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Dear staff members and students!

I am excited and honored to welcome all the returning and new staff members, as well as our students, to the new school year of 2016-2017 at ISC Lahore. As we begin this new year, I wish everyone all the best, a lot of success, resolve and optimism. It will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and a plethora of extracurricular clubs and activities.

As a staff, we are here to support all of our students, by any means necessary, to ensure that they reach their fullest academic potential. Our school staff has always maintained a nurturing, learning environment where our students grow academically, socially and emotionally. The goal is to make our students critical thinkers, active problem-solvers, inquisitive readers and diligent researchers. We work hard to fulfill this objective each and every day. We aim to prepare the student body for the demands of the real world so that they become productive citizens, our future leaders, and can contribute and give back something positive to the community.

ISC Lahore is a place alive with energy, enthusiasm and a high standard of excellence. It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! We are all going to keep promoting academic excellence through an engaging and rigorous curriculum.

Let me take this opportunity to mention that we've introduced the latest standards of technology into our school. Nowadays our students use interactive whiteboards (in gr.1-12) and e-books on their tablets (in gr.4-11). They no longer have to carry a number of heavy textbooks to school every day! The effects of the state-of-the-art technology implemented at our school are obvious - there has been tangible educational progress and better efficiency of learning.

I have always felt privileged to be a part of such a remarkable and talented school community, and I am confident that all of you have the capacity to meet our high expectations. Let's make this a year of setting and reaching new attainable goals, and taking our students' achievements to the next level!

I am looking forward to an exciting, productive and successful school year, to a year filled with stories of great success and great learning.  
Let's continue making our school a great place to work and learn each day!

**Please remember: success IS NOT an option at ISC Lahore, it IS an expectation.**

I'd like to wish you all a happy holiday season from December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017!

*Margo A. Aziz,  
Director*

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# Graduation Ceremony 2016

With the SABIS® Network celebrating its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the Class of 2016 graduation ceremony was extra special! On May 28, 2016, despite the summer heat, graduates and faculty were on top form, donned in their ceremonial gowns, proud, and ready to begin the morning's proceedings.

The event started with a Qur'anic Recitation by two Grade 10 students Ghania Khakwani and Ali Haider. Then followed the Processional, headed by the Grade 11 flag bearers presenting the seven nationalities represented in the Grade 12 graduating class: Pakistan, U.S., Canada, U.K. and Ireland, and The Netherlands. Thereafter, followed the esteemed faculty who entered the hall to the music of Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar. ISC-Lahore's Director, Ms Margo Abdel Aziz, then proudly led in our graduates to Verdi's Grand March. Before being seated, the national anthem was sung by the Grade 8 choir accompanied by Mr. Griffin, our music teacher, on the electronic keyboard.



The commencement speaker for this occasion was Mrs. Farzana Shahid, Director of Admissions at the Informational Technology University, Lahore, who congratulated the graduates and talked about the importance of remembering one's roots and remaining humble, no matter how much success one achieves in life.

Our faculty speaker for this year was Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz, a true "Choueifatian". Ms. Imtiaz joined ISC-Lahore back in the early days of the school in 1996. She is currently the Head of the English and History Department.

SABIS® highlights that the graduation crowns many years of preparation. There are specific criteria that need to be covered for a student to graduate. For example, students cannot graduate if they have not completed all the requirements of the High School Diploma over 4 years.

In a similar way, the selection for the student speaker took into account a number of criteria in the selection process. To be a speaker, students must have:

1. Attended the school for a minimum of 3 years;
2. Maintained a strong attendance record;
3. Held a leadership position in the SLO® during the last 2 years;
4. Demonstrated a positive attitude towards school and school life;
5. A history of consistent positive engagement in the SLO®;
6. An excellent overall average and be passing all subjects;
7. Maintained their academic performance; and
8. Maintained an excellent record of behavior.



