



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

After the delayed start to the academic year, it has been tremendous to finally welcome all the Primary students to school last month. The students are very excited to be back at school and socialising with their fellow peers. There have been a number of changes within the school this year; organisational; Home Rooms, new teaching staff members and physical changes too.

I do hope all of your children have now settled down and are enjoying the rigour of the daily classroom activities and the additional Extra Curricula Activities (ECA) we are now offering. We have raised awareness throughout the school about the H1N1 virus and we believe we have the necessary measures in place to prevent any widespread outbreak in our school.

Over the past month our students have been heavily involved with various activities, from our school-based Road Safety campaign, Breast Cancer Awareness, interschool sports events in football and volleyball, the elections for Head Boy and Head Girl and the development of the House System to Drama Workshops. As parents you have been involved with Parents Teacher Meetings.

The two new science laboratories should be completed and fully equipped by the end of December, ready for the students after they return from their winter break. As from Saturday 14th November 2009, the car park and drop off area located behind the Year 4 classrooms will be closed to traffic. Vehicles will no longer be able to turn right by the tennis courts. This road is being blocked off as building work for the new Key Stage 1 building will soon commence in the former car park area. We thank you for your co-operation and draw your attention to the attached map on page 3 of this Bulletin. Please instruct your drivers accordingly. May we take this opportunity to remind you that all drivers and passengers arriving and leaving from The Sultan's School must be wearing a seat belt.

Kind regards,

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

### Message from Head of Primary

The Primary school has got off to a good start this year and the children have settled extremely well into their new classes and their new year group. We continue to push forward with curriculum development to ensure that the children are encouraged to be working to the best level that they are capable of. The teachers are



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all doing an excellent job in supporting this and will be sharing targets with you for your children to be working on in the Years 1 to 6 Target Setting Reports, to be issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Following these reports, we are trialling a new in-class appointment system for our first Parent Teacher consultations of this academic year. We hope that all parents are able to make the time to come in and discuss their child's progress and ways in which we can work together to continue to support their education.

The Key Stage 1 area of the school is certainly looking a lot brighter since the addition of some much needed shading outside. The children are now able to play out here during the cooler weather Oman is currently enjoying.

The Early Years Building is looking bright and cheerful and I think we would all agree that this is a wonderful learning environment in which to begin a child's education.



We look forward to our continued partnership throughout this academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to keep in contact with your child's teachers should you have any concerns or comments. Please be sure to check your child's class page on [www.tssnet.org](http://www.tssnet.org) for weekly updates.

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

### Message from Head of Secondary

I am pleased to report that H1N1 has not disrupted the teaching of our classes. Any students who have missed a week's work are encouraged to work hard to catch up and by this means The Sultan's School has not had to consider extending the school year or addressing lost teaching time. Thank you to parents for their responsible and sensible attitude to this issue. The Parent-Teacher Consultation evenings have been as successful as ever this year. The Year 10 & 12 Evening witnessed the implementation of an appointments system which was reported to be very convenient and effective for teachers and parents alike. There were also two similar evenings run at the start of November for Year 7, and years 8 & 9 and the final session for the Interim Reporting episode is scheduled for Parents of Years 11 & 13 on December 7th. Naturally there will be another round of reports and consultation evenings at the end of term.

On November 1st Mr Joel Nainie gave a very interesting INSET on Multiple Intelligence to Secondary Teachers. It is hoped that staff will use some of these ideas to develop strategies to bring about improved teaching through differentiation in the classroom. Mr Joel is our new Head of Year 12 and is an expert in the field of Gifted and Talented students/education.

Further enrichment activities have been supplied to our students in

the form of the very successful trip to Britain by our Team Neon F1 group and the Year 11 Boys trip to Musandam Peninsula.

IGCSE Drama students in years 10 and 11 have been making the most out of Thespian, Nick Pryor on his visit to the Sultan's School. Students have taken part in two weeks of intensive workshops with Nick where they have been completing a piece of practical coursework for their IGCSE Drama exam. Students have been dedicated and worked hard in curriculum time, after school and weekends for two weeks. They will show their final pieces of work to two audiences on Sunday 8th November; year 7 students and parents, where they will also be moderated as part of their internal assessment.



**Mr. Ray Zinsli** - [rayz@sultansschool.org](mailto:rayz@sultansschool.org)

#### A message from the Director of Activities

The Extra Curricular Activity (ECA) programme is now in full swing with around 95 activities and clubs being offered each week to our students in Years 3-13. A large number of students are taking activities for the first time. New activities offered include golf, tennis, debating and leadership clubs. Additional activities will be introduced for Session 2 which will commence in January.

The annual Charity Breast Cancer Walk took place last week at the Ministry of Municipality. Mr Tim and students from the Charity Club worked tirelessly selling T-shirts to students around the school and also by manning stalls at various shopping malls in a bid to raise awareness. Around 150 students from The Sultan's School took part in the walk and I will be able to inform you of the final total raised in the next issue.

Last month saw the announcement of the following students as House Captains for the Secondary school. Congratulations to them all. Alongside this, the following teachers have kindly volunteered to assist in leading their respective Houses for future House events.

