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Speech of the Executive Director of Al Hail Branch

United Schools is a highly reputable school in the Sultanate of Oman. It has earned its reputation from its achievements. This was the result of deeply rooted culture which set the foundation for the constant pursuit of excellence and success. Part of the success was the outstanding results in the General Education Diploma and the International Programme known as the - IGCSE. Add to that, the fact that we obtained first positions in several external competitions at the level of private schools and nationally. For instance, the Qur'an competition is a vivid example of our prominent and continuous achievements.

In terms of development and improvement, we always strive to find out the latest educational initiatives that serve our education process, and the models that improve teaching and learning. Through these practices the school has developed professional learning communities that support and develop the outcomes for our students. We explore effective, and systematic ways to improve the performance in teaching and learning and work towards creating a school culture, whereby the school turns into a community - it doesn't become a closed environment - it grows as a community and learns from different local and global learning communities. It becomes exposed to multiple models of learning societies, and creates an environment for empowered leaders, teachers and learners within the school. As a community, students learn to communicate with their classmates and other learning communities, and exchange knowledge and experiences. The learning environment becomes an extended environment that has no borders to develop education.

Professional learning communities are a recent global trend. Educational communities seek the research development and encourage qualitative educational initiatives among its members, whether they are leaders, teachers, or students. Among these is the educational initiative that will be launched in January 2023. Tenth grade students will lead an awareness campaign aiming towards a society without electronic cigarettes. UPS students will be targeting a number of private schools and government schools students.

In February 2023, the Teacher Forum will be launching "The future Teacher" (in its second edition), which aims to enrich the outcome of the teaching methods.

The student conference will be launched in March 2023 The first is "Towards Promising Student Leadership," which seeks to develop students' research skills, as there will be among these initiatives - as a community learning - visits to a number of schools (outside and within the Sultanate) to benefit from experiences and learn about educational practices that



MS AMAL AL ABRI

contribute to creating a renewed learning environment in UPS.

In conclusion, you will find in the following pages some of their achievements in the first semester, and I implore God Almighty that the second semester will be a season full of even more achievements and educational forums that contribute to building a distinguished personality for our dear students.

Message from the Head of Primary

This Semester has seen the Primary school return fully to its routines and expectations. Our students have made the most of their opportunities, enjoying a range of enrichment activities that will stay with them for many years to come. The teachers have continued to prioritise the welfare and progress of the children, and I am sure you have thanked them for their care, nurturing and support of the children. This term we have had many off-site visits, with more planned for Semester 2. We will continue to look at opportunities that will support the growth, development and understanding of the children in the Primary school.

A special thank you to our newest and youngest students in KG. It has been a delight to see the speed with which they have acclimatized to our learning expectations. A big thank you to the Foundation stage teachers for all of the hard work and extra care they are providing to support our KG children. The confidence with which they engage with me is a testament to their growth, security and happiness in our school. All of our students in Primary have also made the transition – begun last year for most – to the return to normality. They have applied themselves and are making concerted efforts to reach their targets – and exceed them I hope! They are maturing into honest, respectful and (above all) happy members of our community. My thanks to all the parents who have also taken the time to share their thoughts and suggestions with me. We always appreciate that, at UPS, Parents and faculty are a team with one goal in mind – the development and progression of the students. Without your valuable input, the teachers would not be able to support the students as well as they have been with their learning and personal development.

We hope you all enjoy a happy and productive break and look forward to seeing our students again in the New Year for Semester 2..



MR. GRANT BEST

Message from the Head of Secondary

As stated in our monthly Newsletter, which I hope you have had time to read, we had a very positive start of the academic year back in August. The hard work and effort by both students and staff in improving the education provision here at UPS is apparent. The results of the continuous assessments and the short tests acknowledge the improved outcomes to students in terms of the progress made so far. Moreover, the A level students have been making an outstanding progress, in the recently introduced programme. Well done to Mr. Hamza and the TAG team for leading teachers and students to this success!

On the pastoral side, we are happy to see the school council forming its body of elected students and starting to air the students' voice. More will be said about the rational, roles and responsibilities of the school council in a separate article. There is of course still a lot to be done; continuing to ensure the involvement of students in all aspects of the school life and ensure our students experience a rich and diverse education.

It would not be a Newsletter without the mention of attendance and punctuality. We have made good progress in improving attendance, this term, however, we have to improve punctuality in the same way.

