



# University Counseling

— NEWSLETTER —



# University Counseling Department.

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The University Counseling department at AHIS aims to guide and support students to successfully enroll in the best universities and choose the right majors according to their interest and passion.

We started the academic year with parents' and students' orientation meetings both virtually and in school followed by one-to-one meetings with both parents and students to understand their interests of major and university.

As a department we work closely with students and help them complete their graduate requirements, assist them in research related to universities and majors and in the process of registering in the best universities while seeking scholarships. Throughout the year the juniors and seniors are guided and supported to determine their path for better career, major and universities choices.

The students were guided in course selection by making them focus on the requirements of the universities that they are interested in. One-to-one meetings and regular contact with the seniors to map out the details of their

interests and ambitions have successfully taken place with all 2023 seniors who have registered in different universities in and outside Bahrain. The students were guided through facilitating information related to testing services needed for university applications such as registering for SAT/ IELTS/ TOEFL. To be noted that both SAT and TOEFL/IELTS exams are part of the graduation requirements for students. AHIS University Counseling department worked closely and collaborated with different universities to enhance partnership for scholarships, university visits and fairs. Also, the department arranged for career talks and meetings with alumni in addition to providing students with internship and community services opportunities as per their career interests.

Students in AHIS are introduced to a wide variety of careers and interesting majors starting middle school where the students complete career surveys and research about future careers.



# Parents University Counseling Orientation

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To provide parents with the appropriate guidance on university options for their children, AHIS organized the face-to-face Parents University Counseling Orientation Session on Sunday, September 25th and the Online Parents University Counseling Orientation Session on Monday, September 26th. AHIS University Counseling Department

equipped High School Parents with detailed information on University requirements, standards, scholarship opportunities, admission procedures and due dates. Parents showed a deep interest during the orientation session and had their queries and questions attended in a very constructive manner.



# Alumni Talk

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AHIS ALUMNI of 2021 Dana El Kurdi, student of Communications-Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communication in the Canadian University in Dubai and Ziad Munzer Abdulkader a Pre-Business student in the University of Arizona have met Seniors of 2023 on Sunday, September 18th to share with

them their valuable insight of university life, steps to secure a good University choice and to inspire them of future educational journeys. Dana and Zaid have generously attended all of the students' queries in a very positive and encouraging approach. Thank you and keep inspiring us!



AHIS organized ALUMNI talk with the well appreciated participation of Ola Mohammed Alsannani, Interior Design Student, Shaikha Jasin Almahmood, Radiologic Technology student at the University of Bahrain and Ahmed Ebrahim Sayyar, Accounting and Finance Student at Manchester University.

AHIS ALUMNI provided useful pieces of advice, to the Seniors of 2023, on the Universities Admission procedures and offered a remarkable number of instructions on the University choices that would match AHIS Seniors' goals.



AHIS exceptional ALUMNI of 2021 class Aleena Zulfqar, a passionate architecture student at the University of Bahrain, had the chance to meet the Seniors of Grade 12 in a session during which she shared valuable information about her graduation journey and her university first



steps. Seniors of 2022-2023 received important information and remarkable pieces of advice from Aleena who enthusiastically responded to all of the students' queries. Best of Luck Aleena and Seniors!



AHIS ALUMNI of 2021 Hala Al Masri, student of Psychology at Kings College of London met AHIS Seniors of 2023 on Sunday, September 25th to share with them her experience being an Honor Roll student and leading the Trade Quest and how this helped her adapt to the new work ethics of her University life. Hala sensitized her peers on the important steps of securing good University choices and motivated them to work hard in order to achieve their goals. Hala generously attended all of the students' queries in a very positive and an extremely encouraging approach. Thank you Hala and best of luck in your future endeavors!



# Graduate Requirements.

Seniors every year must fulfill the graduate requirements. The graduate requirements include Community and Internship (starting from grade 9-12 ) complete 30 hours in total, completing SAT and IELTS or TOEFL with high scores, Choosing electives in high school by ensuring to learn various subjects like Business, Entrepreneurship, Arts, subjects related to Computers and Information Technology, subjects related to humanities and STEM. Students start their digital e-portfolio and add their achievements and complete their personal essay by end of the Senior year.



