

# Jeddah Prep and Grammar School Keeping in touch...

## Head Master's Headlines: 02/10/16

### THE HEAD TEAM: 2016-17

**This year's Head Team are looking forward to the many challenges that they have set themselves. They have ambitious plans to bring people together to work enthusiastically towards a common goal: enhancing every pupil's experience of school.**

The students themselves have a broad range of qualities and a proven record of success. Noor Bakhsh, Head Girl, is an outstanding student, having achieved straight A grades at AS Level, as well being an accomplished pianist and irrepresible source of energy and ideas. Head Boy, Haris Ali, is a perfect foil for her. Also academically strong, having taken 5 subjects at AS, Haris has benefitted from his time as a leader of last year's Student Council and his balanced methodical approach helps to keep the whole team grounded.



The deputies have just as much to offer: Laman Ahmed has a strong track record in the student council, as House Captain and on the school magazine. Not to mention the understanding that she has, having been at the school for the last 13 years! In contrast, Wali Musa joined us last year but soon settled in and impressed all with his fund raising efforts for the Cancer Society along

with Yara Abuljadayel. He plans to continue these efforts during the current year. His appointment should act as encouragement to others that school recognises and rewards all potential. The entire team will meet with the Head Master every week to discuss matters from the perspectives of the children and have an input into our future planning.

In their applications for a place on the Head Team, each of them stressed the strong sense of community that they felt as members of the school. As a relatively new student, Wali appreciates the warm welcome he received from students and staff. It is this warmth and caring environment that fosters it that has helped JPGS produce a string of students who have gone on to achieve great successes in their careers and which brings them back, year on year, to catch up with their old teachers. Laman Ahmed explained it best when she said; "We at JPGS are one school and one family. The fact that we care for each other means that no one gets left behind!"

### AUTUMN TERM ENRICHMENT

**Enrichment is off to a great start this term with over 55 after-school activities on offer and around 500 students signed up already.**

Activities range from the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award through to Under 19's / 16's and 14's volleyball, football, netball, cricket and more! Speaking of Cricket our Under 19's Cricket team faced off against BISJ (British School) on Wednesday afternoon and the JPGS Swim Team set off for a Swim Meet at BISJ on Thursday as well as the Under 19's Boys and Girls volleyball teams who trained hard over the past few weeks during Enrichment to play against AISJ (American School).

This is the essence of Enrichment, training, developing and engaging the students in order to nurture and help progress their individual needs outside of the academic school day.

With the commencement of Enrichment this term we hope to be able to offer even more options for the children and base our club options off of the wants and needs of the children. The Enrichment Team will continue to engage and communicate with the School community and gauge interest through surveys and polls as to which clubs would be most preferred and enjoyed by our pupils and parents, and how we can widen our participation.



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## YEAR SIX LEARNING IN THE LABS

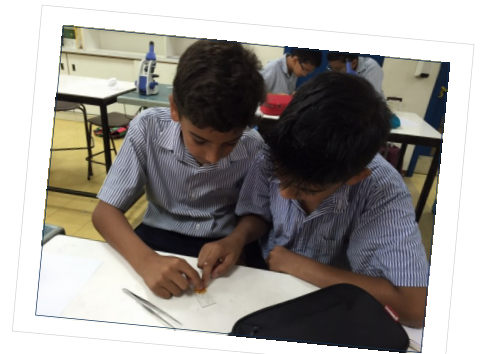
This term, the pupils in Year Six are studying the topic of 'Living Things', and have visited the Labs in the Grammar School to carry out practical investigations.

The pupils have been able to take their studies further by using a range of scientific equipment and learning how to use it best. This is a skill that students will frequently use during experiments in the Grammar School.

They have got up close and personal with a wide range of 'Living' specimens including scorpions and starfish, identifying their features and classifying. In recent weeks, the pupils' microscopy skills have been put to the test when observing various cells. This

was further challenged, when this week they prepared their own onion cells to be put under scrutiny.

Y6 have demonstrated great team work as well as improving their scientific skills in observation, planning and explanation. All students are aware of the Health and Safety guidelines required in the Labs, and followed them perfectly. We look forward to the coming months when they will explore areas of Biology, Chemistry and Physics together. Students will have the opportunity to plan and carry out their own investigations in addition to creating a model lung, looking into the use of colour filters and building complex electrical circuits.



## School Calendar update: upcoming at JPGS

WEEK 6 October	Sunday 2	0715-0730	Whole Staff Briefing, <i>Prep School Hall</i>
	Monday 3	1430-1515	House Team Meetings, <i>Sports Hall, Prep School Hall and Sixth Form Common Room</i>
	Tuesday 4	0750-0845 1430-1630	House Assemblies, <i>Sports Hall, Prep School Hall and Gym</i> Senior Leadership Team Meeting, <i>HM's Study</i>
	Wednesday 5	1830-2200	Formal Meeting of the Board of Governors, <i>Sixth form Common Room</i>
	Thursday 6	1530-1700	<b>Parents' Induction Evening for Year Seven and those new to the Grammar School, <i>Prep School Hall</i></b>
	Friday 7		
	Saturday 8	0800 start 0900-1200 0900-1200	<b>JPGS Invitational Meet, <i>Swimming Pool</i></b> Grammar School Production Rehearsal, <i>Prep School Hall</i> Active Sports Session, <i>Sports Hall</i>
WEEK 7 October	Sunday 9	0715-0730	<b>Book Week</b> Whole Staff Briefing, <i>Prep School Hall</i>
	Monday 10	1430-1515	Whole Staff Meeting, <i>Prep School Hall</i>
	Tuesday 11	0750-0825 0750-0825 0825-0845 1430-1630	Prep School Assembly, <i>Prep School Hall</i> Grammar School Assembly, <i>Sports Hall</i> PSME Session for all pupils, <i>Classrooms</i> Health, Safety and Security Meeting, <i>Sixth Form Common Room</i>
	Wednesday 12	0800-0900	<b>Coffee Morning for Parents, <i>Cafeteria</i></b>
	Thursday 13	1300-1400	<b>Prep School Book Week Parade, <i>Campus</i></b>
	Friday 14		
	Saturday 15	0900-1200 0900-1200	Grammar School Production Rehearsal, <i>Prep School Hall</i> Active Sports Session, <i>Sports Hall</i>