Special recognition to the Class of 2016 valedictorians Rehan Saleem Hafeez (who graduated with Distinction) and Iqraa Bukhari.

Other students who appeared on the Honor Roll were:

- Bakhtawar Hassan- Graduated with Distinction
- Rehan Hafeez - Graduated with Distinction
- Mohammad Hashim Nawaz Chattha - Graduated with Distinction
- Waqas Haroon- Graduated with Distinction
- Javeria Ashraf- Graduated with Honors
- Shafay Haq- Graduated with Honors
- Saira Haque- Graduated with Honors
- Inbsaat Rafi- Graduated with Honors
- Sahaan Khurram Mirza- Graduated with Honors



We were also proud to announce the students who have been at ISC-Lahore since KG1 or KG2:

- Noshair Ahmed- KG1
- Muhammad Hasham Bhinder-KG1
- Zainab Zia Chahudhry- KG1
- Muhammad Bin Asim- KG1
- Sher Ali Khan- KG2
- Tajwer Shamsi- KG1
- Hamza Ishtiaq Rana- KG2
- Muhammad Shanil Ghani-KG1
- Sher Ali Khan- KG1

Congratulations to all of our graduates who have gained university acceptances!

Our students gained acceptance to top universities in the U.S., including:

- Texas Tech University
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of California at Berkeley
- Penn State University
- Rutgers University
- Purdue University
- Boston University
- Stony Brook University
- State University of New York
- Syracuse University
- University of Houston
- Pittsburg University



Leading universities in Canada also accepted our students, including:

- University of Toronto
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Waterloo

ISC-Lahore students received offers from a number of universities in the U.K. including:

- Kings College London
- Queen Mary University of London
- School of Oriental and African Studies
- University of Essex
- University of Manchester
- Liverpool University
- University of Aberdeen
- Newcastle University

- Dundee University
- City University London
- Regents Business School
- Birkbeck, University of London
- University of Warwick
- Royal Holloway
- University of Coventry
- University of Bath
- University of Sheffield

In Pakistan, students gained acceptance to:

University College Lahore for the University External Programme  
Lahore University of Management and Sciences (LUMS)  
Lahore School of Economics  
Beaconhouse National University  
National University of Science and Technology (NUST)  
Ghulam Ishaq Khan University  
National University of Emerging Sciences (FAST)  
Habib University, Karachi

Applications for medical colleges are still in process and will be released in December 2016.

The Class of 2016 is a diverse group of young men and women who have applied for majors such as electrical engineering, biotechnology, international business, business administration and management, law, medicine, computer science, astrophysics, biological sciences, economics, accounting and finance, architecture, civil engineering, mathematics, psychology, liberal arts, journalism, media studies, fashion design, and environmental engineering.

### **Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2016!**

## *Focus on the University Advising and Careers Counseling Office*

The main role of the University Advising and Careers Counseling Office is to help students make choices about their **academic future** and to prepare them for their university education.

The role of this department is to:

- Counsel students from Grade 8 onwards, guiding and helping them to make higher education and career choices according to their skills, talents, and interests
- Help prepare students for higher education by running workshops and providing one on one counseling
- Process university applications
- Liaise with university representatives
- Run orientation sessions for parents and students
- Arrange presentations for parents and students by universities and professional academic bodies such as The British Council, Canadian High Commission, ACCA, University of Warwick and Education U.S.
- Arrange internships and volunteer work placements with institutes such as Rising Institute for Special Children, Door of Awareness, Nur Leadership Program at Fatima Memorial Medical College, WWF Pakistan, and SOS Village
- Process applications for university summer schools
- Provide information and advice regarding external examinations: O and A Levels, Advanced Placement exams , PSAT, SAT 1 and SAT subject tests



Every year, the University Advising Office organizes a fair where students and parents get the opportunity to meet with representatives of local and foreign universities to discuss entrance requirements, scholarships, student life, etc.

