

# AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 07

## Message from the Principal's Office

Monday 29 November 2021

Praise and thanks are due to Allah, the Lord of the universe. May Allah raise the rank of our Master and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and protect his nation from that which he fears for them.

There has been a steady increase over recent decades in our efforts to manage uncertainty. We do this by setting goals, planning, implementation, and measurement of outcomes. We encourage this in our staff and our students. Without planning and budgeting we would tend towards a state of chaos. However, while planning is good and proper, from the outset of 2021, our best made plans were challenged and hindered on a regular basis.

Thank you to our exemplary teaching staff and faithful parents whose dedication and commitment have been instrumental in developing all our students (intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally and most importantly Islamically) and ensuring they remain focused and inspired throughout their learning journey, especially in this year of COVID-19. Contemporary educational evidence indicates that outstanding teachers have a greater impact on lower to middle ability students. It is the broader cohort of students that benefits most from the influence of teachers and of the school. This is visible in more students achieving higher academical results than they normally would.

Student and staff wellbeing has always been a priority for the school during this period of uncertainty. In term three, teachers conducted several wellbeing initiatives each week to support our children who were isolated from their friends. Nothing can replace the interpersonal experiences of being at school and in classrooms. Unfortunately, we had no control over this.

The high standards set by Al Amanah College were reflected in our commitment to quality teaching. Teaching and learning success at the College was again proudly evident in our 2020 HSC results where the performance of our students showed significant growth and outstanding results. I am proud to acknowledge that despite the COVID-19 interruption and impact on the schools, our 2020 cohort showcased the best results in the school's history with many students achieving an ATAR above 90. We are extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.

Congratulations to the HSC Class of 2020 who have attained academic excellence in a challenging year. The entire cohort has worked with diligence and commitment, and we are extremely proud of their achievements. I continue to be encouraged by the steady improvement over the past decade that has seen all students work to their best across the entire range of the school's offerings. Well done! Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results; Bilal El Omari, Numeer Imtiaz, Adeeb Abdul Malik Thottasseri, Danna Rajab, Mariam Abdallah, Nada Khaled, Deema Jalloul, Tia Saad, Rhyanna Hussein, Abdullah Alobeidi, Abdullah Qadri Rajpoutbhatti, Yahya El Masri, Ahmad Walid Dabboussi and Mohamad Farhat.

Perseverance, resilience and dedication are just some of the words that describe this year's cohort and their amazing efforts. Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You have been a special group of students who held the school ethos and values high. Despite all the challenges you have faced this year due to the pandemic, you have proven to be a talented group of young men and women. You have shown perseverance and great dedication toward your education, and we are proud of your achievement.

One of the most important components of a school's success is having a healthy and supportive communication between families and the school. This positive relationship is one of the key factors that carries students to great accomplishments. I encourage all parents to give importance to this matter and continue to stay connected with the school.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to note that Al Amanah College continues to be in a very strong Islamic and educational position. We continue to have strong enrolments for 2022 and with the support of the School's executives, teaching and non-teaching staff, Al Amanah College Community will continue to flourish and grow.

May Allah protect our children, our families and our communities from any form of harm or illness. I wish all our parents, students and staff a time of happiness and relaxation and look forward to working with you all in 2022.

Regards,

Ayman Alwan

### Dates to Remember

#### THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

Year 7 - 9 Presentations:

Year 7: 8:45am

Year 8: 9:45am

Year 8: 10:45am

#### FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

Year 12 Graduation from 6pm - 8pm

#### MONDAY 6 DECEMBER

Year 6 Graduation from 9am - 11am

#### TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

Primary End of Year Presentations

Kindy and Year: 8:00am

Year 2 and 3: 9:30am

Year 4 and 5: 11:00am

Last Day of School

#### MONDAY 17 - TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022

School Office Open from 9am - 2pm

#### WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY

Public Holiday

#### THURSDAY 27 JANUARY

Pupil Free Day/Staff Development Day One

#### FRIDAY 28 JANUARY

Pupil Free Day/Staff Development Day Two

Year 7 and Year 11 Orientation Day:

Year 7 Orientation Session

9am - 10:30am

Year 11 Orientation Session

10:30am - 12pm

#### MONDAY 31 JANUARY

Term One Starts

Year 1 - Year 12 Student Day One

#### TUESDAY 1 - THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Kindergarten Orientation Days

From 10am - 1pm

#### MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Kindergarten Day One

## الأحاديث الأسبوعية Hadiths of the Week - Term Four

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
"نِعْمَتَانِ مَغْبُونٌ فِيهِمَا كَثِيرٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ **الصَّحَّةُ** وَالْفَرَاغُ" رواه البخاري

There are two great endowments which many people are not benefiting from wisely: **the good health** and the free time

T4 WK1

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
لَا تَحَاسَدُوا، وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا، وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا،  
وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا، الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ  
رواه مسلم

Which means:  
"Don't have enmity, envy or hatred among each other; rather be brothers and obedient slaves of Allah"

