

Parent Weekly Newsletter No (005)

18th May – 22nd May 2026

النشرة الأسبوعية لأولياء الأمور رقم (005)

Bassam Saryeddine
Principal's Message



بسام سري الدين
رسالة المدير

Dear Parents,
I hope this finds you and your families well.

As we approach the Eid Al Adha holiday, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Throughout the past few weeks, the entire Virginia American School community has demonstrated a high level of agility, steadfast resilience, and most importantly, a sense of pride in the UAE - all of which have made this term one filled with purpose and meaning.

This past week, in particular, has been very eventful, and with our NEASC visitors in the school for a 3-day visit, also an insightful one too. Throughout the three-day review, the visiting team had an opportunity to tour the school, observe lessons, meet with students, staff, parents, and governance. The feedback we have received from the external review team positions Virginia American School in a very positive place ahead of our full external review visit (ERV) in around 18 months from now. We will be sharing detailed feedback with you in the form of a report, once received, however, please find below some summary highlights from the NEASC feedback:

- The school has a supporting environment and supportive leadership team across all levels.
- The school's open-door policy helps create an environment where students and staff are listened to and heard.
- The school is a safe place and both students and staff love their school.
- Strategic governance has a good idea of the school's priorities and how and what it needs to be supported further.
- The school's development goals are ambitious and forward looking.

To be continued>>>

السادة / أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،،،
نأمل أن تكونوا أنتم وعائلاتكم الكريمة بأفضل حال.

مع اقتراب عطلة عيد الأضحى المبارك، أود أن أتقدم إليكم بجزيل الشكر على دعمكم المستمر وشراكتكم القيّمة. فقد أظهر مجتمع مدرسة فرجينيا الأمريكية بأكمله خلال الأسابيع الماضية مستوى عالي من المرونة والقدرة على التكيف، والصمود الثابت، والأهم من ذلك روح الفخر بدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة، مما جعل هذا الفصل الدراسي مليئاً بالأهداف والمعاني.

لقد كان الأسبوع الماضي حافلاً بالأحداث بشكل خاص، كما كان ثرياً بالملاحظات والتجارب القيّمة، وذلك مع زيارة فريق الاعتماد من (NEASC) للمدرسة لمدة ثلاثة أيام. وخلال هذه الزيارة، أُتيحت للفريق الفرصة للتجول في مرافق المدرسة، وحضور الحصص الدراسية، والاجتماع بالطلبة والموظفين وأولياء الأمور والجهات الإدارية. وقد جاءت الملاحظات التي تلقيناها من فريق المراجعة الخارجي إيجابية للغاية، مما يضع مدرسة فرجينيا الأمريكية في موقع متميز استعداداً لزيارة المراجعة الخارجية الكاملة (ERV) والمتوقعة بعد حوالي (18) شهراً من الآن.

وسنقوم بمشاركتكم التقرير التفصيلي فور استلامه، إلا أننا نود أن نستعرض معكم بعض أبرز الملاحظات التي وردت في الانطباع الذي خلفه فريق (NEASC):

- تُوفّر المدرسة بيئة داعمة وفريق قيادة متعاون على جميع المستويات.
- تُسهم سياسة الباب المفتوح في المدرسة في خلق بيئة يشعر فيها الطلبة والموظفون بأن أصواتهم مسموعة ومُقدّرة.
- تُعد المدرسة مكاناً آمناً، ويشعر كل من الطلبة والموظفين بحب وانتماء كبيرين تجاه مدرستهم.
- يتمتع مجلس الحوكمة الاستراتيجية بفهم واضح لأولويات المدرسة وسُبل دعمها وتطويرها.
- تتميز أهداف تطوير المدرسة بالطموح والنظرة المستقبلية.

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Our week came to a close with a special Friday where our students, across all phases, participated in Hajj activities, learning about the significance of Hajj and sharing this experience with their peers and teachers. We were also honored to host Sandoq Al Watan on Friday with a special guest speaker, Dr. Aisha Al Dhaheer. This special collaborative between our VAS community, staff, students, and parents and Sandoq Al Watan was an opportunity to celebrate the values of belonging and loyalty whilst renewing our love and pride for the United Arab Emirates. We will continue to pursue such partnerships where the family and the school can come together and demonstrate their deep commitment to National Identity in the UAE.

