

Academic excellence joy

Al Noor International School celebrates high attainment in Cambridge Assessment International Examinations 2020-2021

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Students at Al Noor International School are celebrating the exemplary IGCSE results.

These are phenomenal results and they have led to a combined outcome of 72% of all students achieving A*, A and B in the Cambridge IGCSE examinations held in June 2021.

The school continues to set a benchmark and remains a leader in the field of education in the Kingdom of Bahrain. In almost all the subjects, the school averages for the students securing Grades A*, A, B & C which are well above the respective world averages.

Around 91% of IGCSE students secured grades between A* to C indicating excellent performance.

- 33 students secured a percentile of 100% with GPA 4
- 9 Students 7A*
- 72% secured A*, A & B
- 100% Pass
- 284 A*, 424 A and 318 B grades



Chalanya Pasandi

Laiba Shahid

Aleena Shahid

Jana Sherif

Khalil Samer

Lina Majid

Malak Shokry

Rawan Hashim

Rawda Eslam

Once again our commitment to delivering the quality education is clearly evident in the results of IGCSE 2020-2021. The following are our 33 high achievers who scored GPA 4:

Chalanya Pasandi Ranaweera, Aleena Shahid, Laiba Shahid, Jana Sherif Mahmoud, Khalil Samer Khalil, Lina Majid Saeed, Rawan Hashim Bader, Malak Shokry Mosaad and Rawda Eslam Mohamed secured 7A*

Mohammed Aasir Afzal, Ahmed Ali Shaker, Maryam Khaled Ahmed, Maryam Muhammad Rabie, Eyas Ihab Abdel and Ledia Joseph Sobhy secured 6A* 1A

Khalid Ali Isa, Maha Munawar

Alhoda, Maryam Jasim Naser, Moayyed Issa Mousa and Yasith Chamodya Rathnahalu secured 5A*2A

Mohammad Feroz Shah and Sathnim Nethmitha Samarasing secured 5A*1A

Huda Sharane, Aljazi Muneer Khalifa and Rawan Husain Saeed secured 4A*3A

Helith Dulnod Methsilu, Sam Jamal Abdulhameed and Matia Yusuf Ahmed secured 3A*4A

Muhammad Abubakar Majeed secured 3A*3A

Muhammad Mustafa Ilahi secured 2A*4A

Muteeba Atiq secured 1A*6A

Zaid bin Rizwan secured 1A*5A

Hanin Jasim Mohamed Abdulla secured 6A respectively.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to the resilience and determination of the school's talented students and teachers along with the support of the parent body.

The school appreciates the dedication of the students and the cooperation from the parents which made this exceptional result an achievable target. It is extremely proud of its students' achievements and has been impressed by their determination, diligence and excellent approach to learning that it has imbibed.

The excellent 2021 results are a

reflection of the academic support and ideal learning environment provided by the school. It serves as confirmation that Al Noor International School students have a distinct advantage resulting from the school's focus on excellence and the holistic development of each individual student.

The Chairman of the School, Ali Hasan, said: "I am delighted with these world-class results. They reflect the efforts of everyone to continually improve the school and achieve our vision and mission. We are a school with a difference and I am proud of the difference, that we make to the lives of so many young people and the life chances that

we create."

Dr Muhammad Mashood, the school Director, congratulated the students for their hard work and achievement.

"These results demonstrate the positive impact of our focus on academic management and students' performance have. We have a clear trend of improvement and look forward to seeing this continue in the future," Dr Mashood said.

The Principal, Amin Mohammed Hulaiwah, praised the outstanding results obtained by the IGCSE, AS and A Level students and mentioned the school's achievements during the course of the past academic year.

Applied Science University excels in QS Ranking

● First in Bahrain and climbs to 22nd in QS Arab Region University Rankings

● Fourth year in a row on rankings with continuous year-over-year improvement

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Applied Science University (ASU) continued its success on the QS Ranking for international and Arab Universities.

It has climbed to the 22nd spot in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2022 which makes it the best university in Bahrain according to this ranking.

It is also the only university in Bahrain to enter this ranking for four consecutive years and keeps progressing year after year.