T4 WK2

قال رسول الله ﷺ:  
«إِنَّمَا بَعِثْتُ لَأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ» رواه البخاري

Which means:  
"I was sent to the people to reveal and exhibit all of the good manners and high ethics"

T4 WK3

Salām to You,  
O' Messenger of Allah,  
Please be open Her-

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
{ليس الشديد من غلب الناس  
ولكنَّ الشديد من غلب نفسه}  
رواه البخاري ومسلم

Which means:  
The strong one is not the one who can overpower people, rather the strong one is the one who can exercise self-restraint

(Related by Bukhariyy and Muslim)

T4 WK4

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
"الْمُؤْمِنُ مِرْآةٌ لِأَخِيهِ الْمُؤْمِنِ" رواه البخاري

Which means:  
The believer is like a mirror to his brother

T4 WK5

قال رسول الله ﷺ:  
أَكْرِمُوا الْخُبْزَ  
رواه الحاكم

Which means:  
Have regard for bread

T4 WK6

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
"مَا قَلَّ وَكَفَى خَيْرٌ مِمَّا كَثُرَ وَأَلْبَسِي" رواه العمري

What is less but sufficient is better than what is abundant but distractive

T4 WK7

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
"يَبْسُرُوا وَلَا تَعْسُرُوا  
بَشِّرُوا وَلَا تَنْفُرُوا"  
رواه مسلم

which means:  
Facilitate;  
don't make things difficult;  
give glad tidings and  
don't repel people

T4 WK8

## COVID-19 Major Clean-up - 30 October 2021

On 30 October, Al Amanah College resumed its extensive cleaning sessions of frequently high-touched surface areas in all parts of the school.

The school performed its first school major clean-up for term four which included the thorough and total disinfection of all frequently touched surfaces. This includes enhanced and regular daily cleaning of high-touch surfaces such as desks, desktop computers, chairs, doorknobs, doors, handrails, lockers, outdoor seats, play equipment and toilets, as well as the school's outdoor gym and Grand Hall in preparation of school events and exams.

The school is actively ensuring all staff members are practising social distancing if attending school grounds and maintaining regular personal hygiene practices through providing hand sanitisers in each classroom and antibacterial hand soap dispensers near all designated hand basins on a daily basis, as well as abiding by online teaching guidelines and lockdown restrictions.

The school will still maintain its daily disinfection routine and major clean-ups as needed, to ensure the adoption of all reasonably practicable measures as well as reduce the spread of viruses or germs at our campuses.



## COVID 19 Major Clean-up - 13 November 2021

On Saturday 13 November, Al Amanah College had its second regular extensive cleaning session in term four of frequently high-touched surface areas in all parts of the school.

This included the thorough and total disinfection of all frequently touched surfaces particularly as students resumed face to face teaching. In addition to the enhanced and regular daily cleaning of high-touch surfaces such as desks, desktop computers, chairs, doorknobs, doors, handrails, lockers, outdoor seats, play equipment and toilets, as well as the school's outdoor gym and Grand Hall particularly for school events and exams.

The school is actively ensuring all its staff members and students are practising social distancing if attending school grounds and maintaining regular personal hygiene practices through providing hand sanitisers in each classroom and antibacterial hand soap dispensers near all designated hand basins on a daily basis.

The school will still maintain its daily disinfection routine and major clean ups as needed, to ensure the adoption of all reasonably practicable measures as well as reduce the spread of viruses or germs at our campuses.



حضرة الأهالي الكرام  
نهنئكم بقدم شهر ربيع الأول شهر المولد النبوي  
الشريف.

شهر مبارك علينا وعليكم وعلى الأمة الإسلامية  
أعاده الله على الجميع بالخير واليمن والبركة.  
أسأل الله العظيم رب العرش العظيم أن يجمعنا مع  
حبيبنا محمد بالفردوس الأعلى بجاه الرسول صلى  
الله عليه وسلم وبمناسبة هذا الشهر الفضيل قام  
الطلاب بتلوين بعض الصور التي فيها شعار المولد  
لهذا العام 1443 للهجرة **سلامًا يا رسول الله**  
تعبيرًا وحبًا وفرحًا بولادة سيد المرسلين محمد  
صلى الله عليه وسلم وكل عام وأنتم بخير.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته



## Whole School Mawlid Celebration

On Friday 22 October, Al Amanah College organised a virtual Mawlid celebration via Microsoft Teams where students, staff members and parents joined together to commemorate the great occasion of the birth of the best of all creations, our master Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings upon him). The Mawlid is a blissful event during which Muslims gather to thank Allah for sending Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings upon him).

