



...Dates To Remember...

Term 1 Assessments

Secondary Term 1 Final Assessments will continue through the week of December 10th.

ECA's

The last ECA for Term 1 will be December 13th.

Winter Holiday

The last day of classes before the Winter Holiday will be Thursday, December 14th. School will resume Sunday, January 7th.

Term 1 Reports

Parent Communication Reports will go home January 11th.

Student Progress Meetings

Student progress meetings will be held January 15th-16th.

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of Term 1, there is a great deal to be happy with, especially our third National Day at SZPAB. This was surely the best yet, showcasing some of the wonderful developments in school, as well as providing our students with many opportunities to celebrate their culture and heritage through our assemblies, activities and displays (please check our Instagram account and ParentPoint).

We have been celebrating the academic achievements of our students this week as we continue to promote our high expectations and aspirations.

In the secondary school, our Term 1 exams are underway. We are encouraging parents to understand that students will perform better in their exams if they stay in school and are taught by their teachers, rather than going home to study.

Our teachers want to teach your children right up to the end of term, including during exam time. Although this may not be the practice in other schools, we know, from our significant experience in education, that students perform much better when they stay within the routines of the school day and are taught by their subject teachers. They know the students and what they will be examined on. We appreciate that this may not be the experience that families are used to at other schools but at SZPAB we have very high expectations for students.

Our international examination performance data clearly indicates that, since joining SZPAB, students have made significantly better progress than was the case in their previous schools. I am sure that our wonderful and supportive parents will appreciate that everything we do at SZPAB is linked to our students achieving the highest standards possible.

Thank you for your support and may I wish you a happy and peaceful Winter Break. Yours in Education, John Conway

Looking Ahead

Have a look at the upcoming calendar of events for January...

January 2018							TERM 2			
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	My Identity Theme: Responsibility			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	New Year's Day	15-16	Student Progress Meetings
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	6	Last Day of Winter Break	17	ECAs commence
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	7	Term 2 starts (staff & students)	25	Coffee & Conversation
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	11	Term 1 reports issued		
28	29	30	31							

Upcoming Early Years Events

A Parent Workshop, 'Play, learn and Grow', will be held December 12th. The first session will be held at 8:00am; and a second will be held at 12:00pm.

Early Years Celebration of Learning will be on Thursday December 14th.

Times will be as follow:

- KG1: 11:45
- KG2: 11:30
- GR 1A, 1C, 1D, 1E: 9:05
- GR 1B: 10:15



Library Books

All library books must be returned as soon as possible so that our librarians can inventory all school books.

ECA Update

ECAs will run this week as usual.

Term 2 ECAs are almost ready! The website will open at 1pm on Monday, December 11th. Specific information and brochure has been sent by email and is available on ParentPoint.

A Letter From the Principal Regarding the UAE's Introduction of VAT

Dear Valued Parent,

We are writing to inform you of the introduction of VAT, which will come into effect in UAE. We greatly value the relationship with you and we are reaching out to you to ensure that our business relationship is not hampered in any way upon the introduction of VAT.

Introduction of VAT in the UAE Value Added Tax ("VAT") shall come into effect in the United Arab Emirates ("UAE") as of 1st January 2018. The Federal Decree-Law No. (8) of 2017 on VAT was issued on 27th August 2017 and we would expect that the detailed Executive Regulations will be released in the coming months. The VAT law and regulations once released seek to enact the key provisions of the GCC VAT Framework Agreement.

The UAE Ministry of Finance ("MoF") has a page dedicated to VAT on its website. For ease of reference, the link is below. We would suggest you familiarize yourself with this information.

<https://www.mof.gov.ae/En/budget/Pages/VATQuestions.aspx>

https://tax.gov.ae/help_guides.aspx

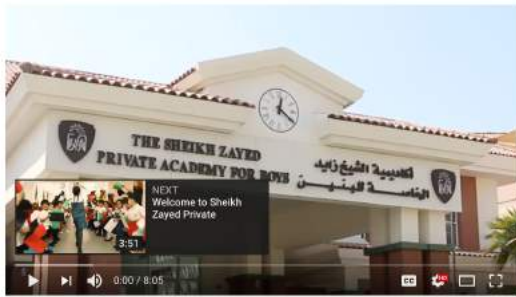
In line with the introduction of VAT, generally VAT shall be imposed on every supply of goods and services with a basic rate of 5% unless there is a provision for exemption or for zero rating.

As such, taxable supplies as per VAT law will be subject to VAT from 1st January 2018. This is regardless of when the contract was entered into and/or whether payment has been made prior to the effective date of the VAT Decree-Law.

You may be entitled to recover the VAT charged by us, in such case, the additional 5% VAT charge may not present an absolute cost to you. We would suggest you seek your own professional advice in respect of your VAT recovery position as well as other VAT obligations ahead of the proposed introduction date of 1st January 2018.

Further to this, please do not hesitate to contact us should you further clarification. We thank you for your support and your collaboration.

Yours Sincerely,
John Conway



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SZPAB School Video

SZPAB is proud of the new school video! Use the QR code below to watch.



CHILD PROTECTION IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS

“Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children”

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is a legally binding international agreement. It states clearly that children have the same rights as adults and that they need extra protection that adults do not need. It states that:

- The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.
- Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.
- Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child’s respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own cultures, and the environment.

Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students. It is important that every child feels safe and valued in school but know that a distressed child, a hungry child or an abused child can’t learn. Schools therefore know how important it is to link every child’s wellbeing to his or her educational attainment.

SZPAB promotes the health, safety and welfare of all its students. This is the responsibility of all adults involved in a child’s life, at school and at home. They must work together to create a nurturing environment for our students to learn.

If you want to know more about our procedures or the policy, please contact the Child Protection Officer (Ms. Maria), via the school office. A detailed Child Protection Policy is also available on ParentPoint.

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