Principal’s welcome

Salaam Alekum, all too quickly, the summer is passing and the academic school year is upon us once again. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to IAK, and as the new principal extend a warm invitation to you all to visit us and meet the new staff.

Schools are a place of constant change and IAK is no exception. Mr Iqbal has returned to his family in the UK, and when I spoke to him last, he asked me to pass on his well wishes to you all. Unfortunately (for us, but fortunately for them), Mr Mark and his family have moved to the Seychelles, Ms Davina has also returned to the UK, and Ms Inas has left us but remains in Kuwait. This means a new Management team is in place. We aim to consolidate on the hard work that has been done over the previous 2 years and further build upon the good practice that has been installed with the help of Cognition from New Zealand and the efforts of all of the staff.

I come to you after nearly 3 years as a principal in Lagos Nigeria. Before Nigeria I was in Abu Dhabi for 2 years working as an advisor of Teaching and Learning involved across 4 schools. Prior to this I have been in the UK and New Zealand and Australia.

Like Mr Ayaz, it would be fair to say that I am a conservative principal who’s main focus is on achievement, both in and outside the classroom. I base my values on traditional family values where respect for one’s elders and hard work are the cornerstone of success. I will be focusing my efforts to further develop the calibre of our teachers and increasing the academic success of our students. The Head of Primary, Mr Derek Hicks shares these values as does Ms. Petronella Daniels, Head of Foundation and Mr. Gavin Manuel, Assistant Head of Secondary. As a team we will be working hard to continue to build on the foundation provided by Mr Iqbal and his team in creating a leading school providing a well-resourced, strongly academic, British style education.

There will be an opportunity to meet the Senior Management Team and the teachers of your children in the week beginning September 17th. Please check your calendars and SMS messages as we get closer to the date.

I am going to take this opportunity to remind parents to pay their school fees as soon as possible to avoid the rush on the first day that school is open. Also to the parents of our new students especially the little ones, while we invite you to drop them off at school and wish them well on their new journey, can you please do this at the front office and refrain from wanting to go to classrooms. This is a busy time for teachers and they need the full undivided attention of their students.

Once again, a warm welcome back to IAK and we look forward to a year of success for all.

David Conway
Principal