



QATAR FOUNDATION SCHOOLS HOST BACK-TO-SCHOOL ORIENTATION EVENTS

Parents and Teachers Meet to Discuss Students' Academic and Personal Development

Doha, Qatar, 21 September 2016—Qatar Foundation's (QF) eight schools kicked off the 2016-2017 academic year with a number of exciting back-to-school events. The orientation activities gave parents and teachers the opportunity to meet and discuss means of enriching students' learning and encouraging their academic and personal development.

With the beginning of the new academic year, Mrs Abeer Al Khalifa, Director of Academic Affairs at QF's Pre-University Education Office (PUE), said: "I wish the QF schools a fruitful academic year in which they achieve the educational and academic success they are accustomed to, effectuating Qatar Foundation's vision to lead human development, and supporting QF's mission to nurture future leaders and promote a culture of excellence and innovation."

Mrs Al Khalifa noted the support given to QF schools in developing and advancing the capabilities of Qatar's youth on all levels, most recently reflected in the launch of Renad Academy, which opens its doors this year to serve children with mild to moderate Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Additionally, a new PUE plan was recently introduced to increase coordination and the exchange of experiences between QF schools on an educational level. The interaction and exchange of experiences will also extend to collaborations between QF schools and the wider Qatari community represented by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

"PUE's new plan outlines a unified vision and mission for all its divisions in order to strengthen and maximise their efforts," concluded Mrs Al Khalifa.

Seven of the eight QF schools started their new academic year on Sunday, 18th September: the five Qatar Academy schools of Doha; Al Wakra; Al Khor; Msheireb; Sidra; Awsaj Academy; and Qatar Leadership Academy. The eighth school, the Academic Bridge Program, started its fall semester on 14th August.

Around 25 families attended the Qatar Academy Al Wakra (QAW) new student orientation that took place on Wednesday, 7th September. Following the ceremony, parents and students were taken on a guided tour of the school, led by the director, principal and assistant principal.

More than 45 families attended the Preschool Orientation which took place on the first day of school, Sunday, 18th September. Accompanied by their parents or guardian, preschoolers



were invited to visit their new classroom and meet their teachers. Elsewhere, 1,800 students started their first day at Qatar Academy Doha (QAD).

“After what has been a very long summer for our students and staff, we look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead as we greet the new school year with enthusiasm and high expectations,” said Mr Don MacIntyre, QAD Director.

Qatar Academy Doha (QAD), Qatar Academy Sidra (QAS), Qatar Academy Msheireb (QAM), and Awsaj Academy also organised back-to-school nights, while Awsaj Academy will host their annual event on Monday, 3rd October, from 5.00pm – 7.00pm.

The Qatar Foundation Pre University Education (PUE) office, part of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), continually strives to offer human resources and facilities that nurture academic excellence and innovation.

Image Captions:

Image 1: Parents attended the Qatar Academy Msheireb orientation event where they were given a detailed presentation.

Image 2: Students at Qatar Academy Msheireb were given a warm welcome during the orientation event, which marked the start of the new academic year.

Image 3: Qatar Academy Doha students attended a back-to-school orientation presentation.

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