



Dates To Remember

ECAs begin

ECAs begin Sunday, September 17th. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher for more information.

Military Program Begins

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KG1 Session

KG1 session runs Sunday 17th from 7:40-10:30. Please be on time for arrival and dismissal.

KG- GR3 Swimming

GR1-3 have one swimming lesson a week - please see your class timetable to see which day this falls on. KG2A and KG2B will be starting swimming this week - please remember to bring a swimming kit.

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents;

I would like to congratulate parents, teachers and, above all, our wonderful students on a superb first week back at school.

I have visited many classrooms this week and seen very happy students, enjoying the company of their classmates and learning new knowledge and skills with their teachers. Both new and returning teachers have commented on the impressive attitudes of the students as they start the new term.

I have heard people say that 'nothing happens in the first week'. This is not true at SZPAB. We have already held football trials, arranged ECAs and made a 'flying start' in the classroom with teaching and learning.

One of our most important priorities this year is literacy development, both in English and Arabic. Low literacy levels are the biggest obstacle to learning. Please help us and your children by insisting that they read, **READ, READ!!!**

I have been keeping a very close eye on the traffic around school at drop-off and pick-up times and I am pleased to have observed that, even with an increase in student numbers, the flow of traffic has been reasonably good. This will improve at pick-up time when ECAs begin. Your patience is appreciated.

It has also been a pleasure to see so many parents and to greet them as they drop off or collect their children. The positivity and support of parents is critical to our success and that of the children. We look forward to working closely again with parents this year.

Yours in education,
John Conway

Reminders & Announcements

Buses

Buses are now in service. Contact reception if you like more information.

Food Purchases

The canteen is now open for food purchases. Please go to the canteen or visit Keita's website at <http://www.keita.ae/> to purchase food cards.

Drop offs and Pick ups

Please remember to drop off and collect your child at the appropriate gate to reduce traffic congestion and confusion.

School bags

Your child should be bringing a school bag with him/her to school every day. Please make sure these are not trolley bags (bags on wheels), as these are hard to bring up and down stairs and can cause congestion in the hallways.

Student Uniforms

Students **must** wear their school uniform every day. For more information see the Parent Handbooks. Uniform is available in Zaks in Al Raha Mall or visit Zaks online shop at <https://www.zaksstore.com/>.



ParentPoint Website is now live

SZPAB is proud to launch our new parent website, [ParentPoint](https://sites.google.com/zayedacademyboys.ae/parentpoint/home). On it, you will find most of the information you need to keep you informed about what's going on at school, which will allow you to help your child with his or her learning. Some of the information you will find includes:

- Important dates and announcements, such as upcoming assessments, reports, workshops and whole school activities
- Newsletters
- Information about your child's teachers
- School policies and initiatives

This link will direct you to the Whole School homepage:

<https://sites.google.com/zayedacademyboys.ae/parentpoint/home>

This coming week, you will receive more information from your child's teacher about where to find homework, newsletters, curriculum overviews, as well as a biography of your teacher. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the site, please contact Genevieve.perreault@zayedacademyboys.ae

Scholastic Book Club

SZPAB will be launching it's Scholastic Book Club again this week. Take advantage and receive new children's books at discounted prices with Scholastic Book Club. SZPAB supports the UAE's Reading Initiative and we encourage children to read at home. Browse the latest books using the link below and order online:

<http://world-schools.scholastic.co.uk/sheikh-zayed-private-acad-for>
Please place your **order online by October 8th, 2017**.



Digital and Innovative Learning Update

Staff and students alike are excited for a new school year! The Digital Learning Team would also like to extend a very warm welcome to new students joining us.

If you are a parent or guardian of a new student in Grades 3-9 and you have paid for your child's iPad and returned the signed iPad user agreement, the iPad will be handed out next week.

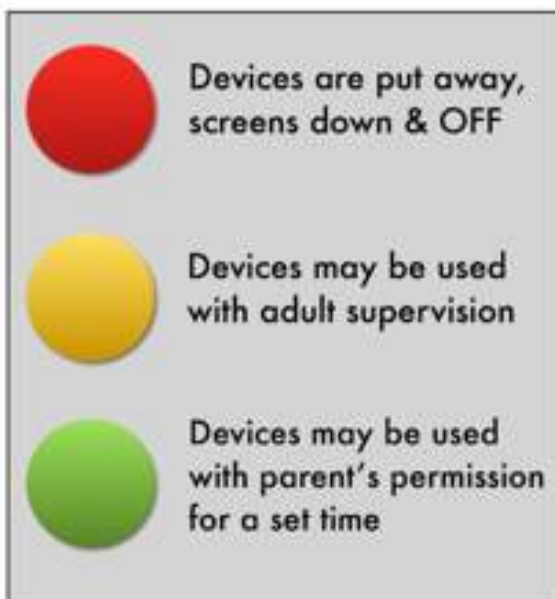
Please remind your son/daughter to come to school every day with their iPad fully charged and in its protective case.

It's important that children are not on their iPad for long periods of time, and that you encourage time away from the screen at home. We have produced a traffic light system to support you in encouraging your child to be responsible with their technology at home.

If you would like any more advice or support regarding our 1-to-1 iPad program, please contact Emma Hannon at emma.hannon@zayedacademyboys.ae.

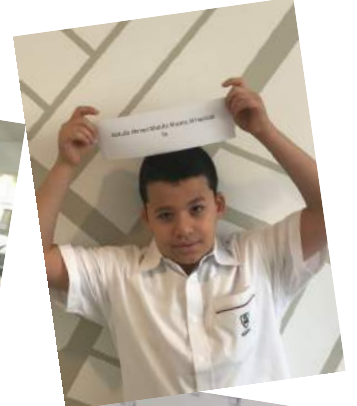
Mobile Learning at Home

Be smart with your learning devices! Follow the rules of iPad use:



First Week of School in Pictures...

It's only the first week of school - students and teachers are getting to know each other. Already, some great learning has been taking place!



UAE Values Assembly

This Thursday Mr. Zeyad, the school counselor, held an assembly for Grades 4 and 5 about UAE values. He discussed important moments in the UAE's history and culture.

