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25 Years of Building Futures

On its journey of providing an outstanding education, ISC-Lahore reached a milestone of successfully completing 25 years of edifying young minds. To celebrate this accomplishment, a grand gala dinner was held on June 3, 2018, at the impressive Crystal Ball room of PC Hotel, Lahore. Several dignitaries graced the occasion with their presence, namely, SABIS® President Mr. Carl Bistany, the Regional Director Mr. Salah Ayche, the Governor of Punjab Mr. Malik Mohammad Rafique Rajwana, CEO of First Jamia Services Ltd Mr. Ashraf Nawabi, Minister of Environment Ms. Begum Zakiya Shah Nawaz, and members of ISC-Lahore board of directors.

The evening began with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Amir Kareem from the Accounting department followed by a birthday song performed by students. In her welcome address, the school director Mrs. Margo Abdel Aziz recognized her team of motivated staff and faculty who continuously strive to uphold the precepts of the SABIS® Education System™.



Video messages from the co-founders of SABIS® Mrs. Leila Saad and Mr. Ralph Bistany were shared with the audience. Acknowledging the individuals who had played an important part in shaping ISC-Lahore, Mrs. Leila Saad wished the school success in the future.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Carl Bistany reiterated the vision and mission of SABIS® while commending the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Margo Abdel Aziz in successfully guiding ISC-Lahore through many challenges. Mr. Bistany also congratulated the faculty and the staff for their support and dedication to the implementation of the SABIS® Education System™.



Mr. Bistany and Mrs. Margo Abdel Aziz then gave away years-of-service awards to acknowledge members of the faculty who had served for ten years or more.

The faculty was represented by Mrs. Yasmin Shah and Mr. Adnan Shamsi, who having served the longest in the school, shared their experiences in an eloquent and compassionate manner. The event was covered live by media houses such as Geo TV and City 42.



To showcase the Pakistani culture, students at ISC-Lahore presented a Punjabi folk dance and flaunted the provincial dresses as they paraded before the audience. The audience was regaled by the SABIS® history video in which students impersonated important figures at SABIS® and traced its development over the years. The evening came to a close with a sumptuous dinner where the staff mingled with the guests to make it a memorable event.

Having successfully evolved for quarter of a century, ISC-Lahore has kept the promise of its founders of providing excellence in education and in building futures. To quote Mr. Carl Bistany, *“Since opening in 1992, ISC-Lahore has been building futures. Our students develop a solid foundation of knowledge and skills in organization, critical thinking and leadership... producing well rounded, multi-talented global citizens”*.

Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz
Head of English Department



Off-Campus Events

The Student Life Training Conference

The student life training conference was a thrilling and memorable experience for all. Not only was our trip productive, we also had a great deal of fun. It taught us how to manage ourselves better and organize our school more efficiently in all aspects. It taught us many valuable lessons that we will carry with us for our entire lives even after we graduate from school. Our main objective was to maintain a positive attitude which we all learned to value throughout this trip. In addition, that trip helped us experience things we would have never experienced if we were in Lahore, which was cultural diversity. We saw how other schools with the same system as us functioned and discovered ways to learn from them. It was a breath of fresh air to listen to other ideas besides our own and understand how different people from different backgrounds can come together to achieve one common goal which was to make the school a better place for everyone.



This camp helped us gain a sense of respect and admiration for our school and once it came to an end, we were sad that it was over. We were eager to implement the new ideas we had for our school to improve it even further. The conference was full of fun activities and adventures. Most importantly, we will never forget the amazing friends we made there. We are grateful we had this opportunity and we will try our best to make our school better than it already is.

Muhammad Sheis Hussain, Grade 9B



On-Campus Events

The Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2018



Congratulations to the Class of 2018

A graduation ceremony is always a very special occasion, signifying an important milestone in a student's career: the successful completion of twelve years of formal education. For the Class of 2018, however, it was an extra special event as they graduated during ISC-Lahore's 25th anniversary. The celebrations of the past months culminated in what can only be described as a graduation extravaganza, held on June 2, 2018, at the Pearl Continental Hotel in Lahore.



The event was hosted at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

The commencement address was given by SABIS® President, Mr. Carl Bistany, who graced the event with his presence, and highlighted to graduates the importance of being SABIS® graduates. He also encouraged them to stay in touch with and assist their classmates and graduates in the SABIS® community. Other notable guests from the SABIS® family included Regional Director, Mr. Salah Ayche, Director of School IT Operations and Support Mr. Nabil Feghali, and Director of Business Development Mr. Ayham Ayche. We were also pleased to welcome Mr. Ashraf Nawabi and members of the Board of Directors.

Our guest of honor was Ms. Zakia Shahnwaz Khan, former provincial minister of the Punjab for Environment Protection, who is known for her interest and involvement in the field of education and particularly, the access to education and empowerment of young women and girls.



