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Student Appreciation and Recognition

Perfect Attendance Recognition

In Term 2, the SABIS Student Life Organization® (SLO®) organized an appreciation ceremony to recognize students who had achieved perfect attendance throughout the term. These students were acknowledged by our Director, Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz as well as the senior management and teachers.

Attendance is greatly recognized within our school because students who attend school regularly, usually achieve higher results and show great discipline and persistence. Therefore, such events and ceremonies will be organized each term to appreciate the efforts of these students.

Muhammad Daniyal Cheema - Grade 11A



The Trophy Project

At the beginning of this year, the SLO® initiated the "Trophy Program" to recognize the academic efforts of its students from grades 5 - 11. The "Trophy Program" rewards classes that receive the highest grades in SABIS AMS® exams and maintain the best discipline in their grades. Classes that excelled in both SABIS AMS® exams and discipline were acknowledged with pizza parties and received a visit from Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz. Through the "Trophy Program", we have provided an incentive for students to give their best and put in more effort into studying and behaving.

Osman Rahim Khan - Grade 12A



Events

AR Ceremony

On October 25, 2016, ISC-Lahore celebrated the Accelerated Reading program in a ceremony under the theme of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz". The event included re-enacted scenes from the book which students in grades 1 – 6 watched in excitement. Students from grades 4, 5, and 6 wrote book reports on the characters from the books which were displayed in the library. At the end of the ceremony, students took an oath to spread the joy of reading among their friends by encouraging them to be a part of this enchanting program.

