



The Oxford School

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the 3rd edition of the official Secondary newsletter at Oxford School.

A Month of Learning Adventures!

The Secondary School Newsletter provides updates on student activities and initiatives. It also serves as a platform to celebrate the achievements and progress of both students and staff within the Secondary School.

We value your feedback!



Message from the **Head of Secondary**

Dear Parents & Students,

As we approach the exam season, I want to take a moment to wish all our students the very best of luck. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience will undoubtedly shine through.

Exams are not just a test of knowledge but an opportunity to showcase your perseverance and determination. I encourage you to stay focused, manage your time effectively, and, most importantly, believe in yourself.

This month has been an eventful and rewarding one for the Oxford School community, filled with achievements and celebrations. During Anti-Bullying Week, our students actively

participated in workshops and activities that promoted kindness, empathy, and respect, reaffirming our commitment to fostering a bully-free school environment. We also enthusiastically celebrated Children's Day, organising fun-filled activities highlighting the joy and energy our students bring to school life. On UAE Flag Day, we proudly raised the flag together, symbolising our unity and respect for the values of this great nation.

Our students have also achieved remarkable success in various competitions. We are thrilled to share that our talented young scientists secured the First Prize in the Interschool Science Competition, showcasing their innovation and teamwork. At the Model United Nations hosted by Apple International School, our delegates made us immensely proud by earning Best Delegate and Best Researcher awards, demonstrating exceptional critical thinking and diplomacy. Furthermore, our school has reached the Top 10 in Round Three of the World Next Generation Majlis, an outstanding achievement on this global platform.

As November comes to an end and exams draw near, I encourage all our students to balance their studies with moments of rest. Remember that success is built on consistent effort and a positive mindset. Manage your time wisely, and don't forget to take breaks when needed. Remember, preparation is key, and each step you take brings you closer to success. We believe in you and wish you the very best of luck during your exams! Keep up the hard work—you've got this!

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THE TEAM 2024-2025

Model United Nations (MUN)

Our students made us immensely proud at the recent **Model United Nations (MUN)** hosted by Apple International School, where they demonstrated exceptional skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and diplomacy. Their hard work and dedication were rewarded as they earned the prestigious Best Delegate and Best Researcher certificates. These accolades highlight their ability to engage in complex discussions, propose innovative solutions, and collaborate effectively with peers from various schools. This achievement not only reflects their talents but also underscores the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders. Congratulations to our outstanding delegates for this remarkable accomplishment!



Diyafah School Interschool Science Competition.

A Proud Achievement!

Our talented students brought pride to The Oxford School by securing the First Prize in the Interschool Science Competition held at Diyafah School. Competing in the Working Model category for Years 7-9, our young innovators impressed the judges with their creativity, technical skills, and ability to present practical solutions through their model. This remarkable achievement highlights their dedication to science and innovation, as well as the guidance and support of their teachers. Congratulations to our winning team for this outstanding accomplishment!



World Next Generation Majlis Competition - Round 3!

We are proud to announce that Suhail Nadir, a Year 12 student at The Oxford School, has achieved a remarkable milestone by reaching the Top 10 in Round Three of the prestigious World Next Generation Majlis competition. We congratulate Suhail on this outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in the upcoming rounds!



3rd place in the Debating Competition Westminster School, Dubai.

We are thrilled to share that our talented Islamic A students, Maryam Osama and Reem Maher from Year 10, achieved 3rd place in the Debating Competition held at Westminster School, Dubai. Competing against strong contenders, they showcased exceptional critical thinking, eloquence, and teamwork, leaving a lasting impression on the judges and audience. This remarkable accomplishment highlights their dedication and passion for debate and reflects the spirit of excellence we foster at The Oxford School. Congratulations to Maryam and Reem for making us proud!



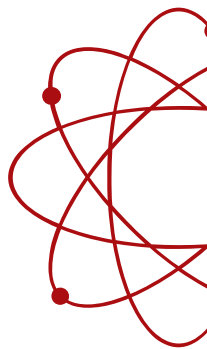
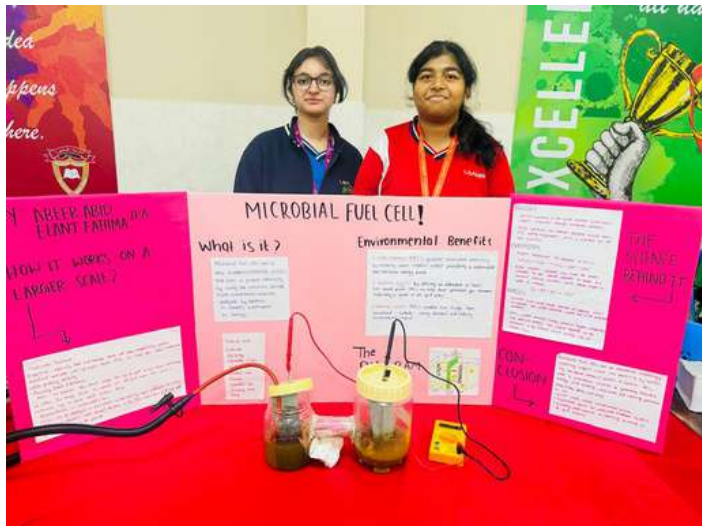
14th Skyline Inter-School Fest

