

The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys



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Honoring the past. Educating for the future.

School Newsletter

...Coming Up...

Curriculum Evenings

Monday, September 19th -
 Tuesday, September 20th

Meet Your Teacher

Tuesday, September 27th and
 Wednesday, September 28th
 from 1:30 to 4:30.

Sports Squad Trials

Monday, September 19th -
 Wednesday, September 21st

ECAs

ECAs will begin September
 25th



Welcome from the Principal...

Dear Parents

We have had a very good start to the year, with students quickly settling down to their studies. With so many new teachers arriving as the school grows, we have quickly been able to induct them into the ethos of SZPAB. In just two weeks, we have started our Military Training and swimming programmes and enjoyed some lovely Eid celebrations involving all of our students.

ECAs will be starting on September 25th and we hope this will ease some of the traffic congestion experienced, as parents, drivers and students become familiar with the new arrival and departure points around the school.

We have a series of events for parents coming up soon, so please keep checking texts and e-mails so that you can keep up with the many events happening at our school.

With every good wish,

John Conway
 Principal / CEO
 SZPAB

Student Forms

Please make sure to drop off forms if you haven't already. These are vital to help us support and care for your children.

iPads

iPad payment was due on September 8th. Please bring in payment immediately if not already done. Money must be given to Accounts, not to the class teacher.

Water bottles

Please send a labeled water bottle to school every day with your child. It is vital for children to drink water throughout the day to avoid dehydration.

Return ECA form

Please return ECA forms as soon as possible. Deadline is Monday, September 19th.

Eid Al Adha



I trust that you all had a wonderful Eid Al Adha holiday. Whether you stayed in Abu Dhabi or travelled far and wide, the opportunity to spend time with family and friends was no doubt enjoyed by all.

On September 8th, we hosted a Hajj celebration for students and families. Some students followed the steps of Hajj and some participated in a demonstration that recreated the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in front of their peers, teachers and parents.

KG2 students sang 'We will all go to Makkah on the Hajj' and Eid Saeed', while KG1 celebrated with a visit by a cartoon character and having their faces painted.

Following the Hajj, students across the school were offered a small present by the school and parents (thank you so much for your hospitality) to celebrate. All agreed the day was educational and reflected our school community.

Thank you to all who helped or participated. Students left the Hajj assembly with big smiles and all kinds of hats and other decorated items with Eid messages written on them.

Warm Regards, Mona El Saleh
Head of Arabic Studies



Monday, September 19th

Curriculum Area and Venue	Session 1	Session 2	Interval Prayer Time	Session 3
KG1 KG1 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
KG2 KG2 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
KG –G3 Arabic, Islamic Social Studies First Floor	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Grade 1 Grade 1 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Grade 2 Grade 2 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Grade 3 Grade 3 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Grade 4 Grade 4 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Grade 5 Grade 5 Zone	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
G4 – G8 Arabic, Islamic Social Studies First Floor	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Grades 6 to 8 Music Room	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Digital and Innovation IT Room First Floor	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm
Other Specialists Drama Room	5.30 – 6.00pm	6.00 – 6.30pm	6.30-6.45pm	6.45-7.15pm

Tuesday, September 20th

Curriculum Area and Venue	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
KG1 KG1 Zone	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
KG2 KG2 Zone	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
KG –G3 Arabic, Islamic Social Studies First Floor	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
Grade 1 Grade 1 Zone	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
Grade 2 Grade 2 Zone	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
Grade 3 Grade 3 Zone	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
Grade 4 Grade 4 Zone	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00-5.30pm
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Curriculum Evening

We would like to invite parents to attend the school the evening of **Monday September 19th** or **Tuesday, September 20th**. Teachers and specialists will be running sessions to talk about the school curriculum, the range of activities SZPAB provides for students, as well as how children are assessed.