Our students have been accepted by and graduated from prestigious universities and colleges in Pakistan, North America, Europe, Australia, China, Turkey, and the U.A.E.



Every year, a significant number of our students have appeared on the College Board AP Honor Roll

**For further information about university and career options, parents and students are invited to make an appointment with the University Advising Team.**

*Ms. Fozia Arshad,  
Head of University Advising Department*

## *SLTC: A Great Discovery*

The Student Life Training Camp was a great discovery of constructive lessons, everlasting friendships, and memorable experiences. "Leadership is everyone's business." This phrase has since stuck with me and inspired me to realize that leaders are not born, they are made. Furthermore, through social networking we can discuss diverse ideas and planned events with our newfound campmates. This creates a healthy competition between schools by which we learn from each other. Climbing the Acropolis, navigating in Monastiraki, and dancing on the cruise, these images have been forever etched onto the slates of our minds. Overall, the Training Camp is a great way to learn, experience, and discover.



*Alex Khan, Grade 11*  
*Head Prefect - Academics Department*



"The SABIS® Student Life Training Camp in Greece this year was an unforgettable experience. The team-building activities boosted my confidence and self-esteem. Interacting with different people from Greece and SABIS® Network schools around the world, engaging with them for different tasks and games, and gaining knowledge about Greece, its culture and traditions, has broadened my horizon. I am determined to use everything that I learnt during the camp to bring about a positive change among my school fellows."

*Maheen Rafi*  
*Grade 10*



*“The Student Life Training Camp was a life CHANGING experience. Students from all over the world convened in the beautiful city of Athens, Greece. Many motivational presentations were delivered which inspired us to brainstorm ideas that we would implement in our respective schools. There were also cruises, lunches, and team building activities in the company of amiable people who made the experience more exciting. It was an experience of a lifetime!”*

*Zaki Ullah  
Grade 11*



## *Cultural and Educational Trip to France and Switzerland 2016*

A group of 21 students from grades 5 to 12 studying French as a second and third language travelled to France and Switzerland from June 17 to 25, 2016, accompanied by three teachers. After two flights and a short layover in Istanbul, we finally landed in high spirits at Lyon airport. Our bus driver Mr. Eddy was already waiting for us and we travelled straight away to Chambéry. We checked into the hotel for a night of peaceful sleep since we were all exhausted!

The real fun began on the following day as we visited the famous Walibi Theme Park with its thrilling rides. It was a perfect way to begin the tour. The day ended with a delicious dinner and dessert of sweet tarts for those with a sweet tooth. Day 2 also started with a bang as we were on route to Geneva, Switzerland. We visited the headquarters of United Nations in Europe and discovered the old city of Geneva with our guide Mrs. Yvonne. Then we sailed out from the harbor and discovered the beautiful shores of Geneva. We enjoyed an unparalleled view of Mont-Blanc, historical monuments, famous villas, as well as parks and gardens.

After the cruise we indulged our senses as we delved into the secrets and the origins of manufacturing their famous Swiss chocolate. We savored the heavenly chocolate and enjoyed the aroma of exquisite cocoa and fresh alpine milk. The next day, we travelled along Lake Geneva to visit the magnificent city of Montreux which is known for its annual International Jazz Festival. We also visited the medieval Castle of Chillon, which took us back in time! Each hall or room unveiled a part of the castle’s history and allowed us to better understand the daily life of the Court of Savoy.





Afterwards we travelled to Chamonix, France. On our way, the panoramic view of the Alps was absolutely breathtaking! Once in Chamonix, we settled down in our hotel that offered a picturesque view of Mont Blanc, the highest peak of Europe. Then we had the opportunity to experience summer sledging and we had the time of our lives. On the fourth day, we took a cable car to Aiguille Du Midi and witnessed the extraordinary scenery. We could even have a snowball fight on the top of the mountain. Later, we took a train to the Mer de Glace glacier and had a traditional fondue meal prepared with the Savoyarde cheese.