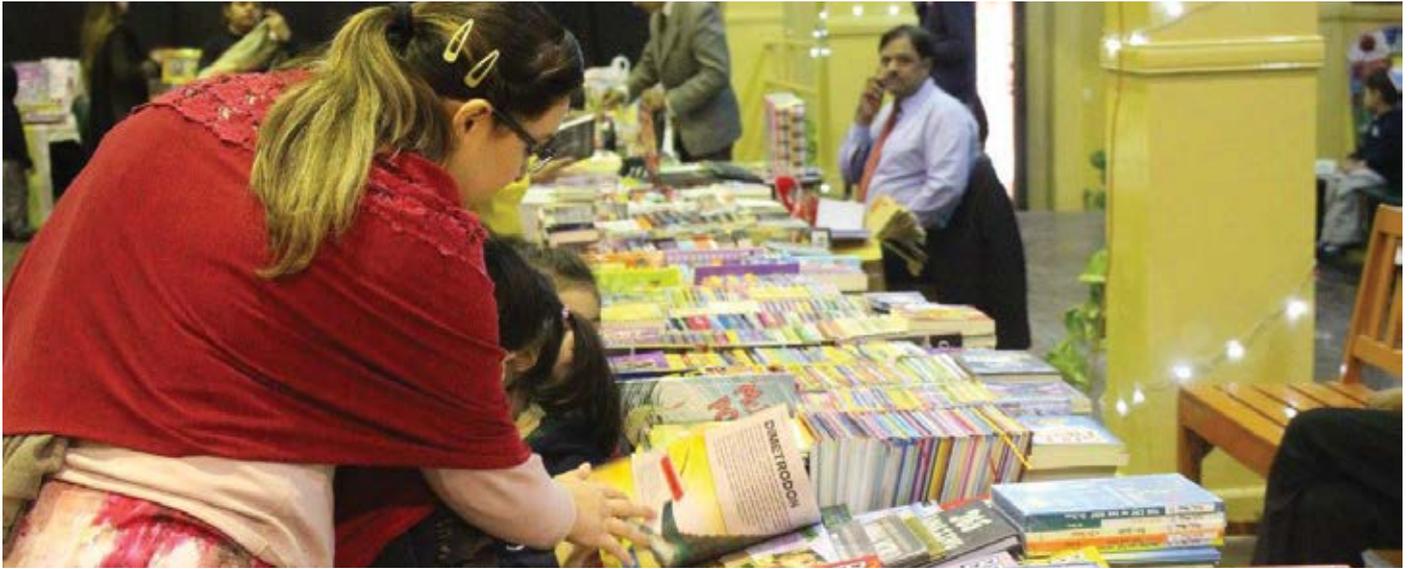
Mrs. Iman Farooq
Primary AR Coordinator



With autumn in the air and Halloween around the corner, Middle and High School students celebrated their first AR Ceremony for the Academic Year 16/17 in October. The theme of the event was "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter". The masterpieces of the event were the Sorting Hat and Harry Potter's Wand which were made by 2 out of the forty-two students in grades 7 – 12 who were selected as top achievers. Dressed in the Sorting Hat and holding Harry Potter's Wand, the enthusiastic winners joyfully received their certificates. Throughout the event, special treats were prepared and distributed in the form of wizard hat cupcakes, and students even spotted Harry Potter himself flying by on his magical broom. Overall, the Accelerated Reading program is a wonderful platform for students to improve their reading skills.

Mrs. Sabahat Khan
AR Coordinator





Book Fair 2017

ISC-Lahore's Annual Book Fair 2017 was the highlight of the month of January. Over the course of 2 days, the book fair which was held at the school's activities hall, brought together readers and book fans for a chance to browse through thousands of books on display. The vendors presented concessions to attract the young readers, teachers, and parents by offering a 500-rupee gift voucher randomly placed the children's books. The generous team also donated books and other school supplies to "The Door of Awareness" program.

Aside from the book display, the Arts and Science clubs, the AR Program, and DIY Club set up creative spaces especially for young students where the children could sit, listen to stories, and engage in creative activities. The brightly colored science projects hand-crafted by little scientists added to the festive mood. In addition, a new range of books was purchased for the school library. Once again, ISC-Lahore's Book Fair was a resounding success because of the huge effort which was made towards helping students discover their passion for reading.

Fariyal Barque
Coordinator for grades 2 – 4





ISC-Lahore English Debating Contest 2016-17

The English Debate Club at ISC-Lahore organized an exciting debating contest on December 1, 2016. The event provided a significant opportunity and a training ground for participants not only to exhibit their communication skills, but also to present their ability to analyze controversies, express their opinions, present their arguments, and disagree with their friends in a logical and civilized manner.

Grade 8 student Zain Bukhari conducted the program along with his co-hosts: Noorudin Idrees (Grade 8A), Sheis Hussain (Grade 7B), and Mishaal Imran (Grade 7C). Members of the ISC-Lahore Music Club welcomed parents, teachers, and other guests by performing Diana Ross' all-time favorite song, "If we hold on together."

Twenty-seven (27) talented speakers from grades 5, 6, and 7 participated in the contest and expressed their opinions either in favor or against a certain social, educational, or global issue. To provide them with a wider platform of freedom of expression, a variety of topics were included in the event. Three experienced judges, Mrs. Dimitra, Mrs. Khan, and Ms. Aimal had a very tough time compiling the results and deciding on the final winners. Manal Haider (Grade 7B), first-place winner, eloquently opposed the topic "In today's world, brands are considered more than brains." Ibrahim Salman (Grade 7-C) who came in second, convinced the audience that "Junk food should not be banned in schools." As for the third-place winner Affan Munir (Grade 5B), the audience thoroughly enjoyed the way he supported the statement "Boys are more responsible than girls". Last but not the least, Hashir Anis (Grade 6A) was given an encouragement award for his impressive speech through which he convinced the audience that "Television does not make people lazy". All participants were awarded Certificates of Participation in recognition of their hard work, courage, and talent.

The ISC-Lahore English Debating Contest 2016-17 was a memorable academic event that was enjoyed and appreciated by parents, teachers, school management, and students. ISC-Debate Club will continue holding such competitions in order to discover, nurture, and present students' talents in the fields of debate & public speaking.