Going into the month of June, please find below some important information and updates:

School Timings (Effective June 8)

Starting Monday, the 8th of June, our school timings for all students - (Pre-KG to Grade 12) will be adjusted per the below:

School day starts at (7:30) AM

School day ends at (12:45) PM

These new timings will support our students' preparations and readiness for assessments whilst ensuring safe and feasible pick-up arrangements. Our curriculum coverage in KG and Elementary will not be affected as a modified timetable will ensure all lessons are timetabled and all content is covered.

End-of-Year Assessments (Grades 6-11)

For all information related to end-of-year assessments in the secondary, please refer to Ms. Nawal Moukarzel's letter in this week's updates. The letter is also attached - English and Arabic in this email. During the week of June 1st, you will also receive our updated Academic Integrity Policy, which we will be discussing with our secondary students and will ask you do the same with your child, ahead of the assessment period.

Should you have any questions, please refer to Ms. Nawal Moukarzel at nawal.moukarzel@virginia.sch.ae or Ms. Jinan Naji at pre@virginia.sch.ae.

To be continued>>>

واختتم أسبوعنا بيوم جمعة مميز، حيث شارك طلبتنا الصغار في جميع المراحل الدراسية في أنشطة الحج، وتعزفوا على أهمية هذه الشريعة المباركة وشاركوا هذه التجربة مع زملائهم ومعلمهم. كما تشرفنا باستضافة مؤسسة صندوق الوطن يوم الجمعة، بحضور المتحدث الضيف الدكتور عائشة الظاهري. وقد شكل هذا التعاون المميز بين مجتمع مدرسة فرجينيا من موظفين وطلبة وأولياء أمور، وصندوق الوطن، فرصة للاحتفاء بقيم الانتماء والولاء، وتجديد حبنا وفخرنا بدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة. وسنواصل السعي نحو مثل هذه الشراكات التي تجمع بين الأسرة والمدرسة، وتعزز الالتزام العميق بالهوية الوطنية في دولة الإمارات.

ومع دخولنا شهر يونيو، يرجى الاطلاع على المعلومات والتحديثات المهمة التالية:

أوقات الدوام المدرسي (اعتباراً من 08 يونيو)

اعتباراً من يوم الاثنين الموافق 08 يونيو 2026، سيتم تعديل أوقات الدوام المدرسي لجميع الطلبة من مرحلة ما قبل الروضة وحتى الصف الثاني عشر وفقاً لما يلي:

يبدأ اليوم الدراسي في تمام الساعة (07:30) صباحاً.

ينتهي اليوم الدراسي في تمام الساعة (12:45) ظهراً.

وستُسهّم هذه التعديلات في دعم استعداد الطلبة للتقييمات والاختبارات، مع ضمان ترتيبات آمنة ومناسبة لاستلام الطلبة بعد انتهاء الدوام. كما نود التأكيد أن تغطية المنهج الدراسي في مرحلتَي الروضة والابتدائي لن تتأثر، حيث سيتم تطبيق جدول معدل يضمن تقديم جميع الحصص واستكمال كافة المحتويات التعليمية.

تقييمات نهاية العام الدراسي لصفوف (من السادس وحتى الحادي عشر)

للاطلاع على جميع المعلومات المتعلقة بتقييمات نهاية العام الدراسي للمرحلة الثانوية، يرجى الرجوع إلى رسالة الأستاذة / نوال مكرزل ضمن تحديثات هذا الأسبوع. كما تم إرفاق الرسالة باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية مع هذا البريد الإلكتروني.

وخلال الأسبوع الذي يبدأ في 01 يونيو 2026، ستلقون أيضاً النسخة المحدثة من سياسة النزاهة الأكاديمية الخاصة بمدرستنا، والتي سنقوم بمناقشتها مع طلبة المرحلة الثانوية، كما نرجو منكم مراجعتها ومناقشتها مع أبنائكم قبل فترة التقييمات والاختبارات.

وفي حال وجود أي استفسارات، يرجى التواصل مع الأستاذة / نوال مكرزل عبر البريد الإلكتروني (nawal.moukarzel@virginia.sch.ae) أو الأستاذة / جنان ناجي عبر البريد الإلكتروني (pre@virginia.sch.ae).