By achieving this ranking, the university has imposed itself on the map of distinguished univer-



Applied Science University officials receiving an award

sities, not only at the local level, but at the Arab and international levels.

In the QS World University

Rankings for 2022, ASU was ranked 591-600, in addition to being ranked among the top 150 universities under 50 years old

in the world for the year 2021.

It is the only university in Bahrain to have Four Stars in the QS Stars Ratings, and was also ranked among the top 550 universities in the world in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings for the year 2022, in addition to obtaining a 401+ ranking in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and 37th in the Arab world in the Green Metric Ranking of Green and Environmentally Friendly Universities.

At the local level, the university succeeded in passing the Institutional Review by the Education and Training Quality Authority, where the official report of the authority showed that the university met all the required standards and indicators. Prior to that, the university has also achieved the Institutional Accreditation from the Higher Education Council.

The university also achieved the ISO 9001:2015 certification for its administrative support services and has achieved the ISO 21001:2018 certification for its educational delivery, making

it the first university in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf to achieve this double certification.

In addition, ASU collaborated with the British Higher Education Academy to qualify its faculty members to obtain a fellowship certificate from the Academy.

The latter chose the university to become an accredited training center, and as a result a large number of the university staff members obtained fellowship of the academy.

As for research, the university succeeded in publishing 181 scientific research papers in international refereed scientific journals during the past year.

On this occasion, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, stated that the university's progress in the international rankings of universities confirms the prestigious position it has reached at the local, Arab and international levels, which constitutes an incentive to work even harder in the coming years to deliver excellence and enhance the quality of education it provides.

Philippine Embassy, volunteers promote Filipino food and culture

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The Philippine Embassy in collaboration with Filipino volunteers participated in the Thai Floating Market.

It is organised by the Vega Thai Mart Bahrain and Vega Intertrade and Exhibitions at Thai Mart, Diyar Al Muharraq, Bahrain.

The 10-day event will run from 21 to 30 October featuring varieties of delicacies, clothing, accessories, souvenirs, art and handicrafts.

The Embassy booth was represented by Pinay Ikaw Na, one of organisations under the Filipino Club.

Its members sold some Filipino delicacies such as biko, kutsinta, puto, maja blanca, home-made popcorn and other snacks. Handmade Bonsai trees made of copper wire and gemstones are also sold.

Bahrain witnesses significant progress in overall gender balance index

● Up 69% for the years 2019-2020 compared to 65% from 2017 until 2018

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Bahrain's overall gender balance index for the years 2019-2020 increased to 69%, up from 65% during the period running from 2017 until 2018.

The gender balance also jumped from 70% to 73% in key national development areas and from 59% to 65% during the same period on the institutional index.

The positive shifts were featured in the National Gender Balance Report (2019-2020), which was compiled by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).

The National Gender Balance Report relies on two basic dimensions that include several areas and indicators to measure the progress made to bridge the gaps between women and men in national development.

The first dimension takes into account six core areas – economic participation, decision-making, education, health, social stability and civil society.

As for the second dimension it covers indicators that measure



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institutional performance in 12 areas – employment, leadership

positions, wages, education and training, the system of professional development and progression, institutional representation, integrating women's needs in the work environment, budgets responsive to women's needs, integrating women's needs in the products and services, studies related to women, participation in national, regional and international awards in the field of equal opportunities and compliance with the requirements of equal opportunities committees.

The Cabinet had tasked the joint committee between the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy to

follow-up on the implementation of recommendations with relevant authorities.

In a statement marking the publication of the results of the National Gender Balance Report (2019-2020), SCW Secretary-General Hala Al Ansari stressed Bahrain's success in promoting the status of women, praising the contributions and efforts of all public establishments.

She praised the Ministry of Finance and National Economy in particular for its support to the report and its goals, extending thanks to all government institutions and authorities which cooperate with the SCW taskforce

in charge of the report.

She announced that roundtable discussions, workshops and other events would be held in November 2021 to shed light on results of the National Gender Balance Report (2019-2020) and agree upon the follow-up on its recommendations.

Chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the weekly Cabinet session approved a memorandum by the Minister of Finance and National Economy on the National Gender Balance Report (2019-2020) prepared by the Supreme Council for Women to be endorsed officially.