

# GIS REVIEW

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## MUSIC PROGRAM COMING TO GIS

Gulf International School is proud to announce that we have begun our elective music program. The Saudi Ministry of Education chose our school to participate in their inauguration of music classes for students in Saudi Arabia.

Parents of students in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the girls section were offered a choice of either art or music for their children. GIS plans to extend the program to the boys section in the 2022-23 academic year, insh'Allah.

A professional Music Teacher, Mrs. Shaymaa, joins us to lead the program. She will teach the basics of music education with greater emphasis on music and choral performance.

We hope to be able to present a recital at the end of the academic year.



## Parents/Teacher Conference

The first trimester's Parents/Teacher meeting was held from the 8th of December until the 11th of December. Parents were invited to pick up their child's report card and to meet their child's teachers.

## Message from the Elementary School Academic Director

**MRS. SALWA AL-HUSAINI**

On the evening of December 8th, GIS held our Parent/Teacher meetings with students from KG3 - Grade 3. 200 parents attended. It was very nice to see so many parents attending that evening, and especially to see so many big smiles from the students who attended as well. Seeing our students connecting again with their teachers, and with their friends was a wonderful sight for us. This made the evening a success. The pictures we received of big smiles as they got their faces painted, standing with a snowman or eating a bag of popcorn were highlights that we can treasure.

A special thanks goes out to the administration, for organizing this night. A big thank-you goes to the staff and teachers for their efforts during this event. Of course, we would also like to send a big thank you to all the parents and students who attended and made the night a huge success. Together we succeed.

## Message from the Middle School Academic Director

**MRS. MARYNA VAN RENSBURG**

As part of the continuous collaboration between the school and parents, GIS Middle School held its first parent-teacher conferences. We had a great turnout, showing our parents' excellent support to the school and their engagement in their child's learning.

### Some points to remember:

A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- Share academic progress and growth based on classroom observations, testing data, assessments, portfolios, and assignments
- Learn from parents or guardians, to be better informed about students' strengths, needs, behaviors, and learning styles
- Discuss enrichment or intervention strategies to support students' learning
- Discuss issues that may be interfering with students' learning and growth

## Message from the High School Academic Director

**MRS. NAOMI GORDON**

The High School wishes to express gratitude to all who attended the Parents' Day. It is a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to continue to work together to ensure academic success for the GIS community. Nevertheless, please be aware that your child's teachers are available all the time should you wish to receive more guidance to support your child with their learning at home. Our motto is that learning is a partnership between home and school.



# CallTech Comes to GIS/2030 Vision

BY MARIAM SALAMA

The Vision 2020 was published on April 2016 by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and the Royal Court. Vision 2030 is a planned program that aims to reduce Saudi Arabia's dependence on oil, and to enhance its living standards and diversify its economy. The Vision also seeks for developments in the public service sectors such as education, health, tourism and infrastructure.

One of the Vision's themes is "A Thriving Economy" which aims at creating as many job opportunities as possible for all people. Herein comes the role of schools. Schools should follow a prepared modern curriculum to ensure that higher education outcomes are in line with the requirements of the job market.

GIS is one of the pioneer schools to apply the 2030 Vision. GIS is trying to implement and achieve education-related goals of the vision. These goals reflect the school's continuous improvement. These include the use of technology to help teach and guide the students more efficiently. A good example of the use of technology in the school is the use of a CallTech. CallTech is the new dismissal application programmed by a local Saudi company. It provides safe dismissal for our students.

This application provides the school with a safe and organized dismissal plan that has resulted fewer in traffic problems during dismissal time. Moreover, it prevents any unnecessary complications that might occur, so that the students can exit the school smoothly and with ease.



## HIGH ACHIEVERS OF GIS

We are glad to announce our high achievers, high achievers must score 95% or above on their trimester report card.