# Community Service

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As volunteering and serving the community is a graduation requirement, AHIS Grade 11 and 12 students fulfilled their Volunteering commitment by attending 'Dream Big' Orientation Evening on Monday, September 19th. 'Dream Big' is a volunteering organization that was founded in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2014 with the aim of nourishing Public Schools'

students love of English Language. AHIS students are enrolled and will be trained and assigned a teaching or a training role at the organization in order to contribute to building a better future for thousands of students by enhancing their Literacy skills. Great deeds await!



# Volunteering makes A Difference!

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AHIS always encourages its students to be active members of the community. As Volunteering is the noblest of the services that one could provide, AHIS Sharks along with the well appreciated participation of ALUMNI

and parents took part of 'The World Clean Up Day' on September 12th, by making Janabiya beach brighter and cleaner. The joy that AHIS community felt in offering such service to the community is incomparable.



# Internship

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In its process of preparing the students for their life-long learning journey, AHIS organized for Grade 11 and 12 Sharks a trip to Bahrain Defense Force Hospital. Our students had the chance to be trained on quality standards of emergency procedures in an inspiring atmosphere where

saving lives is the main goal. AHIS Sharks learned and mastered Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedure and were so enthusiastic throughout the whole steps of their training.



As part of their Career Talk Program, AHIS Grades 11 and 12 students visited Bahrain Bourse, On Tuesday, November 1st. Our students had the opportunity to attend various presentations on Market Analysis, Trading

Operations, and Listing & Disclosure. The Trip to Bahrain Bourse represented a very promising chance to learn the basics of Bourse Operations, Trading and Investing in shares.



# Internships

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In the process of providing the students who are interested in joining Aviation Academies with unique and motivating experiences, AHIS School enrolled a selection from its High School students in an Internship

in Bahrain Aviation Academy GAA. AHIS Sharks were placed in a typical real-life learning scenario where they spent 4 days exploring Aviation rules and requirements including flight and ground operations.



In its process of equipping students with Business and finance skills, AHIS provided its Grade 11 and 12 Sharks with a brilliant opportunity to join a workshop on Tuesday, December 1st at Economic and Development Bank (EDB). The workshop included a detailed

analysis of Bahrain's Economic and Financial status in addition to promising Business opportunities and Career choices. AHIS students interacted well during the session and had their queries answered in a very fruitful manner.



Motivating students to focus on exceptional University choices is a main goal at AHIS. Hence, Al Hekma International School enrolled a selection of HS Sharks in an Internship at Al Baraka Bank. Students who

are interested in Banking and Finance Sector had the brilliant chance to join the day to day Banking operations and to be equipped with valuable information on the different Financial Departments.



# Career Talk

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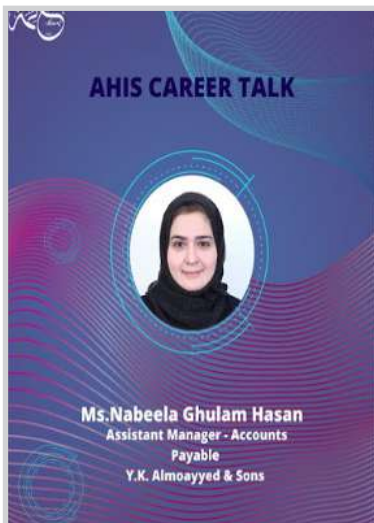
AHIS believes that students' learning journey should keep pace with the latest international trends, hence, it strives to provide them with the most functional knowledge on technology, Data Science and Industry. On Tuesday, September 13th, AHIS hosted Mr. Ahmed AlBalooshi CEO of Fintech ICT

Services & Consultation who delivered a very fruitful workshop on Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and the Internet of things. Mr. Ahmed shared valuable information with AHIS high School students and used real-life examples that engaged students in a very remarkable way.



In its process of enhancing students' motivation, goals and innovative vision of the future, AHIS organized its third 'Career Talk' of 2022-2023 with the exceptional participation of Mr. Faisal Al Asfoor – Senior Manager of

Learning and Development at Y.K AlMoayyed and Sons- whose distinguished lecture on futuristic trending jobs, career opportunities and ways to success shaped the vision of our Sharks towards future choices.