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SEHA Screening

Concerned parents of students in grades KG1, KG2, Grade 1, Grade 5, and Grade 9 will have received communication regarding the comprehensive health screening taking place between the 1st and 3rd of June. Should you have any questions, please contact our school nurses.

School Photographs

At the beginning of last week, we shared with you a letter regarding our scheduled photo sessions which will run between June 1 and June 5 and then between June 8 and 9. You will have already received specific information regarding dates, and if not, you will receive that ahead of the 1st of June. Please refer to the letter for further information.

Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony

We are fast approaching the special day on **Wednesday, the 3rd of June**. Should you have any questions or inquiries, please reach out to our PRE, Ms. Jinan Naji, at pre@virginia.sch.ae.

Wishing you all a pleasant Eid Al Adha holiday.

Warm Regards,

Bassam Saryeddine
Principal

الفحص الطبي (SEHA)

سيكون أولياء أمور الطلبة المعنيين في صفوف مرحلة الروضة الأولى (KG1) ومرحلة الروضة الثانية (KG2) والصفوف (الأول والخامس والتاسع) قد تلقوا إشعاراً بشأن الفحص الطبي الشامل الذي سيجري خلال الفترة من 01 إلى 03 يونيو 2026. وفي حال وجود أي استفسارات، يرجى التواصل مع ممرضي المدرسة.

جلسات التصوير في المدرسة

في بداية الأسبوع الماضي، قمنا بمشاركة رسالة تتعلق بجلسات التصوير في المدرسة والمجدولة خلال الفترة من 01 إلى 05 يونيو 2026، ثم من 08 إلى 09 يونيو 2026. ومن المفترض أن تكونوا قد استلمتم التفاصيل الخاصة بالمواعيد، وإن لم تكن قد وصلتكم بعد، فسيتم إرسالها قبل الأول من يونيو. يرجى الرجوع إلى الرسالة لمزيد من المعلومات.

حفل تخرج طلاب وطالبات الصف الثاني عشر

نقترب سريعاً من هذا اليوم المميز والمقرر يوم الأربعاء الموافق 03 يونيو 2026. وفي حال وجود أي استفسارات أو أسئلة، يرجى التواصل مع الأستاذة / جنان ناجي (مسؤولة علاقات أولياء الأمور) لدينا عبر البريد الإلكتروني (pre@virginia.sch.ae).

نتمنى لكم جميعاً عيد أضحي مبارك وعطلة سعيدة.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير...

بسام سري الدين
مدير المدرسة



Acting Vice Principal's Updates Mr. Andrew Collins

We are proud to see our students actively engaged in school life, contributing to a positive and energetic learning environment.

Attendance Success

We are excited to recognize the classes who achieved the highest attendance figures this week. Strong attendance remains essential for academic success, and we are very pleased to celebrate the following groups;

Phase | Leading Class

-  KG | KG2 Amber
-  Elementary | 3B
-  Secondary Girls | 9G2
-  Secondary Boys | 6B1

Congratulations to these classes for demonstrating excellent consistency and dedication! 🌟 Let's keep working together to ensure outstanding attendance across every year group.

House Spirit Is Stronger Than Ever! 🎉

Our House spirit continues to shine across the school! 🌟 Staff have been enthusiastically competing in our weekly House quiz and proudly wearing their House T-shirts every Friday. 🍀 The energy, teamwork, and friendly competition have been fantastic to see!

Students are also continuing to earn achievement and House points in class through their hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment to excellence. 📖 ✨ Our student leaders will be adding points to classroom doors, and we will be celebrating each week the House with the highest number of points across the school. 🏆 🎉

Here's a reminder of our amazing Houses;

-  Green House – Falcons
-  Black House – Arabian Oryx
-  Red House – Camels
-  White House – Horses
-  House Leaderboard Since Returning from Distance Learning)
-  1st Place – Oryx (Black House) 🐪 with 76 points
-  2nd Place – Horses (White House) 🐎 with 74 points
-  3rd Place – Falcons (Green House) 🦅 with 68 points
-  4th Place – Camels (Red House) 🐪 with 62 points

What a close competition! 🍀 The teamwork and enthusiasm from both staff and students have been incredible.

