



HAMILTON
International School

NEWSLETTER

August, 2019

Igniting passion, for a brighter future!



Principal's Message

Seeing our inaugural students walk through the doors for the first time on Sunday, eyes wide, chatting excitedly as they looked around, greeting our parents – it was just such a wonderful thing to experience.

The building has officially been handed over, and all educational licensing requirements from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education have been granted. New enrolments will continue as families move to Qatar throughout Term 1.

One of our founding parents said to me:

“Thank you so much - everything you promised when selling the dream is coming to pass. You talked about culture, about setting up a really positive environment, and now when I come into this school, I see how amazing the facilities are, and I'm so excited about the teaching and learning on offer. I'm just so happy that my children have the opportunity to go to such a wonderful school.”

We have been making sure all our teaching staff feel at home and are ready for the new school year. They've been settling into their new homes, making friends and getting ready for what will be a busy, but exciting school year.

We're also very appreciative of the support we've received from our parent company, the International Schools Partnership, to help strengthen our team – they've had experience of opening new schools before, so their advice and guidance has been invaluable.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been a part of getting Hamilton to where it is today – it has truly been a team effort, and I'm just so proud to have been a part of the opening of such a wonderful new school. Here's to a successful first year at Hamilton!

Terry Senior

TEACHER PROFILE:

My name is Bregreen Doherty and I am a Pre-KG teacher at Hamilton.

I moved to Qatar from Ireland where I had been teaching for 12 years, initially as an Early Years teacher in a mainstream school (in fact, the school I attended as a child).

I came across Hamilton via their website, and I immediately thought that this was the school where I wanted to teach. I also knew that this experience would be a gift and opportunity for my children. Our family had been considering spending some time elsewhere, but seeing all that Hamilton had to offer, both for me as a teacher and for my family, the decision was easy, and we were ready for the adventure!

What excites me the most about Hamilton, above and beyond the facilities which are the best I have ever seen, is the school's inspiring vision, mission and ethos. There is a wonderful team in place who have made me feel very welcome, and together we are laying the foundations for a warm, happy, safe and secure environment for our students so they can experience Amazing Learning.

I couldn't have hoped for a more wonderful start to our adventure abroad, and we're all very happy and excited about being a part of Hamilton's first year.



ADMISSIONS OPEN DAYS:

Our weekly Admissions Open House will continue during September on **Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. Early evening appointments are also available on **Tuesdays until 7:00pm**.

EVENTS:

On **Saturday 17th August**, we ran our first Community Fair, with music performances in the Hamilton Theatre, free sports, music and arts activities – including swims in our large swimming pool - as well as food vendors, pop-up stalls and fun games for the whole family.



On **Friday 23rd August**, to inaugurate the Hamilton Theatre, we hosted 'Gotta Sing!', a musical theatre-experience group from the UK which helps people develop skills through singing and performing.



The team comprised of Greg Arrowsmith, a conductor, composer and pianist with over 10 years' experience working on both the concert circuit and in musical theatre in London's West End, and Joanne Corrigan, a former-BBC live program editor and producer with over 20 years' experience. The duo was invited by Hamilton to teach our founding children and families how to sing and produced Hamilton's first musical theatre performance.

Following the success of our first Community Fair event, we are delighted to announce our **ECA Extravaganza Day on Saturday 14th September between 10:00am and 4:00pm**. More details will follow but please save the date! Our after school activities providers will showcase all they have to offer at Hamilton.

Administration Update:

- Questions for buses/transportation to and/or from school with our provider Tri-Logistics should be directed to **Ms Karen Gosmo at +974 3342 6998 or +974 5582 4517** or email hamilton@trilogistic.com.
- Information on our Extra Curricular Activities (organized by Hamilton teachers) and ASAs (After School Activities organized by outside professional companies for an extra fee) will be sent to parents via our Class Dojo and email in the coming days. **Activities will begin the week commencing Sunday 13th September.**
- Cafeteria cards may be purchased directly with Sodexo in the cafeteria. Questions may be addressed to Ms Arlene Zaragosa at arlene.zaragosa@teyseer-services.com

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