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UAE Heritage

In our pursuit to foster a stronger connection with UAE heritage, I had the privilege of interviewing Ms. Cecile, a key figure in the UAE Heritage Movement. At the Ministry of Culture and Education, we are embarking on a mission to design a comprehensive program that will enlighten students from both public and private schools across all emirates about the rich tapestry of UAE culture.

Currently, we find ourselves at an exciting juncture. The ministry has initiated a school pilot project to gauge the existing knowledge and practices in schools. Our school has been selected to take part in this endeavor, offering us a unique opportunity to be at the forefront of this cultural renaissance.

Ms. Cecile duly described this phase as a "survey" of what schools are currently doing to integrate UAE heritage into their curriculum. Her insights were invaluable in understanding the significance of preserving and promoting our heritage. As we move forward, we aim to create an educational program that will serve as a beacon for students, illuminating the beauty and importance of UAE culture.

Ms. Cecile's words echoed with wisdom: "Visit museums, exhibitions. It is as important as schools. Explore, explore, explore." This quote serves as a powerful reminder of the significance of experiential learning and the role cultural exploration plays in our journey to rediscover and celebrate our heritage. This journey promises to be an enlightening one, guiding our schools and students towards a deeper connection with our rich heritage.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Participants: Ghazal (Grade 10) and Lamar
(Grade 11) - Student Council Members

Al Ma'arifa International Schools' Student Council is a dynamic and influential body within our educational institution. Comprised of dedicated and passionate students, the Student Council serves as the voice of the student body, representing their interests, concerns, and aspirations. Through their initiatives, events, and projects, the Al Ma'arifa International Schools' Student Council plays a pivotal role in enhancing the overall school experience and creating a vibrant and engaging environment for all.

1. Motivations and Roles within the Student Council:

Ghazal (Grade 10): My decision to join the Student Council was driven by a desire to advocate for change and ensure that the voices of my fellow classmates are heard in matters concerning the student body. In my capacity, I serve as a Class Representative.

Lamar (Grade 11): My motivation for becoming part of the Student Council stems from a commitment to represent and voice the concerns of my class. I aim to be an instrument for positive change.

2. Addressing Key Concerns of Fellow Student:

Ghazal (Grade 10): I believe that a significant portion of our student body is primarily concerned with issues related to extracurricular activities, school trips, and the overall well-being of students. Personally, my involvement was partially driven by the desire to have a say in trip planning.

Lamar (Grade 11): It's evident that persistent concerns among students revolve around the expression of grievances without adequate resolution. To address this, our strategy is to be as receptive as possible, actively listening to student concerns and offering assistance as needed.

3. Enhancing School Spirit and Fostering Unity:

Lamar (Grade 11): The Student Council plays a pivotal role in enhancing school spirit and nurturing a sense of unity among students. We achieve this by organizing engaging events such as spirit weeks featuring activities like Crazy Hair Day, Pajama Day, Mismatch Day, and various community service initiatives.

Ghazal (Grade 10): By introducing more stimulating and captivating activities, we aspire to boost students' enthusiasm, increase their involvement in school activities, and promote a greater sense of togetherness and collaboration.

Boys Student Council Elections

With the passing of another academic year, a new board of MIS council members has been elected and in case you have been living under a rock, I am talking about the student council elections, of course!

With that being said, today I had the distinct privilege of interviewing the esteemed boy counselors of our school and engaging in insightful conversations to delve deeper into the cave of authenticity. Watch out because this is where it gets interesting.

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Who won the elections?
- What are the council's plans for the future?



The questions that were asked ranged from their experience during the election process to what future plans they have over the school year. Their responses indicated that this would be a very promising year, so without further adieu, let's head to the question!

Q&A

“HOW DID YOU FEEL DURING THE ELECTIONS?”

To no surprise, the majority felt nervous at first, but their bravery overcame that feeling and turned it into confidence and excitement. Some even felt their victory drawing nearer. They gave their speech in an honoring manner and captivated the eyes (and ears) of many of the students in the classroom.

“HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE ELECTED WITHIN YOUR CLASS AS A COUNSELOR?”

Many of the beloved members said they felt proud of themselves for getting to where they are and are glad to know that their class sees them as suitable people for the job with some saying: “I felt like I made progress within the years.”

“WHAT ARE SOME FUTURE PLANS YOU HOPE TO IMPLEMENT THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR?”

Their exciting responses initially led with all the counselors in unison saying: “Something to remember.” For extra context, some have mentioned working on designing and changing the school from the inside out, while others strive for trips to iconic landmarks such as the well-known “Ski-Dubai.” Educational plans are also set in motion, as they aim to arrange more learning opportunities for students and the school alike.

Of course, this interview could not end without a quote from our fellow interviewees, and for a good reason at that. Here are some honorable mentions:

“Make connections and have confidence in yourself.” –
Aws Abdulrazaq, 12ADV

“Be humble.” – Khalid Abdullah, 12BSA

“Try to learn from the generation before you; it’ll help in the future.” – Omar Wagdi, 12BSB



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