<b>Grade 7A</b>	<b>Grade 7E</b>	<b>Grade 8B</b>	<b>Grade 8E</b>	<b>Grade 10A</b>	<b>Grade 12A</b>
Noor Ahmed	Abdulaziz. A	Khadiga Amr	Siddig Ahmed	Alaa Ahmed	Hiba Zahid
Jana Mustafa	Saif Elgohary	Muzn Awad	Abdel Rehman	Solaf Maan	Lamees Shahid
Eman Attiyah	Mohammed Al Hutailah	Yara Abdellatif	Adam Abo Omar	Dua Imran	Dalia Yassin
Lianna Raha	Hossam Hassan	Habiba Yaser	Seif Mahmoud	Bochra Bellil	
Nadin Ahmed	Abdullah Ishak	Jana Alqahtani	Ahmed Thabet	Usra Haitham	<b>Grade 12D</b>
Hadia Shahid	Ahmed Alhowar	Farah Hashash	Ibrahim Medha	Sama Ahmed	Saad Sohail
Asil Elgand	Muhammad Baraa	Sarah Alotaib	Jalal Ali Ibrahim		
Zainab Rana	Mohammed Sulaiman	Reemas	Omar Ahmed	<b>Grade 10B</b>	
Rehab Bejad		Solaf Amr		Sama Yaser	
<b>Grade 7B</b>	<b>Grade 7F</b>	<b>Grade 8D</b>	<b>Grade 9A</b>	Aldanah Mohammed	
Jana Ahmed	Marwan Kadah	Youssef Hajjazi	Menat Allah	Huda Mohammed	
Lama Oshi	Saed Abu-Mustafa	Haris Bin Shahid	Farah Osama	Talat Ramez	
Amna Alkhamas	Youssef Mohamed	Haziq Mustafa	Ward Hussainmna		
Malak Reda	Aws Habash	Rehan Umer		<b>Grade 10D</b>	
<b>Grade 7D</b>	Owyse Hashash		<b>Grade 9B</b>	Tawfiq Ibrahim	
Mohammed Darwish	<b>Grade 8A</b>		Mariam Abdulrahman	Mohamad Alamin	
Noman Naeem	Manahil Jamal		Sara Yasser	Al Musabeh	
	Salma Medhat			Hussain Al	
	Sarah Ayaz		<b>Grade 9D</b>	Yaman. Md	
	Sara Ahmed		Omar Mohamed	<b>Grade 11A</b>	
	Safa Bellil			Aimen Jamal	
	Eman Farrukh		<b>Grade 9E</b>	Hanein Md	
	Inayah Khan		Adam Ahmed	Zenab Mohamed	
	Mariam Salama		Feras Ahmed	Hiba Farrukh	
				Khawlah Ibrahim	

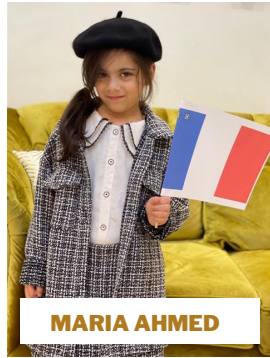
# MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Our multicultural week, 12 to 16 December, was a huge success. Each class selected a country and studied it. We had countries from Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America, so a range of different cultures were investigated in detail.

Classes looked at the history, geography, art, foods and languages from these countries. The student interaction and participation coming from classrooms, be it in school or online, was incredible.



**MAISOON ALFAR**



**MARIA AHMED**



**OMAR HAITHAM**



**SADEEN FADI**



**REEM DANISH**



**LAMAR AHMED**



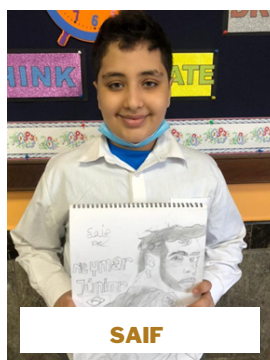
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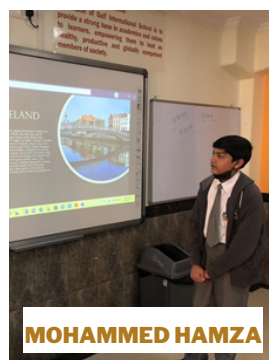
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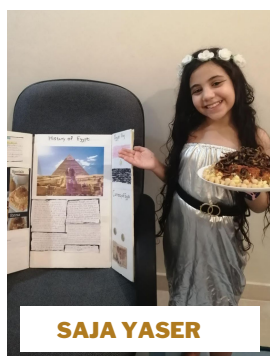
**MOHAMMED HAMZA**



**ASEEL MOHAMMED**



**SAMAR MAHMOUD**



**SAJA YASER**



**FAHAD AL QAHTANI**



## GIS STUDENTS ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs. Rasha, our School Student Counselor, and Mrs. Roaa, the Assistant School Student Counselor, organized the school student council elections. Each grade and section voted by secret ballot for a class representative. Once all representatives were chosen, the representatives voted on the student council officers. The officers and members are listed below. Members will meet once a week with the student counselor and other members of the student board. They will use these meeting to discuss student concerns. The members and officers were announced in school assemblies on December 22nd and 23rd.