Finally, we visited the charming city of Chamonix and did a little shopping there. On the fifth day we headed back to Lyon where we had a guided tour of the old renaissance city. Then we visited the Cathedral of Saint Jean and the Basilica of Fourvière where one could truly admire the ancient French architecture. On the last day we visited the Musée des Confluences, a contemporary museum of natural sciences and anthropology. The museum is built at the convergence of the two rivers in Lyon, river Rhône and river Saône. Last but not the least, we did some shopping at the La Part Dieu shopping mall. Later that evening we went back to the hotel to rest and talked about the great time we had.



The trip helped us develop stronger bonds of friendship. The following day we left for Pakistan with our minds filled with wonderful memories. This trip has been an experience of a lifetime and I would like to thank ISC-Lahore for giving me this incredible opportunity!

*Talal Mehmood,  
Grade 10*



## *Memories of Summer*

Ah! The joys of summer. The withering heat and school vacations, when your kids give minute to minute updates on their boredom levels. Away from computers, phones and mounting collection of “kids’ stuff” that fill our house. We fall into an easy rhythm as we engage in the simplest of tasks. There’s time to notice simple joys of life. To do simple activities that invite us to slow down to a natural pace. It might be as simple as stretching out under a tree like a cat or to unwind in the late afternoon’s heat. It might be taking ten minutes to sit on a park’s bench and bite into a crunchy, red apple and notice the shapes of clouds as they billow across the sky. It’s the season when we walk barefoot in the grass, watch kids run through sprinklers and throw themselves carelessly onto slip-and-slides, and wear straw hats and sandals while eating a single scoop of vanilla ice cream in a waffle cone. No matter how much frustration or irritation have pock-mocked our lives as we step into summer, we exhale and feel the tensions dissolve. So simple, so complete. It is without a doubt, the season of simple and timeless joys.

By Paul Sheryl, Creative Experts, July 5, 2011  
(Mariashiver.com)

*Ms. Fariyal Barque*  
*Coordinator Grades 2-4*



## *Teacher Orientation Week*

The 2016-17 academic year began with a week-long series of professional development workshops conducted by veteran teachers at ISC-Lahore. In accordance with the SABIS® philosophy and pedagogy, all workshops aimed to equip teachers with tools for effective teaching and enable them to tackle the challenges effectively. From August 15 to 20, 2016, teachers took part in highly interactive sessions in which the teachers reviewed the SABIS Point System® of teaching, SABIS® teaching cycle, SABIS® PrepList, ODT, the Accelerated Reading program, and classroom management strategies.

Mrs. Sajjad, the middle school AQC, opened the forum for presentations and discussed the examination monitoring system. Several participants need to be acknowledged for their efforts in this regard. Dr. Greg, our high school AQC, enlightened the audience about the hazards of internet surfing. Talking about the dark side of the internet, called the “deep net.” Dr. Greg warned the internet users about the risks and suggested ways to protect oneself online. Another informative and interesting presentation was made by Ms. Nida Ahmed on substance abuse among teenagers, an issue that plagues the society.

The junior school AQC, Mrs. Hussain, discussed fear, a common hurdle that often hampers an individual's progress. Drawing examples from scientific research, daily life, and the work place, Mrs. Hussain encouraged the teachers to "Face Everything and Rise". ISC-Lahore is committed to integrate the latest technology available in the field of education and the introduction of SABIS® E-Books is another step in this direction. Mr. Rehan Saeed, head of IT department, made an informed presentation on the usefulness and importance of SABIS® E-Books in the school.



In her address to the staff of ISC-Lahore, Ms. Margo Abdel Aziz, reiterated her resolve to "equip our students for success and prepare them well to meet the needs of the global world". Conveying SABIS® President Mr. Carl Bistany's message to the ISC-Lahore team, Ms. Margo highlighted the importance of team work, accountability, and continual improvement. The theme for the 2016-17 academic year is "Empowering Future Generations" and to quote Mr. Bistany: "Teaching students how to learn and inspiring them to engage in independent, lifelong learning and build on their solid foundation of knowledge and skills are areas that SABIS® Network schools excel at and we have thousands of stories to prove it".