This term we have a record breaking number of internal and external activities, including the Times of Oman Quiz, the Model United Nation conference and several trips. The highlight of the activities was - with no doubt - the National Day celebration. Parents who attended the celebration continue to comment on the impressive politeness of our pupils, their smart dress and amazing contributions of various classes that clearly demonstrated the Love of Oman and its tradition.

Over the past few weeks, we have been focusing a lot on teaching and learning and what constitutes great teaching and learning habits.

These great habits ties into our Behaviour Policy which we have updated and communicated to staff and students right from the start of this academic year.

It has been a pleasure to lead the secondary section of Al Hail branch and I sincerely hope that the end of term 1 break treats you and your family well.



MS. KALTHOUM KHALLADI

Finally, please note the school will continue to keep you informed of what we are doing so that none of what takes place here should be a surprise. Please continue to check the usual places: website, Instagram/Twitter, Campuslive, Google Classroom. Have a pleasant holiday.

ARTICALS

THE HOUSE SYSTEM



The House system is designed to create a natural mentoring environment, whereby senior students take places of leadership and get to know the junior students in their Houses. Once the system is well established, traditions develop and then get passed on as seniors graduate and new leaders take over. Getting students to know one another over several years provides a stability of relationship and benefits those who take a while to connect with others.

A House system provides more formal and informal opportunities for leadership, as well as a space for healthy competition culture to develop. It gives the school a valuable structure for ensuring healthy competition and support in the lives of students. This enriches the experience of the community spirit at school.

Moreover, as a smaller locus point of community sustained over time, a House system gives the school a way to focus on growth in the Islamic virtues and the values it has adopted for our students. As a powerful pastoral tool, Houses are perfect places to instill, cultivate, and celebrate growth in virtue whereby students seek to live out compassion, courage and increase their wisdom, It allows for diversity and unity, that benefit the whole community.

Once Houses established, each student knows which house he/she belongs to, and experiences being a part of a group. The Houses become primarily places of relating together while participating in school activities such as, class discussions, games, challenges, and advising. Students engage with one another in structured and unstructured ways.

The school council has taken this project seriously since the beginning of this academic year. They conducted a survey to decide the names of the houses. After thorough consultation, the three houses taken the names of:

House 1: Omar Bin Alkhatab

House 2: Asmaa bit Abibakr

House 3: Khalid Bin Alwaleed

The next step is to design a logo and a flag for each House and create House Challenges that are activities focused on competition between the Houses for the annual House Cup. Students have already started collecting House Points via their merits cards. We look forward to seeing our three Houses thrive throughout the years.

Ms Kalthoum Khalladi

ARTICALS

IGCSE & A LEVEL RESULTS

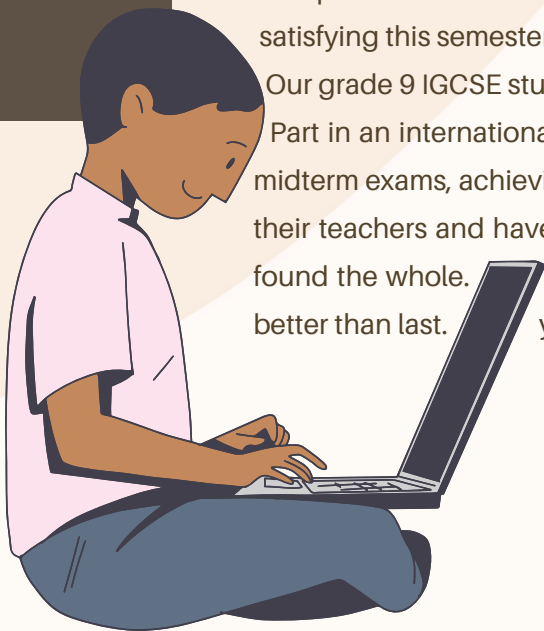
Our Cambridge learners have been very busy and active throughout this semester. Both A Level and IGCSE students have shown a high degree of dedication and enthusiasm towards their studies. The A Level cohort have been assigned two dedicated common rooms which provide a calm and welcoming space for them to work independently or collaboratively with their peers. We have also received a host of new science equipment and substances. This truly enhances their ability to comprehend the more abstract aspects of the course, by providing them with

valuable firsthand experience. We are pleased that they have already started planning for university life by gaining relevant work experience, putting together portfolios and working on their personal statements. Overall, their performance has been extremely satisfying this semester.

Our grade 9 IGCSE students have acclimatised really well with many currently taking.

Part in an international writing competition. Their grade 10 colleagues have just completed midterm exams, achieving highly encouraging results. They have received feedback from all of their teachers and have met with me on a one to one basis. Overall, they were optimistic and found the whole experience fruitful and beneficial – with many performing significantly better than last year. Their focus now shifts to the mock exams starting in mid-January.