Keep earning those points, showing House pride, and supporting your teams! 💪 🔥 Who will take the top spot next week? 🏆



Acting Vice Principal's Updates
Mr. Andrew Collins

World Scholars Cup

Twenty-one of our talented students proudly represented Virginia at the World Scholar's Cup in Dubai from 16–18 May 2026. Competing in Team Debates, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Bowl, and Scholar's Challenge, our students delivered an outstanding performance, earning an impressive 34 medals.

We are incredibly proud of the confidence, critical thinking, and teamwork they demonstrated throughout the competition.

A sincere thank you to Ms. Sangeeta and Ms. Lincy for preparing our students, and to Ms. Angela and Ms. Roxanne for accompanying and supporting them. We also extend our gratitude to our SLT and parents for their continued support. Together, we continue to champion excellence beyond the classroom. ✨



Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

Dear Parents,

Students took part in a meaningful learning experience this week as the Islamic and Arabic team led a presentation on **Hajj rituals**. Students learned about the significance of each ritual, explored the journey of Hajj, and even dressed in **Islamic clothing** to deepen their understanding. They participated in symbolic activities such as performing **Tawaf** by circling a model of the Kaaba, helping them connect classroom learning with real-world religious practices. It was a hands-on, engaging session that supported cultural awareness, respect, and understanding.



Lots of exciting activities and learning experiences took place this week. Here is a brief overview of what happened in each section.

Best Regards,

Rania Akl

Head of Kindergarten



Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

Pre-k

This week in Pre-K, students learned about the letter z in English. The children practiced recognizing the letter, forming it with playdough, identifying words that begin with z, and writing the letter independently.

In Math, They learned about the number 12, were they practiced counting objects and matching the correct number to groups of objects. We also explored early addition by joining objects together and finding the total.

In Science, they explored magnets and discovered which objects stick to magnets . The children enjoyed investigating and experimenting with different materials.





Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

KG 1

This week in Literacy, students enjoyed reading *Magnetic Max* and took part in a variety of engaging activities. They sequenced the story by identifying the beginning, middle, and end, drew characters from the story, and practiced their phonics skills by labeling items using Fred Fingers.

Students also explored magnets through a fun hands-on activity inspired by the story, which sparked curiosity and excitement. To encourage creativity, they shared ideas for new characters they would add to the story.

It has been a wonderful week full of learning, creativity, and exploration.



KG 1 had an exciting math adventure this week! Students explored addition by using ten frames and confidently wrote their own number sentences. They also became little problem-solvers as they built towers with blocks to represent and solve addition problems. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, creativity, and growing confidence in using hands-on strategies to develop their math skills!



In science students explored **magnets** this week by testing which materials are **magnetic**, sorting objects, and discussing why some metals are attracted to magnets. Students designed simple **magnetic games**, using magnet wands to move objects and explain how magnetic force works. Students also experimented with pulling paper clips through jars, both empty and filled with water, to see how magnets attract objects without touching them.



Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

KG 2

Our students had a wonderful time exploring literacy this week! They enjoyed reading the story “*Cece Loves Science*”, which sparked their interest and imagination.

They also read *Red Ditty Book 9*, helping to build their confidence in reading. In addition, students practiced their writing skills through *Get Writing activities*, focusing on forming sentences and expressing their ideas.



KG 2 had a wonderful and engaging week in our classroom! Our students explored a variety of hands-on math activities focused on *addition and subtraction*. They practiced using *number lines*, *manipulative*, and even tried *adding and subtracting money*.

To make learning fun, we also incorporated *dice games*, worked with the *abacus*, and practiced *mental math strategies*. The children were enthusiastic and actively took part in all activities.





Head of Kindergarten Updates
Ms. Rania Akl

KG 2

A fun and curiosity-filled **science** lesson this week! Our students explored the concept of *push and pull* through exciting hands-on activities.

They created their own *pet treat dispenser*, which helped them understand how push and pull work in real-life situations.

We also discussed our big question: “*How do magnets help push and pull?*”, encouraging students to think, observe, and share their ideas.





Assistant Principal - Elementary
Ms. Gloria D'Souza

We have had a truly wonderful and memorable week here in Elementary!

We were delighted to welcome our NEASC visitors into our classrooms. Our students made us incredibly proud as they warmly welcomed the visitors into their learning spaces. They confidently demonstrated excellent behaviour, actively participated in lessons, and engaged in assemblies and experiments. Throughout the visit, our students beautifully showcased the high standards we strive for every day, well done to all!