*Ms. Rizwana Imtiaz*  
Head of English Department

## *New SLO® Leadership*

This year's SLO® is shaping up to be one of the most effective I have seen. With proactive younger students like Momina Ahmed and Harum Zeb Chatha getting leadership roles in the Lower School and Social Responsibility Departments, and more seasoned prefects like Alex Khan, Daniyal Cheema, Minahil Anjum, Muhammad Ali Butt, and Ahsan Ayub in others, the SLO® is in good hands.



They will of course be helped along the way by their seniors Ammad Akram, the Head of Sports, the Head Girl, Sarah Arshad, and me. The SLO® team has already held a successful football tournament, a get-together, and has plans for many other events in the future. We could not do any of this without the hard work of the rest of the SLO®, the constant support of the staff and senior management team, and everyone else in school. We will strive to do our best by the school and all its denizens now and in the future.



*Osman Rahim Khan, Grade 12*  
Head Boy - SABIS SLO®

## Power Study Sessions

The Power Study Sessions were a unique experience, both from a managerial and a tutor's stand-point. I was overwhelmed by the number of tutees attending these sessions and the tutors willing to sacrifice some of their summer vacations to help fellow students. It was truly an empowering experience. The teachers were really helpful and the supervisors were there for us throughout the sessions. This was not only a show of SLO®'s resolve of being proactive, but also the perfect example of this year's theme - building relationships. These sessions really showed amazing results. I really saw potential in these students and look forward to their cooperation throughout the year. I would like to thank all the attendees, the teachers, and supervisors for helping out the students and the senior management team for giving me this opportunity.

*Mahnar Omar, Grade 12  
Head Prefect - Activities Department Prefect*



## Bake Sale

The SLO® arranged a bake sale to herald the start of the 2016-17 academic year. The bake sale was aimed at raising funds for the charity organization called The Door of Awareness. Students put in effort and hard work to organize the event and it proved to be a lot of fun as well. Many students lined up enthusiastically to buy the delicious goodies on sale. There was a variety of items on sale ranging from continental to local cuisine. Mouthwatering desserts and baked items were also on display. Everyone had a great time eating and mingling with each other. We look forward to having another one soon.

We owe the success of this event to the constant support of Ms. Margo, the teachers, and the enthusiastic participation of students. Thank you!

*Mahnar Omar, Grade 12  
Head Prefect - Activities Department*



## ***Eat My Bubbles!***

Swimming is not an easy sport, it requires strength, agility, harmony, and persistence. The swimming squad of ISC-Lahore created a splash at the Yum-e-Azadi Swimming Competition 2016 and the All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Swimming Competition 2016. The female swimmers of ISC-Lahore also made headlines in the 15th Women National Swimming Championship 2016 held in Lahore.

The seven skillful swimmers that represented ISC- Lahore included Arif Abdul Hadi (Grade.6C), Ashfaq Abdullah (Grade 7A), Mustafa Khalid (Grade 9A), Reebal Ashfaq Mohammad (Grade 10A), Mohmmen Yar Khan Tareen (Grade 9A), Maya Omar Chaudhary (Grade 8B) and Mahnan Omar (Grade 12B). The swimmers competed in various categories, including free style, butterfly stroke, back stroke, and breast stroke. ISC-Lahore competed in two age groups, namely U-12 and U-14.

The audience witnessed great skill and dexterity as the young swimmers were pitted against swimmers from other schools. After all, H<sub>2</sub>O is two parts heart and one-part obsession!

