



Communication

مجتمع تعليمي 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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With the beginning of the new academic year, it is our immense pleasure to welcome all our students and their parents. We also wish them a successful and fruitful academic year.

We are pleased to announce that all our graduates of the **34th class** have successfully passed and completed all the schools' requirements. The number of graduates was **53 students**.

26 from the American Diploma Stream; of whom **22** of them have earned Excellent and **4** has earned Very Good.

27 from the Muqarrat Stream; of whom **14** of them have earned Excellent and **12** have earned Very Good.

Congratulations to all our graduates and their parents wishing them bright futures!

Distance Learning Daily Schedule

DAS students' daily schedule for virtual learning will be as follow:

- **Kindergarten students (main building and branch building):**
Morning Period: 8:00-12:30
Evening Period: 3:00-7:00
- **Early elementary students (grades 1-2 both boys and girls):**
Morning period: 8:00-1:00
Evening period: 3:00-2:00
- **Upper elementary students (grades 3-5):**
Morning period:
8:00-2:00
- **Intermediate & Secondary grades (6-12):**
Morning period: 8:00-2:45

On Tuesdays, students will be dismissed at the following times:

(KG-5): 11:30

(6-12): 12:50

We kindly urge all parents to cooperate with us in supervising their children's virtual attendance.. Daily attendance & punctuality will be counted starting from the second week.

Students' Virtual Attendance and Punctuality

Students' attendance will be taken by their teachers, and followed up by the levels' proctors with considering the following:

- Students must be prepared and ready to start their virtual learning, according to their daily schedule times.
- Participate with their teachers actively, it is not allowed to sign out or leave the virtual class without a permission.
- In case of absence, an email must be sent to their teachers as well as the level's proctor with mentioning the reason of their absence.
- Make sure they turn their cameras on during the virtual class and dress properly during that.
- A message will be sent to the guardians in case of absence or tardiness. Further procedures will be applied according to the school's policy.

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



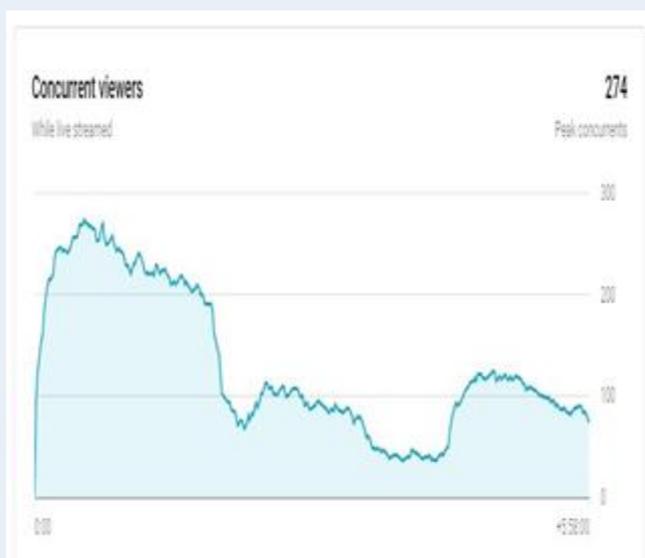
Schools' Tuitions

The Accounting Office at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools would like to thank all the parents who paid the schools' tuitions for the current year 2020/2021. The office would also like to remind those who haven't paid yet, to pay their children's tuitions at the earliest.

Parents who work at Saudi Aramco are expected to inform the Admission Office at schools – in writing- upon their resignation or leaving the company.

General Parents' Meetings

Continuous communication between home and school is the most important element in building an effective partnership with parents for the benefit of our students, the attendance rate for mothers who viewed the virtual conferences reached 2138



Community projects in MYP

Community projects is an integral component of the IB's Middle Year Program at Dhahran Ahliyya Schools and a mandatory requirement for all students. It focuses on the society and providing services to the community, It aims to introduce students to their rights and responsibilities in implementing service as a type of work for society, and it also aims to give students the opportunity to develop their awareness of the needs of different societies and address those needs through service learning.

Students will be working in small groups, supervised by a teacher throughout the course period. The supervising teachers for community projects for this year will be: Mrs. Aminah Abdulsamad, Mrs. Ashwag Almalki, Mrs. Sarwat Lodhi, Mrs. Zeenath Unnisa, Mrs. Arshia Zaheer & Mrs. Huda Ibrahim.

An orientation session for students and their parents will take place through a virtual class on Sunday September 6th, 2020 from 2:05 PM - 2:45 PM. All parents are welcome to attend the session for any inquiries.

Schools' Dress Code

Dhahran Ahliyya Schools have contracted with Adeem Company for the Unified Dress Code to design and sell the schools' dress code for all grade levels .

Store Location: Al Khobar Mall – First Floor –
Next to City Max. Telephone: 8820534.

All our students are required to get their uniforms ready in preparation for returning to school. All students must adhere to the unified jackets with uniforms for all levels as well as sportswear.



Preparing our KSA students for the return to distance learning



As children start the new school year via distance learning programs, how can we help them get the most from these next seven weeks?

Here are five ideas to support your child with virtual learning at home:

1. Routine:

It is important to be consistent with their routines like their daily school schedule, earlier get up time/ bed time, meals times and stick to them. Your child needs to be aware of the expectations and boundaries.

2. Be realistic:

Learning on screens is intense and it requires increased focus and energy. Your child may require regular breaks, snacks and movement breaks. A sand timer, count down or a visual timetables to tick off can help your child understand how long they are expected to focus on a task.

3. It's not just you:

Remind your child that everyone else in Saudi Arabia is also learning at home just as they are. In reality everyone else is busy doing their learning as well. You as a parent may struggle with this set up too, you're not alone!

4. Optimise the learning environment:

It's important to try and provide the optimal learning environment. Try and locate them in a space with minimal distractions, whether that's noise, or other siblings playing, for older children do not allow them to have a mobile phone nearby while they work. A pair of headphones can work wonders in helping them focus and zone out from any distractions.

5. Find out what works for your child:

Do your children get particularly frustrated with technology? Does hunger impact their concentration? Do they need regular feedback and praise? Once you have identified their needs you can work at putting these in place where possible and also communicating these with their teacher.

Dear parents, increased resilience, empathy and flexibility are all just as important as the academic skills.





Important Notice for All Parents & Guardians

Dhahran Ahliyyah Schools want to make sure that if there is someone will help your child during his/her daily virtual learning, this person must be a female NOT a male in order to keep the privacy of our female teachers. Recording virtual classes or taking pictures of the screens is strictly prohibited, in case of violating this term our schools will take further procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation.