MR. Hamza Plummer



We are delighted to announce that our Cambridge IGCSE students have yet again excelled, producing outstanding result of that are now on par with UK standards. this was in spite of the difficulties faced as a result of the pandemic, with them having to begin the course online and study remotely for most of the first year. Such results have inspired us introduce the Cambridge A Level programme into our school for grades 11 and 12. We currently have a number of high performing students who have opted for the A Level route and we wish them every success in their studies.

EVENTS



THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Believing in the electoral experience and its role in building the students' leadership personality, and involvement in the decision making; Student council elections were held at school.

A number of students from grades 3-12 were nominated, and it was completed by voting for and selecting the appropriate candidate by all students, administrative and teaching staff during the morning assembly, after which sorting was done and elections results were announcement.

THE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY

In commemoration of the birth of the Prophet, and believing in the importance of instilling the biography of God's beloved prophet in the hearts of students, the school celebrated the birth of the greatest of mankind with the participation of the honorable Sheikh Zaher Al Abdel Salem, Executive Vice President of the Association of Al-Istikamah Charity.



THE ELDERLY DAY

In conjunction with the International Day of the Elderly, which falls on the first of October every year, the school organised a celebration under the slogan, "they are the blessing of life". The student performed their colourful contributions in front of a number of grandmothers who attended - adding warmth to the place with their softness tranquility.

EVENTS



The Tree Day

The school celebrated the Omani Tree Day, due to the importance of the tree in every place as well as the extent of the Omanis' attachment to it since ancient times. The celebration took place during the morning assembly and presented a program that included theatrical performances and artistic participation, in addition to inaugurating the Green Schools initiative.



The Omani Women's Day

Under the slogan (Women are partners in development), the school celebrated Omani women in line with its annual day, which falls on the seventeenth of October every year. The celebration came to highlight the role of Omani women through a group of activities that reflected the community partnership and the role it plays in various fields of life.

The Youth Day

"Young people are the wealth of the nation." With a firm and unwavering belief in their vital role in continuing the construction process for Oman's continuous renaissance. The Youth Day celebration was held for all Omanis in honor of all those who have the ambition and desire to build this benevolent country. The celebration included writings presented by a group of our students, highlighting the talents and creativity of the students in the school.

Oman National Day

"A country of light"

Under the slogan (A Nation of Light), the school celebrated the 52nd National Day. The celebration included many student performances that exhibited the deep, thought-provoking understanding of the concept of citizenship; and emphasizing the cultural heritage of Oman with all its achievements and uniqueness. We are blessed with its goodness today in all walks of life.

The celebration also included a number of key performances that were varied in content, including:

- Folk Art Corner
- Maritime Heritage Corner
- Fine Arts Corner
- Science Corner
- Omani Women's Art Corner



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

School sports have an integral place and role in education. It's one of the most important activities that students engage in and still enjoys a great place in their hearts. It is also a fundamental factor in the formation of the integrated personality of students.

The following are the most prominent sports activities in which students participated inside and outside the school



Participation in the soccer league for private and government schools



Activate the swimming and taekwondo program among the after-school activities



Participation of students and teaching staff in Muscat Marathon (Al-Mouj)



Participation of the school team in the finals of the private and public schools championship
Basketball



Participation in the finals of the private and government schools athletics championship



Football league for students of grades 8-12

SCHOOL TRIPS

Field trips and visits are of importance in developing learners because of their role in refining skills and promoting social responsibility. From this standpoint, the Activities Department is keen to organise many educational field trips and recreational trips in line with the needs of students and the desired outcomes.



The programme of excursions for this semester included excursions of a special nature, many with a STEM focus.

Most notably:

- Oman Science Festival
- Omani Dates Festival
- Oman National Museum
- Specialties Exhibition
- Sultan Qaboos university
- Fantasyo
- The planetary dome
- Traffic Safety Institute
- Knowledge World - Inc
- Oman Petroleum Development
- Edo Track Oman Exhibition



Awareness lectures and workshops

In terms of participating in the community and creating a partnership between the school and the wider community as part of developing productive and continuous partnerships with various governmental and private agencies, the Activities Department is keen in each semester to organise a variety of lectures and workshops. The most prominent ones that were implemented this semester are:

- A workshop on first aid and dealing with fires, in cooperation with the Civil Defense, targeting fourth grade students.
- Guidance and awareness raising lectures in cooperation with Sultan Qaboos University. It targeted twelfth grade students.



