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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Ms Tara Shaoul - PYP Coordinator

As we embrace new beginnings this school year, we are reminded that every learning journey thrives through partnership between students, teachers, and parents. Families play a vital role in nurturing curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning. By encouraging children at home and taking part in school events, parents help strengthen our sense of community and shared purpose. Our recent PYP5 Parents Sports Day beautifully reflected this spirit of collaboration. It was wonderful to see students and parents engaging together in friendly games, teamwork, and joyful outdoor learning.

Moments like these remind us that education extends beyond the classrooms – it grows through shared experiences, encouragement, and connection. Together, we continue to build a supportive environment where every child can shine.

Ms. Hadeel Husham - Early Years Coordinator

What a joy it has been watching our youngest learners grow over the past two months. From those first shy hellos to confident smiles, our Early Years classrooms are now full of laughter, friendship, and discovery. The children have settled wonderfully into their routines, learning to share, cooperate, and care for one another. Each day, they come eager to explore, ask questions, and try new experiences, whether it's during playtime, circle time, or creative activities. Their curiosity and excitement for learning brighten our classrooms and remind us of how magical these early years truly are. We are so proud of how much independence and confidence they have gained already, and we look forward to many more months filled with growth, joy, and meaningful learning together.

MYP5-HS2 GRADUATION

On Wednesday, October 1st, we proudly celebrated the graduation ceremony of our High School Class of 2025 and the completion of the International Baccalaureate MYP Programme for our MYP5 students. The event honored their remarkable achievements, persistence, and dedication throughout their academic journey. The ceremony was filled with emotion as students walked the stage, cheered on by their families, teachers, and friends. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the teachers who guided them, the parents who believed in them, the leaders who inspired them, and the friends who stood beside them.



MYP – HS SERVICE AS ACTION

our MYP3 students took part in a Service as Action activity by spending time with our Early Years learners during a special reading session. Each MYP student was paired with a young learner, guiding them through a story and supporting them as they explored new words and ideas. This program will continue throughout the year, with other MYP and High School grade levels joining in to support our younger students in their learning journey.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MONK

In a unique spiritual formation experience, our Grade 11 students spent a full day living “a day in the life of a monk.” Throughout the day, students stepped away from their usual routine to embrace silence, prayer, and simplicity. They prayed lectio divina, worked in different areas of the school as an act of service, and shared a simple monastic lunch of bread and cheese. By the end of the experience, the students expressed feeling peaceful, refreshed, and more connected not only to their faith, but also to themselves and one another.



EY-PYP JOINT SPORTS DAY

Our PYP1 and Early Years 2 students came together for a fun-filled Joint Sports Day! The students enjoyed a variety of games and friendly competitions, cheering each other on with great enthusiasm.



It was a wonderful opportunity for the Early Years students to get excited about joining PYP1 next year, and for current PYP1 learners to reconnect with their former teachers and younger friends. The day was full of laughter, teamwork, and school spirit!

PYP1 PLANTING PROJECT

As part of their science unit, our PYP1 students rolled up their sleeves and planted seeds in the school garden. This hands-on activity helped them learn about plant growth and the importance of caring for nature while enjoying the excitement of seeing their own plants begin to sprout!



STUDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

We are proud to announce the acceptance of our Grade 12 students into prestigious universities in Iraq and abroad wishing them continued success in their future studies.

- Henry Remsen- Hawler Medical university/ college of dentistry
- Fadi Nabil- Koya university/ general medicine
- Ibrahim Naseer- The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
- Matilda Ramzi- University of Kurdistan Hawler - Architecture
- Melen Farid- Koya University- General Medicine
- Meiret Faiq - University of Kurdistan Hawler/ Department of Law
- Christian Bassam- Catholic University in Erbil/ Business department
- Youssef Diar- University of Kurdistan Hawler/ Department of Law
- Teresa Raad- Chemical Engineering/ Walsh university-Ohio
- Mirna Muhamad - Biology Department/ Walsh university-Ohio



UPCOMING EVENTS

IB DAY

1st of November

All Saints' Day

November

School sports tournament

15th of November

Languages Exhibition

19th of November

YP4-5 Exhibition

27th of November

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