



...Dates To
Remember...

Half Term Break

There will be no school Sunday, February 11th and Monday, February 12th due to the Half Term break

Elementary MAP testing

MAP testing continues in the Elementary until February 21st

Secondary Ski Trip

SZPAB Second Annual Ski trip will depart February 18th.

PASS Survey

Students from GR2-9 will participate in the PASS survey.

Coffee and Conversation

The next Coffee and Conversation will take place February 22nd. A discussion will follow to talk about your thoughts on *What Makes a Sheikh Zayed student?*

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

This is my third year in Abu Dhabi and the third year in the history of The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys. February is probably my favourite month. The cooler air and the bright clear sky makes it a very pleasant time and brings wonderful opportunities to be outdoors.

What a perfect time to be holding our Sports Days. For Grades 4 and upwards, these will take place at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium on February 28th and March 1st.

Other activities of note included a senior boys visit to the Abu Dhabi Science Festival, while our ski trip to France and football trip to Madrid depart later this month.

In school, our students are settled and relaxed and beginning to make real gains in their learning. Our students from Grade 1 upwards are taking their Term 2 MAP tests and showing us great progress in English, Mathematics and Science.

During my frequent visits to classrooms, I am seeing students that are committed to their learning and producing some very good work. This is the result of the very good teaching that is now a feature of the school, coupled with the wonderful support of parents.

It is not possible to underestimate the role parents play in their children's education. Keep supporting us by supporting them!

Yours in education,

John Conway

February 2018							My Identity Theme: Self-Confidence							
				1	2	3	1	Coffee & Conversation (rescheduled)	21	Exam Preparation Workshop	5	MAP Testing Begins (G2-9)	22	PASS Testing (G6-9)
							11-12	Half Term	22	100th Day (tbc)	11-12	Half Term	22	100th Day (tbc)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	18	Ski Trip	22	Coffee & Conversation	18	Ski Trip	22	Coffee & Conversation
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Football Trip	22	Exam Preparation Workshop	18	Football Trip	22	Exam Preparation Workshop
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20-22	Sports Days			20-22	Sports Days		
25	26	27	28											

Digital and Innovation Update

Student Survey

Grades 3-9 students recently completed a survey about iPads, and over 350 students gave us feedback about how iPads have impacted their learning.

We were very pleased with the positive response. Using iPads in school has had the following positive impacts:

- 85% of students feel that teacher feedback is better (either faster or more useful)
- 85% of students feel they understand more of what is being taught
- 82% of students feel they have developed other skill
- 78% of students are more willing to do homework
- 77% of students feel they are more organized
- 74% of students feel that their engagement in school has increased
- 71% of students feel that their progress has improved



iPad Covers – Grade 3 to 9

Please ensure that your child has a cover for their iPad. You can purchase iPad covers in many shops in town. Make sure that the cover protects the screen.

If your child iPad needs to be repaired, please make sure that this is done through school. All the iPads come with insurance, and we can get the iPad fixed or replaced for 200 AED.

SZPAB Sports News....

SZPAB Second Annual Ski Trip

A final reminder and details for this year's ski trip:

We will be flying out February 17th. Please make sure to arrive at school at 4:30am. Students must remember to bring passports, money and Emirates ID.

Students will return February 25th. We will be arriving at school at 7:45am, where parents can collect students. Students participating on the trip are not required to attend school on this day, but are expected to return to classes on Monday.



Due to ADEK insurance regulations, parents must drop and collect students at school,

SZPAB Sports Days

Sports Days are fast approaching! Students across the school will have the opportunity to compete in various activities with their peers. Here are the dates for each grade's Sports Day. Further information will be sent home by the PE department and individual classroom teachers:

- February 28th - GR4-5 Sports Day
- March 1st - GR6-9 Sports Day
- March 7th - Grade 1, 2 & 3
- March 8th - KG 2
- March 8th - KG 1 Healthy Picnic

Have a look at some of our great moments from last year's Sport Day!





Announcing "Night of the Arts" at The Sheikh Zayed Academy for Boys (date to be determined in Term 3). "Night of the Arts" will feature artwork, live music performances and special talent from SZPAB students! We are looking for talented students in the areas of singing, dancing, instrumental performance, and drama acting. If your child is interesting in showcasing their special talent please scan the following QR code to sign up. Deadline is February 8th, 2018. You may direct questions to Gerard.Fee@zayedacademyboys.ae or Christina.Schweitzer@zayedacademyboys.ae.



Emirates Airlines Festival of Literature

This prestigious event, now in its 10th year, will take place from March 1st to 10th this year, under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai. Authors from around the world will be in attendance and there is an array of competitions which students can enter. Full details of the festival and the competitions are in the brochure attached with this week's newsletter. Please note the brochure is available in Arabic only.



This Week in Pictures...

Guidance Sessions

College guidance sessions began this week for Grade 9 students.



Year of Zayed

Student council members handed out pins in honor of the Year of Zayed.



Abu Dhabi Science Festival

Secondary Students attended the Abu Dhabi Science Festival.