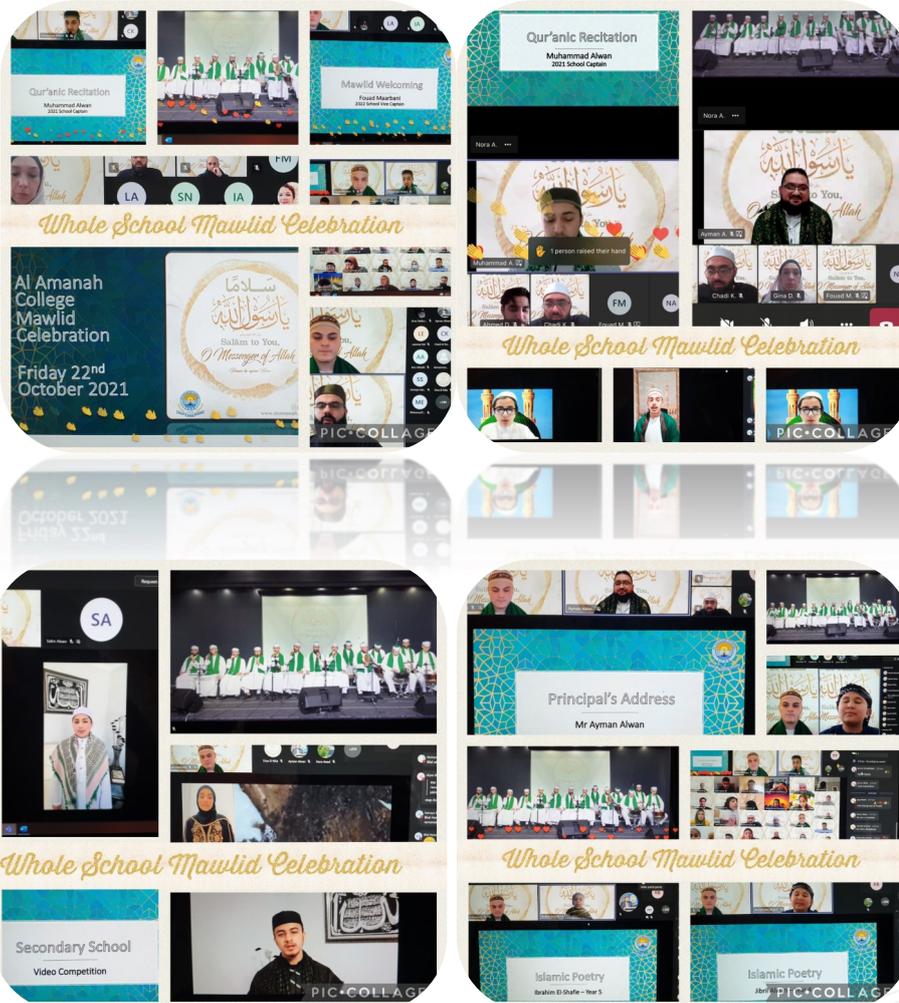
During this blessed month, Al Amanah College teaches students about the honourable life of the Prophet and his attributes. Although we could not gather in person to do this due to the challenges of the pandemic, we still gathered online to enjoy a virtual Mawlid celebration.

The celebration was hosted by school Vice Captain Fouad Maarbani who did an amazing job in hosting his first online event. 2021 School Captain Muhammad Alwan opened the ceremony with a beautiful Qur'anic recitation. The college Principal, Mr Alwan, then addressed students, family and staff members and encouraged them all to celebrate with pride and unity. He also congratulated the school community on this great occasion. Shaykh Samer Al-Shafie delivered an inspiring religion lesson about the celebration of Prophet Muhammad 's birth (peace be upon him) as a good innovation in our beloved religion Islam.

The Mawlid celebration was followed by heart warming Islamic poetry recited by primary students Ibrahim Al-Shafie, Lammar Eid and Jibril Alwan followed by beautiful chants performed by the ICPA youth chanting band. This year, we also presented the videos in the secondary school video competition, whereby students submitted their own religion lessons. May Allah reward all the participants for their efforts.

Despite the challenges of 2021, we were all able to celebrate this joyous occasion with pride and showed our love for our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

We would like to wish all the students and families of Al Amanah College a Mawlid Mubarak.



مع دخول شهر ربيع الأول، شهر المولد الشريف، تتقدم كلية الأمانة من جميع الأهالي الأعزاء بأحر التهاني بهذه المناسبة العطرة الكريمة سائلين الله عز وجل أن يعيدها عليكم بالخير واليمن والبركة.

وحباً برسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم وحرصاً منا على تعليم أولادنا حب المناسبات الدينية، أقامت كلية الأمانة عدة نشاطات خلال هذا الشهر المبارك منها تحفيظ نسب الرسول الكريم كما أقامت احتفالاً بمناسبة ولادة أفضل خلق الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، حضره طلابنا الاعزاء وعدد من المعلمين الأفاضل والأهالي الكرام من خلال برنامج Teams، تخلله سرد لقصة المولد وشرح للمواقف التي حدثت يوم ولادته، بالإضافة إلى مشاركة طلاب فريق المديح للإنشاد والقاء بعض القصائد في مدح الرسول محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم مما ادخل السفرح والسرور إلى قلوب الجميع أعاد الله هذه المناسبة علينا وعلى المسلمين بالخير واليمن والبركة. وكل عام وأنتم بخير.