**SABIS® President,
Mr. Carl Bistany**



**Mr. Ashraf Nawabi,
Member of the Board of Directors**



**The graduation ceremony
was hosted by Dr. Ijaz**



Guest of Honor, Mr. Zakia Shahnwaz Khan, former Provincial Minister of the Punjab for Environment Protection



Alexandros Ali Khan (Grade 12)



Zoya Mir (Grade 10)



The Grade 6 and 7 Choir sang the National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz, ISC-Lahore Director, leads in the Grade 12 Graduating Class

Special congratulations go to the student speakers of the Class of 2018, Usfa Butt who has applied for Medicine in Pakistan and Alexandros Ali Khan who has been accepted with a full scholarship to the University of Miami, U.S., to study Computer Science.

Congratulations to all graduates who were on the Honor Roll:

Students who have passed High School Diploma with **HIGH DISTINCTION, DISTINCTION, and HONORS**

- ALEXANDROS ALI KHAN - **HIGH DISTINCTION**
- MOMIN KHURSHEED MALIK - **DISTINCTION**
- ZAKI WASEEM ULLAH - **DISTINCTION**
- MUHAMMAD DANİYAL CHEEMA - **DISTINCTION**
- MUHAMMAD AHMAD - **HONORS**
- MOHAMMAD ISMAIL DAUD - **HONORS**
- TAHA RAFIQ CHOCHAN - **HONORS**
- MURYYAM KHOKAR - **HONORS**
- MUHAMMAD MOHSIN SIDDIQUE - **HONORS**
- MUHAMMAD MOHID SHARIF CHAUDHRY - **HONORS**
- USFA BUTT - **HONORS**
- ABDUL MUHAIMIN IMRAN - **HONORS**
- AMINA AHMAD - **HONORS**

A particular mention must also go to students (25 in total) of the Graduating Class of 2018 who have been at the International School of Choueifat – Lahore since Kindergarten:

- ALEXANDROS ALI KHAN
- SYEDA JAISHAH IMRAN
- AAMAL ASIM MAHOOD
- MAHAM ABID
- RABIA SAEED
- MURRYAM KHOKHAR
- MINAHIL FATIMA ANJUM
- AAEICHA KHALID DURRANI
- KHALEEQ LIAQAT
- AHSAN AYUB
- MOHAMMAD LERON
- HADIN FAISAL
- MUHAMMAD ARMAN ADIL
- MUHAMMAD AHMED ILYAS
- SALAMAT ALI BHATTI
- MOHAMMAD IRTAZA JAVED
- MIAN ARHAM FARHAN
- SYED MURATAB ALI
- FAHAD JUSSAIN AKBAR
- MOMIN KHURSHHED MALIK
- TAHA RAFIQ CHOCHAN
- MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHAN DAHA
- HAMZA ALI KHAN
- NOOR UD DIN HUMAYUN



ISC-Lahore Director, Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz welcomed guests and graduates



ISC-Lahore was pleased to welcome Mrs. Dunia Geha, former Student Life Coordinator



Grade 6 students, Abdul Rahman Bajwa and Fatima Hassan opened the ceremony with a recitation from the Holy Quran



Graduates topped off the evening by cutting the graduation cake



Flag Bearers head the Processional holding flags of the host nation, SABIS® and the nationalities represented amongst the graduating class



Students celebrate graduating by tossing their caps



Best of luck for the future!

The ISC-Lahore family would like to pass on heartiest congratulations and warmest wishes to the Graduates of 2018 who have been accepted to the following universities around the world:

CANADA

- McGill University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- York University

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- Albion College
- Allegheny College
- Bentley University
- Connecticut College
- DePauw University
- Drexel University
- Fordham University
- Grinnell College
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Knox College
- Lawrence Technological University
- New York University
- North Park University – Chicago
- Oakland University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Rhodes College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rollins College
- Seton Hall University
- Skidmore College
- University at Buffalo, State University of New York
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, Santa Cruz

Chosen Majors

- Business Management
- Law
- Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical)
- Computer Science
- Media and Communication
- Fashion Design
- Economics

- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Detroit Mercy
- University of Maryland, Bounty
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan – Dearborn
- University of Michigan – Flint
- University of Southern California
- Valparaiso University

UNITED KINGDOM

- Bellerbys College
- Birkbeck, University of London
- Brunel University London
- City University
- Durham University
- Goldsmiths College
- Greenwich University
- Kent and Canterbury University
- Kings College London
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Regents University London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- University Manchester
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter

- University of Glasgow
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster

PAKISTAN

- Beaconhouse National University (BNU)
- Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (IBA Karachi)
- Lahore School of Economics (LSE)
- Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
- National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (FAST)
- National University Science and Technology (NUST)
- University College Lahore (UCL)

OTHER

- Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar
- Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey
- Kadir Has University, Turkey
- Middlesex University Dubai, Dubai
- Özye in University, Turkey
- Sabancı University, Turkey
- TED University, Turkey
- Yale National University of Singapore, Singapore

- Psychology
- Accounting and Finance
- Medicine

Ms. Fozia Arshad
University Adviser

It's Roald Dahl Day!