House	House Vice Captains	House Captains
<b>Hawk</b>	Haneen Jumean & Sultan Busaidi	Noora Al Hinai /Mazin Noumani
<b>Dolphin</b>	Muzna Raisi /Dina Jawad	Eather Al Balushi /Sharifa Al Kindy
<b>Scorpion</b>	Murad Tbaileh /Shireen Al Habib	Ali Maskary /Abdullah Al Hussein
<b>Oryx</b>	Fatma Manji /Soheil Gard	Zuheaira Suleimani /Mahmood Zadjali

House	Primary	Secondary
<b>Hawk</b>	Miss Nadia	Mr Dominic
<b>Dolphin</b>	Mr Sean	Miss Yvonne
<b>Scorpion</b>	Miss Semantha	Miss Claudia
<b>Oryx</b>	Miss Karima C	Mr Ismail

The first set of House points totals are due to be released for October. These will be displayed on the three house notice boards that are situated around the school. They will also be displayed in the next edition of this bulletin.

Watch this space!

**Russell Croft:** [russellc@sultansschool.org](mailto:russellc@sultansschool.org)

#### A message from the Director of Boarding and Pastoral Services

##### Drive Safely at The Sultan's School

The Health and Safety of our students is our first priority at The Sultan's School and this term we are continuing our 'Drive Safe' campaign. School policy now requires that all school transport is



fitted with seat belts and all students travelling in school buses are required to wear their seatbelts. Regular checks are carried out to educate students about this policy.

Monday 26th October Year 13 students welcomed Sultan's School Alumnus Mr. Ahmed Al Harthy, Formula Renault Rally Driver. Mr. Al Harthy handed out 'car safety' leaflets to students and their parents as they arrived at school. Please support our 'Drive for safety' by encouraging your children to wear their seatbelts.

**Mr. Andrew Taylor:** [andrewt@sultansschool.org](mailto:andrewt@sultansschool.org)

#### A Reminder from the Admissions Office

Dear Parents,

Please be aware that applications are already flooding in for Academic Year 2010-2011. If you have other children of your own whom you would like to enrol, or perhaps relatives and friends who are interested, please email or visit to request an application form.

Application forms are available from Ms Layla Darwish, Registrar, or if you wish to have an electronic version please email me at [admissions@sultansschool.org](mailto:admissions@sultansschool.org).

**Ms. Gillian Horsley:** [admissions@sultansschool.org](mailto:admissions@sultansschool.org)

#### Student Voice at The Sultan's School

This academic year The Sultan's School is developing the Student Body Organization to ensure that students play a very prominent



role in the development of their school; this should give the students a platform to bring about positive change and foster open communication between students and teachers. The Year 13's are leading the Student Body with Head Boy & Head Girl, Senior Prefect and Prefects.

All candidates for the positions had to submit a letter of application and be interviewed by a panel of teaching and non teaching staff. This proved to be a great success, as students were given the opportunity to write personal statements, conduct themselves in a professional manner at interview and voice how they would improve their school for all stakeholders.

The Successful candidates are as follows:

### Head Boy

Said Al Aufy

Head Boy & Head Girl will be working 3 key areas this academic year: Assisting Maha the librarian to improve library resources for IB students, Writing proposals for dedicated space for IB students and getting a team of students together across the whole school to develop a proposal for a student newspaper.

### Head Girl

Marwa Fadhil



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### Senior Prefect

Ali Al Lawati

### Prefects

Fatma Najjar  
Adhra Yahyai  
Marsha Rashdi

Farah Al Ojaili  
Fatima Hussein  
Besan Abu Radwan

Sara Ferwati  
Ibrahim Wardi  
Alamjad Al Maawali



This year the prefects will play a prominent role in the primary school, by assisting primary teachers with break duties and going into classrooms once a week for peer mentoring. Prefects will also be working with the Careers and University advisor to further develop careers information to help students in course selection.

All students have made an excellent start, showing maturity and commitment to their new roles. Students have expressed how having a sense of responsibility and leadership motivates them to want become better role models both academically and personally.

### Coming soon...

Student Council

**Alumni Update:** Next meeting for all Alumni will be held at Al Khuwair on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm. All interested alumni

please contact Mr Marwan Chahhoud on 9943 2486 for further information.

### Charity News

Yet again, The Sultan's School' Charity Club has made an amazing start to the year! Without a moment's hesitation, members of the Charity Club took on the challenge of organizing The Sultan's School participation in the Walk for Cancer event. This walk was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009, and hundreds of Sultan's School students crowded the event! Brandishing The Sultan's School banner in hand, the students could have not been any more enthusiastic and motivated to show their support for fighting cancer.

The walk however was only one of the Sultan's School student's accomplishments. About two week before the cancer walk, members of the Charity Club sold Cancer awareness t-shirts for 2-rials each, and raised over six-hundred and fifty rails; all of which was donated to the National Association for Cancer Awareness.

This was significantly more than the money raised during last year's



Cancer Awareness month.

All in all, huge thanks goes out to the teachers who helped support the Charity Club, The Charity Club members themselves and last but without a doubt not least, the students themselves. Keep a look out for the next Charity event!

By Besan Abu Radwan

**Please find below the change in Traffic Flow to commence on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2009**

