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QP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

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

I begin this communication by thanking all those who responded to the recent Parent Survey, there were around 1200 responses from the two schools and the feedback and comments are currently being collated. In key areas such as student attitudes to school there was at least 95% agreement that students enjoy school and feel safe whilst at school. I will update you on key themes once the data is fully analysed, but it is clear that both schools need to evaluate the breadth and balance of the curriculum offer as well as considering how student achievement is reported to parents. To support this agenda each school will also be using a survey approach to gain important information from students as to their attitudes to school and their own learning. The main focus of this is to ensure schools are meeting the needs of all learners and can identify any hidden barriers to learning.

As many parents will be aware, examination time is very close and students will be busy both revising and sitting exams over the next school term. As you would expect there is lots of advice as to how best support students at home through this stressful time. I would only add to this by stressing the importance of a good night's sleep before an exam and just for the family to be aware when examinations are taking place so any allowances can be made for students who may be feeling the pressure. It will all be over by the end of June so I wish you all the very best and advise you get in touch with the school if you have any queries about exam timetables or key dates.

I very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents at Mesaieed last week who were celebrating the fifth anniversary of the 0-3 pre-school group. I was interested to see the children interact with both parents and with each other. This reminded me of the importance of such interactions, as research into how a child's brain develops from birth to age three shows, more than a million neural connections are made each second and this age is the most critical for developing capacity for future learning. This amazing development is influenced by many factors including relationships, experiences and environment and it is important that there are good opportunities for 'brain-building' in order to prepare a child for a lifetime of learning.

As I reflect on exams and child development it makes me think of my own experiences as a parent, my daughter gets married in two days' time and it doesn't seem possible that she started her education journey at school 27 years ago! Time flies by, so all we can do is support our children as best we can and help them to face all the challenges they will encounter along the way.

I thank you for your ongoing support and hope that the school holiday will allow you time to relax and enjoy some precious family time, whether you are travelling or staying in Qatar.

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