



This week we are proud to host the International Schools Conference of Oman, with around 1000 educators involved in developing their own professional skills. I am delighted to have Tom Sherrington and Raya Bidshahri joining us as keynote speakers, both of whom are internationally respected for their work in supporting teachers. Raya is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of School of Humanity, an innovative online high school with an

interdisciplinary curriculum. Featured by the BBC as one of the most influential and inspiring women globally, Raya is a global thought leader on the future of education.

Tom Sherrington is the Director of Teaching Walkthrus and an author. He writes the popular blog teacherhead.com and his books include *The Learning Rainforest* and best-seller *Rosenshine's Principles in Action*. Most recently he co-authored the popular Teaching WalkThrus series with Oliver Caviglioli, reaching 50 countries worldwide. The latest of this series focuses on coaching colleagues to develop their teaching practice and was the focus of the development session on Wednesday, led by Tom for our leadership team and colleagues from other GCC schools around the region. Opportunities to learn from world class trainers like this are rare and add great value to our staff, inspiring and enabling them to continue to enhance their own teaching.

Richard Snape
Principal



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NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 7:40am Meet the Deputy Head	3 7:40am Meet the Vice Principal 8:00am Parent-Student Seminar: University Application	4 7:40am Meet the Head of Pre-prep	5 7:40am Meet the Head of Prep School	6 No Pupil in School ISCO 2025 International Schools Conference for Staff	7	8
9	10 Odd Socks Day Anti Bullying 2:00pm Lower Prep Art Showcase Trip: Maryami's Farm - Al Hashar Stables Al Hail KG2 (TBC)	11	12 2:00pm KG Sibling Stay and Play 3:45pm G9-12 Parent Teacher Evening	13	14	15
16	17 Trip: Sahwa Park KG1 (TBC)	18	19	20 8:00am National Day (TBC)	21	22
23 Grade 10 IGCSE - Visit to a Printing Press- (TBC)	24	25 Sports Day	26 Sports Day 7:40am Pre Prep Arabic Workshop G7-8 Parent Teacher Evening and Options Information Evening	27	28	29

Parents Can Attend

Holidays

Non-uniform Days

*Dates and times are subject to change

Parents Teacher Evening.

Parents will shortly receive detailed instructions on how to book appointments for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Meetings.

Parent Survey

Parents are reminded to complete the Parent Survey. If you have not received it, please check the Junk email.

NOVEMBER SPORT

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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2 U12 Girls MSSL Volleyball @ TAISM U12 Boys MSSL Volleyball @ ABA	3 U14 Girls MSSL Volleyball @ TAISM U9 Girls Benchball Tournament @ CHM U11 Girls Benchball Tournament @ CHM	4 U13 Boys MSSL Volleyball @ BSM U9 Boys Skittleball Tournament @ CHM U11 Boys Skittleball Tournament @ CHM	5	6	7	8
9	10 U9 Girls Skittleball Tournament @ RGS	11 U9 Boys Benchball Tournament @ AGS	12 U11 Girls Skittleball Tournament @ RGS	13	14	15
16	17 U11 Boys Benchball Tournament @ AGS	18	19	20	21	22
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Common App & UCAS Application Checklist

Students in Grades 11 and 12 have received a university application checklist during this week's career guidance session. The checklist was internally developed to help them stay organized, focused, and structured throughout the application process. Some of the more detailed steps have been excluded, as the form is designed to highlight the key actions required in each phase.

If you require the Common App or UCAS Checklist, please contact Jalala Al Shamsi at jalshamsi@cheltenhammuscat.com.

Introducing the Match Platform: A New Way for Students to Connect with Universities

A few weeks ago, the [Match platform](#) was introduced to our Year 12 students. This revolutionary and free programme reverses the traditional university application process by allowing universities to pursue students directly.

We currently have three active students who have completed their profiles and are now visible to universities around the world — well done to them!

Students who complete their profiles can expect to receive offers from universities at the beginning of each month. There are no application fees, no rejections, and no obligation to accept any offers — students will only receive opportunities.

We encourage all students to explore the options available to them and gain exposure to universities worldwide. Your continued support and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

Workshop on Higher Education Admission Centre (HEAC) القبول الموحد

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Location: Wilson Library (Senior Library)

Target Audience: Omani Grade 12 students and parents

Language: Arabic

Some of our Omani Grade 12 students are interested in applying for government scholarships and would like to gain deeper insights from the experts at the Higher Education Admission Centre (HEAC). Therefore, we have invited HEAC representatives to conduct an informative workshop for our Grade 12 students and their parents.

Come prepared, write down your questions and don't miss the session!

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Sports Updates

What a fantastic week for PE and Sport in Cheltenham Muscat. We started the week with an outstanding win in the MSSSL U12 Mini Volleyball tournament. At the same time our U14 girls were achieving second place in their MSSSL Volleyball tournament, with a tense final the girls played some amazing volleyball. The following day our U11 girls stepped up to take a fantastic victory in the MSSSL Benchball Tournament, hosted here at Cheltenham. With the U11 boys achieving second place the following day. Our U9, U13 and U14 boys also represented Cheltenham in both volleyball and skittleball this week, with some notable outstanding performance. Well done to all who represented, played and took part across the week.



ODD SOCKS DAY

Next week, we'll be observing Anti-Bullying Week — a time to celebrate kindness, inclusion, and respect for everyone.

As part of this, we'll be holding 'Odd Socks Day' at school on Monday, 10 November 2025!

