



# The School Buzz

## Director's Note

Dear ISC-Amman community,

As we reach the end of another enriching academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. This year has been a journey of growth, resilience, and numerous achievements that showcase the strength and spirit of our school community.

Throughout the year, our students have excelled academically, creatively, and athletically. We have celebrated their achievements in competitions, performances, and projects that have demonstrated their dedication and talent. From academic honors to artistic triumphs, each success is a testament to their hard work and the exceptional guidance provided by our dedicated faculty.

Our commitment to holistic education has been evident in the diverse range of extracurricular activities and initiatives that have enriched their student life. Whether through community service projects, cultural exchanges, or leadership programs, our students have embraced opportunities to learn, grow, and make a positive impact both within and beyond our school walls.

I am particularly proud of our graduating class of 2024, who have demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination in navigating their educational journey amidst challenging times. Notably, this outstanding class has been awarded a total of USD 1,250,000 in scholarships, a reflection of their academic excellence and the supportive environment at ISC-Amman. As they prepare to embark on new adventures, they carry with them not only academic achievements but also the values of compassion, integrity, and lifelong learning instilled during their time at ISC-Amman.

As we look ahead to the future, I am confident that ISC-Amman will continue to be a beacon of excellence in education, nurturing the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Together, we will build upon our successes, embrace new challenges, and continue to foster a supportive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community – students, parents, faculty, and staff – for your unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence. Your contributions have made this academic year truly exceptional, and I look forward to celebrating our achievements together in the days ahead.

Warm regards, **Eyad Safa, Acting Director**

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## SABIS® STARS 2024

SABIS® STARS is a biennial, global competition that gathers students from across the SABIS® Network to meet and compete in competitions that are designed to challenge them beyond academics. The event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and showcase the many different ways students are encouraged to explore and develop their talents, interests, and creativity.

**This year's event was held on April 19 and 20, 2024, at The International School of Choueifat – Muscat, Oman.**







SABIS® STARS 2024 brought together close to 500 students from 36 SABIS® Network schools in 17 countries to participate in 10 different categories. The experience included debates and speeches, student-led advertising campaigns, science exhibitions with students' original projects, photography, paintings, poetry recitals, creative writing, singing, and solutions for a better and greener world.

## Student Achievements

### Class of 2024 Scholarships & University Acceptances

We are delighted to celebrate the exceptional achievements of the class of 2024 at ISC-Amman, whose hard work and dedication have culminated in remarkable successes. This graduating class has demonstrated outstanding academic prowess and ambition, with 56 percent securing acceptances into the top 100 universities worldwide, including prestigious institutions such as Imperial College London, University College London, The University of Manchester, University of Nottingham, and more.





In addition to their impressive university acceptances, the class of 2024 has excelled in securing scholarships through diligent research and exemplary essay writing. Their efforts have resulted in a total of USD 1,250,000 in scholarships awarded, underscoring their academic excellence and commitment to pursuing higher education.

These scholarships not only recognize the academic achievements of our graduates but also provide them with financial support to pursue their dreams and ambitions at esteemed institutions around the world.

The class of 2024's achievements mark their dedication and resilience, as well as the supportive environment fostered at ISC-Amman. As they embark on their journey beyond High School, we are confident they will continue to excel and make significant contributions to their chosen fields and communities.



## Recent News

### Class of 2024 Graduation

Amid cheers and nostalgia, the class of 2024 bid farewell to their journey at ISC-Amman's 24<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony. This momentous occasion was a culmination of years of hard work, growth, and memorable experiences shared within our school community.

The ceremony, held with pride and reverence, honored the achievements and resilience of each graduating student. Families, friends, and faculty gathered to celebrate this significant milestone, reflecting on the transformative journey that led to this day.







Speakers highlighted the class of 2024's academic accomplishments, extracurricular achievements, and contributions to the school community. They commended the graduates for their perseverance, dedication, and leadership, inspiring them to carry these qualities forward into their future endeavors. The speeches resonated with themes of gratitude, optimism, and nostalgia. Graduates expressed their appreciation for the unwavering support of teachers, the camaraderie of classmates, and the invaluable life lessons learned during their time at school.