Ms. Sarah Hussain
Primary School Academic Quality Controller





Testimonials:

"It was an enriching experience. It boosted my confidence and I discovered a side of myself that I was never aware of. I also learned a lot from my fellow participants, all brimming with talent and ideas. I am very thankful that my school and Ms. Sara Hussain were able to provide us with an opportunity to express ourselves. I think everybody should participate in such activities because it is not only entertaining but also intellectually stimulating."

Manal Haider, 1st place winner - Grade 7B

"When I was first informed about the debating competition, I participated for fun only. What I hadn't realized at that time was how much confidence this experience would inculcate in me. Facing the crowd gave me a firsthand experience of public speaking. I learnt the skill of speaking extempore. It was an enriching experience and I look forward to participating in more competitions like this one. Thank you ISC-Lahore for making me a part of this wonderful event."

Ibrahim Salman, 2nd place winner - Grade 7C

"At first I felt extremely nervous but as I started to speak, I felt a lot more confident. I overcame the fear of forgetting my arguments due to the supportive atmosphere in the hall. It was a memorable day and I recommend that more students participate in the next event to improve their communication skills."

Hashir Anis, Encouragement Award winner - Grade 6A

"It was a really awesome experience. At the beginning, I was really shy but then I started to gain confidence. People were cheering and that felt fantastic. The encouraging smiles of the audience gave me more confidence and the judges were nice as well. I want to thank all the people who made it happen. This also proves that if you believe in yourself, you can actually do a lot of things."

Affaan Munir, 3rd place winner - Grade 5B

"My job was assisting the judges in the compilation of results. I could see how difficult it was for them to decide on the winners. The competition was interesting yet intense. The final results were 100% accurate as everyone seemed to completely agree. It was an overwhelming and exciting experience for me!!!"

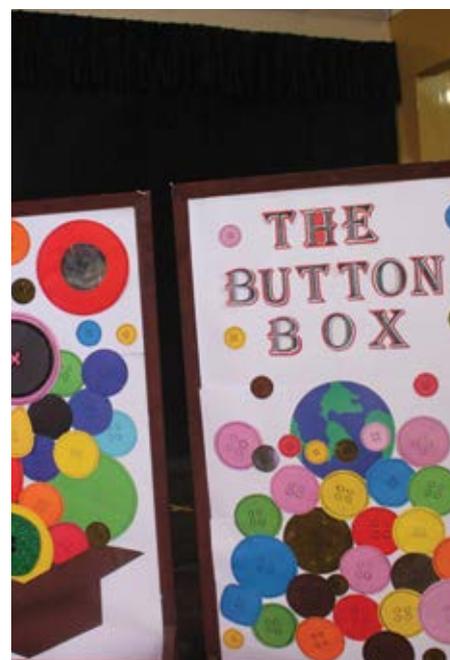
Unees Hassain, Judges' Assistant - Grade 8B



English Drama Play

Students in grades 4-6 at ISC-Lahore performed in a beautiful play on December 8, 2016. A wonderful ensemble of talented students did a phenomenal job. Students performed 'The Button Box' which is a collection of songs from around the world inspired by stories told by grandma to her two grandchildren about her button collection. The performance showcased a number of songs in addition to historical and cultural concepts which were cleverly intermingled as the children questioned the origin of the buttons. The songs, dances, and the dialogues were well rehearsed and were unique to each group of characters. From the scenes which included buttons from China, India, and Jamaica to the choir performance, every aspect complemented the other. The smooth transitions between scenes, the clear focus, and the professionalism were impressive and unmatched. In addition, the costumes and the lighting effects enhanced the show. It was a light-hearted show, equally enjoyed by the parents, students, and the staff members who all walked out humming the tunes! All those involved in the 'Button Box' musical journey including the children, class teachers, parents, and the music teacher agreed that it was a fantastic performance.