Student initiatives

Creativity, passion and entrepreneurial spirit are values that are instilled in the hearts of our students, so they soar in the sky of creativity and excellence. Our students this semester implemented a number of student initiatives, most notably:

- Participation in cybersecurity for children at the Oman Science Festival 2022.
- Student participation in the United Nations project at Al-Sultan School (TSSMUN).
- A charitable initiative to support Dar Al Hanan Cancer Society.
- Green Schools Initiative.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



THE VISION OF THE DEPARTMENT

BUILDING A STUDENT WHO IS WELL VERSED IN THEORETICAL MATERIAL AND ABLE TO APPLY IT IN PRACTICAL LABORATORIES. CONSOLIDATE THE FOUNDATIONS OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, AND COME UP WITH SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS BASED ON OBSERVATION AND DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE. PRESERVING THE ARAB IDENTITY AND OMANI HERITAGE DURING THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

From the Department of Science in the United Private Schools, we address you as a family whose roots extend throughout the globe in this good country. It is with great pleasure and joy that I write to you on behalf of this very distinguished department with the academic and educational events it offers and the scientific explorations based on the foundations of scientific research and investigation.

Our mission

Is the symbiotic union of student, parent and faculty to ensure creative, collaborative and successful scientific learners.

The department offers a variety of curricula, starting with the Cambridge University Plans from Grade 1 to Grade 11, in addition to the Local Bilingual Program from Grade 9 to Grade 12.

The department has taken upon itself the absolute commitment to enhance both theoretical and practical science, as the teachers make a tremendous effort in conducting scientific experiments in order to maximise and enhance students' understanding. Practical science not only develops greater understanding of Theory - it enhances engagement and enjoyment of the subject.

The department also works tirelessly to establish a bond of high-quality teaching and learning, guiding the success and understanding of our UPS students.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

I HOPE THAT TOGETHER WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD GENERATIONS CAPABLE OF ASSUMING THEIR SCIENTIFIC, ACADEMIC AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE BUILDING OF THIS NOBLE ARAB COUNTRY.

MR. YAHYA JAMIL MAHARMEH

Department

Business Studies

Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise encourages learners to develop their understanding of the practical skills associated with the work environment and running of a small enterprise. Learners applied this knowledge in a practical and engaging way when running their own enterprise project, whilst enhancing their skills of investigation, analysis, interpretation, evaluation and practical problem-solving. Cambridge IGCSE Enterprise provides opportunities for learners to meet with and talk to a range of people involved in enterprise such as:

- People who have set up and run their own enterprise.
- People involved in supporting enterprises, e.g. financiers, local business and government organisations.

During enterprise week, students had a chance to run their business projects, that they had been developing since Grade 9. There were 4 groups in total. They have advertised and presented their products for sale for a whole week. They exhibited an incredible flair for business. All groups exceeded the break-even point and raised a healthy profit, that they donated to their chosen charities. We are very proud of each and every one of our students and hoping to see them among Omani entrepreneurs in future.

Ms. Fatima Betul



Department Kindergarten



The kindergarten stage is an important stage in educating children and preparing them to enter school. In it, the child learns some skills that will make him ready for his next educational journey later on, where the child communicates with others and learns new skills that he did not learn at home.

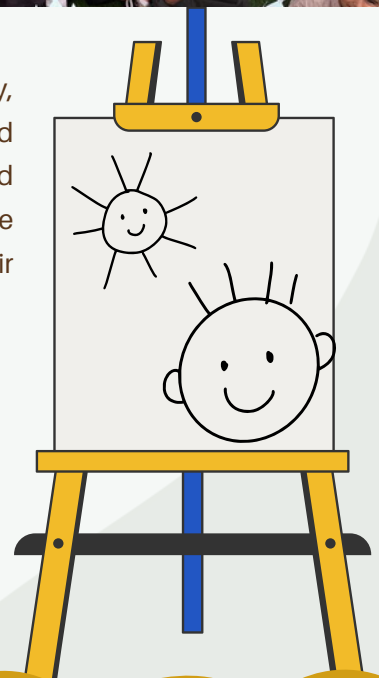
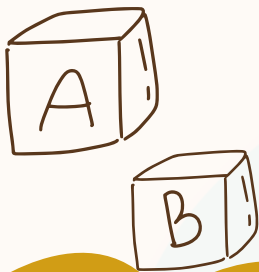


At this stage, the child continues their journey of exploration and thirst for knowledge. We realize that children, from the beginning of their awareness of the world around them, are in a constant state of exploration that depends on the senses. This passion continues for knowledge and learning about everything new. Therefore we, at the United Private Schools, aim to help children to continue their motor and cognitive development and to emphasize the child's ability to rely entirely on themselves to perform their daily requirements, as well as to provide the child:

with positive behaviours that focus on values and morals (such as respecting the elderly, helping the weak, respecting the feelings of others) Interaction with the people around them and take into account their feelings and respect their opinions, and other values and ethics. In order to achieve these goals, we have activated school activities that serve the educational goals of the educated units, develop the child's capabilities and enhance their self-confidence, which helps them to refine their leadership personalities.



