As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge governments and health authorities around the world, various regions and countries have taken different approaches to getting kids back in school. Some countries have mandated total closures of schools, some have allowed schools to open, and others have allowed opening within strict guidelines regarding the number of students allowed on campus at any one time. Due to a second wave of the pandemic that hit Jordan at the beginning of the Academic Year 2020-2021, the Jordanian Government decided to close all school campuses and reside to the online learning model.

As a member of the SABIS® Network, The International School of Choueifat – Amman has a long-standing commitment to the research and development of new technologies designed with the student in mind. As a result, our students have meaningful experiences with modern, up-to-date methods.
and technologies used to improve and enrich their day-to-day
learning experience, enhance their academic performance,
and challenge the boundaries of traditional learning
environments. In order to move successfully from traditional
classroom teaching to E-learning, the right infrastructure had
to be in place.

This challenge proved that the SABIS® infrastructure was one
to be reckoned with. The COVID-19 pandemic and all the
restrictions it imposed on the world were overcome at ISC-
Amman thanks to the comprehensive digital ecosystem found
in all SABIS® schools, which includes a strong and coherent
digital curriculum that is supported by a wealth of E-learning
content; structured pedagogical methodologies that allow our
teachers to deliver the curriculum in any environment; a safe
and reliable IT infrastructure; and the ability to continuously
assess and follow-up with students.

**Art Lessons Continue Online**

Due to imposed campus closures, many local schools decided
to limit the number of subjects offered in their online model,
especially the arts and extracurricular activities. However,
ISC-Amman believes in the value of every subject we offer
to help students develop well-rounded personalities.
Therefore, our art and music lessons were ongoing even
online and continued to inspire students to get creative and
craft beautiful masterpieces while working from home.

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**Check out the Online Art Lessons Pictures**
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ISC Alumni Talks – University Applications & Beyond

ISC-Amman’s Alumni Association, in collaboration with the SLO, organized two ISC Talks events that welcomed alumni from the Class of 2018 to speak of their experiences with applying to and attending university.

Speakers included Michael Billeh who shared his experience in applying to and becoming a Sustainable & Renewable Energy Engineering student at Carleton University, Canada; and Fouad Helmey who spoke about his experience with the university admissions process and his experience as a third year student studying Medicine at the University College Dublin in Ireland.

Student Achievements

Grade 5 Student Writes Her Own Book

ISC-Amman is proud of our Grade 5 student, Nouf Batayneh, who, at only 10 years of age, is writing her own book to be published in a couple of months.

Nouf describes her love to reading as, “the same joy that my friends get when playing video games or with toys”. Her fondness of reading motivated her to start writing her own science fiction book about the vision of the future in the mind of a child.

Way to go Nouf, you make us all proud!
Students Achieve Outstanding Results in Cambridge British Exams

ISC-Amman has a long track record of helping students achieve outstanding results on a wide range of internationally recognized standardized tests including the British-based Advanced Level (A Level) and the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) as well as the American-based Advanced Placement® (AP®) exam, in addition to others.

In October 2020, ISC-Amman students once again outperformed the global average, with 94% of their students achieving an A*- C in their IGCSE exams and A-C in A-Level exams. Check out the results below:
Our students’ success was a result of the hard work and dedication of our students, parents, and teachers during these unprecedented times. ISC-Amman is proud to celebrate the outstanding results our High School students achieved and look forward to watching them achieve even more success in their future.

SLO Stories

Appreciation on Teacher’s Day

In order to show our appreciation for all the hard-work and effort that our teachers put in day in and day out, and on the occasion of the International Teachers’ Day, the SABIS® SLO Outreach Department asked students to write down one word to describe their teachers. Once all the words were submitted, they were printed on colored paper and inserted inside a personalized cup for each teacher, along with a special “Thank You” bookmark designed by the prefects.

In parallel, students who were learning remotely filmed a heart-warming “Thank You” video with special messages for their teachers.

Both these activities left our teachers feeling loved, respected, and celebrated.

Prefects Help Paint a Public School

The SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO) at ISC-Amman, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, volunteered to paint 15 classrooms in a public school in East Amman. This project was executed by the SLO High School Prefects. Prefects took all the safety precautions to protect themselves and set out to make a difference in the lives of many public students upon their return to campus. Our prefects also
ensured this event was a joyful one as they sang and laughed while they worked.

As a result of their hard work, a representative from the Ministry of Education presented the school with a plaque to show appreciation for the various projects ISC-Amman students have helped complete in the past few years.

In It to Win It

During Term 1 and Term 2, our students in Middle and High School participated in the SLO online competition “In It to Win It.” The competition tested the students in general knowledge, math, sciences and more, in a fun and competitive way.

It was a nice opportunity for students and prefects to interact in a virtual environment outside learning hours. Winners received online awards and prizes. As a result of the event’s success, “In It to Win It” is now being planned for Primary School students in Term 3.
SLO Global Online Leadership Conference

For the first time ever, the SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO) held an exclusive Global Online SLO Leadership Team Training that gathered all Head Prefects and Deputy Head Prefects across the SABIS® Network. Students from 37 SABIS® schools around the world joined the conference, excited to learn how to take on their roles for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year, whether online or on campus.

The valuable guidance that the prefects received will help sharpen their skills and empower them to properly adapt to the diverse learning models adopted across the SABIS® Network, whether it’s online, hybrid/blended, or on campus. Students’ feedback on the training was as positive as the outcome, here is what they had to say:

“It was an unforgettable experience and I’m really happy that I was able to be part of it. I learned a lot of things and skills that I will use to improve the SLO® and, moreover, I will definitely need those skills in my future life!”

Online Event about Future Careers

The SLO Academic Department organized an online event titled “Future Careers” in collaboration with the university counseling office at school. The event was designed in the form of a competition with questions related to careers in demand and what should be considered when choosing a university.

Through this event, prefects were able to give students in grades 8 and 9 some insight on important facts and factors to consider when picking their future universities and majors. The event also helped inspire students to start asking important questions that should be answered in order to choose the right major and university when the time comes in the near future.

Shout-out to our SLO Academic Department for planning such a successful event!
**Academic Support Continues Online**
The SLO Academic Department is equipped to assist all students who require support and extra help in their quest for academic success through student-to-student academic support.

Despite not being able to come to school this academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SLO Academic Prefects are still offering support to their peers to help them master essential concepts and prepare for upcoming assessments. By using the same technology their teachers use, only in smaller study-groups, they are able to help students achieve better results.

**Show Your Talent**

As students are spending plenty of time at home due to COVID-19 restrictions, the SLO Lower School prefects thought of creating an opportunity for them to showcase their talents by hosting a “Show Your Talent” event. Check out some of the great talents in the links below:

- Almaha Al-Zou’bi, KG 1, Cooking Talent
- Hisham Al-Zou’bi, Grade 1, Piano Talent
- Hala Al-Manaseer, Grade 4, Piano Talent
- Jana Al-Hindawi, Grade 2, Gymnastics Talent
- Meera Basileh, Grade 6, Drawing Talent
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