



مدارس الظهران الأهلية  
Dhahran Ahliyya Schools

مجتمع تعلّم غير ربحي  
A not-for-profit learning community

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## "Our Mission"

Inspired by the principles of Islam, the mission of Dhahran Ahliyya Schools is to empower each student to be a compassionate, thinking, lifelong bi-lingual learner, who makes a positive difference locally and globally.

## "Our Vision"

Our vision is to provide a world class education with an Arab and Islamic identity through a pioneering learning community that is sustainable and socially responsible.

Our school is supervised by the Ministry of Education and accredited by The Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)



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## DAS Achieve the Top Places in Ibda'a 2017

### Kingdom-Wide Olympiad

Organized by King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness & Creativity (Mawhiba), in partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Kingdom -wide National Olympiad for Scientific Creativity for 2017, – Innovation and Scientific Research Fields, took place from March 9-11, at Princess Nourah University in Riyadh.

106 male and female students took part in this round of the Olympiad with 106 scientific projects. 5 male students and 4 from female students from Dhahran Ahliyya Schools qualified to take part in this round with a total of 9 scientific projects after passing the three phases of electronic evaluation along with the region-wide electronic nominations.

Proceeding to their victory at the level of the Eastern Province, 9 DAS students won the top places and qualified to compete and represent DAS and our Kingdom in the World-Wide Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF 2017), which will take place in Los Angeles, California, USA.

The results are:

Student Name	Grade	Place	Project	Field
Rania Al Ghamdi	12	Second	Efficient Genome Editing System of Human HEK 293 FT Cells Using CRISPR/Cas 9 System	Biomedical and Health Sciences
Saud Al Shehri	12	Third	Super hydrophobic for oil/water separation	Biochemical Engineering
Abdulaziz Al Salem	12	Third	/	Chemical Energy
Ammar Amir	12	Third	Studying the Expression Patterns of Ammonium Transporters in Symbiodinium Microadriaticum to Better Understand Coral Bleaching	Animal Sciences
Noor Al Khunaizi	12	Third	Emerging Photovoltaics: Optimization of Inverted Planer CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> PbI <sub>3</sub> Perovskite Solar Cells	Chemical Energy
Yasmeen Al Saif	12	Third	Quantum Dots for In Vitro Diagnosis of Bloodborne Pathogens	Medical
AlBar'a Amir	12	Fourth	Prevalence of CA-MRSA nasal-carriage in Eastern Province with literature review and comparative analysis	Health Sciences

In addition to accomplishing the top places, our students also won 8 special prizes.

**Congratulations to DAS, the students and their parents for this achievement wishing them the best of luck in representing the Kingdom World-wide.**

Please check the Schools' website regularly for any inquiries and appointments .



### **"Role of Women in Traffic Safety"**

The students of "Social Responsibility Club" coordinated a lecture entitled "Role of Women in Traffic Safety" on Monday, March 6, 2017, at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools. The lecture was presented by Mrs. Khulod Al Dossary and Mrs. Haifa Al Fajhan from Saudi Aramco.

Intermediate students learned and enjoyed the content of the lecture. Also, the club students received a collection of games, stickers and brochures to be used for school environment awareness. The students will use these resources according to the "central idea" every week.

### **Workshop: Entrepreneurship**

Throughout the Career Education subject for Muqarrat stream, we collaborated with King Salman Center for Youth to organize a workshop at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools entitled "**Entrepreneurship**" on Sunday, March 5, 2017, for grade 12 Muqarrat students.

This workshop aimed at helping students to know the different career paths and to build positive attitudes towards work environment. Some topics were highlighted during this workshop such as the basic skills of entrepreneurship, being a team player, different fields of entrepreneurship and social responsibility.