Mrs. Nabila Zeeshan
Primary School Teacher



The British Council Mini Education Expo 2017

On January 23, 2017, the International School of Choueifat – Lahore hosted the universities Mini Education Expo under the patronage of the British Council. Six universities participated in the event including University of Hertfordshire, INTO USF's Pathway Program, Queen Mary University of London, University of Leeds, Lincoln University, and Sussex University. It was a good opportunity for students in grades 9 -12 and for parents and faculty to get first-hand information from representatives of these universities about course options, scholarships, work study opportunities, and campus life. The event was a great success in terms of the immense support extended to us before and during the event and the information given to the students about study options in the U.K.

Ms. Kanwal Bajwa
Deputy University Adviser/External Examination Coordinator





URDU Cultural Festival

During Term 1 of the 2016-17 academic year, the Urdu Department organized an Urdu Cultural Festival that took place over the course of an entire week. The event included many activities and displayed a variety of Pakistani food during breaks.

As a continuation to this event, an appreciation ceremony was organized in Week 2 of Term 2. During the first half of this event, students showcased their talent through several cultural performances representing the cultural diversity among the four provinces of Pakistan. The event ended with certificate distribution.

The event was a very successful and beautiful representation of the Pakistani culture. It gave our students the opportunity to express and share their love for their country.

Sarah Arshad - Grade 12A





Social Responsibility

The International School of Choueifat – Lahore Making a Difference in the Community

Established in 2007, the Door of Awareness (DOA) organization is winning over the hearts of everyone at ISC-Lahore. DOA is a nonprofit organization that aims to create opportunities for the underprivileged students of rural and urban areas of Pakistan. It is also committed to enhancing education and technical skills of the children by strengthening their intellectual capabilities and training them to be competent and responsible citizens of Pakistan. Our center (Center 9 in Johar Town), has been making progress in educating young people who otherwise wouldn't have a chance.

We decided to help these children by sending our prefects to teach math and English at the center on Saturday mornings. Sixteen (16) prefects from grades 9 to 12 participated in this continuous project which started at the beginning of the academic year 16/17. It has been an enriching experience for both the children of the DOW center and the students of ISC-Lahore.

Furthermore, the Door of Awareness project gives our staff and students the opportunity to sponsor these children individually, so they can continue to benefit from this center with books and stationary to learn in a safe environment.



“Door of Awareness was an unforgettable experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. It has given me a great sense of achievement working with these students,” said Harum Zeb, student in grade 10A.

Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator

DOA Fun Day

Following the great work done by the ISC-Lahore prefects in regards to the Door of Awareness (DOA) project where they provided extra math and English lessons to children at the center, the prefects decided to have a fun day at our school for the children.

Sixty (60) children participated in a fun and action-packed day. They were divided into four groups and enjoyed different activities such as face painting, sports activities, arts and crafts, storytelling, and movie time. During storytelling, the DOA children told us what they wanted to be when they grew up, some wanted to be doctors, others teachers and army officers.

The day ended with a happy meal from McDonalds and the DOA children received goodie bags that were prepared by the SLO®. It was a truly unforgettable day for the children of DOA and the teachers and students at ISC-Lahore.

Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator



Academics

E-Books

At the beginning of the academic year, E-books were introduced as a pilot project in grades 4-6. Students and teachers embraced the new technology enthusiastically although it seemed to be a daunting task at first. Gradually, E-books became easy and fun to work with because of their many benefits which include saving space, time, and money. E-books provide users with a whole library of books in one hand accessible at their fingertips wherever they went.

It is a great tool for visually-impaired students as it gives the opportunity of altering fonts and customizing the settings. Students and teachers can add notes, bookmark pages, highlight, copy, paste, and work interactively with books and workbooks. In addition, the underlined vocabulary and the availability of a dictionary, make learning more effective. It is also an eco-friendly option which reduces cost and lowers the chances of environmental hazards. Through E-books, information can be accessed without leaving a person's desk. Using multimedia tools such as adding slideshows, extra images, and videos has never been easier.

This year, the project has been extended from grades 3 to 12. Students and parents are thrilled about the whole project.

