RAHA REMINDERS

Khalifa City Campus

Dear KCC Community,

This week, we turn our focus to Performance Standard 2, which highlights the personal and social development of students, including their attitudes, behaviour, relationships, healthy lifestyles, and attendance. At KCC, we believe these areas are essential to nurturing well-rounded individuals. Through our unique SPIRE-aligned curriculum, focusing on Self-Actualisation, Physical, Intellectual, Relational, and Emotional development, we support students from Minis to Grade 11 in becoming confident, compassionate, and reflective learners. Delivered through lessons, assemblies, community events, and informal moments, this holistic approach reinforces our commitment to wellbeing, character education, and meeting the expectations of both the IB and ADEK.



Ms. Abi Principal

A Shared Story

I had the pleasure of reading, The Huge Bag of Worries to our Primary students during assembly. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore how we all experience worries, and how important it is to talk about them and share the load. If you would like to continue the discussion at home, there are many lovely read-aloud videos of the story available online. We encourage families to watch together and use it as a gentle conversation starter about emotions and wellbeing.









Connection

Assemblies like these are more than just moments of pause, they are key opportunities to reinforce values, build community and support the emotional and relational elements of this standard.

At KCC, Performance Standard 2 is lived every day through strong relationships, shared responsibility, and a focus on whole-child development. Respectful, inclusive behaviour is embedded in our culture, with student leadership, mentoring, and classroom life fostering collaboration and integrity. Innovation is celebrated not just through technology, but through creativity, expression, and bold thinking, as seen in our recent Create Showcase and ongoing use of Unifrog in the upper years. We prioritise healthy lifestyles through physical activity, emotional wellbeing, and digital safety, and we thank families for supporting habits like punctuality and attendance. Ultimately, this standard reflects our belief that education should nurture mind, body, and character, something we achieve together, in partnership with you.

Relationships, Attitudes and Responsibility

We are proud of the positive relationships that exist across our school. Staff and students model respectful, inclusive behaviour every day, and our pastoral and wellbeing plans ensure that all students feel seen, supported and safe.

Through student leadership, peer mentoring, house events and the daily life of the classroom, our children learn to collaborate, take responsibility and resolve challenges with integrity. These are exactly the kinds of attitudes and behaviours that Standard 2 sets out to promote, and they are lived every day at KCC.

Taking part is a key part of growing as a learner and a person. Whether in class discussions, assemblies, sports, the arts or service activities, we encourage every student to be involved, to try new things and to take pride in their efforts. This week alone, we have seen a number of brilliant examples:

- Primary students: Adeena, Farida, Kallen, Tiiso, Caroline J, Nilay, and Lora had shortlisted entries in the Art
 of Recycling competition, run across Abu Dhabi by Yalla in partnership with The Store and Manarat Al
 Saadiyat.
- Axl, in Grade 5, has been selected to take part in the Mawhibaty Programme, a prestigious platform for young artists across the emirate.
- Class 3AM were delighted to win the 'Name the Turtle' competition at the Louvre Abu Dhabi as part of the Turtle Rehabilitation Programme, the winning name, Aqua, is now part of the programme's official campaign!

These achievements reflect not only creativity and skill but also the confidence, initiative and commitment we aim to build in all our students.

Performance Standard 2: Supporting the Whole Chilo

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Key Dates

May

12-16 Raha Music Festival (at Gardens)

15 First Parent Book Club meeting

15 DP1 TOK Exhibition Day (9-11am parents)

21 G5 PYPX Parent Evening

30 Career Fair

June

5-8 Eid Al Adha (To be confirmed)

13-20 UK University Trip G9-11

15-21 CAS Mauritius Trip G11

20 Grade 5 Graduation

23 Grade 10 Graduation

26 Islamic New Year

27 Last day of school

Term 3 Menu









Yearbook Cover Contest

It's that time of year again! Send us your submissions for the yearbook cover. This year's theme: KCC Community.

Guidelines

1. Square layout

2.PDF file only

3. Must be original artwork.

4. Deadline: 16 May 1pm

5.Email: kcccommunications@ris.ae

6.All submissions will be voted on by staff.

Raha Music Festival: 12-16 May

Our students are tuning up for an exciting showdown against Gardens' students in the quest to be crowned Raha Young Musician 2025!
Check here for performance timings—and come cheer on our talented KCC musicians!

Top 10 Sports Performers!



KCC is among the top 10 sports performers on the Abu Dhabi Sports Championship leaderboard!

Yearbook Pre-orders

Our yearbook is almost done and will be sent to the printers. We can't wait to share it with you. Pre-order information will be sent on Toddle next week.







WEEKLY HSE BULLETIN

May 5th, 2025 | Raha International School, Khalifa City Campus, Abu Dhabi

Summer Safety Advisory – Prioritising Health in High Temperatures

As we enter the peak of summer, we remind all staff to remain proactive in safeguarding their well-being and that of our students. Our region's climate poses seasonal challenges such as extreme heat, high humidity, sandstorms, and poor air quality, all of which require careful attention and action.

In line with our **Severe Weather and Red Breaks Policy**, the school clinic monitors the heat index and weather conditions daily. When thresholds are exceeded—such as a heat index of 38°C or higher, unhealthy air quality, or active weather alerts —a Red Break is declared. During these breaks, students must remain indoors or in shaded areas, and physical activity is limited to ensure safety.