The Oxford School students had the privilege of participating in the 14th Skyline Inter-School Fest, held at Skyline University in Sharjah on November 13, 2024. This prestigious event saw fierce competition from schools across the region, with our Under-19 boys' and girls' teams representing the school in various sports, including cricket, football, basketball, and volleyball. The boys' football and girls' volleyball teams achieved notable success, advancing to the quarterfinals and showcasing their hard work, teamwork, and determination. While the boys' cricket, boys' basketball, and girls' basketball teams did not progress past the preliminary rounds, they demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and dedication, representing The Oxford School with great pride. Overall, the event was a fantastic display of skill and effort, and we are incredibly proud of our students' performances. Their commitment to excellence continues to inspire us all. Thanks to our PE Team!



Science Fair

The Science Department of The Oxford School successfully conducted an engaging Science Fair for students from Years 7 to 13 on 14th and 15th November, showcasing their creativity, critical thinking, and innovative problem-solving skills. The event featured a variety of impressive projects, including working models, experiments, and research presentations, reflecting students' ability to connect scientific concepts with real-world challenges. The fair provided an interactive platform for students to demonstrate their understanding of science while fostering a spirit of curiosity and collaboration. Congratulations to all the participants and the Science Department for making this event a resounding success!



UAE Flag Day

On November 1st, we proudly celebrated UAE Flag Day with a special ceremony that reflected the spirit of unity and national pride. The event was made even more significant with the presence of the Dubai police, who honoured the occasion with their participation, adding to the sense of patriotism and respect for the UAE's values and heritage. Students and staff gathered to raise the UAE flag high, reaffirming our commitment to the nation. The ceremony was a memorable tribute to the country's achievements and a heartfelt celebration of unity and belonging.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week at The Oxford School was a comprehensive and impactful initiative aimed at fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful school environment. The week featured a dynamic workshop by the **Dubai Cyber Bullying Wing (external)**, which provided valuable insights into addressing and preventing bullying, particularly in the digital space. Students actively engaged in the Q&A session, asking thoughtful questions and deepening their understanding of this critical issue. Our **IT Support Team** also contributed by presenting informative sessions on cybersecurity and cyberbullying, empowering students with tools to navigate the online world responsibly. Adding a creative dimension to the initiative, the **Art Department** played a significant role in raising awareness by engaging all students from Years 7 to 13 in producing memorable and thought-provoking art pieces. These artworks, displayed throughout the school, served as powerful reminders of the importance of kindness, empathy, and mutual respect. The combined efforts of our staff and students made this week a meaningful and memorable step toward building a bully-free environment.



World Children's Day

We joyfully celebrated Children's Day at The Oxford School, a day filled with happiness, creativity, and meaningful interactions. Our student leadership team once again stepped up and organised a unique initiative, where the schoolhouses participated in a friendly competition by running a Toy Drive for our beautiful FS students. The purpose of this heartwarming activity was to encourage our older students to share their favourite toys with their little buddies, fostering a spirit of generosity, care, and community within the school. It was a delightful experience that brought smiles to the faces of both our FS students and their older peers, making the day truly memorable.



Assemblies

Assemblies are an essential part of life at The Oxford School, serving as a platform to inspire, educate, and engage our students. This month, assemblies were conducted on various meaningful topics, such as well-being, where students had the opportunity to hear insightful video messages from the Principal, Head of Secondary, and teachers, emphasising the importance of self-care and mental health. Another significant topic was anti-bullying, aligning with our commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive school environment. These assemblies not only raise awareness but also encourage our students to reflect on important values and apply them in their daily lives.



Queen's University, Canada, at The Indian Academy School Dubai (TIAD).

On 5th November, our Year 13 students attended an insightful workshop and taster course organised by **Queen's University, Canada, at The Indian Academy School Dubai (TIAD)**. This event, facilitated by LEAMS Education, focused on career readiness and provided students with valuable guidance on higher education opportunities, skill development, and career pathways. It was an excellent platform for students to explore their academic and professional futures while gaining practical insights to prepare them for the next stage of their journey. The experience was both inspiring and empowering, leaving a lasting impact on our students.



Lunch at Madina Mall

Our student leadership team recently organised a thoughtful initiative for Year 13 students, proposing a relaxing lunch at Madina Mall. This special outing offered the students a chance to take a well-deserved break from their busy study schedules and spend quality time with their peers, creating cherished memories. The event not only provided a refreshing change of pace but also highlighted the importance of balance and camaraderie during this crucial academic year. A big thank you to the student leaders for their initiative and effort in making this day special!



Reminder!

Bell Timings

BE PUNCTUAL / BE ON TIME!

YEAR 7 - 13

Early Dismissal for Exams

Thursday 28th November to Friday 13th December 2024

Monday to Thursday

7:30am to 12:00 noon

Friday

7:30 am to 11:30am



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November 2024

Friday
29th

UAE National DAY



The Oxford School



Thursday

28th

November to

Friday

13th

December

EXAM!

First Term/Mock Exams



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