

To: Year 9 Parents,

**RE: CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Our Academy Core Priorities** 1st Safeguarding, 2nd Teaching and Learning

**Our Key Tarbeeya Theme** - Character Lives In My Behaviour (**CLIMB**), A Culture of Respect and developing Self Esteem.

**Our Key Current Target** - Developing Globally Competent Learners

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to the Curriculum newsletter outlining what your child will be studying this week at Al Jazeera Academy. We also include in this letter each week some important reminders along with an update on some of the key Secondary School issues in learning and some of the achievements of our young people.

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you just how important it is for your child to be a regular attender of school and be in school on time. Just two weeks missed of school is the equivalent of a 90% attendance rate which could affect your child's progress this year. With mid semesters looming I would urge you to highlight the importance of attending school with your child/children.

Please note that all assessment reports this year will be delivered through the parent app and no school reports will be printed. Please come into school and seek advice on how to download and set this up. The reception staff will be happy to assist you.

Finally, please ensure your child/children come to school in the correct uniform and they come to school properly equipped and eager to learn. No thobes or jogging style trousers are acceptable for the boys. We have a strict policy on uniform this year which may result in your child being sent home. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Subject	<b>Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning about the Gradient of a straight line as well as plotting straight-line graphs.</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to:  <a href="https://app.myimaths.com/myportal/library/15/150/1578">https://app.myimaths.com/myportal/library/15/150/1578</a></p>
<b>English</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning how news articles often use a subject-verb construction to convey information clearly and simply. They will also learn how to use subordinate clauses to link information in a news article.</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to write an article based on an incident where animals that escaped from a zoo were found miles away in a safe place.</p>
<b>Biology</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning <u>9Ba: Plant growth</u></p> <p>They will describe ways in which respiration can be detected (limewater, hydrogen carbonate indicator, heat).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model aerobic respiration using a word equation.</li> <li>• Describe what happens in photosynthesis.</li> <li>• Explain the functions of light and chlorophyll in photosynthesis (in terms of energy transfer).</li> <li>• Model photosynthesis using a word equation.</li> <li>• Recall the factors that affect the rate of photosynthesis.</li> </ul> <p>Home Learning this week will be to complete the activity in Year 9 Exploring Science textbook – Page 22-23 Q's 1-11 (Full sentences)</p>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning about <u>Groups and properties</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State what elements in the same group of the periodic table share.</li> <li>2. Identify the alkali metals, halogens, (transition metals) and noble gases in the periodic table.</li> <li>3. Recall the typical properties of alkali metals, halogens and noble gases (chemically inert compared with other elements.)</li> </ol> <p>Home Learning this week will be to complete the Assessed project - report on trends in groups and periods.</p>
<b>Physics</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning <u>9Jd Resistance</u></p> <p>Students can describe some factors that affect resistance and use the formula relating voltage, current and resistance correctly, students should know how to rearrange formula triangle and understand how to present figures using decimal places and significant figures.</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to plan an investigation into how the resistance of a wire changes with length or thickness.</p>

<b>ICT</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning about the features of digital devices which includes: portability, performance, storage, user interface, connectivity etc.</p> <p>Home Learning: Identify the features of digital devices in different appliances at home.</p>
<b>History</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning why the Great War started. Long Term Reasons</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to organise the causes according to importance</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning how plate tectonics were formed; describing and locating the different plate boundaries</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to complete project tectonics</p>
<b>Qatar History for Foreigners</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning about the events that led to Qatar's independence.</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to do activities from the text</p>
<b>Islamic Studies for Foreigners</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning why praying together in congregation is better than praying alone</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning:</p> <p>Techniques drawing and measuring perspective and the works of Vincent Van Gogh</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to draw in perspective</p>
<b>Arabic</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning:</p> <p>لألف اللبنة في الأفعال صفحة 53 : -55 دارنا الدمشقية صفحة 67 : 74</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to</p> <p>إجابة أسئلة الكتاب المدرسي صفحة 71</p>
<b>Islamic</b>	<p>This week your child will be learning:</p> <p>درس: الشّرك ومظاهره/ صفحة 55 - 63</p> <p>Home Learning this week will be to</p> <p>إجابة أسئلة الكتاب رقم 1,2</p>

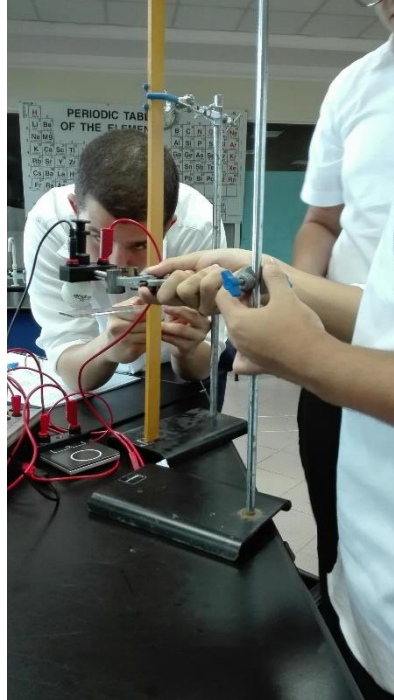
<p><b>Qatar History</b></p>	<p>This week your child will be learning: استقلال دولة قطر Home Learning this week will be to Teams إجابة ورقة العمل من</p>
<p><b>Holy Quran</b></p>	<p>This week your child will be learning: سورة الأحقاف / الآيات من 15 : 17 Home Learning this week will be to سورة الأحقاف / الآيات من 15 : 17</p>

### 1. Some Key Reminders

- **Students must bring their tablets to all lessons.** Please ensure that your child has their tablet with them fully charged at all times.
- **Mobile phones are not allowed to be used by pupils in school at any time.** If pupils bring them they must be handed in at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones will be confiscated if pupils are caught with them.
- **Full School Uniform must be worn at all times.** Thobes and jogging trousers are not allowed. Abayas can be worn but over the full school uniform. Please note that you will be contacted should your child arrive in non school uniform.

## 2. School Events

### Physics AS Boys off to a flying start



The year 12 Boys studying Physics for AS Level have been carrying out experiments. This experiment was a practical to get a value for gravity

### Uniform Standards

With the drive to improve uniform we are really pleased to be seeing students coming into school looking so smart.

Please see the picture of our Year 9 boys modelling the school uniform expectations.



## Taalum University Fair

Year 12 students visited the Taalum Careers Fair held at Al Maha Girls school where they attended university stands and gathered information about future university courses and looked at future career opportunities.

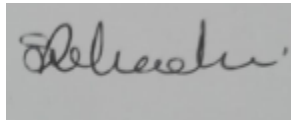
## Calendar of event this week:

**30<sup>th</sup> September**- Visit from Sugar and Spice for Year 10 and 11 Business Studies students

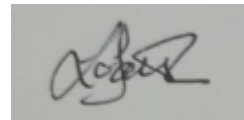
**3rd October** - year 12 students leading an assembly on the Pink October events for the month ahead.

We hope you have enjoyed our weekly letter and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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