Mrs. Kshaf Imran
Primary Science Coordinator



With a vision for the future, SABIS® continually works on preparing students for the future using the latest technology in education. During the previous academic year 2015-16, the gateway to E-books was opened and this year it was extended from grades 3 to 11. The transition was smooth and effortless for the educators and the young, eager learners. Since the precious academic year, the use of E-books has been effective and powerful and children are embracing it with open arms. One of the biggest advantages of E-Books is that students have a lighter load of books to carry. E-books are highly interactive, keeping students actively engaged in the classrooms.

Mrs. Fariyal Barque
Coordinator for grades 2-4



Testimonials:

"The new E-book application is an amazing way for students to study on electronic devices such as tablets. It has also helped students get the heavy load of their textbooks off their shoulders. E-books are highly interactive and engrossing, therefore students use it very willingly."

Harum Zeb Chatha - Grade 10A

"The new SABIS® E-book application has really been successful in proving its worth. Not only does it enable students to study efficiently, but also assists them with interactive content which includes numerous educational videos, vocabulary words, and links to the exercise book for each and every concept. It allows students to take notes, add bookmarks, and even use the pen on the screen. I was told that the main aim of it was to enhance academic standards and now I am sure that it did indeed fulfill its aim."

Ozair Faisal - Grade 10A

"The E-book system has relieved students from heavy bags and loads of books. All of our books such as English, Math, Science, Computing, History, and Geography are in one tablet. Thanks to E-books, students enjoy learning and have become more eager to study."

Nishva Fatima Malik - Grade 7A

"Our new E-book application is a different and very effective way of learning. We do not have to carry all of our heavy textbooks back and forth from home to school every day. I believe that the use of tablets in our school is indeed an advanced way of education, and that the device will more efficiently grasp students' attention. To enhance learning, there are interactive digital features such as images, videos, glossaries, and much more in this application. I am positive that this new development will, without a doubt, broaden our academic point of view, and take us 'above and beyond!!!"

Maheen Rafi - Grade 10A

"Through my experience with E-books, I have noticed how helpful it is for both students and teachers because they don't have to carry much weight. All of our e-books are in one tablet. When you want to go to a further page you don't have to flip pages because in e-books you can just type the page number and the page will open right away. That is why e-books are very helpful."

M. Rayhan H. Zaidi - Grade 5B

Sports

Inter-House Tournament

The annual Inter-House games of 2016/17 were held in Term 2. Students competed in Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Cricket, Table Tennis, and Athletics. The teams which that took part in this fiercely contested championship included The Falcons, The Leopards, The Lions, The Stallions, and The Wolves who won the tournament with 1025 points. The Falcons came in second with 900 points and The Leopards came in third with 875 points. Congratulations to all who participated in this fun and action-packed sports week.

Muhammad Ammad Akram – Grade 12A



ISC-Lahore Becomes a Power House in Swimming

Over the past few years, ISC-Lahore has experienced great success in the swimming field. This term, the school won medals, not only in local swimming competitions but also on the national level, as well. ISC-Lahore student Maya Chaudhary, represented Pakistan in the South-Asian Aquatics Championship (SAAC), 2016 which included swimmers from Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.



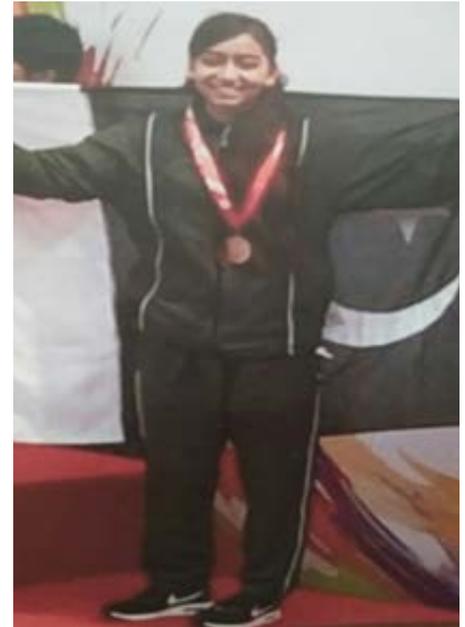
Maya won the bronze medal in the "Open age, 1500-meter freestyle" swimming, becoming the first Pakistani girl to participate in a 1500-meter freestyle competition.