We also ended the week on a meaningful note as we celebrated Hajj. Classrooms were filled with engaging and enriching activities that deepened our students' understanding of the values and significance of this important occasion. It was a joy to see such enthusiasm, reflection, and learning taking place across all year groups.



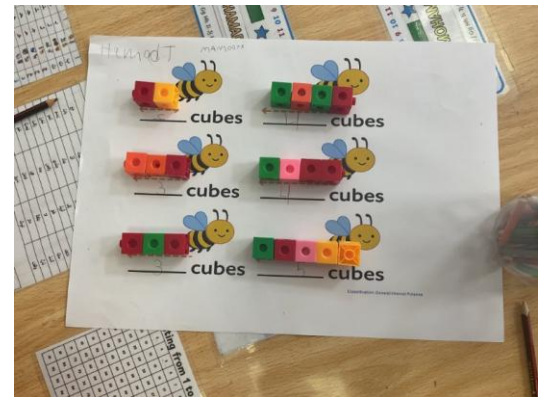
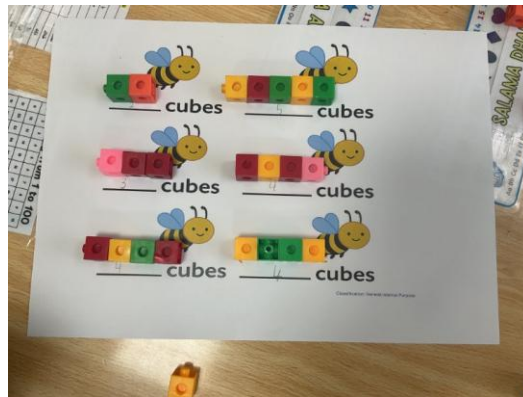
Here is a glimpse of the wonderful learning that happened in each class across elementary:

Grade 1 students turned our classrooms into mini labs. In Math, using cubes, students measured everything they could find. For English, students went into a writer mode and created opinion pieces on bees and finding the main ideas from short texts. In Science, it was all about seasons and how they change, how bees help plants and how their habitats change during the seasons.





Assistant Principal - Elementary
Ms. Gloria D'Souza



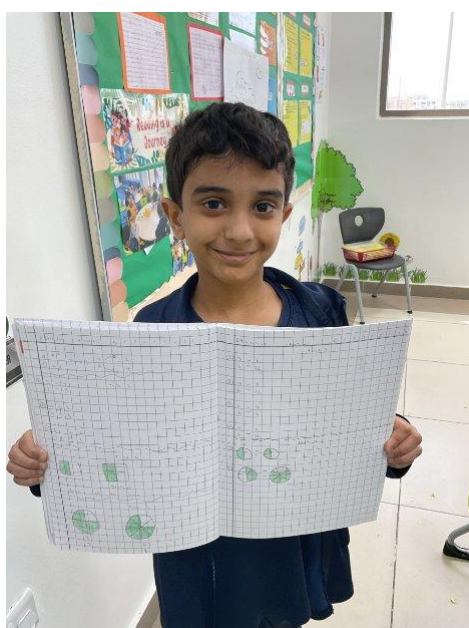
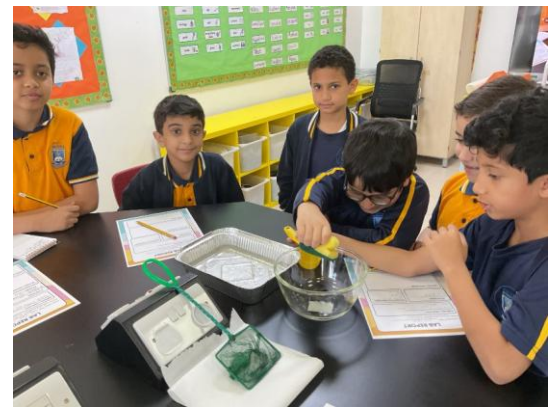
Our **Grade 2** students explored measurements using inches, centimeters, and different measuring tools. They had lots of fun measuring their heights and various classroom items. In Science, they learned that living things can be found in different places around our school environment.