The outstanding achievements of ISC-Lahore swimmers are listed below:

### **Abdullah Ashfaq:**

- Gold Medal in 50M Free Style (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Gold Medal 50M Butterfly (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Silver Medal in 50M Back stroke (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Silver Medal in 200M Free (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Declared best swimmer in U-12 category (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Silver Medal in 200M Free (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Gold Medal in 50M Back stroke (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Bronze Medal in 200 M IM (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Bronze Medal 50 M Butterfly (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)

### **Muhammad Reebal Ashfaq:**

- Gold Medal in 50M free (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Gold Medal in 50M Butterfly (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Gold Medal in 50M Backstroke (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- He was declared best swimmer in U-14 age category. (Yum-e-Azadi competition)
- Gold Medal in 50M free (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Bronze Medal in 50M Butterfly (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Silver Medal in 200 M Free style (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Bronze Medal in 200 M IM (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)
- Runner-up trophy in U-14 age category. (All Pakistan 11<sup>th</sup> McDonald's Interschool Competition)

### **Maya Omar Chaudhary:**

- Silver Medal in 800M Free style
- Bronze Medal in 400M Individual Medley
- Bronze Medal in 4x100 M Free relay
- Bronze Medal in 4x200M Free relay
- Bronze Medal in 4x 100M Medley relay

***Rizwana Imtiaz***  
*Head of English Department*



# Futsal Tournament 2016

ISC-Lahore held its annual Futsal Tournament in weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1. It was an excellent way start to the year. The best thing about the tournament is that it displays teamwork and sportsmanship. The matches included participants from grades 8-12 as well as three alumni teams. The tournament was held over a period of seven days. Every day the gym echoed with the cheers of students supporting their respective teams. Out of the eight teams that took part, Kingsmen and Konoraka made it to the final and Kingsmen won with a 5-0 victory.

*Ammad Akram, Grade 12*  
*Head Prefect – SLO® Sports and Health Department*



# South Asian Aquatic Championship

I was selected by the Pakistan Swimming Federation to take part in the prestigious South Asian Aquatic Championship held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It was a beautiful moment standing on the podium, receiving my medal and holding it with pride and the flag of my country. I won the bronze medal in the 1500m freestyle event and in doing so I also made history. I became the first Pakistani girl to have emerged victorious in this grueling event.

*Maya Omar Chaudhary*  
*Grade 8*



## *Trophy Award Project*



At the beginning of this academic year, the SLO® launched a new initiative called the “Trophy System” to encourage cooperative effort among the student body. Classes that perform well in AMS exams and behave well are rewarded with exciting rewards like plaques, parties, and much more. Last month, 9A displayed team work, enthusiasm, and determination, winning in all three categories: Math, English, and discipline. 9A has set an excellent example for not only their grade, but the whole school. As the first section to win all three awards, 9A deserves our utmost appreciation.



*Osman Rahim Khan, Grade 12*  
*Head Boy - SABIS SLO®*



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****\*\* *Private Sector Mobilizes to Educate Refugee Children in Lebanon* \*\***

**UN General Assembly, NY (September 21, 2016)** – The [Clooney Foundation for Justice](#) has launched a private sector initiative designed to educate all out-of-school children in Lebanon, including Syrian refugees. [Google.Org](#), [Virgin Unite](#), the [Radcliffe Foundation](#), and the **SABIS® Foundation** are among the founding partners who, along with the Clooney Foundation, are contributing funding and resources to the initiative.

The private sector initiative comes amid growing estimates of the number of out-of-school Syrian refugees in Lebanon. It comes in answer to an UNHCR call *“for governments, donors, humanitarian agencies, and development partners as well as private-sector partners to strengthen their commitment to ensuring that every child receives a quality education.”* Of the half-million Syrian refugee children in Lebanon, 200,000 of them are not enrolled in school, even with a significant increase in refugee enrollment thanks to initiatives undertaken by the Lebanese government.