Willy Wonka brings the magic of his chocolate factory to students in KG2 to Grade 4 and tells students the story of how Charlie found the golden ticket. Mr. Wonka said that there are five golden tickets in his chocolate bars. The question is, are you lucky enough to find one?

A big thank you to the Lower School Department prefects and teachers for making this day a special one!

Ozair Faisal, Grade 12A



Senior Futsal 2018-2019

Recently, the SLO® organized a senior futsal event. Eight teams participated in the event, which took course over five days and included fifteen matches. To commemorate their memories at school, the alumni also competed in the games. The participating teams (Kingsmen, Real Sosobad, Markhors, Stunners, XD, Devils, Titans, and Ballers) put up an exhilarating challenge for the spectators. The SLO® Sports and Health Department worked tirelessly in preparation for the event and succeeded. After a tough competition, four teams progressed to the semi-finals, in which Kingsmen defeated the Titans 4-2 and the Real Sosobad triumphed over the Stunners by 4-0. In the finals, a second half came from behind from the Kingsmen which gave them the title of winners of the Senior Futsal 2018-19.



The moment we had all been waiting for finally came. The built-in excitement of the participants and the audience was evident in the awards ceremony. It was time to unveil the Top Scorer, MVP, and the Best Goalkeeper. Azan Ahmed secured the position of Top Scorer. The MVP of the competition was Sadar Khan a.k.a Johnny and last but not least, the Best Goalkeeper was Mustafa Azhar.

The Senior Futsal 18-19 was a very successful and well organized event. It was a spectacle that everyone was awaiting.

Muhammad Sheis Hussain, Grade 9B

Accelerated Reading Ceremony

Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read, our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places, and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story, we also imagine how a character feels. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

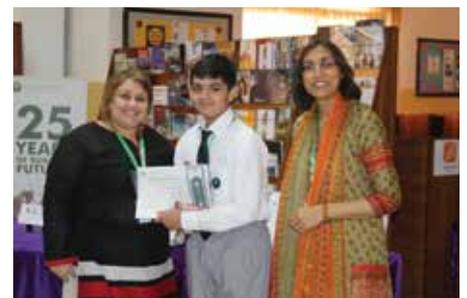


With this belief, the Senior AR Team kicked off the 2018-19 academic year on October 23, 2018. The theme for this term was "Look Who Got Caught Reading". Boy, oh boy! We did catch our passionate students reading all the way from Grade 6 to Grade 12. Fifty-five certificates were given out to our avid readers.



The afternoon was wrapped up on a positive note affirming that reading is fun. A book or an E-book doesn't take up much space and is light to carry. You can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

Ms. Sabahat Khan
English Teacher and AR Coordinator



Orientation Week

Orientation week is a booster shot for veteran teachers and novices in understanding the school's expectations of them. Every year the "O week" reduces staffs' anxiety and helps them settle in easily and get ready for the new students. The rigorous workshops and activities are packed and designed in a way to complement how the SABIS® Education System™ works. This year's orientation was yet another seven days of very useful information as well as important tasks.

Good luck to teachers and students. We wish them a successful year ahead!

Mrs. Fariyal Barque
Coordinator for Grades 2-4



Successful Power Study Sessions at ISC-Lahore

During summer vacation, ISC-Lahore held the so-called Power Study Sessions. They were held from June 31 to August 6 for students who needed extra help in preparation for the upcoming make-up exams. This was for grades 5 onwards, and covered the most important subjects including mathematics, English, and science.

A peer tutoring system was set up in which students who got higher grades were paired with those who wanted to improve their academic performance. The fact that it was one-on-one made it easier for both the tutor and the student being taught. Some teachers were also present in case somebody needed extra assistance.

These sessions proved to be very successful. They gave an opportunity to the tutors to review their own concepts as well as to improve their teaching skills. More importantly, however, students who were taught really benefited and many were able to do significantly better in their make-up exams. Even though going to school in the middle of the summer holidays wasn't something I was looking forward to, the Power Study Sessions ended up being well worth it.

Ahsen Malik, Grade 10A



ISC-Lahore Recognized on an International Level!

ISC-Lahore congratulates its top-notch P.E. teacher and swimming coach Mrs. Bushra Butt. Not only does Mrs. Bushra continue to motivate and inspire students at ISC-Lahore, but she is also acknowledged internationally.

