



# ACE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

20 August 2020

Dear parents and guardians

## **Welcome**

I would firstly like to welcome all new parents and students to ACE International Academy. We know that it is daunting to start at a new school but I would like to assure you that you are now part of the ACE family and the family takes care of all its members. The opportunities that your children will be presented with are opportunities that you do not find in every school and that you cannot find every day. I encourage them to grab hold of each opportunity presented to them and to do their best. To the rest of the returning students and parents, it is lovely to welcome you back albeit via a newsletter and not in person. We look forward to another successful year in which we will continue to develop academically creative and excellent students who will be ready to lead the world in the years to come. My congratulations are extended to each student who has been promoted to the next grade and I wish to thank all my staff for everything they did last year. Each and every one of us has an important role to play in the life of the school and in the lives of our students and without you ACE would not be ACE. Thank you!

## **Covid-19**

We are all aware of the effects of Covid-19 and how we have had to adapt our ways to be able to live with it. Our lives have been impacted in so many different ways and we need to do everything we possibly can to ensure that everybody is kept safe.

For the first part of the school year (until 15 September 2020), we will be doing online classes for the whole school. We are awaiting Federal Government's decision regarding education in the country and once they have deliberated on 7 September 2020, we will be able to make further decisions regarding the education at ACE. I do not wish to expand on the format(s) that will be used but I can assure you that proper SOPs will be followed and that the well-being of students, parents, staff and the community is of the utmost importance. Please be reminded that in order to be granted access to the school premises, you MUST wear a mask and observe the necessary precautions.

## **Online classes**

Many of our students have already experienced online classes and I would like to congratulate the staff and students, as well as the parents, for being so positive about this new method of teaching. We acknowledge that everybody has had to learn new skills, and that everybody has had to make sacrifices. You are all to be congratulated for your willingness to come to grips with this new method of teaching. For many staff and students, it has meant learning new skills and new ways of doing things. I foresee that the use of technology, in its many varied forms, is going to be part and parcel of education in the future.

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## **Cambridge results**

As you are all aware, we have had our first Cambridge examinations take place without the students actually sitting for exams. This meant that the staff and the students had to work very closely to be able to gather all the information that was needed in order to send through predicted marks for the students. I'm very pleased that, despite all the difficulties that have been experienced with the grades, sanity has prevailed and the students are being allocated grades that are not lower than the predicted marks that were sent through to Cambridge. I would like to congratulate Mrs Sikandar and her staff for putting in all the effort that they had put into getting everything done, as well as to the students for persevering in their efforts throughout the year. Be reminded that there is no substitute for hard work. To the students who have completed their schooling and are now moving on to tertiary education and other avenues, we wish you the best of luck. Hold on to the values that you have been taught by your family and ACE and always remember to fly the ACE flag high. Thank you for permitting us to play a part in your life and we look forward to welcoming you back as a past student and hearing from you.

## **Fees**

Many of you have already paid for the upcoming term and have received the books from school. I would like to request that those of you who have not yet paid the fees to do so by Friday, 21 August 2020 so that you can also collect the books for the new academic year. There are still students who have not returned their outstanding library books. Please return them as soon as you can.

## **Uniform**

The Uniform Vendor has ample stock of the uniform. I encourage you to purchase any necessary items of clothing early to avoid being disappointed.

## **Communication**

Please be reminded that we encourage parents to share their comments, both positive and negative, with us. We want ACE to be the school in which we are all working together for the good of our children. We have an open-door policy but I would like to request you to please make appointments with Reception if you wish to speak to any member of the Administration or with the teachers. We all live busy lives and it would make everyone's life a little easier if we could plan in advance.

Yours in Education

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