Not to be outdone, Meerab Bajwa, Mishaal Imran, Ramsha Rizwan, Zoya Mir, and Aliza Maqsood took the 7th Inter-Schools and Colleges Games 2016 in Lahore by storm, winning 13 bronze, 4 silver, and 3 gold medals, and winning with a total of 161 points.

The boys also participated in the 1st Aitchison Swimming Carnival. Our students won 2nd place. Reebal Ashfaq in Grade 10A won 4 gold medals and 1 silver medal in addition to Abdullah Ashfaque in Grade 7A who won 1 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal.

We would like to thank our coaches who put their time and effort in training us. We congratulate the swimmers on their achievements. It looks like ISC-Lahore will be a force to reckon with in the upcoming Regional Tournament in Oman.

Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator



ISC-Lahore Prepares for the SABIS® 11th Regional Sports Tournament

Over 50 students from ISC-Lahore will join 1,000 participants from over 23 SABIS® Network schools from 15 countries to compete in the 11th Regional Sports Tournament in Oman.

This much anticipated tournament has everyone excited at ISC-Lahore with a real possibility of taking home silver medals with our ever growing strength in swimming. The tournament offers a great opportunity for glory.

ISC-Lahore will compete in a number of disciplines including basketball, football, swimming, and track and field. Our students are ready to face the challenges with courage and have the full support of their school and families.

Preparations are well underway with our sports coaches working hard with the teams, training them after school hours, and allowing them to participate in different sports events and competitions.

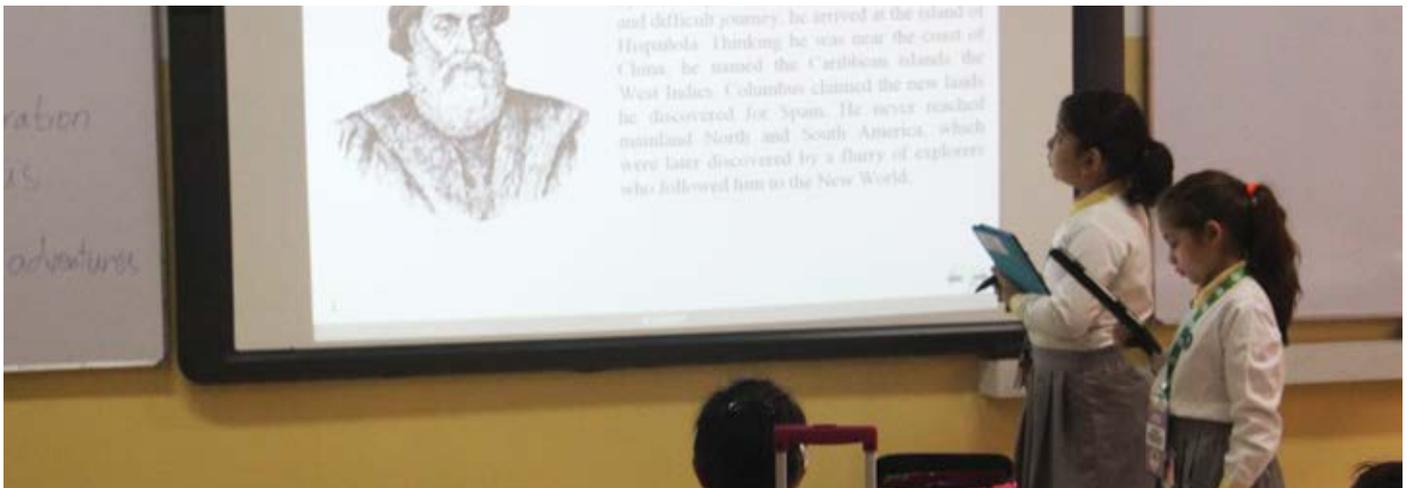
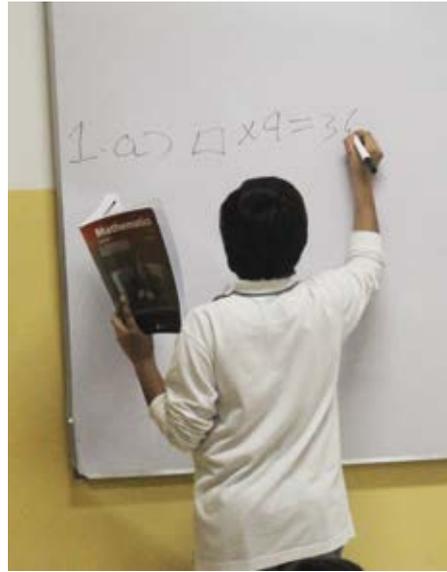
Good luck from everyone here at ISC-Lahore. We wish our teams the very best.

