



AWSAJ ACADEMY HOSTS HOMEWORK HELP WORKSHOP

Qatar Foundation Member Encourages Parental Involvement In Students' School Work

Doha, 15 October 2014: Awsaj Academy hosted its first homework help workshop of the year in support of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's (QF) mission to provide world-class education and foster a progressive, engaged society.

The workshop was held to provide participants with information about the benefits of parental involvement in students' school work beyond the need of hiring a private tutor. It also offered parents with guidance on helping students with special needs.

During this week's event, Awsaj Academy specialists discussed ways in which parents can organise a suitable homework environment and schedule at home, and how they can motivate students to do homework in return for privileges and rewards. Awsaj Academy is one of a number of schools under the umbrella of QF aimed at broadening first-class education for all across Qatar.

As part of Awsaj Academy's mission to address the needs of students with learning challenges, workshop participants were also provided with information about what accommodation a student with special needs might require in order to be successful with school work.

In addition, short sessions at the end of the workshop presented Awsaj Academy's models for middle school and high school homework policies, including a description of how the Academy has benefitted from using Google Classroom, a learning management system for schools that aims to simplify creating, distributing and grading assignments.

Commenting about the importance of the homework help workshop, High School Counsellor Steve Stay, said, "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. Almost 500 parents and employees from other schools attended Awsaj Academy workshops during the last academic year. They tell us that they have found them very useful and are keen to participate in future events,” Stay continued.

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About Awsaj Academy

Awsaj Academy is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. It is a K-12 specialised 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 Centre for Education Research and Development that conducts and promotes education research and reform initiatives that benefit all students, including those with academic challenges.