We were so thrilled to welcome back one of our own alumni, Dr. Shareef Halaweh (Class of 2018), as a special guest speaker. Recently graduated from college, Dr. Halaweh shared his fresh perspectives and heartfelt advice with the graduates. His speech, filled with relatable experiences and encouragement, emphasized the importance of perseverance, continuous learning, and staying connected to one's roots. Dr. Halaweh's presence was a powerful reminder of the lasting impact of an ISC-Amman education.



The ceremony concluded with the presentation of diplomas, marking the official transition of the class of 2024 from students to alumni. Tassels turned, caps flown, and jubilant cheers filled the air as graduates embraced the next chapter of their lives with enthusiasm and anticipation.

As they embark on new adventures and pursue their dreams, the class of 2024 leaves behind a legacy of excellence and resilience. Their graduation symbolizes not only personal achievement but also the promise of a bright future guided by the values instilled during their educational journey.





## Reading Campaign Soars to Wonderland

Willy Wonka Day was a magical celebration held as part of our reading campaign for grades 1-3. Students immersed themselves in the enchanting world of Roald Dahl's classic tale, playing games inspired by the adventures of Charlie Bucket and the eccentric Willy Wonka.



From a scavenger hunt searching for golden tickets to candy-themed games, every activity sparked joy and excitement. The day was filled with laughter and learning as students engaged with the story's themes of imagination, creativity, and the thrill of exploration. It was a delightful reminder of the power of literature to inspire young minds and foster a love for reading.





## SLO Stories

### Builders of Hope Initiative

The Builders of Hope initiative by our Student Life Organization (SLO) saw Grade 12 students from the class of 2024 come together to make a meaningful difference in a northern Jordanian village. This dedicated group rolled up their sleeves and worked tirelessly to build a home for a family in need.

Beyond just contributing funds, these students invested their time and effort, demonstrating their commitment to creating positive change in their community. The initiative not only aimed at constructing a physical house but also building hope and uplifting the spirits of those in need.



As the house took shape, it symbolized more than just shelter. It represented a beacon of hope and a brighter future for the family that will call it home. The Builders of Hope initiative embodied ISC-Amman's values of empathy, leadership, and making a positive impact in the world. Through their efforts, the class of 2024 exemplified what it means to be global citizens, dedicated to building a better tomorrow, one brick at a time.





## Joy Fest: An Unforgettable Iftar for Orphans

In a heartwarming display of unity and compassion, our SLO prefects dedicated themselves to organizing an unforgettable iftar for orphans called Joy Fest. Weeks of meticulous planning culminated in a day filled with joy and meaningful connections for over 150 orphaned children.

The event began with a delightful fair, where laughter echoed and joy filled the air. Our prefects, from both Middle and High School, spared no effort in ensuring every detail was perfect. From engaging games to creative activities, they created an atmosphere where smiles were abundant and friendships blossomed.

As the sun set, everyone gathered for a heartfelt iftar meal. The aroma of delicious food mingled with the sounds of shared stories and laughter, creating a warm and welcoming ambiance. Each child received a thoughtful gift bag, a gesture that symbolized the care and consideration put into making them feel special.





Throughout the day, the bond between our prefects and the guest children grew stronger. It was a testament to the transformative power of kindness and generosity. Witnessing the genuine happiness and gratitude on the children's faces reminded everyone present of the profound impact small acts of kindness can have.

Joy Fest was not just an event. It was a celebration of unity, compassion, and the spirit of giving. It left an indelible mark on hearts and minds, inspiring us all to continue spreading joy and making a difference in our community.



## Peer Tutoring Program

The SLO peer tutoring program is where academic excellence meets personalized support! Designed to cater to every student's unique needs, our peer tutors are dedicated to helping students succeed in their studies.

Whether aiming to master challenging concepts or seeking guidance on specific assignments, our peer tutors offer one-on-one sessions that are tailored to the individual academic goals of the students. They provide a supportive environment where questions are encouraged, and learning is interactive and engaging.



For students, this program is a pathway to academic success and confidence. It's an opportunity to receive personalized assistance that enhances understanding and boosts performance in class. For our peer tutors, this role is more than just teaching – it's a chance to develop invaluable leadership skills. By guiding their peers through academic challenges, they cultivate patience, empathy, and effective communication skills. This experience prepares them for future endeavors, both academically and professionally.