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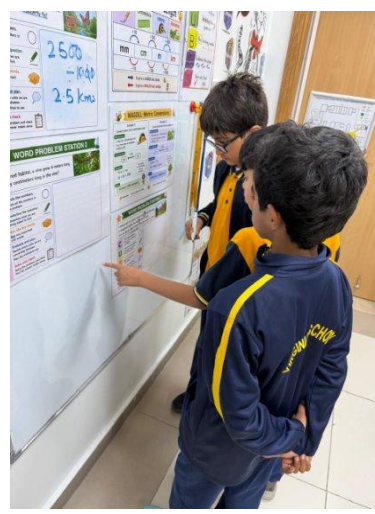
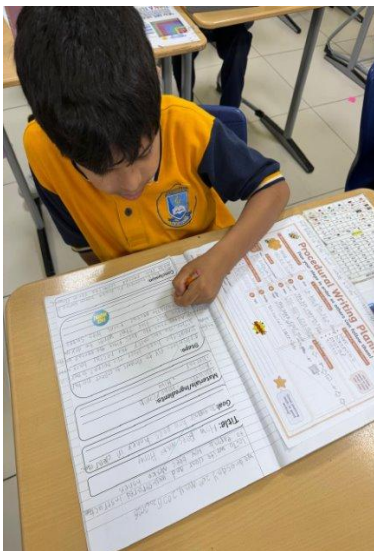
In **Grade 3** students explored the impact humans have on the environment. They learned that cleaning up oil in the ocean is a huge task to undertake and that removing trees and adding roads can lead to an increase in floods. In math students learned how to compare and find equivalent fractions.





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Ms. Gloria D'Souza

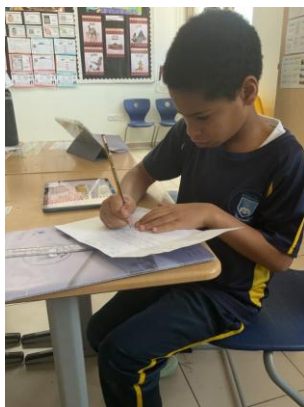
In **Grade 4**, our Science Explorers identified renewable and non-renewable resources, discussed where they come from and explored how using resources affects living things in the environment. Our Math Masters compared and explored metric units. They also chose appropriate metric units and marked reasonable estimates. Finally, our Reading Rockstars had the help of a friend (hand puppet) to develop understanding on how questioning helps the reader understand the meaning of the text. They also wrote a clear set of instructions about how bees make honey and explained steps to help protect biodiversity.





Assistant Principal - Elementary
Ms. Gloria D'Souza

This week in **Grade 5**, students created informational flyers highlighting the importance of bees in our environment and how they support ecosystems. In Science, they explored renewable resources and discussed how we can use them effectively and responsibly. In Math, students learned about coordinate planes and made real-world connections by mapping locations and points accurately.



As we come to the end of this special week, we would like to wish all our students and families a joyful and well-deserved Eid break. **Eid Mubarak to you and your loved ones!** 🌙✨ We look forward to welcoming our students back to campus on **1st June 2026**.

Best Regards,

Gloria D'Souza

Assistant Principal - Elementary



Assistant Principal - Secondary
Ms. Nawal J. Moukarzel

Dear VAS families,
We hope this message finds you well.

As we approach the end of the academic year, our students will be completing their End-of-Term Assessments, whether in the form of written final exams or Project-Based-Learning (PBL)s.

The written exams will follow two revision sessions in class, during which students will be provided with practice activities. **The PBL sessions will take place during school hours.** Kindly note that **starting Monday, June 8th, the school day will end at 12:45 PM.**

Please find the schedule for final examinations and project-based assessments below:

Grades (6-8):

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 1-5	Revision week				
June 8-12	English final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Arabic (writing) final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Science final exam (9:15 AM - 11:15 AM)
June 15-19	Math final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	No School - Islamic New Year	Islamic final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	Arabic (reading) final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Final exam make-ups
June 22-26	PBL Workshops for late submissions & Final exam make-ups				
June 29-July 03	Transition Activities & Make-up exams				

Grade (9):

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 1-5	Revision week				
June 8-12	English final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Arabic (writing) final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Biology final exam (9:15 AM - 11:15 AM)
June 15-19	Math final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	No School - Islamic New Year	Islamic final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	Arabic (reading) final exam (10:35 AM - 12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Final exam make-ups
June 22-26	PBL Workshops for late submissions & Final exam make-ups				
June 29-July 3	Transition Activities & Make-up exams				



