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Common Expectations:

- Self-Discipline . Respect . Empathy

Good Habits:

- Striving for Accuracy . Thinking Flexibly . Persisting

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September 22–October 3 : MS/HS MAP
Testing.

October 6 – 17: ES MAP Testing.

Top News

Message from the Director:

Dear BIS Community,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you on campus during the Open House, and I'm truly excited to embark on this new journey as the Director of Al-Bayan International School. As we begin the new school year, I want to share some of the exciting initiatives and improvements we have planned as part of our **School Improvement Plan for 2024-2027**.

We have set ambitious goals to ensure the continued growth and success of our students. Below are some key areas of focus:

Assessment

- Curriculum mapping will incorporate relevant assessment criteria linked to standards, unit goals, and essential outcomes.
- Assessments will be tailored to the developmental levels of students, with both modified and accelerated assessments utilized as needed.
- We will develop 'Assessment as Learning' practices, emphasizing peer and self-assessment throughout the school.
- Teachers will be trained to clearly define and implement 'Assessment for Learning' strategies.

Curriculum and Global Citizenship

- We are creating a handbook that defines global citizenship and intercultural learning at BIS.
- A school-wide framework for global citizenship, along with learning standards, will be implemented to ensure a consistent approach.
- Professional development will focus on integrating global citizenship into the curriculum, alongside extracurricular opportunities.
- We will establish various service learning projects focused on global citizenship and intercultural learning, both within BIS and the wider community.

Reading and Writing Initiatives

- Progress Monitoring in Reading: Teachers will be trained to implement a reading/phonics screener to regularly assess student progress and adjust their teaching accordingly.
- AP Programs: We aim to expand and embed Advanced Placement (AP) programs in high school.
- Arabic/Islamic: The depth and variety of Arabic language resources will be increased throughout the school.

Inclusion

- We will conduct a comprehensive review and update of the BIS inclusion policy.
- A framework to track individual student progress across multiple subjects will be developed.
- Staff will have access to comprehensive professional development on inclusion provisions, with a focus on differentiation and personalized learning.
- A unified K-12 Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program will be identified and implemented to support the diverse needs of our learners.

We are thrilled about the future of BIS and look forward to working together to ensure a successful and enriching school year for all our students.

Warm regards,

Kevin Fullbrook
Director, Al-Bayan International School



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Director Quarterly Newsletter

September 22, 2024



Upcoming CIS Accreditation:

I would like to inform you about our upcoming CIS accreditation process. As part of our commitment to maintaining high standards of excellence, Al-Bayan International School (BIS) is entering its next accreditation cycle with the Council of International Schools (CIS).

Our preparatory report is due in June 2025, and the preparatory visit is tentatively scheduled for the week of November 10, 2025. We have already established an accreditation committee, and our action plan is well underway.

We will keep you updated on our progress and any developments related to this important process.

Yearbook Cover Competition:

We are excited to announce that the Yearbook Cover Design Competition will happen again this year! This is your child's chance to showcase their creativity and artistic talent by designing the cover for this year's yearbook!

The competition will be open from Sunday 22nd September and submissions will close at 9:00am on Thursday 17th October.

Please send your child's submissions to Mr. Jeff (jeffery.chan@bis.edu.kw).

A NESA Workshop for Wellbeing in the Digital Age:

BIS families are invited to attend NESA workshop regarding "Investigating Wellbeing and Development in the Digital Age". This crucial four-part workshop is designed for parents and educators across the NESA region, and is dedicated to unpacking the complex relationship between mental health and social media. It will not only enhance your understanding of your own beliefs and values, it will also equip you with knowledge from a variety of researchers, including Jonathan Haidt, author of *The Anxious Generation*. Please click [here](#) to register and view more details about the NESA Workshop.

Dates to Remember:

- **September 22:** -MS/HS MAP Testing Starts Today till October 3.
-Yearbook Cover Design Competition Starts Today.
-MS/HS After-School Clubs Start.
-Basketball Training Starts.
- **September 23:** -ES After-School Clubs Start.
-Girls Volleyball and MS Football Training starts.
- **October 3:** -HS students will travel to Abu Dhabi for an NBA match and return on October 5.
-Last day to submit the yearbook cover design.
- **October 5:** World Teacher's Day - more details will be shared soon from our BIS PTA.
- **October 6:** ES MAP Testing Starts Today till October 17.
- **October 8:** PD Day for Staff; Student dismissal at 11:35 am for KG/ES and 11:40 am for MS/HS.
- **October 9:** NESA Workshop Session 1 for parents and educators from 3:00-4:00pm Athens, Greece time.
- **October 17:** Cancer Awareness Day (Pink Day).
- **October 20-23:** Fall Spirit Week.
- **October 24-27:** Mid-Semester Holiday.



Mission Statement: Al-Bayan International School personalizes learning to achieve intellectual and individual growth of all students, empowering them to impact their community.