Staff are promptly notified through the Hot Team Microsoft Teams channel to make the necessary adjustments. Please liaise with your team leads if you are not part of that channel but require updates.

Additionally, we encourage everyone to:

- Stay well hydrated by drinking water throughout the day.
- Avoid sun exposure, especially between 12 PM and 3 PM.
- Utilise shaded or air-conditioned spaces whenever possible.
- Encourage students to drink water regularly and avoid physical strain.

By following these safety protocols, we contribute to a safe, supportive, and health-conscious school environment. For more information, please refer to the official policy Here



Nourish to Flourish – The Power of Healthy Eating

As workloads intensify and we prepare for upcoming inspections, it's crucial to remember that healthy eating is not a luxury – it's a necessity. The fuel you give your body directly impacts your energy levels, focus, and resilience.

Prioritising nutritious meals will not only help you power through the busy days ahead, but also contribute to better long-term health, improved mood, and clearer thinking.

So let's leave the junk food and fast food behind — prepare or order a healthy meal and enjoy it mindfully, knowing that each bite is an investment in your energy, performance, and overall quality of life.

Your well-being matters. Taking care of your body is one of the most meaningful ways you can support your work, your mindset, and your long-term health.

Note:

In alignment with the ADEK and school Healthy Eating Policies, it is our collective responsibility to advocate for healthy eating habits and encourage our students to make mindful, informed food choices. This includes ensuring that students refrain from bringing known allergens—such as nuts or caffeinated beverages—onto school grounds.

By actively fostering this awareness, we can empower our students to make choices that not only promote their immediate well-being but also set the foundation for a healthier, more balanced future. please find the school policy Here

Been Sitting Too Long? Time to Move!

To all our amazing admin and staff who spend long hours in meetings, at desks, and making sure everything runs smoothly – this is your friendly reminder to take a moment for yourself.

Stand up, stretch, take a short walk, and give your body a break. You take such good care of the school – don't forget to take care of yourself too. Your health and well-being matter.

Upcoming Lockdown Drill - Be Prepared

Our second drill of the term – the Lockdown Drill – is scheduled to take place this month (May 2025).

Please take time to prepare yourself and your students. If you can, we strongly encourage you to discuss the lockdown procedure with your students ahead of the drill.

You may use the lockdown slide templates shared at the beginning of the school year to guide your conversations or classroom presentations. Lockdown slide templates Here





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REMINDER: Epipen Administration & AED Use Training

All staff are reminded to complete the mandatory training videos on AED use and EpiPen administration.

After watching both videos, please ensure you complete the acknowledgment survey to confirm your attendance Here.

Kindly complete this task as soon as possible to stay compliant with our health and safety requirements.

First Aid Training – Successfully Completed

We are pleased to share that the remaining nominated staff members have successfully completed their First Aid Training last week. we've followed up with several of the participants, and their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.







Looking Ahead – Share Your Health & Safety Suggestions

As we plan for the upcoming academic year, we'd love to hear any health and safety ideas or feedback you may have. Your input is valuable in helping us strengthen our practices and create a safer school environment.

While we can't guarantee that every suggestion will be implemented, we will thoughtfully review all contributions and take forward those that are practical and in the best interest of the school.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Operations team with your thoughts. (KCCsafety@ris.ae)

Health and Safety Reminders Safety First: Think Hazards, Think Control

When planning any school event, trip, or activity, remember to:

- Identify potential hazards associated with the activity
- Consult the hierarchy of control to mitigate risks effectively.
- Let's prioritize safety in every stage of planning to ensure a secure and successful event.

Risk Control Hierarchy Eliminating the Hazard Substituting the Hazard Engineering Controls

Event Safety Reminder – Risk Assessment is Essential

As we continue to host exciting events across the school, we kindly remind all event organizers of the critical importance of completing a thorough risk assessment in advance. Every detail should be carefully planned with safety in mind to minimize risks and ensure a secure environment for all. A few key reminders:

- Fire Safety Equipment Must Remain Visible and Accessible: Do not cover or block fire detectors, sprinklers, fire hoses, extinguishers, or alarm call points. Obstructing these devices can delay emergency response and result in serious consequences during an emergency.
- Wall and Ceiling Coverings Are Prohibited: Completely covering walls or ceilings—especially with fabric or paper—not only increases fire risk but can also interfere with fire detection systems.
- Never Obstruct CCTV Cameras: Covering ceilings or blocking the view of CCTV cameras puts the school at serious risk, particularly in safeguarding situations where visibility and monitoring are essential.
- Keep Exits and Pathways Clear: Corridors, hallways, and exit routes must remain free from furniture, displays, and decorations to ensure a safe and fast evacuation if needed.

Event planning should always include the question: What could go wrong, and how can we prevent it?

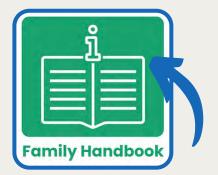
Let's continue working together to make every event both enjoyable and safe for our entire school community.

Reminder: Risk Assessment Training – Please Watch

This is a kind reminder for all staff to watch the Risk Assessment Training that was recorded and shared on Teams. You'll find it in the KCC Policies & Procedures – Health and Safety channel <u>Link</u> here.

Watching this training will help all staff understand how to properly use the risk assessment template, and ensure you're fully aware of what's required when completing risk assessments for school events, trips, and activities. This is an important part of our collective responsibility to maintain a safe environment for everyone.

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Term Dates













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