreover, we are delighted to welcome the French teachers Ms. Alia and Ms. Amel to our wonderful and diverse department. It is with great pleasure that we introduce Computer Science as a new subject this year. We are keen to see the growth in this field along with Mr. Mohammed. Lastly, many congratulations to Mr. DJ with his appointment of Head of the TED Department.

The KS3 learners are in full swing in their first rotation of either ICT, Media or Art & Design. Some highlights thus far are the Year 7 students doing Robotics with Mr. Mohammed in ICT, the Year 8 students sewing with Ms. Melisha in Art & Design and the Year 9's working hard on their French projects with Madam Alia. The IGCSE students have left the holidays behind and are establishing good foundations to be successful in their Business Studies, French and ICT exams.

The staff of TED are all enthusiastic and eager to make a difference in our students' education and to aid in making the best year to date at EMS.



**DEPARTMENT FOCUS: SECONDARY PE**

The PE department is delighted to welcome you back for another exciting academic year. We will ensure that your physical activity levels meet the standards.

As usual in the beginning of the year Qatar weather doesn't allow us to use the outside fields. For that reason we are starting the year with Swimming, Fitness and Anatomy lessons.

After we will move to team sports such as Handball, Football, Rugby, Basketball and Volleyball. Strike and field is also in our program with Kickball. Funny games, plenty of physical activity and study of the Human Body is planned for the academic year.

We also provide after school activities sport related (social and competitive) to our students so they can develop their abilities and compete with other schools.

The PE staff is very excited and energetic and will try to make this year memorable for EMS students.







DEPARTMENT FOCUS: ENGLISH

The English Department has not wasted any time in getting to grips with this term’s syllabus. The teachers and students alike have shown an eagerness to participate in the school culture, and a gumption for tackling the academic tasks that lay before us. We have also welcomed Mr. Brad to the English Department in years 7 and 8 and Ms Mercia in years 9 and 11.

Year 7 students have begun using Louis Sacher’s ‘Holes’ as a base text to explore different aspects and styles of writing. They have experimented with empathy and perspective as well as analysed the technical characteristics of several shorter pieces of writing including: The Diary of Anne Frank and The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole. Year 8 students have started off the year with short stories as a means of summarising and contextualising plots, and understanding the elements of stories. Our studious Year 10s have focused and applied themselves to take a placement test, and the AS students have been hard at work being literary critics.

The year has only just began and we have many more enticing facets of the English language to explore. The teachers in the English Department are excited and enthusiastic about the academic challenges ahead of us. As the year presses on, we strive to persevere, grow, and prosper with our students. As Victor Hugo put it; “Perseverance, secret of all triumphs.”



DEPARTMENT FOCUS: SCIENCE

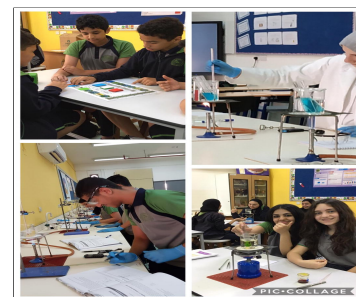
The Science department has commenced the new academic year of 2019-2020 with an eagerness to recreate an unforgettable learning experience.

We believe that students learn best when knowledge is attainable and tangible as learners uncover the Science of the world around them. Accordingly, the Science department has made sure that students experience learning through a variety of teaching methods such as active learning, investigation, experimentations and hands-on experiences that imprint longlasting knowledge in the learner.

This year we have welcomed two new staff members Ms Lucy and Ms Sreerkha, both of which have been an enrichment for the department. Ms Lucy is currently teaching AS Biology whereas Ms Sreerkha is teaching Biology, Physics, Chemistry and year 9 Science.

With our passion for teaching and learning, the Science department will thrive on creating another successful year for all its learners, wishing all students enthralling learning experiences.

As Carl Sagan wrote: “Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge.”







DEPARTMENT FOCUS: MATHS

Welcome to the Maths Department! We have commenced this school year by celebrating the achievements of our IGCSE and AS Level Students. Some of our top achieving students in IGCSE are: Igor Tascu, Farah Abdelmoula, Karl Vincent Manabat, Ali Amour, Youssef Mohamed, Lama Al Kahlout, Veronica Talucod, Abdulrahman Elgendy and Yasir Abureqaiba. Congratulations on achieving an A\*!

Furthermore the Upper school has settled wonderfully into their new classes, smoothly transiting from Lower Secondary to IG's. Already there are after school revision sessions for Years 10, 11 and 12 in preparation for the final examinations, next summer; as well upcoming Short Assessments during the year.

