



Awsaj Academy hosts workshop to help parents with graduating children

Doha, Qatar, 6 November 2013 – Awsaj Academy hosted its first, free workshop yesterday, to teach parents how to prepare their children for life after graduation. Parents who attended learnt how to help their young grads make informed decisions about higher education and employment.

Parents were encouraged to help their children learn about different careers using online resources, and how to ensure their child receives assistance with special needs at university. The workshop covered issues such as the differences between scholarships, sponsorships, and other financial aid options. It was conducted by two professional school counselors from Awsaj Academy, Mr. Steve Stay and Ms. Sally Challouhy, who explained the college admissions process and shared tips for helping students make their best applications.

A series of workshops is planned every month at Awsaj Academy to assist parents increase their knowledge and understanding of their children's special educational needs. Upcoming workshops include ADHD (Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), Anger Management, Bullying, Assistive Technology, and Adolescence.

Awsaj Academy believes parental guidance and involvement is critical to a child's development, and has a significant impact on a student's academic and social achievement. It is part of the Academy's mission to reach out to parents, ensuring they have the information they need to support and benefit their children. Therefore, the Academy works to involve parents in activities such as workshops, support groups and volunteering activities. Parents who attended the workshops have rated them as very useful and expressed a willingness to participate in future events.

Awsaj Academy is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. It is a K-12 specialized school that addresses the needs of students with learning challenges, an outreach centre that provides evaluation and professional development services to the community and a Center for Education Research and Development that conducts and promotes education research and reform initiatives that benefit all students, including those with academic challenges.

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