



### Principal's Message

Firstly I would like to tell what a great pleasure it is for me to be here in Oman in my new role as Principal of your child's school; as such I am very conscious that I am possibly one of the newest members of 'The Sultan's School Family'.

To facilitate the process of getting to know you, as well as your children, I am organising an opportunity for us to meet and begin the process of working in partnership for the benefit of your child and the school. Rather than organising one large meeting where it is difficult to make a personal connection I have decided to meet with you in small groups so that we may exchange ideas and suggestions for the further development of the school.

During the month of September, personal invitations will be sent home to you with your child to inform you of the time and venue of these meetings. Other areas for communication include this fortnightly newsletter, emailing and SMS texting to keep you up to date with school events and functions. Every other week, you will also receive an additional newsletter from your child's class teacher to keep you abreast of class events, curriculum updates and student achievements.

In this Bulletin, we celebrate the results of our students who recently participated in the internationally recognised IGCSE, IB Diploma and "A" Level examinations. As you will discover our students have once again raised the bar for future graduate classes.

Finally, I would like to welcome the new staff that have joined us this academic year from various countries around the world as well as the familiar faces of our returning faculty. We all look forward to meeting the you, the parent body during the upcoming "Meet the Teacher" evenings scheduled over the next month.

I very much look forward to meeting with you in the not too distant future. Ramadan Mubarak to All!

Mr. Anthony Cashin – [principal@sultanschool.org](mailto:principal@sultanschool.org)

### Message from Head of Primary

The new academic year has got off to a racing start with all classes in the Primary already a hive of activity! We are delighted to welcome some new staff and students to our school and we hope that they have all settled in well and are enjoying the Sultan's School.

The start of the year is always a very busy time, and there are many changes to get used to. The teachers feel it is beneficial for the students to change classes sometimes, as this encourages new friendships and changes the dynamics of the classroom. We understand that these changes are sometimes hard to get used to, but I would welcome your support in encouraging your children to try their best in any new situation. My sincere thanks go to those children who have done just that this year and settled into a new colour group. You know who you are and we are proud of your efforts!

I would like to give a reminder about correct uniform. I have noticed a concerted effort by all students to smarten up their appearance at school and I thank you all for this. Shoes seems to be the biggest issue and I would like to confirm that, although black, blue or white shoes are preferred, we do allow students in Years 2-7 to wear trainers at school, so long as they are these colours. [We do not like to see bright, sparkly trainers with flashing lights thank you!] And definitely no football studs or 'wheely-trainers' for obvious safety reasons.

Thanks for all your support so far this year, I am enjoying my new role as Head of Primary and hope to make the running of the Primary department as smooth as possible for all concerned. Feel free to contact me with any queries or comments.  
Ramadan Kareem!

Mrs. Kate Gower - [primaryh@sultansschool.org](mailto:primaryh@sultansschool.org)

### Message from Head of Secondary

Well, here we are at the start of another academic year, after what I hope was a relaxing and refreshing summer break for everybody. The year seems to have begun smoothly, with new students and staff quickly settling into their unfamiliar surroundings. It is always exciting to welcome new faces and I look forward to the contributions that they will make to the success of the School, by bringing with them alternative thoughts and ideas, from other schools, cultures and countries. I would like to welcome teachers who have joined The Sultan's School this year and wish them every success in their new adventure. I am sure our students will benefit from their skills and experience.

Most importantly congratulations must go to those students who sat for their IGCSE, IB and A level examinations at the end of the last academic year. Once again, the results are excellent and our students continue to 'raise the bar'. In the IGCSE examinations, 75% of students gained at least 5 A\* - C grades which is a commendable achievement. Good luck to those who remain with us to study for their IB Diploma. At IB level, 87% of students entered, were awarded the Diploma. My best wishes to them all as they continue their education around the world.

The Advanced Learning Centre of the Sultan's School has also continued its excellent record of 'A' level exam success. Almost all the results for the June exams were grade 'A' or 'B', and six out of fourteen students achieved 'A' grades in all three of their subjects – Maths, Chemistry and Physics. Abdul Aziz Al Shaqsi has been awarded a special medal from Edexcel (the examinations body). Abdul Aziz scored 600 out of a maximum of 600 points in his Physics 'A' level, which means he did not make a single error in any of six exams over a period of two years. He is among the top ten worldwide international students. Results for the first year students, who took 'AS' level exams, were similarly impressive. Eighty-eight percent of the results for the six modules the students took were 'A' grades; in thirteen cases students scored above 98% on given modules and four of these students scored 100%.

I look forward to a productive year and wish our students every success in their academic endeavours.

Mr. Leigh Smith - [ismith@sultansschool.org](mailto:ismith@sultansschool.org)

### Message from The Senior Master

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all the students and members of staff to a new academic year. I hope you have all had a restful and pleasant summer break. I hope we can all start the year off in a positive way, focusing on our studies and prepared for all the challenges in front of us.

The school is developing in all areas, including pastoral care. This has created many opportunities and you may notice some changes in the pastoral policies and structure of the pastoral leadership team.

The role of the pastoral team involves monitoring the welfare of all students, in their academic and pastoral lives. This is to ensure all students receive the help and support they may need.

The Heads of Year operate an open door policy providing students with a secure environment where they can discuss any problems, issues, worries or concerns. In addition students may use this as a forum to contribute ideas and suggestions towards school development.

This system aims to improve communication between the school, pupils and parents in order that we can work together to solve all problems or issues that may arise throughout the school year.

Finally I would like to wish all our students a very successful and happy year.

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