Assistant Principal - Secondary
Ms. Nawal J. Moukarzel

Grade (10):

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 1-5	Revision week				
June 8-12	English final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Arabic (writing) final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Chemistry final exam (9:15 AM-11:15 AM)
June 15-19	Math final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	No School-Islamic New Year	Islamic final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	Arabic (reading) final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Final exam make-ups
June 22-26	PBL Workshops for late submissions & Final exam make-ups				
June 29-July 3	Transition Activities & Make-up exams				

Grade (11):

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 1-5	Revision week				
June 8-12	English final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Arabic (writing) final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Revision	Physics final exam (9:15 AM-11:15 AM)
June 15-19	Math final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	No School-Islamic New Year	Islamic final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	Arabic (reading) final exam (10:35 AM-12:35 PM)	PBL Workshops & Final exam make-ups
June 22-26	PBL Workshops for late submissions & Final exam make-ups				
June 29-July 3	Transition Activities & Make-up exams				



Assistant Principal - Secondary
Ms. Nawal J. Moukarzel

Please note the following key information:

1. Mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted during assessments.
2. Buses will depart at (12.45) PM from Monday to Thursday and at (11.20) AM on Friday.
3. The study guides for each assessment have been shared with the students via Teams by their teachers and will also be attached along with my end of term assessment letter.
4. An updated academic integrity policy at VAS will be shared with you during the week after Eid. Please review this with your child.

As always, please reach out for any support as your child begins preparing for the final round of assessments this year.

We wish all students the very best of luck in their exams!

Kind regards,

Nawal J. Moukarzel
Assistant Principal - Secondary



**Assistant Principal
(Teaching Curriculum & Assessment) Updates
Mr. Shawn Brian Keddy**

Dear parents,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to extend my congratulations to our Grade (12) students on completing their final examinations. This is a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished during their time at Virginia. We look forward to celebrating their achievements together at Graduation on June 3, and we wish our seniors all the very best as they prepare for this exciting next chapter.

This week, we were also pleased to host our NEASC visiting team as part of our ongoing accreditation journey. The visit was highly successful and served as an important step in preparing for our full re-accreditation visit, which will take place in Fall 2027. The visiting team shared how impressed they were with the strong sense of community, collaboration, and teamwork across Virginia. They also recognised the notable progress made across all standards since our previous visit, which is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and wider school community.

Following the Eid holiday, our secondary students will begin Revision Week in preparation for their final examinations. The examination schedule, along with revision resources and support materials, has already been shared with families. We encourage students to prepare by creating structured study plans, reviewing class notes and feedback, practising past questions where possible, and ensuring they maintain healthy routines including rest, hydration, and balanced study time.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at Virginia American School, I would like to wish all of our families a joyful, restful, and peaceful Eid holiday. We hope this special time brings happiness and meaningful moments with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Shawn Keddy

Assistant Principal – Teaching, Curriculum & Assessment



School Counselor & Child Protection Coordinator
Ms. Dima Ahmad

Dear Parents,

As we approach the blessed days of **Arafah, Hajj, and Eid Al Adha**, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. May this special occasion bring peace, joy, and blessings to your homes.

Please note that next week will be the **Eid holiday**. We encourage our students to enjoy this time with their families, rest well, and return refreshed and ready for learning.

These blessed occasions also provide an important opportunity to reflect on meaningful values and life lessons. The **Day of Arafah** teaches us the values of gratitude, patience, reflection, forgiveness, and compassion. **Hajj** reminds us of unity, equality, perseverance, humility, responsibility, and helping others. **Eid Al Adha** highlights the importance of generosity, sacrifice, kindness, empathy, family bonds, and sharing with those in need.

We kindly encourage families to discuss these values with their children and inspire them to practice kindness, respect, gratitude, and care for others during the holiday.

We also encourage maintaining healthy routines during the break, including balanced screen time, sufficient sleep, and light reading or educational activities.

We wish you and your loved ones a joyful, peaceful, and blessed **Eid Al Adha** filled with happiness, togetherness, and memorable moments.

Eid Mubarak!

Warm Regards,

Dima Ahmad
School Counselor
& Child Protection Coordinator



Ms. Fatima Ibrahim
Career and University Guidance Counselor

NAPO University Offers for Grade 12 Students

Dear Grade 12 Students and Parents,

As part of the university admissions process through the **NAPO platform**, we would like to remind all students and parents to carefully review the university offers received.