### **Educational Workshop: How to Understand and Solve Children's Problems**

In partnership with "Al Muhaideb Social Foundation", DAS hosted an educational workshop entitled "Understanding and Solving Children's Problems" presented by Dr. Mustafa Abu Al Sa'ad on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Dr. Mustafa is an Educational Consultant and the author of "Positive Parenting" books series. More than 50 DAS employees attended the workshop. The workshop was of a great benefit for the employees who deal the children's problems directly. We would like to thank Al Muhaideb Social Foundation for giving us this valuable opportunity.

### **"My Ideal School Bag" Project**

In an effort to implement the "**My Ideal School Bag**" Project which is indicated in the report of the Minister of Education, an awareness lecture has been presented to the upper elementary students supervised by Mrs. Taghreed Zogher and the School's nurse Mrs. Amal Ramadan on Wednesday and Thursday, March 15-16, 2017. They highlighted the ideal weight for the school bag and how to organize it. Also, they talked about the right way to carry and pull the bag.

### **Parent-Teacher Individual Meetings**

We would like to inform you that Individual Parent-Teacher Conferences for Elementary, Intermediate and Secondary, will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27-29, 2017. Students' dismissal times will be as follows;

- KG students will be dismissed at 12:30 PM.
- Elementary (1 – 6) students at 12:30 PM.
- Intermediate and Secondary students will be

### **Dalal Al Jabr Organizes an Extensive Training for Math International Olympiad**

Dalal Hasan Al Jabr, a Grade 8 student, qualified to join the extensive training for Math International Olympiad, which begins on March 24 and goes on until June 15, 2017. This training prepares her to join the team in representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the 2017 Math, Physics, Chemistry and Science International Olympiad.

**Wishing Dalal and the Saudi Team the Best of Luck.**



### Recognition Ceremony for Meritorious Students 2017

Invited by the Director of Education in the Eastern Province, a recognition ceremony for meritorious students took place on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. This ceremony was sponsored by Her Highness Princess Abeer Bint Faisal Bin Turki. The purpose of this ceremony is to honor those students who either achieved academic excellence or ranked top places in Ibda'a 2017 Olympiad. The students are:

**Rania Al Ghamdi**

**Noor Al Khunaizi**

**Yasmeen Al Saif**

**(grade 12)**

Congratulations to our students

### Honoring Meritorious Students

On Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Office of Education in Khobar organized a Recognition Ceremony for Meritorious Students across Al Khobar at Al Faisaliyah Ahliyah School. The purpose of this ceremony is to honor and recognize those students who either achieved academic excellence or ranked top places in local and international competitions in 2015/2016.

In this ceremony, the Office of Education awarded a group of Dhahran Ahliyya's students in different grade levels. The honored students are:

Student's Name	Program/Competition	Grade
Shahad Al Mutlaq	Arabic Reading Challenge 2016	4
Suha Al Nahdi	Math Olympiad 2016	7
Thuraya Sabri	Math Olympiad 2016	8



### PTA Corner

In an effort to facilitate our students in being risk-takers, thinkers, principled, and knowledgeable, the DAS PTA sponsored its 5th annual spelling bee on February 20, 22, and 26. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the students for their hard work and dedication, the teachers and administrators for their collaborative efforts, the parents for their support, and the volunteer mothers for their time and effort in planning and organizing this event. The top three winners from each grade level are listed below:

Grade level(s)	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Grade 1	Mohammed AlAbdulKareem	Yousef AlGhamdi	Ahmad Oraiqat
Grade 2	Lama Bukhari	Daniel Ismail	Abdulmohsin Moushegah
Grades 3 & 4	Ghaliyah Shehayeb	Jood AlFaraj	Rayyanah AbuAhmed
Grades 5 & 6	Khadija Abdul-Aziz	Haya AbuShillaih	Hibah Nawwab
Grade 7	Tamara AbuShillaih	Seba Abukhamsin	Nora AlKhalidi
Grade 8	Batool Abdulsalam	Faatima Abdul-Aziz	Nouf AlKhodari
Grade 9	Tala AlDossary	Randa AlTherman	Najla Burashaid



Grade 2 Winners



Grade 1 Winners