## إحتفال تلاميذ صفوف التمهيدي والأول بالمولد النبوي الشريف



## Welcome Back to school

On 25 October, Al Amanah college welcomed back its Year Two to Year Twelve students after thirteen weeks of online learning. Our College Principal Mr Ayman Alwan, along with other executives and teachers greeted and welcomed parents and students, at the Nagle Street and Speed Street gates. Parents and students were served sweets in commemoration of the Mawlid and the return back to face to face teaching.

We wish all teachers and students an enjoyable term four.



## Year Four Experiment - Water Erosion

This week, Year Four students conducted a hands-on experiment to experience how features of the landscapes change over time. The aim of the experiment was to investigate the effect of water erosion on the landscape through the use of a simple model, which consisted of sand, small rocks, and water. Students enthusiastically observed how the water flowed downwards, causing changes to the landscape.

Post-investigation, students evaluated the results and explained the effect of slope, rocks and volume of water on the amount of erosion.

Students were in absolute awe as they visualised erosion first-hand. Their fascination stimulated further discussion on how we can slow down the process of erosion in the future. Impressive strategies were shared!

Mrs Basir, Miss Haidar and Mrs Khalil  
Year Four Teachers



## Year Twelve Farewell Whole School Assembly

On 16 September, Al Amanah held a Year Twelve farewell whole school assembly online to congratulate Year Twelve on the completion of the HSC studies at school and to welcome the Year Twelve 2022, School Captains and SRC Members. The secondary school Co-ordinator, Mrs Dabboussi, started the assembly and welcomed 2021 School Captain, Muhammad Alwan, to deliver a beautiful Quran recitation. College Principal, Mr Alwan, delivered the principal's address and gave words of encouragement about the school's achievements during this difficult lockdown period. He expressed gratitude and congratulated the teachers, staff members, students and families on their perseverance and co-operation during this hard time. Our success throughout this term has further shown that is our sense of unity and togetherness allowed us to overcome obstacles.

Mrs Dabboussi then introduced the 2022 School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC members. Congratulations to the following students:

<p><b>School Captains:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khadija Abdallah</li> <li>• Marwan Bajouri</li> </ul>	★	<p><b>School Vice Captains:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amira Nabilssi</li> <li>• Fouad Maarbani</li> </ul>	★	<p><b>SRC members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Hakouz</li> <li>• Fawzi Abu Swireh</li> </ul>
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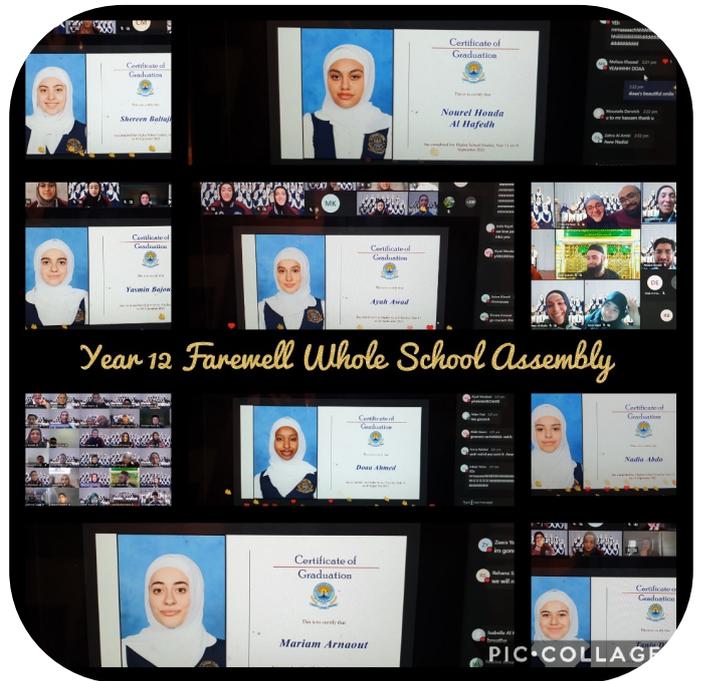
The assembly was concluded by the Year Twelve 2021 graduates receiving their certificates of graduation, and exchanging heart-warming goodbye messages thanking their teachers and peers. Secondary teachers also expressed bittersweet goodbyes wishing the students the best of luck and leaving the students with words of encouragement and appreciation.

We look forward to the easing of restrictions in future so that we can hopefully celebrate the Year Twelve 2021 graduation ceremony officially and in person. Al Amanah College wishes all the students good luck and success in their HSC examinations.