In the Lower Secondary we have successfully commenced the year by practicing our mental arithmetic skills. The Year 7s have already begun preparing for the Multiplication competition called The Rockstars. This competition will be held in December. Furthermore, the Maths Olympiad will be happening and we encourage our students to participate and enjoy solving challenging problems. The strongest candidates will be chosen to compete against other candidates in the country. As part of this we will be running Puzzle Pirates club for the students who are interested in thinking outside the box and being creative in Mathematics.

Please check the updates on google site.



DEPARTMENT FOCUS: HUMANITIES

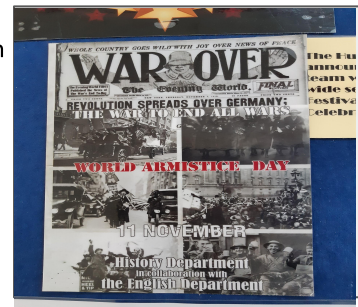
The Humanities Department welcome to another new year! This year the department has been joined by Ms Sahana, Ms Mireille, and Mr Simon, focussing on Global Perspectives, Qatar History, and Key Stage 3 Humanities respectively.

The department has made a positive start to the new year. Enrolment in IGCSE History and Geography has approximately doubled as compared with last year, and for the first time we are offering Global Perspectives at both AS Level and as part of our Key Stage 3 curriculum.

As we continue to celebrate the achievements and the commitment of our students, we could not leave unremarked the fact that 6 out of the 8 Head Boy/Girl finalists are part of our Humanities department! We would also like to celebrate the achievement of last year's Global Perspectives students for their success in the 'Farm Your Country' initiative launched by the Ministry of Municipality and Environment in collaboration with Al Faisal Without Borders Foundation (ALF) here in Qatar.

During term 1 we will mark Armistice Day - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - with a school wide event .

We hope that our students will find our curriculum both stimulating and useful - our increasingly interconnected and complex world certainly needs well informed and highly skilled young people to meet the challenges we all face.







DEPARTMENT FOCUS: ARABIC

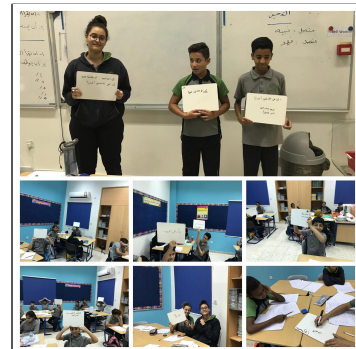
In lower secondary, we have been revising with our students on how to improve different language skills through well-organized purposeful skillful worksheets which our team prepared, as we usually receive the new books of the year late from the ministry of education. We continue to review previous skills and prepare for new ones. Furthermore, we continue with our reading program for lower secondary students and give our students more time to practice guided reading. It is a free reading weekly class. Also, Arabic department continues the program "Maharat" which we started last year in the form of nice, well organized booklets composed by Dr. Jalal Adi.

In upper secondary we are starting this year to teach a new IGCSE book, which is composed by two of our staff members and Dr. Jalal.

We started officially this year the new stream for teaching Arabic as a foreign language from year 7 to year 11 for Non Arab Nationality. In IGCSE we follow Cambridge curriculum Guidelines, and in lower secondary we follow the new skillful program "Kalemon" for non native speakers.

We are getting ready also to participate in the national competition "Future writers" which Qatar charity organises every year.

finally, in our classes we will be focusing on the wisdom of the week, in which every Year group has a value to present in the weekly letter during the week.



DEPARTMENT FOCUS: INCLUSION

Wishing you all a warm welcome to the start of another academic year 2019-20. The Inclusion team are very excited to meet all the new year 7 students and all the returning students at EMS. This year we aim to support, appreciate and achieve excellence with students and colleagues in all aspects of school life. As we embrace the Cambridge Learner Attributes (CLA) we hope to work collaboratively with Parents, Head of Houses, Head of Departments, Principals, Counselors and Students.

We aim to ensure our students develop into confident, independent, resilient and ambitious active citizens, who contribute positively to society. 'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success'. At the Inclusions department we have a vision of building a cultural community that is inclusive of everyone, and where everyone who joins feels that they have opportunities to succeed and grow, remembering that strength lies in differences, not in similarities.

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## DEPARTMENT FOCUS: COUNSELLING

Welcome to a new school year!