Ms Habiba Al-Munjieh



UPS Graduates

"A future renewed with passion and knowledge"



Muhammad Khamis Al-Khalili

- ★ Graduate of United Private Schools Class 21,
- ★ Attained 98.1% in Higher Education Diploma and IGCSE.

He is a medical student at Sultan Qaboos University, and President of the innovation team in the Omani Research Network Ambassadors Project Scientific and educational, and a member of the innovation and Business leadership group at Sultan Qaboos University

Al-Warith Ibrahim Al-Hadhrami

- ★ Graduate of the United Private Schools Class of 2020.
- ★ He has been included in the Dean's List since fall 2021 until now.
- ★ Inducted into the university's honor roll in spring 2022.

Owner and Assistant Certified Horse Racing Trainer internationally.

A student majoring in political science at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science Sultan Qaboos university. He attended Sultan Qaboos University



Usama Khalfan Al Esry

- ★ Graduate of United Private Schools batch 2017.
- ★ He holds a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering from the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Class of 2022.
- ★ Founder and President of the Developed Students Club at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (2019/2020).
- ★ He entered the university's honor list for three consecutive years.

He is currently working at Daleel Petroleum Company as an Assistant Information Technology Specialist



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Amal Rashid Al-Ghaithi

- ★ Graduated from the first batch of the United Private Schools in 2015.
- ★ She holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources from the University of Auckland in the United States

She is currently working in Human Resources at Towers Helios

Mohammed Hamoud Al Khaifi

- ★ Graduate of the United Private Schools, third batch of 2017
- ★ Bachelor's degree from the Modern College in Commercial Law, with a very good GPA

Master's student majoring in International and European Governance at the University of Geneva in Switzerland.



Mohammed Khaled Al-Sabahi

- ★ Graduate of the United Private Schools Class of 2019.
- ★ Scholarship in the United States of America

Finance at University State Iowa, A third-year student and part-time employee as a financial analyst in the investment group at Iowa State University, which specialises in financial market investments, and a member of the financial group at the university.

EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE UNITED SCHOOLS



The teachers of the United Schools have an effective presence and distinction in most events, activities and workshops inside and outside the school thanks to the good supervision and the quality of the educational process. Our teachers have had a number of participations in workshops and conferences outside the school, perhaps the most prominent of which are:

- Forum of career guidance and entrepreneurship.
- Oman GESS conference for education solutions and supplies.
- Future teacher conference in Jordan.
- Al-Idrisi Forum.
- Exchange of foreign visits with the Department of Fine Arts.

ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR TWELFTH GRADE TEACHERS

Ms. Yamina gave a lesson on literary texts (Maqamat Literature) to the students The United Schools and some students of Al-Andalus Private School, in the presence of the Arab League supervisors and private school teachers, who praised the teacher's performance and her ability to speak highly of the subject and her eloquence.



Student talent

Proficiency and creativity



Abdullah Al-Hawqani

Grade: 12

Equestrian talent
(show jumping)



Mohammed Al Harthy

Grade: 9

Chanting talent



Shatha Al Dhahli

Grade: 11

Graphic design talent



Saif Al Maawali

Grade: 4

Football professional



Razan Al Rawahi

Grade: 4

The talent of poetic recitation



Ali Al Hinai

Grade: 6

Drawing talent

Upcoming Agenda

"We continue the path of creativity and excellence"

January

- Honoring Outstanding Students Ceremony.
- UPS Readers Festival (Fourth Edition).
- Future teacher forum
- Electronic cigarette campaign

March

- First Student Conference.
- Field visits to schools inside Sultanate and beyond.

May

- General Diploma and kindergarten graduation ceremony.

February

- Science and Technology Carnival.
- Domestic and International School trips.
- Arts Gallery

April

- Ramadan basket.
- Group breakfast.

The launch of the new identity
For the Student Activities
Department