# University Fairs

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In order to provide High School Students with the needed guidance and the necessary information on their future University choices, life and requirements, AHIS organized on Tuesday, September 20th, an exclusive University Fair for Grades 10, 11 and 12 with the participation of the most prestigious Universities of the U.K, U.S.A and Australia:

1. Swansea University
2. Nottingham University
3. Birmingham University
4. Eastern Michigan University
5. University of Arizona
6. Loyola University
7. Abbey College Manchester and Cambridge

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In order to provide High School Students with the needed guidance and the necessary information on their future University choices, life and requirements, AHIS organized on Monday, October 3rd, an exclusive University Fair for Grades 10, 11 and 12 with the participation of the most prestigious Universities of the U.K and the kingdom of Bahrain:

1. University of Leeds
2. University of Kent
3. University of Essex
4. Teesside University
5. Leeds Beckett University
6. British University of Bahrain
7. Manchester Metropolitan University
8. Vatel Hotel and Tourism Business School
9. London South Bank University
10. University Technology of Bahrain

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# University Visits

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On Tuesday, October 4th AHIS Seniors had the chance to explore the atmosphere of their future University life by paying a very fruitful visit to Gulf University. During their visit, AHIS Sharks were exposed to a presentation on the

majors offered, took a Campus tour and had a clear vision of the services and the Quality of Education at the well reputed Campus of Gulf University



Efforts in providing students with the needed guidance to make the best University choices are still impressive at AHIS! On Thursday, November 10th, a Team from the German Embassy visited our Campus to offer its brilliant support, information and assistance to AHIS High School Sharks in order to help them

choose their future University in Germany which is considered as a leading Educational Destination. Queries and questions of students were attended in a remarkable way and students expressed their appreciation of the German Team's efforts.



In the continuous efforts of providing its students with promising opportunities to make the best University choices, AHIS had the privilege to receive a team from Irish Royal College of Medicine (RCSI) who organized an orientation session for our Seniors. The session

included key information on admission due dates, procedures and entry requirements and 2 of AHIS Seniors: Fatima Mohsen Shams and Taha Ashraf Nadher are nominated to join Bahrain Future Doctor event.



# Digital SAT.

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AHIS became the SAT center in Bahrain for the past 2 years starting 2020. We will continue being the center for the upcoming Digital SAT exams from March 2023.

The Digital SAT exam will be shorter for 2 hours compared to 3 hours pen and paper SAT. The digital test will feature shorter reading passages with one question tied to each, and passages will reflect a wider range of topics that represent the work students read in college. Calculators will be allowed for the entire Math section. Students and educators will get scores back in days, instead of weeks.



# SAT Orientation:

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In order to provide its students with the appropriate guidance that guarantees their success in International Assessments, AHIS organized a session during which, professionals from Score Plus Educational Center, exposed High School Students to an in-depth orientation on SAT examination requirements, content and

registration deadline. In addition, Score Plus Team has shared with the student's valuable information about the most prestigious Universities' registration procedures and dates. With proper orientation great results are guaranteed!



# SAT/IELTS Top Achievers

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It is through dedication that we reach where we should, through commitment that we achieve what we want and through wise vision we acquire life-long learning skills.

Success at AHIS is boundless and today we rise to celebrate, to congratulate and to honor our Seniors' SAT and IELTS achievements whose scores are as high as their ambitions. Congratulations to:

## **SAT Top Achievers:**

- Ali Mohamed Elfatih Osman Abdelrahim
- Taha Ashraf Nadheer Ali
- Yusuf Meshal Ali Mohamed Mahmood AlHelow

## **IELTS Top Achievers:**

- Ali Mohamed Elfatih Osman Abdelrahim
- Daniah Khaled Mohamed Abbas Murad
- Jamal Fadi Jamal Shaikh Qasim
- Nasser Muhanned Khaled A Qader Saleh Al Anni
- Fatema Mohsen Mohamed Salman Shams



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