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Dear All

I write to you at a time in the school calendar when Ramadan and Eid al Fitr are behind us and the summer break is just around the corner and as such it is a time to reflect on the year and look forward to the future. For me it has certainly been a year of change, I began the school year in Hong Kong, moved to Doha and will be travelling to the UK at the end of the week.

This has reminded me that for our students there will be changes ahead as they embark on the next phase of their learning journeys. For some it will be university, possibly abroad, for others there will be transition to a new class, new school or just starting out as kindergarten awaits. For those students who will be leaving Qatar I wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing from those who attend university as we look to develop our alumni contacts. This was highlighted at the wonderful graduation event hosted at Dukhan for the Class of 2018, it was great to see so many students who had started many years ago in the kindergarten class and who will be moving on to new experiences in the months to come. As with all our school leavers, I wish them all well.



August will also see new teachers arrive, many for whom it will be the first time working in the region, we look forward to welcoming the new staff even though the Eid holiday in August will present one or two challenges in ensuring all are settled prior to the start of term. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those teachers and support staff who are moving on at the end of the week, for many there are new opportunities and I thank them all for their commitment and effort in striving to do their best for our students throughout their time with QP.

I would also like to thank parents for their ongoing support, I remember many years ago at a job interview presenting to the panel on the importance of home /school links and how education should be seen as a shared partnership between home and school. It may have been twenty years ago but I believe it is still just as relevant today and I will be working with both schools next academic year to address issues raised by parents as part of the stakeholder survey.

I mentioned in my last communication that the new primary school build at Dukhan is continuing at great pace as contractors aim to have the school ready for August. I am pleased to note that subsequent visits during Ramadan showed that the work is on schedule and that staff are busy planning the move to the new school. This will be a phased approach and parents will be informed by the school should there be any special arrangements as the new school is setup.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support, I have had the privilege of meeting or communicating with many parents as well as members of staff and believe that the commitment I have witnessed will continue to have a positive impact on student progress in the future.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to continuing our learning journey together in August.

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