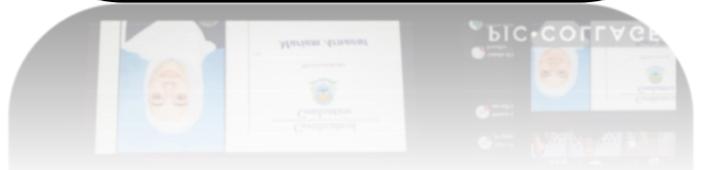




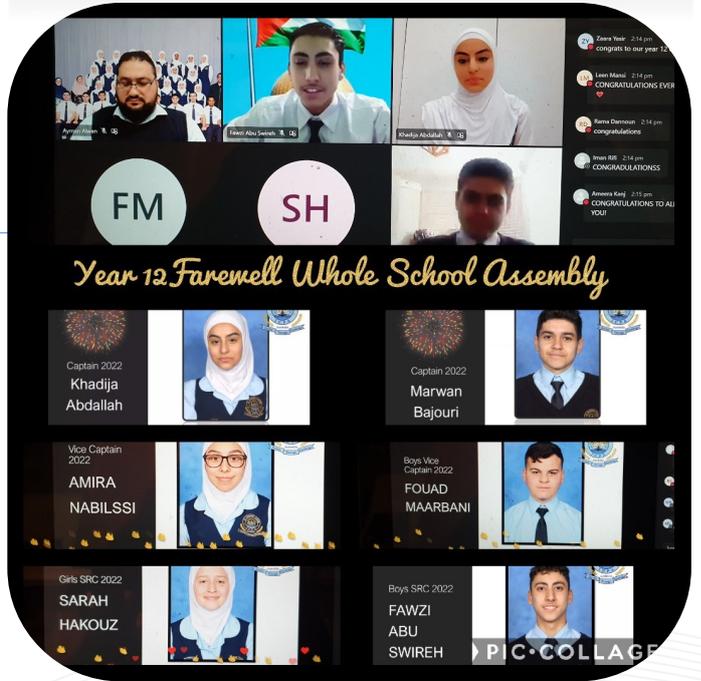
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## Secondary School Assembly (Boys and Girls) - Term Four Week One

On 7 and 8 October Al Amanah College held the first secondary assembly, for the secondary boys and girls, to welcome students back after their holiday break. The Principal, Mr Alwan, opened the assembly by welcoming the students back through wishing them all a successful term and thanked them for their perseverance and success during online teaching and learning.

Sheikh Amr Alshelh delivered a short and insightful religion lesson to the girls reminding students of the importance of fulfilling our obligations for our beloved religion Islam. Sheikh Samer Alshafie also delivered a lesson to the boys, which inspired us to be reminded to be consistent in fulfilling our obligations and good deeds. Sheikh Chadi Al-Kasem then spoke about the religion competition and encouraged students to enter. The students were required to submit a video of themselves giving a short religion lesson. Students were shown a video example by Sheikh Amr Alshelh and two students, Nour Al Kasem and Omar Alwan, who did an excellent job. May Allah reward them.

We would like to encourage all students to participate in the competition and put the intention for the sake of Allah to gain rewards. We wish all the competition participants the best of luck, May Allah reward them for their efforts.



## Year Eleven Presentation Assembly 2021

On 13 October secondary Al Amanah students and teachers attended an online awards ceremony to mark the end Year Eleven studies and most importantly to welcome the challenging year ahead for the 2022 cohort. The assembly was opened by a beautiful Quranic recitation from Taha El-Saj, and then followed by the principal's address from College Principal, Mr Alwan, who congratulated the students for their exceptional efforts during this difficult time. Sheikh Chadi Al-Kasem then gave an insightful religion lesson about the importance of forgiveness in our beloved religion Islam. Secondary school co-ordinator, Mrs Dabboussi, then introduce the students to achieve their awards and portfolios.

Congratulations to all the students as they have done exceptionally well this year and are demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities through many programs being offered to them by the school, namely the School's Mentoring and Leadership Program has seen students grow immensely over the year.

Congratulations to the following students on their Special Achievement Awards

### Most Outstanding Student

Fawzi Abu Swireh

### Principal Awards

Khadija Abdallah  
Marwan Bajouri

### Achievement Awards

Shorooq Khashashneh  
Rayhan Shah  
Kamal Hassan

### Consistent Effort Awards

Fouad Maarbani  
Hisham Kabbout

### Senior Mentoring Awards

Sarah Hakouz  
Nour Kabbout  
Shorooq Khashashneh  
Sania Zaman  
Fawzi Abu Swireh  
Marwan Bajouri  
Fouad Maarbani  
Iyman Zeinelabdein  
Kamal Hassan

### Sports Awards

Age Champion: Adnan Tebbo

Sports Person of The Year: Mohamed Chamma

### SRC Awards 2021

SRC Members: Taha El Saj and Javairya Rajpoutbhatti

Vice Captains: Marwan Bajouri and Amira Nabilssi

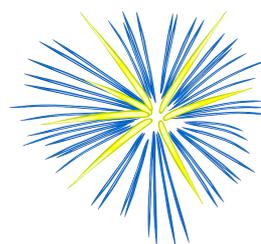
Class Captains: Fawzi Abu Swireh and Nisrine Arnaout

Congratulations to the SRC members for 2022:

SRC Members: Fawzi Abu Swireh and Sarah Hakouz

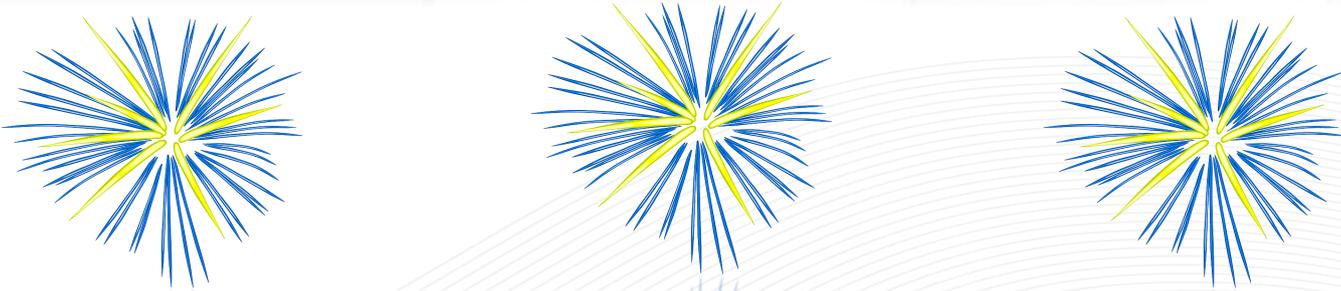
Vice Captains: Fouad Maarbani and Amira Nabilssi

School Captains: Marwan Bajouri and Khadija Abdallah



We wish to congratulate all the 2021 Year Eleven cohort for their completion of Year Eleven and wish them all the very best in their upcoming HSC studies.

## Year Eleven Presentation Assembly 2021

## Secondary Assembly - Term Four Week Two

In week two the secondary school assembly focused on the Literacy Week Competition. The competition's theme was 'vlog it' to suit the online learning period, and gave the students an opportunity to showcase their skills with technology. All the entries we received were excellent and showed wonderful editing skills and various styles from personal to emotional documenting the online journey for students.

Congratulations to all the participants on their creativity and courage and a big congratulations to the runners up and grand prize winners.

The runners up received a 'vlogging starter kit'. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Iman Rifi (7G)
- Janah Sahyouni (7G)
- Muosa El Bandar (7B)

The winners of the grand prize received the 'ultimate vlog kit'. Congratulations to the following winners for their outstanding efforts:

- Zaara Yasir (7G)
- Mousa Arnaout (9B)
- Shayma Abdul Al (11G)
- Halima El-Zahab (12G)

*Thankyou* to all the participants for their efforts, we look forward to seeing more entries in future.



## Literacy Week Competition Winners

The literacy week winners received their prizes this week as we settled back into school. The English department commended them on their submissions during the lockdown - the videos they produced were original and engaging! The winners of the major prize were:

- Zaara Yasir - Year Seven
- Mousa Arnaout - Year Nine
- Shayma Abdul-AI - Year Eleven
- Halima El-Zahab - Year Twelve

They all went home with an Ultimate Vlogging Kit to help them put together professional videos for their projects.

The runners up were:

Iman Rifi, Janah Sahyouni and Muosa El Bandar from Year Seven.

They all took home a Vlogging Starter Kit which will kick start their Vlogging journey.

Congratulations to all the winners, we are so proud of you all and look forward to another literacy week competition.



## Year Twelve Mentoring Programme

Following the end of lockdown, and return back to school, Al Amanah resumed the mentoring programme in roll call in preparation for upcoming assessment tasks and the yearly exams. Both the mentors and junior students were excited to return to face to face after the lockdown period and engage in lessons within the classroom. The Year Twelve mentors guided the junior students in roll call sessions and gave advice regarding motivation, study tips and the road to success.

With the guidance of the Year Twelve mentors, junior students have been working on developing study timetables, and essential study and social skills which can be used during and after schooling. The mentors will continue to assist in these sessions by introducing and working through strategies taught by the secondary school co-ordinator, Mrs Dabboussi in their mentoring training sessions. Year Twelve are working towards helping the junior students manage daily homework tasks, formal assessments and the upcoming yearly exams, as well as handling the mental stress associated with high school study.

Overall, the Year Twelve cohort has made a positive impact on the junior students and will continue to mentor the students for the remainder of the year.



## Year Ten Graduation Assembly

On Thursday 18 November, Al Amanah College held an online virtual graduation assembly for the 2021 Year Ten cohort. This year, the Year Ten cohort have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence, resilience and persistence during the challenging lockdown period.

The Year Ten graduation assembly officially began with the Year 10M1 Year Advisor, Miss Al-Amiri, who opened the assembly with a touching heartfelt message to the Year Ten cohort. This was then followed with a beautiful recitation from the Holy Qur'an by the talented Omar Alwan. This was preceded with the Principal address, Mr Alwan, who congratulated the students on completing their Year Ten studies, and persevering during the online learning period. He concluded with a reminder to remain diligent for the next two years in their future academic studies and to always remain a part of the school community no matter which pathway they take for their future plans. The school's Imam, Shaykh Alshelh, then delivered an insightful religious lesson reminding us all about the importance of remaining steadfast in our beloved religion Islam. This was then followed by an Arabic speech by the gifted Hadi Tabbara as well as final Year Ten speech by the talented Maysa Ibrahim, who reflected on the memorable moments that signified the cohorts experience at Al Amanah, as well as the values instilled within them from their teachers.