Each evening, there will be three 30-minute sessions, which will be repeated, giving parents the opportunity to visit different grade levels and/or specialist areas. The evening will have to run strictly to time, so that everyone has the opportunity to visit three different areas. Parents may attend whichever evening best suits them.

Meet The Teacher Afternoon

Tuesday, September 27th and **Wednesday, September 28th**, we will hold Meet the Teacher afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30. This will give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher one-on-one to discuss your collective expectations for the year ahead, your child's strengths, and areas of improvement for this coming year. These meetings will be made by appointment with your Home Room Teacher.

Computer
Explorers
TECH WEEK

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THINK. CREATE. DESIGN. DISCOVER

SZPAB Tech Week

SZPAB will be holding its first Tech week! Along with Computer Explorers, who currently run an ECA at the school, we will offer all the students in grades 3 to 8 the opportunity to take part in some very exciting activities.

Every student will take part in workshops covering the following technologies:

- Robotics
- Coding for children
- Green screen photography
- Circuit engineering
- Forensic science - digital microscopy

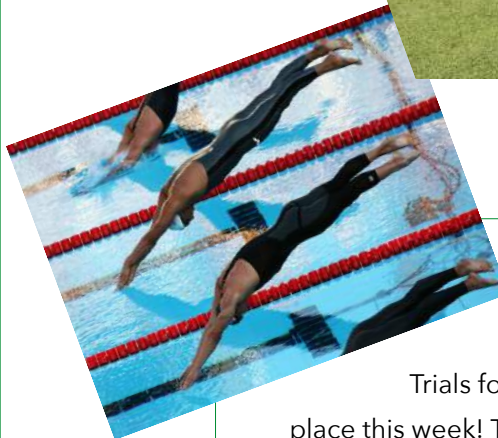
This tech week is a great way to begin introducing new technologies, and we hope that it will excite and engage the students in readiness for the introduction of the iPad programme. For more information, please contact Emma Hannon, Director of Digital and Innovative Learning.

ECA Program

ECA sign up sheets have been sent home. **Forms are due Monday, September 19th.**

You will be informed which club your child will attend Tuesday, September 20th.

Clubs will begin Sunday, September 25th.



SZPAB Sport Squad Trials GR 5-8

Trials for SZPAB sports teams will take place this week! The dates are listed below. Students can sign up in the PE office. For more information, please contact PE teachers.

Monday, September 19th - football squad trials - GR5- 6

Tuesday, September 20th - football squad trial - GR7-8

Wednesday, September 21st - swim squad trial - GR5-8 (invite only)





Healthy Eating

Growing children need a balanced diet that includes a variety of fruits, vegetables, and proteins to help them grow, as well as to help focus. Various studies have shown that processed foods, and foods high in sugar and salt can lead to lower levels of concentration and attention.

To help with your child's learning and ability to focus ensure your child has a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a healthy lunch and snacks. This can include:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Hummus and pita
- milk
- yogurt

Counseling at SZPAB

SZPAB understands that educating for the future not only involves educating our boys academically, but also making sure they are mentally healthy and happy. We strive to develop a safe, supportive and inclusive educational environment, which helps our children realize their full potential. We have a strong guidance team that helps develop both the academy and personal and emotional development of children - leading to a greater awareness of themselves and their opportunities in life.

Counseling can be seen as the empowerment of students to make decisions, solve problems, develop coping strategies and resolve difficulties they may be experiencing. The welfare of the students is of paramount importance in our school.



Artsonia—an online art museum

This year in art class students in grades 4-8 will participate in Artsonia, an online children's art museum. Students will be documenting their own art projects and uploading them for you and your loved ones to see. As a parent you can look at your child's artwork anywhere and anytime. You can add family members to your child's fan club, write comments and help support SZPAB's school arts program. All that is needed is permission for your child's artwork to be showcased. Permission slips will be sent home with access codes this week. Parents are asked to visit Artsonia.com/permission to allow access. Please email christina.schweitzer@zayedacademyboys.ae if you have any questions or concerns.