Mrs. Bushra represented Pakistan in the Asia Swimming Federation General Congress held recently in Jakarta, Indonesia. Forty-three (43) member nations took part in the event. During her time at the Congress, she had the pleasure of meeting with the president of Federation International De Natation.



SLO[®] Leadership AY 18-19

The SLO[®] leadership team has been hard at work long before the first day of school, managing their respective departments and keeping up with the theme of the year: Staying Ahead. From planning events and prefect recruitment, to charity work and management, the Head Prefects, and the nine Deputy Head Prefects cover each and every aspect of student life.



Head Prefect Atif Rafique Malkera



Head Prefect Aleenah Hassan

Head Boy, Atif Rafique Malkera and the Head Girl, Aleenah Hassan, oversee all eight departments of the SLO[®] and ensure that they run smoothly. They motivate the deputy heads and prefects on a daily basis and keep everything in check.



Momina Ahmed, Academic Department

The Deputy Head of Academics, Momina Ahmed, is responsible for planning and putting into effect study groups and other academic tools to help our students improve and subsequently, maintain their target grades.



Ozair Faisal, Activities Department

The Deputy Head of Activities, Ozair Faisal, provides a creative outlet for every individual at ISC-Lahore – both students and teachers! From plays and skits to senior celebrations, the Activities Department manages it all.



Hamza Abbas, Discipline Department

The Deputy Head of Discipline, Hamza Abbas, ensures that behavioral issues such as bullying, which thanks to him, are kept to a bare minimum.



Zoya Mir, Outreach Department

Every task in the SLO® begins with enthusiastic, motivated prefects! That is where the Outreach Department steps in. Zoya Mir with her team, spread positivity and promote an optimistic approach.



Faraaz Arshad, Social Responsibility Department

The Deputy Head Prefect of the Social Responsibility Department, Faraaz Arshad, provides students with an opportunity to give back to their community, help those in need live better lives, and spread awareness about various pressing issues afflicting today's society.



Mustafa Ahar, Sports and Health Department Boys



Esha Tariq, Sports and Health Department Boys

The Deputy Head Prefects of Sports and Health, Eesha Tariq & Mustafa Azhar deal with promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. They promote various sports teams of our school – swimming, football, basketball, volleyball, and countless others.



Syed Ameer Mahmood Shah, Management Department

The Deputy Head Prefect of the Management Department, Ameer Shah, is responsible for keeping track of prefects across all departments and rewarding them for their efforts with SLO® points. The team of prefects works to get points registered and events organized every day.



Manal Effendi, Lower School Department

The Deputy Head Prefect of the Lower School Department, Manal Effendi along with her team, manage different aspects of student life just as our Deputy Head Prefects do, and make sure that there is absolutely no shortage of events for the younger students. The Lower School Department is a miniature SLO® for the elementary level.

Zoya Mir, Grade 11A

Workshops

Active Learning

The second Professional Development Workshop for the 2018-19 academic year was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. The fun-filled, hands-on workshop was conducted by Mrs. Asifa Rahman and Mrs. Atira Khurram focusing on active learning and assessment. Keeping the faculty members engaged with activities was the highlight of the morning. Through these activities participants got to learn that active learning is an ongoing process and the focus are the students. Active learners need to be curious, thoughtful, collaborative, and determined. A target should be set in order to achieve the goal through formative and summative assessments. Kudos to both the ladies for keeping the audience involved from the beginning to the end of the workshop.

Ms. Sabahat Khan
English Teacher and AR Coordinator



Promoting Positive Behavior

A thought-provoking professional development workshop about “Promoting Positive Behavior” was held on September 15, 2018, by the primary school AQC, Mrs. Shermeen Zaidi. To prepare students for a changing world and equip them with life skills to re-engineer and adapt to new demands, it is important to help them think positively and strengthen their civic, ethical, and moral values.

Building positive behavior in students is a core value at SABIS®. The presentation was highly interactive. It focused on strategies, skills, and pedagogies along with wonderful resources and interesting activities geared towards developing good communication and confidence in students. The usage of visual aids and dealing with disruptive behavior were also dealt with.



An important discussion was about the UBUNTU Philosophy. The term means "humanity". It is often translated as "I am because we are," but is often used in a more philosophical sense to mean "the belief in a universal bond of sharing what connects all humanity".

Different types of disruptive behavior taken from a recent research in KPK were discussed along with strategies to deal with them in a positive approach, such as EQ (interpersonal relationships), humanity, compassion, empowerment, and rules.

An interesting activity involved the web of reflection which was captivating and inspirational. Afterwards, teachers shared their views about the workshop.

Ms. Rahat Ilyas
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