## Prefects Support KG Learners

The SLO Lower School Department was the portal for the heartwarming partnership between SLO prefects and our dedicated KG teachers, as these student leaders extended a helping hand to our youngest learners. Their collaborative efforts created enriching experiences that fostered learning and joy in our KG classrooms.

In interactive classes, SLO prefects actively engaged with KG students, assisting with educational activities and encouraging participation. Their presence not only enhanced learning but also inspired confidence and enthusiasm among the young learners.

As smiles lit up the classroom and friendships blossomed, the impact of this collaboration extended far beyond academic achievements. It strengthened bonds, fostered personal growth, and left a lasting impression on our KG students, setting a positive example of leadership and teamwork for years to come.



## Events

### Little Champs Sports Day

Our soccer field came alive with enthusiasm as parents and Lower School students gathered for the much-anticipated Little Champs Sports Day. This event was a perfect blend of sports games, outdoor activities, and community bonding, providing a delightful experience for everyone involved.

The day kicked off with an energetic welcome, setting the tone for a series of engaging sports games. From relay races to tug-of-war, students and parents showcased their athletic skills. The friendly competition fostered a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork, highlighting the importance of physical activity in a fun and supportive environment.







Beyond the sports games, various outdoor activities added to the festive atmosphere. Dances, a giant Connect 4 set, jumping castles, and obstacle courses kept the young participants entertained, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy. The soccer field buzzed with laughter and joy as families came together to celebrate their children's efforts and achievements.

Little Champs Sports Day was more than just a series of games. It was a celebration of community spirit and healthy living. The smiles and cheers from the day will be remembered fondly, reinforcing the strong bonds within our school community.





## KG & Primary School Mother's Day Celebrations

The KG and Primary School students enjoyed a delightful celebration of Mother's Day, creating memories that touched the hearts of all who attended. The event was filled with joy, love, and heartfelt expressions of gratitude, showcasing the special bond between mothers and their children.

The festivities began with a charming performance by the students, who sang sweet songs and recited poems dedicated to their mothers. Their innocence and enthusiasm brought smiles and tears of joy to the audience.

Craft stations were set up where children created handmade gifts and cards with their moms. The creativity and effort put into these crafts were evident, with each child personalizing their gifts to show their appreciation. Mothers watched proudly as their little ones presented them with these tokens of love.

Mother's Day in KG and Primary School was a beautiful testament to the love and appreciation our students have for their mothers. It was a day filled with cherished moments and lasting memories.





## Open Day: Celebrating Diversity

Imagine traveling to 15 countries in just one day! Our school made this dream a reality during an Open Day that followed the theme, Around the World in One Day.

The heart of the event was the array of country booths, where visitors explored monument models, informative culture displays, and student presentations. These exhibitions were a feast for the eyes and mind, providing a rich tapestry of global diversity. Attendees marveled at the intricate details of the Eiffel Tower replica, the colorful attire from India, and the fascinating history of ancient Egypt.

On stage, the atmosphere was electric with performances from around the world. Students sang folk songs and danced to traditional rhythms, bringing the spirit of various cultures to life. The lively stage performances were met with enthusiastic applause, reflecting the audience's appreciation for the hard work and talent of the participants.







A food court offered culinary delights from different countries, allowing families to savor a wide range of flavors – from spicy Mexican tacos to delicate Chinese dumplings. The aroma of these international dishes filled the air, adding to the festive ambiance.

To top it all off, fun games were available for all family members, ensuring everyone had a memorable time. The success of this year's Open Day lies not just in its diverse offerings, but in the unity and joy it fostered within our school community.





## End-of-Year Games

As the academic year drew to a close, students bid farewell with fun end-of-year games. The final week at school was transformed into a vibrant celebration filled with laughter, camaraderie, and engaging activities.

The water games were a refreshing twist under the summer sun. Water balloons flew in the air, and spirited water gun battles ensued, drenching participants in laughter and cool relief. Students reveled in the joy of friendly splashing and shared moments of pure enjoyment.

Throughout the event, the school grounds buzzed with music and energy as students cheered each other on and celebrated the memories made throughout the year. The end-of-year games encapsulated the spirit of fun, friendship, and shared experiences that define our school community.