Mr. Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator



Shadow Teachers[®] Day

Shadow Teachers[®] Day is not just an academic event, it is rather founded upon the SABIS[®] Educational System[™]. Every term, students have the opportunity to become Shadow Teachers[®]. However, they rarely get the chance to conduct a whole lesson. Therefore, Shadow Teacher's[®] Day was organized in order to allow students to shine, practice, and improve. Furthermore, Shadow Teaching[®] is a teaching tool like no other. Looking at problems and solutions from a fellow classmate's perspective works wonders. A Shadow Teacher[®] knows the difficulties that his or her friends are facing and how to overcome them.



The Positive Ticket Project

Since the beginning of December 2016, ISC-Lahore's SLO® has launched a new initiative called the "Positive Ticket" project involving students in KG to Grade 12 in addition to school staff. The idea of the project was inspired by the Saskatoon Police Service in the province of Saskatchewan in Canada who regularly issue positive tickets to youngsters who are seen crossing the road safely or picking up litter.

Here at ISC-Lahore, we have adopted this idea and made it fit with our year of "going above and beyond". This initiative rewards young people who make healthy, positive choices in relation to their behavior, decisions, or actions while they are at school. Such initiatives also help increase the academic performance of the students.

Each Friday, the nominations are collected from the AQC's, teachers, supervisors, and other students in our positive ticket nomination boxes which are located on each floor of the school. The following week, students that are selected from these nominations receive a positive ticket. Once a student collects more than 10 tickets, they can cash them in for a prize.

At the end of each month, students from each grade with the most positive tickets become our star students for that month and have their picture displayed proudly in the school. They also receive a pizza party for all their hard work and efforts over the past month.

Nathan Lee Deeney
Student Life Coordinator



UK University Mini Expo

After many successful years of hosting the Careers Fair at our school, this year we decided to host several Mini Expos which will take place throughout the year.

The first of these mini expos took place on October 6, 2016, where we invited a number of U.K. universities to our school to share with students invaluable information about course options, scholarships, campus life, work–study options, and postgraduate opportunities. There were over 20 universities representatives from the U.K. offering majors in Medicine, Astronomy, Engineering, Hospitality Management, Media, Law, Business, IT, and others.



We were happy to welcome the following universities for this event:

Wales

Bangor University
Cardiff University
Swansea University

Scotland

Edinburgh Napier University
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
University of Dundee

England

Anglia Ruskin University
Birmingham City University
Brunel University
De Montfort University, Leicester
Goldsmiths, University of London
King's College London
Kingston University London
Lancaster University
Newcastle University
Plymouth University
Queen Mary University of London



Regent's University, London
Royal Holloway, University of London
SOAS University of London
The University of Manchester
The University of Northampton
University of Bristol
University of East Anglia
University of Exeter
University of Hertfordshire
University of Portsmouth
University of Sussex
University of Warwick
University of York



We look forward to welcoming students and parents to the U.S. University Expo which will place in February 2017.

Ms. Fozia Arshad
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