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***Our vision** is for our students to be high achieving, healthy and happy individuals, well prepared to take their place as global citizens and leaders of the future*

Dear all

I welcome you all at the beginning of the school year 2019-20 and give a particular welcome to families who are new to QP this year and for those teachers who will be joining our schools for the first time. We have a new school Principal at Dukhan, Mr Colter Watt and it is good to note that both he and his family are settling well. I know he is very much looking forward to the year ahead and working with the community at Dukhan.

It is positive to report that prior to the students arrival in school this week, teaching staff from both QP schools met at Dukhan as part of the planned Professional Development programme. This is the first time that the 200 teachers from both QP schools have met together to focus on approaches to teaching and learning and this was a great opportunity for staff to work collaboratively, engage in professional dialogue and to get to know each other. Teaching and learning workshops were well received and my thanks go to those staff from both schools who 'volunteered' to lead this important work.

For all students there will be new teachers, classrooms and the chance for a new start. Meeting students earlier this week reminded me that this time of year is always an opportunity for our young people to start fresh and evaluate how to become the people they want to be. Parents often ask how best to support their children as they embark on the next stage of their learning journey, my advice at this time of the year is to make sure children get plenty of rest, attend school on time and aim for 100% attendance whenever possible.

I met with school principals last week and I am delighted to inform you that the GCSE results for both schools are the highest yet achieved, improving on last year's results which had also been the highest to date. In both DES and MIS, at least 35% of students achieved top grades A*- A, the figure for UK schools this year was 20.5%. I congratulate the students and staff and know that given both schools commitment to ongoing improvement these very positive results can be replicated and built on in the future.

Other positive news for the year ahead is that the new secondary school at Dukhan is ongoing and the architect's design drawings for the completed campus look amazing. As this construction work is taking place whilst students occupy the site, I can assure you that health and safety considerations will be paramount and that any disruption to student learning will be minimized.

I look forward to more exciting developments in the year ahead as well as the opportunity to meet with families and other key stakeholders in making 2019-20 a successful school year for all.

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