## KG Concert: Under the Sea

Imagination soared and laughter echoed as ISC-Amman's KG students took center stage for their enchanting concert, Under the Sea. The auditorium transformed into a vibrant underwater world, where young performers dazzled parents, teachers, and fellow students with their creativity and charm.

Each performance was a delightful journey beneath the waves, featuring whimsical songs, lively dances, and adorable costumes inspired by marine life. From graceful mermaids to playful dolphins, every detail was lovingly crafted to capture the magic and wonder of the ocean.







In a heartwarming display of unity and camaraderie, KG 2 students bid farewell to their Kindergarten years, with Grade 12 students joining in to celebrate this shared milestone together. The occasion was filled with joy and nostalgia, marking a significant transition for our youngest learners as they prepared to embark on new adventures.

The KG Concert was a celebration of creativity, growth, and the joy of learning through music and performance. As applause filled the air and proud smiles lit up the faces of the young stars, it was clear that this concert was not just about entertainment – it was a magical experience that will be cherished by all for years to come.



### Primary School Concerts: A Symphony of Talent & Joy

The Primary School concerts this year were a harmonious celebration of talent and joy, enchanting audiences with captivating performances and heartfelt melodies. Held in our school's auditorium, these concerts showcased the remarkable artistic abilities and creative flair of our talented young performers.





From the moment the curtains opened, the stage came alive. Students from different grade levels dazzled the audience with a variety of songs, instrumental pieces, and dance routines. Each performance was a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students and teachers in preparing for this grand event.

As the final notes echoed through the auditorium, the Primary School concerts left a lasting impression on all who attended. They were a reminder of the power of music and performance to inspire, uplift, and unite our school community in celebration of creativity and achievement.



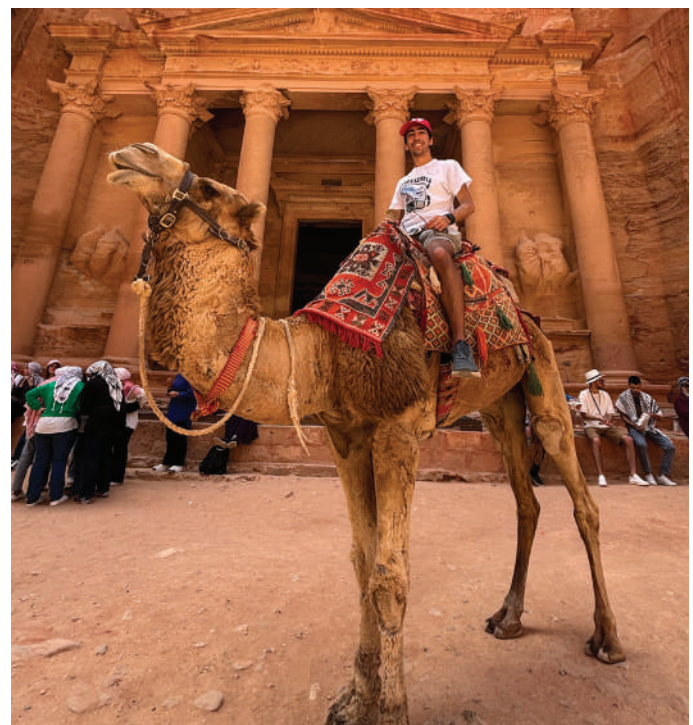


## School Trips

### High School Trip to Petra & Wadi Rum

Embarking on an unforgettable adventure, our High School students ventured to the historic wonders of Petra and the majestic landscapes of Wadi Rum. This educational journey was more than just a trip. It was a transformative experience that enriched their understanding of Jordan's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty.

Students marveled at the ancient Nabatean city of Petra carved into rose-red cliffs. Guided by knowledgeable experts, they explored iconic landmarks such as the Treasury and the Monastery, immersing themselves in the history and architectural marvels of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.







Later that day, students were captivated by the otherworldly desert landscapes of Wadi Rum. They embarked on safaris, traversing dunes and rugged terrain while learning about the Bedouin way of life from local guides. The starry nights in Wadi Rum provided an opportunity for reflection and appreciation of the natural wonders surrounding them.

Beyond sightseeing, the trip fostered camaraderie and lifelong friendships among the students. They shared laughter around campfires, engaged in meaningful discussions, and gained a deeper appreciation for Jordan's diverse landscapes and cultural traditions.











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