



25th August 2022

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to all new and returning students and parents/guardians to the 2023-2022 academic year at The Sultan's School. I would like to start by congratulating our class of 2022 who achieved an IB Diploma pass rate of 91%. This is an amazing achievement given the unprecedented conditions we had to deal with during the past two years. We also, once again, saw a pleasing improvement with our IGCSE results, with ten students achieving only A*s and As.

Joining our secondary school this year is Ms Zahra who is teaching Islamic Studies; Ms Shandre who will be teaching English; Ms Kelly who will be teaching Business and Economics; Mr Ivan who will be teaching Digital Society and Computing; Ms Diedre who will be teaching Mathematics; Mr Gavin and Mr Adam who will be teaching Design and Technology. There have also been some new internal appointments. Mr Guy will be our Head of Individuals and Society and Ms Sarah who will be our Head of Mathematics. We are very pleased to announce that Ms Hind will be the school's new Vice-Principal

The Sultan's School Secondary Team look forward to the continued support from parents and guardians as we all work together to encourage and support our students in their pursuit of excellence. We strive for success in Academics, the Arts, Sports and as good citizens of their own community and the larger global community.

As previously stated by Dr Glenn, we can welcome back students for the 2023-2022 school year. Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, all students will be required to attend school in person. We are hoping that we can get back to a normal school year. To aide students to settle back into classroom learning there will be a phased start as follows;

- Year 10, 7 and 12 start Sunday 28th August.
- All Years will be in from Monday 29th August.
- Full timetables should be available on Firefly by Monday 29th August.

Further instructions to parents of students new to the Secondary School will be emailed out this week. Returning students will need to login to their school email and Firefly accounts before Thursday 1st September.

Even though Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted the virus is still with us. Although students are not required to wear masks, they may if they wish to or if you would like them to. We are awaiting further instructions from the MOE and MOH with regards to what parents should do in the event that a child tests positive. We will share these once they are available.

We will be adopting a new Management Information System this month and will then be launching the new Parental Portal for Firefly to enable Parents to follow their child's progress and to use as our main method of communication. To do this you must have an up-to-date email address in our system. Further instructions and training will be shared with parents later.

We will be holding our usual meet and greet sessions this term. Dates and instructions will follow shortly.

As we have all discovered, we are living in a time when things can change very quickly. We will update you of any changes in events and procedures as we meet them.

As you may know, I have an open-door policy and if you ever have a quick question relating to your son, daughter or the school, please do not hesitate to email me. If you wish to discuss something in more detail, please contact Zahida Al-Zadjaly to make an appointment for me to call you.

I would like to thank you in advance for your help and support as we start a school year back in a normal way.

Yours

Mr Paul Toomer
Head of Secondary