## PREFECTS

Interested Grade 10, 11 and 12 students were asked to sign up to be prefect members. We had about 40 students that applied in both the girls' and boys' sections combined. Candidates were interviewed by the school administration committee and chosen based on their leadership, decision-making, and good behavior qualities. 20 students were chosen, and among them, the titles of School Captain, Vice School Captain, Sports Captain, and Vice Sports Captain were assigned. Prefects are responsible to help maintain discipline and good student behavior during breaks and before and after school. They will also assist in organizing and participate in school events. The members were announced on December 22nd and 23rd.

## Prefects Boys Section

Students Name	Position	Grade
Saad Suhail	School Captain	12
Danial Al Hamad	Vice - School Captain	12
Saif Al Khaldi	Sports Captain	12
Waleed Fadi	Vice - Sports Captain	10
Amjad Rahhal	Prefects	12
Hasan Rahhal	Prefects	10
Meron Mathew	Prefects	12
Osama Abdo	Prefects	12
Blessing Williamo	Prefects	12
Faisal Ahmad	Prefects	12

## Prefects Girls Section

Students Name	Position	Grade
Lamees Shahid	School Captain	12
Dalia Makki	Vice - School Captain	12
Sara Saddiq	Sports Captain	12
Zahra Al Ramadan	Vice - Sports Captain	12
Hiba Zahid	Prefects	12
Nada Amir	Prefects	12
Rama Mujahed	Prefects	11
Leen Aseri	Prefects	11
Zainab Mohammad	Prefects	11
Remas Yousef	Prefects	10



## GIS HONORS TEACHERS AND STAFF IN CEREMONY

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Munther Al Ibrahim, greeted teachers and staff at a Service Awards Ceremony on October 18th in the school's auditorium. All faculty, staff and administration attended the ceremony. Awards were given for 5, 10 and 15 years of service with GIS. The recipients honored are listed below:



### 5 years' service

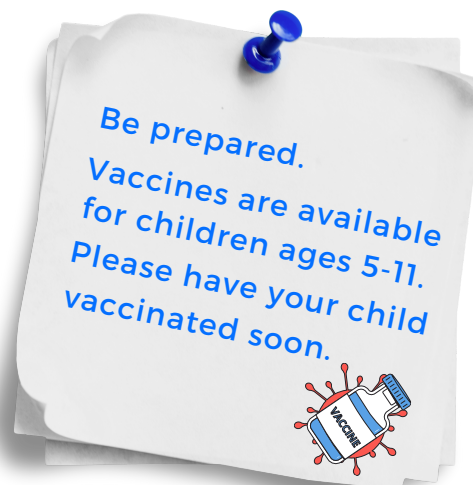
Jameela Shahul  
 Maria Benjamin  
 Shabha Stalin  
 Zairah Siddiqui  
 Iyeshwaria  
 Afrah Ali Ibrahim  
 Fatima Omran  
 Yuvraja Selvaraj  
 Shahadat Hussain  
 Mohamed Nasim  
 Feroz Ahmed  
 Nozul Islam  
 Fatima Piang  
 Jovita Francisco

### 10 years' service

Khateeja Khan  
 Tasneem Ameer  
 Noreen May  
 Iman Gouda  
 Shalinie Daniel  
 Bushra Yusuf  
 Khaleel

### 15 years' service

Syeda Shaista  
 Abdul Mutalib  
 Momin  
 Munni Begum  
 Ameena Nadeem



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

DATES	EVENTS
Jan 09-15	2nd Trimester Vacation
Jan 16-27	Mid-Trimester Tests
Feb 2-3	Long Weekend
Feb 12	Science Fair
Feb 23-24	Long Weekend
Feb 27- Mar 10	2nd Trimester Exams