George and Amal Clooney, both staunch supporters of human rights, made the official announcement of the project and showed a [video](#) in a UN General Assembly session calling the private sector to action. *“We want to get every single out-of-school child in Lebanon an education,”* remarked Amal Clooney. *“Let’s not lose an entire generation of people because they happened to be born in the wrong place at the wrong time,”* George added.

The [Clooney Foundation for Justice](#) will be working with [SABIS®](#), a global education management company, to roll out a phased plan to open schools starting in September 2017. In the first year of the plan, the schools will enroll between 5,000 and 10,000 refugee children as well as Lebanese children who are not enrolled in school. In subsequent years, additional schools will be added to increase capacity by up to 50,000 students per year.

The schools, which will be located in areas of Lebanon most heavily populated by Syrian refugees, will implement the **SABIS® Educational System™**, a proven educational program that is backed by 130 years of success in the region and currently used to provide over 70,000 students enrolled in SABIS® Network schools around the world with a high-quality education. As with all SABIS® Network schools, the schools serving the refugee children will leverage technology to drive and monitor the learning process, using digital resources that are highly interactive and capture valuable data on individual student progress to facilitate learning.

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## Success Story



*Salman Sabir*

SABIS® is a global education network that operates Pre-K and K-12 schools in 16 countries on four continents. Around the world, in both the private and public sectors, SABIS® Network schools offer a high-quality education to over 70,000 students.

The **International School of Choueifat – Lahore** (ISC-Lahore) in Pakistan is a member of the SABIS® Network. ISC-Lahore offers students a high-quality, well-rounded education, gives them the opportunity to study world languages including Urdu, French, and Mandarin/Chinese, and effectively empowers them for the future.

**This is the story of how a young man and used the education he received at ISC-Lahore to excel in life.**

Salman Sabir joined ISC-Lahore as a student in KG1 in 1996 and graduated in the Class of 2010. While Salman was an average student who struggled at times, particularly in math-related subjects, his strong sense of determination and focus along with the structure of the SABIS® Educational System kept him pushing forward. Ongoing support from ISC-Lahore teachers and administrators also motivated him to achieve his full potential. He remembers his math teacher telling him, *“You are very near the finish line; all you have to do is run towards it.”* And so Salman pressed on.

While at ISC-Lahore, Salman took every opportunity to get involved in shaping student life at the school. He was an active member of SLO® and held positions as Discipline Prefect, Management Prefect, and Shadow Teacher®. He also participated in numerous community service projects, igniting in him a commitment to make a difference.

After Salman graduated from ISC-Lahore, he went on to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering and minor in physics, two subjects that he had found challenging at school, but fields of study that he was determined to master. Early on at the University of Arkansas in the U.S., he discovered that his time at ISC-Lahore had given him an amazing foundation. *“In my freshman year at university, I barely had to open a book to study because I had already learned every single concept they were teaching,”* he said. He realized that *“all those homework assignments, SABIS® AMS tests, and Periodic Exams at ISC-Lahore were not there to stress you, but to simply prepare you to excel on your journey ahead.”*

Salman successfully completed his university degree in the U.S. and returned to his village in Pakistan to fulfill his dream of joining his family’s poultry business. Drawing on the knowledge and skills he gained at ISC-Lahore and university, he took over the business’ newest project, a state-of-the-art poultry plant aimed at becoming the largest of its kind in Pakistan. Salman also continues his commitment to making a difference and giving back, which he extended to his family. Together they run many charity projects like the hospital they built in their village, which offers free treatment to its patients, as well as actively helping run the school in the village, which Salman tries to model after his own, ISC-Lahore.

From his position now as a successful, compassionate businessman, Salman reflects on his time at ISC-Lahore. He can still hear the words spoken to him by the ISC-Lahore School Director, *“You have the ability to excel; you just don’t know it yet.”* Thanks to his time at ISC-Lahore, the SABIS® Educational System, and his own perseverance and determination, he knows it now and he’s living it!

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