

14 September 2014

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome back all our returning parents and students as well as a special word of welcome to our new parents and students. We are delighted with the huge jump in enrolment but we realize that with this growth comes added responsibility. The first weeks of school has been challenging but we are delighted to report that appropriate learning is taking place and that the Academic year has started in earnest. In order to accommodate the growing enrolment we have had to add extra classes to some grades. We are also delighted to report that the additional teachers we employed have arrived.

New Staff:

As normal at the start of any school year we are fortunate to welcome the following new teachers to our school:

Al Tareef:

Mr. Warren Townsend – Head of Secondary
Mrs. Bronwyn Townsend – HOD English
Mr. Jason Toy – English
Mrs. Franette Du Preez – English
Mr. Herbert Otto – Biology
Mrs. Marwa Mohammed – Arabic
Mrs. Nevin Mohsen Mohammed – Arabic

Al Uwainat:

Mrs. Lara Toy – KG 1
Mrs. Theresa Ford – KG 1
Miss. Suzaan Jansen – KG 2
Miss. Inge Sauermann – Grade 1
Miss. Melissa Muller – Grade 1
Mrs. Mia Ross – Grade 2
Mr. Rishon Ross - Grade 3 – Mathematics
Mrs. Hala Mosaad - Arabic

In order to continuously improve we have made some adjustments to our Management teams that will help us to improve not only academically but also improve the overall standard. The new internal appointments are as follows:

Mr. Stephan Brole – HOD Mathematics – Secondary
Mr. Hendri Knoetze – HOD Activities Coordinator – Secondary
Mr. Phillip Grobler – HOD Upper Primary (acting)

Parent Information evening:

The school will be hosting Parent Information Evenings during next week. This gives you as parent the opportunity to meet your child's teachers but also get an idea of how the school functions. The teachers will explain the Curriculum as well as how assessment etc. works in the specific grade. The dates are as follows:

Al Tareef – Wednesday 24 September 2014 Time: 5-7pm

Al Uwainat – Thursday 25 September 2014 Time: 5-7pm

Communication:

We realise that Parent communication has been a problem in the past. In order to alleviate this problem we have introduced a SMS system that we will be testing this week. The school has also improved our social media exposure with Facebook and Twitter (@SISohar). Please also visit our Website sis.edu.om

Transport:

If you have any queries or suggestion regarding any transport issues please contact our Transport Coordinator - Ahmed Al Sabri Tel nr : 927 92020

Finances:

A big word of thanks to those parents who pay their school fees punctually. Unfortunately we have some parents who do not pay as scheduled. Please arrange to pay your school fees as per the financial agreement. It is extremely important for the development of the school that all parents stay up to date with payments. It is not acceptable that parents wait until the end of the year to make the payments. We will also send out an additional letter for all Bus students with the payments schedules etc. Please contact the finance office if you have any queries.

Please be assured of our continued commitment to you and our students. My management team and I are always available if you need to discuss any issue with us.

Yours in education,

Sharl Prinsloo
Principal