



# *The School Buzz*



## News & Updates

### ISC-Manama Celebrating 15 Years of Developing Talents

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, the ISC-Manama family celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a small, yet elegant event. This event, which coincides with the SABIS® 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrates 15 years of success, achievements, and developing talents. Regardless of the pandemic, and current trying circumstances, we wanted to create a festive atmosphere around our school campus and included decorations and banners to establish a sense of unity and togetherness amongst our students and staff.



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ISC-Manama opened its doors back in 2006. Since then, we have had 303 graduates, educated 7,000 learners, and held more than 13 memorable events per year. We have been keen on sharing special moments and memories on our social media accounts for everyone to see how far we've come and the progress we've made throughout the years.

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## Online Learning Experience

With the abrupt changes and unprecedented steps taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ISC-Manama has spared no effort in ensuring a smooth and positive transition to online learning. To facilitate this experience for all our students, our academic and support team emphasized on creating structure, flexibility, and effective communication. An environment of learning and productivity continued to persist despite the challenging variability, with numerous additional supportive resources and techniques devoted to aiding a successful learning process for our students.







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## Arabic Poetry Night

On March 27, 2021, The International School of Choueifat – Manama, held a virtual Arabic Poetry Night titled, “*Words Heard by those who are Deaf.*” Thirty-one (31) students of different ages and from different grade levels recited poems by poets native to the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and the Arab region.

The evening began with a speech by the Head of the Arabic Language Department, in which he welcomed the distinguished guests and affirmed the school’s dedication to fostering the development of students’ characters, strengthening their belonging to their land and their roots, and creating a creative generation that contributes to making their homeland a great nation. Following his speech, was a poetry recital by the poet: Ibrahim Al-Ansari.

Thereafter, participating students recited various poems accompanied by musical melodies flowing from the oud’s resonant strings. At the end of the evening, the School Director presented a memorial shield to the evening’s guest, Ibrahim Al-Ansari, and expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the students, teachers, and staff, for the poet’s participation in this evening.



## Nature Photography Competition

Whether a flower, the sky, or just the sea, students in grades 5-8 were being challenged to capture the best image of nature. The students showed different photography talents as they submitted the images they took of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Choosing the winners was a real tough job.





## Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day celebration was filled with smiles, warmth, and appreciation. On the day of the event, children and their mothers were welcomed at the KG gate with balloons and a festive ambiance complemented with cute Mother's Day songs. In the lobby, mothers and their children stopped to take photos by a heart-shaped stand made of flowers where they shared a moment of love that lit up their faces and ours alike. Towards the end of the school day, as mothers arrived to collect their kids at dismissal, mothers were surprised by a card made especially by their children decorated with fingerprinted flowers and the words, "I love you, mom."

To all mothers around, a very happy Mother's Day!



## SLO

### SLO Mini-Conference

This term's SLO Virtual Mini-Conference brought together more than 80 prefects from SABIS® schools in Manama, Doha, and Muscat. The conference proved to be a great learning opportunity that encouraged personal development and provided training to the prefects.

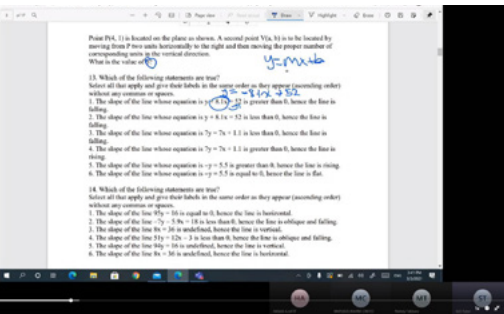
The Mini-Conference empowered prefects to make a difference in their school, and helped them cope with the online learning environment. ISC-Manama prefects introduced the Kahoot icebreaker, followed by a presentation by an ISC-Doha prefect on making a difference remotely.



SLO Academic Support

The SABIS® Student Life Organization Academic Department broke records this term by scheduling over 100 online study sessions for their fellow students. Tutors from grades 5-11 dedicated their time to assisting their friends in line with our main goal of ensuring that the learning never stops.

These online study sessions aim to support students academically and have proven to help students perform better.



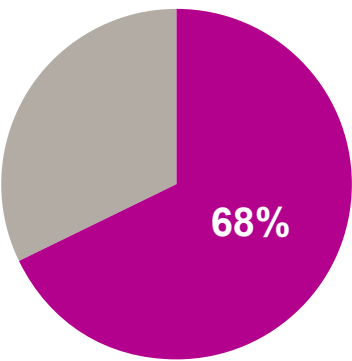
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Academic Milestones in External Exams

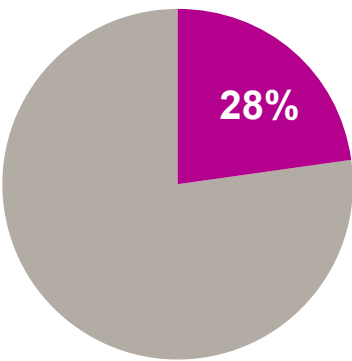
ISC-Manama senior students who undertook SAT I Exams in December 2020 have accomplished outstanding results globally. In comparison to previously globally published statistics, 83% of ISC-Manama students achieved scores above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, while 28% attained scores above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. This implies that 83% of our students scored above 1210 in their SAT I Exam, compared to only 25% globally, while 28% of our students scored above 1340, compared to a minority of 10% in the world.

As for International English Language Proficiency tests (IELTS) required for university admission for non-native speakers, 68% of ISC-Manama senior students taking the exam achieved 7.5 and above which is higher than the requirement by top ranked universities worldwide.

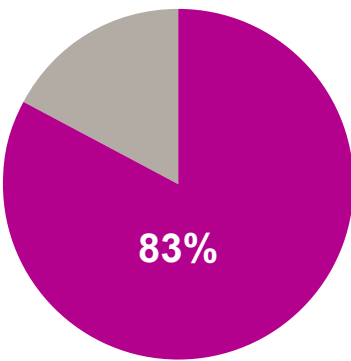
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SAT 1 Exam  
ISC-Manama students achieved scores above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile

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