The start of a new school year can present several challenges for students. Returning to a more structured schedule can take some getting used to. Here are a few tips to help your child get back on track and ready for learning:

- ❖ Establish a daily schedule: This schedule should include study time as well as free time. This schedule should be easily visible for all members of the family.
- ❖ Ensure your child has a dedicated place to study: This area should be well-lit, free of distractions and equipped with supplies such as pens, highlighters, paper, etc.
- ❖ Encourage the use of a planner: Help your child get organized by using a planner. They should track all assignments as well as upcoming exams in order to stay organized.
- ❖ Don't be so quick to solve their problems: A new year comes with new classmates and new teachers. Give your child time to settle in and help them find solutions to their problems rather solving the problem for them.
- ❖ Encourage a Growth Mindset: [Here](#) are several statements that can help your child adopt a growth mindset.

We wish you a great school year and look forward to working with you and your child.

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## DEPARTMENT FOCUS: 21C LEARNING & TECHNOLOGY



The 2019-2020 school year will have some impressive technological advancements at EMS Doha:

- We are working towards becoming a Google Reference School which means our teachers will become certified Google Educators.
- Students in Year 8,9, &10 will get Chromebooks to further enhance the 4 C's of 21st Century Learning. Students use of Chromebooks will allow them to become truly "Modern" students.
- We are expanding Interactive whiteboards into 20 more classrooms to give hands on learning a new meaning.
- Creation of a Maker Space to foster 21st Century Skills.
- Please feel free to contact Renee Koval at [21C.Coor@emsdoha.net](mailto:21C.Coor@emsdoha.net) if you have any questions.





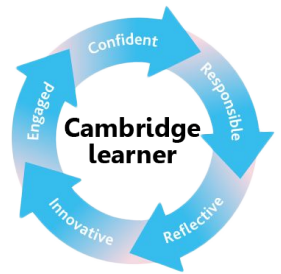
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER: ACADEMICS**

Another academic year has started and our teachers and students are already in full flow! Huge congratulations to the Seniors of 2018 2019 with their excellent AS results (79% A-E) as well as the year 11's with their IGCSE results (A\*-C 54%). Our top year 12 students were Abubaker Mohamed and Elhassan Mahmoud, whilst the top student for the Senior class of 2019 2020 will be announced in the second term. We at EMS are super proud of you!

We have brought in changes to our reporting system and in years 7-9 we will no longer report using percentages. The new reports will use the Cambridge Lower Secondary standards and use descriptors to evaluate students' learning, we look forward to discussing this in more detail at our parents evenings, but if you have any questions or concerns please contact me so that we can arrange a meeting. Year 10 -12 reports will still remain the same.

Our students are getting ready for assessments and we would like to encourage you to stay involved in their learning. As a parent you can assist by creating a study area at home, by providing access to online resources and by following up with your child's teachers about homework and classwork assignments. Our teachers use [Google sites](#) to keep students and parents updated with curriculum guide information, additional assessment information as well as useful links to study sites and other important subject specific information. There is also information about signing up for the Parent Portal on the front page of the Google Site which is our communication method with you when reports are ready at the end of each data drop, twice each term.

A final message to year 11 and 12 students - good luck with this academic year, I am looking forward to celebrating your results with you! **AP: Academic** - [nandia.nel@emsdoha.net](mailto:nandia.nel@emsdoha.net)



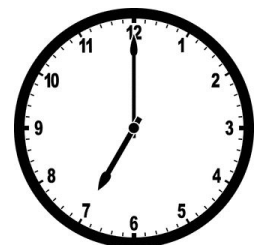
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER: PASTORAL**

Welcome to our new and improved Pastoral & Wellbeing section. Each month we will share with you updates, photos, stories and events to keep all our community up-to-date with everything that is going on in our school. This year we have introduced our updates to the House System. We now have 4 Heads of House that we will oversee the pastoral support for all children from year 7-11. The new Houses are as follows:

- Blue Falcons - Mr Lawrence Onthuga. Email address is: [lawrence.onthuga@emsdoha.net](mailto:lawrence.onthuga@emsdoha.net)
- Red Scorpions - Ms Hanadi Alameddine. Email address is: [hanadi.alameddine@emsdoha.net](mailto:hanadi.alameddine@emsdoha.net)
- Yellow Vipers - Ms Faten Haidar. Email address is [faten.haidar@emsdoha.net](mailto:faten.haidar@emsdoha.net)
- Green Dragons - Mr Greg Frosler. Email address is [greg.frosler@emsdoha.net](mailto:greg.frosler@emsdoha.net)

This year we also excited to introduce the student leadership programme. We have placed our students at the center of everything we do and focused on developing future leaders. To reflect this, students will vote this week to decide who they want to lead the school into this exciting new venture. Watch our social media pages for further updates. You can follow our instagram page by following us via [this link](#).

This month has seen a drastic improvement with our student uniform - thanks for supporting this parents!! We have also been focusing on improving our attendance, this is a drive from the Ministry of Education to ensure that all students in class on time.



**REMEMBER:** School starts at 7am