The secondary school co-ordinator, Mrs Dabboussi, then presented the special achievement awards, as well as the graduation certificates to the Year Ten students.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

### South West Connect Award:

Aliah Hassan

### ADF - Future Innovators Award

Hadi Tabbara

### ADF - Long Tan Leadership and teamwork

Maysa Ibrahim

### Values Awards

10M1 - Samira Eid

10M2 - Reyan Baig



### SRC Awards

SRC members - Samira Eid and Hussein Hag Obeid

Vice Captains - Omar Alwan and Ziyad Muhammad

Class Captains - Maysa Ibrahim and Dora Rajab

### Consistent Effort Awards

Maysa Ibrahim

Amani Ibrahim

Mohamad Abdo

Avan Rawanduz

Mustapha Babti

### Achievement Awards

Yousef Hakouz

Rabia Imtiaz

Reyan Baig

Ziyad Mohammed

Dora Rajab



### Principal Awards

Omar Alwan

Ahmad Mansi

Kawthar Aldhalimi

### Most Outstanding Student of Year Ten

Hadi Tabbara

### Sports Awards

Omar Alwan

Aliah Hassan

### Age Champion

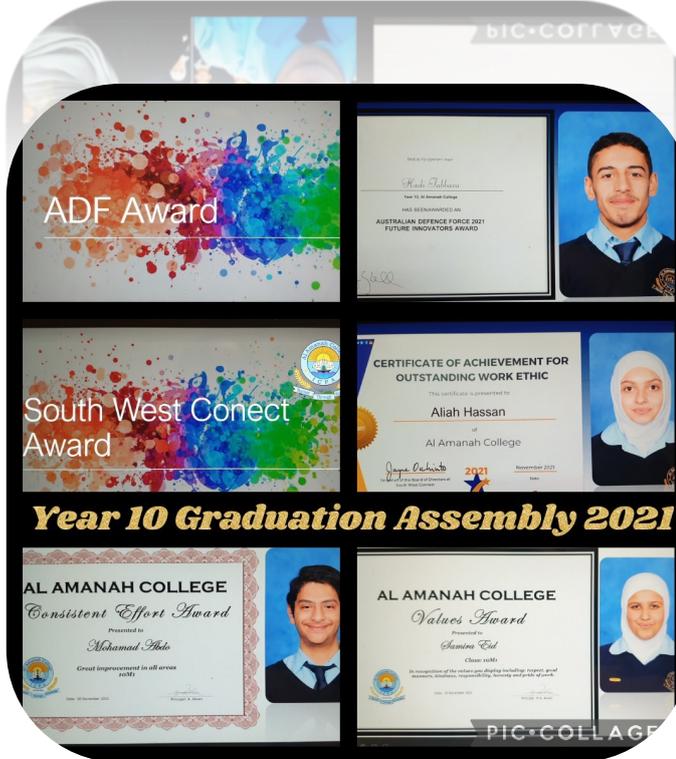
Gazi Awad

Reyan Baig

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the parents on their child's achievement and we would like to sincerely thank them for all their support over the years. We wish our students all the best and success in their future endeavours. On behalf of Al Amanah College, we are immeasurably proud of each student's academic performance and contribution to the school and wider community.

Congratulations to all the Year Ten award recipients and graduates.

## Year Ten Graduation Assembly



## The Orbispace Initiative 2021

The Orbispace Initiative is an organisation which looks to empower young women to become successful women in the future of STEM. They focus on teaching young women different skills they can take and use in the future such as communication skills, confidence, and the ability to begin a successful business. This organisation allows young women to know that they have a voice and their voice matters. The Orbispace Initiative is helping to prepare the next generation full of female innovators. Over this semester, we worked on STEM hands on activities, as well as many soft skills which we will be able to use in our future careers.

In this initiative, we contributed to a Female Leadership Forum in which we met female entrepreneurs and mentors from Australia and America, we also had the chance to ask them questions. It was a great opportunity to learn from leaders of STEM and learn more about what they do. We also worked towards a pitch to show a solution to the problem of deforestation in West Papua and the plight of the Birds of Paradise. By entering the 'Pitch for the Planet' competition and presenting our pitch, we have enhanced our communication and presentation skills; we learnt new skills which we never thought we would have. It was very enjoyable and interesting, they also taught us different things such as breathing and relaxation techniques.

We enjoyed hearing different ideas from other competitors and that we spoke to other female innovators, and we got to interact with other people our age. We also liked how we got to spend time with my friends and my mentor (Mrs Slater) and learning more about STEM. We enjoyed this journey we wish to repeat something similar like this again; if given the opportunity to do this once again we would do it.