📌 Key Important Note

Each student is permitted to accept **only one university offer**

🔗 What You Should Do

We strongly encourage families to:

- Carefully review all available university offers
- Compare options thoughtfully
- Discuss choices together as a family
- Make a well-informed decision aligned with the student's:
 - Academic goals
 - Interests
 - Future aspirations

Selecting the right university pathway is an important milestone. We encourage students to seek guidance and support throughout this decision-making process.

We wish all our Grade 12 students continued success and a bright and promising future ahead. 🌟

Fatma Ibrahim

Career & University Guidance Counselor

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🎓 NYU Abu Dhabi University Prep Program (UPP) for Class 2027

The NYU Abu Dhabi University Prep Program (UPP) is an excellent opportunity for Grade 11 students planning to apply to:

- NYU Abu Dhabi
- NYU campuses in New York and Shanghai
- Other highly selective U.S. universities for Fall 2027 entry 🌐 ✨

📅 Program Details

- **Dates:** 4–5 July 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- **Location:** NYU Abu Dhabi, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi 📍
- **Application Deadline:** 25 May 2026 ⌚

🔗 Registration Link

Students can register here: [NYU Abu Dhabi University Prep Program \(UPP\): Summer 2026 Application](#)

💡 What Students Will Learn

Through interactive workshops led by NYU Abu Dhabi admissions counselors, students will:

- 📖 Learn about the university search and preparation process
- 📝 Build stronger personal statements and application essays
- 📄 Gain insights into the Common Application (CommonApp)
- 🎯 Understand what university admissions teams are looking for
- 🌱 Develop greater self-awareness to support their academic journey

🚀 Why Join? This program gives students the chance to:

- Connect with motivated peers
- Experience university-style workshops
- Strengthen their future university applications
- Gain firsthand insight into the U.S. college admissions process

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to start preparing for your future university journey! ✨





Ms. Fatima Ibrahim
Career and University Guidance Counselor

Unifrog virtual summer school (13th - 15th July)

BIG NEWS for Grade 11, Class of 2027, Students! 🎉

We are excited to announce that Unifrog is launching its first-ever Virtual Summer School, taking place from **13–15 July 2026**. Students can register using the following link: [LINK](#).

(Just a note: students who pick more than one strand will be automatically assigned to the first one they select.) We know that the secret to successful outcomes in the senior years is building a "little and often" habit early on.

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Virtual Summer School

Free opportunity for 2027 graduates
Monday 13 July - Wednesday 15 July 2026

- Learn new skills such as academic writing and researching
- Enjoy two hours of **interactive, live sessions** each day
- Experience **university** taster sessions
- Complete your own **mini-project**

! Spaces are limited! Apply by Monday 6 July.

You'll receive a university certificate for attending!

Arts and Humanities



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Biomedical Sciences



UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Business and Economics



UNIVERSITY OF DERBY

Criminology, Law and Psychology



University of HUDDERSFIELD
Inspiring global professionals

Engineering



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Choose your favourite subject and apply here!





ADEK Updates - Announcements
Term (3)

Quality of Life Survey – Abu Dhabi – Cycle (7)

Dear Parents/Guardians,
We hope this message finds you well.

The Abu Dhabi Department of Community Development, in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Statistics Centre, is conducting the 7th cycle of the Quality of Life Survey.

Your participation is highly valued, and all responses will remain strictly confidential. Your feedback will help shape initiatives that enhance the quality of life in our community.

- [Parent Survey](#)

Thank you for your time and support.

Best regards

VAS Admin

دعوة للمشاركة – مسح جودة الحياة في أبوظبي (الدورة السابعة)

السادة / أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،،،
نأمل أن تكونوا أنتم وعائلاتكم بخير وعافية.

تقوم دائرة تنمية المجتمع في أبوظبي بالتعاون مع مركز الإحصاء بتنفيذ الدورة السابعة من مسح جودة الحياة. مشاركتكم محل تقدير كبير، وجميع الإجابات سرية تماماً. وتسهم آراؤكم في دعم تطوير المبادرات التي تعزز جودة الحياة في مجتمعنا:

- استبيان أولياء الأمور ([Link](#))

نشكر لكم دعمكم المستمر.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير،،،

إدارة المدرسة