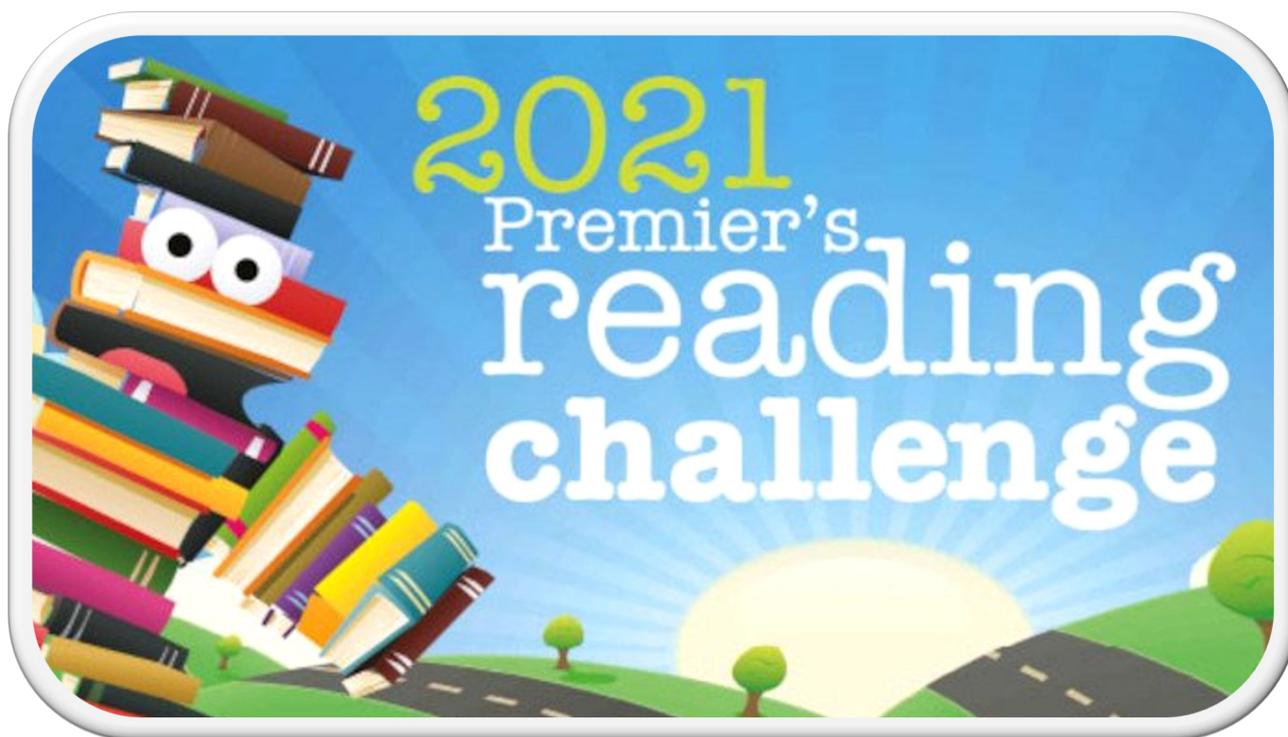
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Secondary Students



## Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

This year, students were not able to borrow their PRC books in term three. Despite these challenges, sixty three students managed to successfully complete the Challenge including five students receiving gold certificates. This time, we have the first student who received a platinum certificate and completed her PRC Challenge seven years consecutively. Well done to Zara Moksasi from 6A! Also, we have four secondary students who completed the first PRC 7 - 9 for our school this year.

Grade	Student	Award received
Year 3E	Enas Aweek	Gold certificate
Year 3S	Jacob Obeid	Gold certificate
Year 5A	Huda Khan	Gold certificate
Year 5A	Jada Obeid	Gold certificate
Year 6A	Zona Hasan	Gold certificate
Year 6A	Zara Moksasi	Platinum certificate



## Backyard Tips for Parents

Children love to play and the backyard, courtyard or local park are great places to learn, explore, make up games and have fun. Backyard games can be inventive and encourage sustained concentration and application by kids.

Backyard games do not have to be complicated or expensive - a bit of chalk, a ball or a skipping rope can all get a game underway. Playing in the backyard also allows children to be noisy and messy, physically challenge themselves and move in ways that are not possible indoors.

Encouraging your kids to play is an important way you can support their health, coordination, self confidence and happiness.

### Try these popular games

- Hide and seek
- Skipping
- Hopscotch
- Throwing and catching games, like knocking down a target
- Chasing games, like tag and stuck in the mud
- Racquet games against a wall
- French cricket or backyard cricket
- Running and jumping



### Tips for backyard games

- Check your backyard, courtyard or park and remove or block off unsafe areas
- Let your children explore and make up their own activities and rules - try not to interfere
- It is more fun if your child has a 'friend or two' (or you) to play with
- Focus on what your child can do, not what they can not
- Make active play fun and positive
- Be patient and provide plenty of time for your children to practise movements
- Be active with your children - have fun and be a role model

### Staying safe

- Slip, Slop Slap, Seek, Slide - make sure your child wears sunscreen, sun glasses, clothing and a hat to protect him/her from the sun. Play in the shade when you can.
- Being active means children will need extra fluids, especially if it is hot and humid. Make sure they have regular drinks of water while they are playing.

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