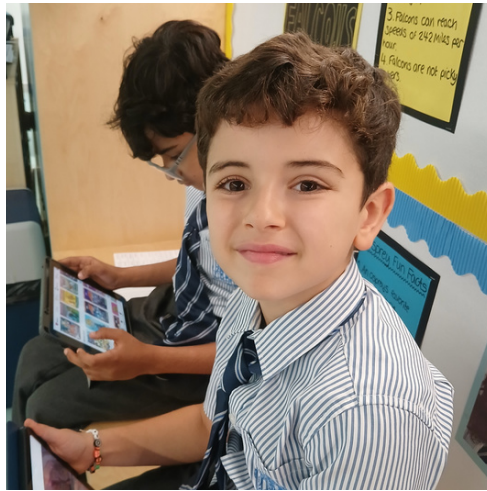
Students are welcome to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique and remind everyone that being different is something to be proud of.



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Grade Three Lunchtime Reading Club

This week, Grade Three had their own lunchtime reading club with the help of students from Grades Four and Five. The students attended lunch early and enjoyed making new friends. The older students supported them by modelling reading strategies, helping to solve tricky words, and exploring a range of texts together. It was a wonderful experience, spending a quiet lunchtime reading and learning together.



Cheltenham Muscat Qur'an Recitation & Memorization Competition 2025–2026

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Cheltenham Muscat Qur'an Recitation and Memorization Competition, an inspiring opportunity for our students to strengthen their connection with the Holy Qur'an and showcase their beautiful recitation skills.

The competition is open to all students from Grades 1–12, with surahs carefully selected to suit each age and level of Arabic proficiency. Participants will be evaluated on memorization accuracy, tajweed, and voice quality.

Let's celebrate our students' love for the Qur'an and encourage them to participate in this meaningful journey of faith, discipline, and excellence.

For more information, please see Click on the QR code or contact your child's Islamic teacher.



Scan the QR code to access the Cheltenham Muscat Qur'an Recitation and Memorization Competition details.



[CLICK HERE](#)

IELTS Course at Cheltenham School, Muscat

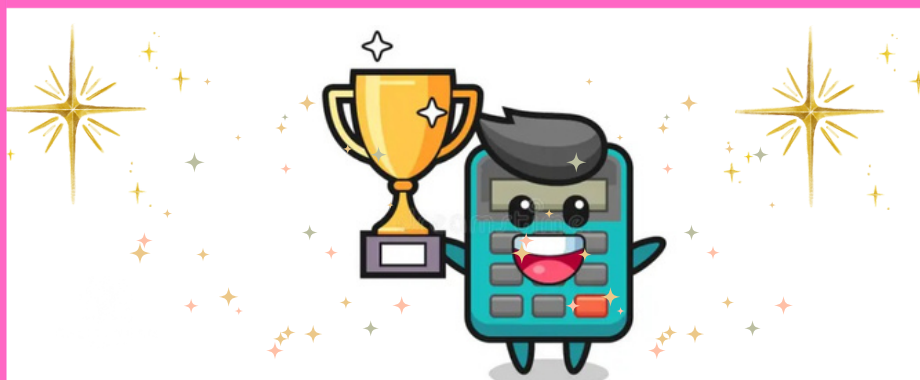
Is your child a non-native English speaker and planning to study in an English-speaking country after they leave Cheltenham?

If so, we are pleased to inform you that we are offering an IELTS preparation course designed to help students improve their English skills. Please let us know if you would like more details about the schedule, fees, or IELTS in general by contacting

carrowsmith@cheltenhammuscat.com



THE ULTIMATE LEGENDARY MATHS COMPETITION



Grade 5: Three Rounds

- **Round 2** - On 10th November, all students will compete. Students can pick their own groups of maximum 5.
- **Round 2** - Top four teams will compete head to head.
- **Round 3** - The **FINAL** held in the school theatre.

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GRADE 11 MATHS SCHOLARS

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Student Medical Forms

2025–2026

Submit Now!



Clinic: Student Medical Form 2025–2026

Keeping accurate health records is important to ensure our students' well-being at school.

Please complete the [Medical Form 2025 - 2026.pdf](#) and send it to nurse@cheltenhammuscat.com at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain a healthy school community, and we appreciate those who have already submitted the form.

Curriculum Guides

Curriculum guides for all grade levels have been uploaded to the Cheltenham application. Parents are encouraged to access these from the application. Curriculum guides provide an overview of your child's learning over each academic term.



G9 - 12 Parent Teacher Evening (PTE)

On Wednesday 12th November, we will be running a Parent Teacher Evening for students in Grades 9 -12.

This will take place from 3:30 pm - 7pm and the sign-up will be sent out to parents of students soon.

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Grade 10/12 Mock Exams

Students in the Grade 10 iGCSE and Grade 12 International A-level cohorts will have their mock exams in the week commencing 30th November. The exams will take place in the Sports Hall so students also get used to exam conditions under which they will be working during their final exams. More details on the exams are sent via emails.



Project Earthlings: University Scholars

Curious and committed to conservation, a group of Grade 11 students have been diving into the world of real research through the 'University Scholars' programme. Motivated by aspirations in medicine, engineering, and the sciences, these students joined the sessions to explore what it truly means to be a researcher and to gain valuable transposable skills, to put them ahead of the game when applying to the world's top universities.

Over the last month, they've been introduced to the fundamentals of what a researcher actually does and how the research world works, led by Project Earthlings lead and active researcher, Dr Melissa Duncan-Schiele. They've also taken on the challenge of programming in R, a statistical language typically taught at the undergraduate level, to analyse and interpret real world data.

Framed within the context of conservation science, their learning has gone beyond the basics. Students have explored cutting-edge topics such as ghost net detection and plastic litter mapping using drone technology. Equipped with these new skills, they are now preparing to analyse real-world data from the 50 Years of Litter on Skye project, a multi-institute research project led by Loughborough University, in partnership with Project Earthlings and data from ARRI global, based in Thailand.



Rubiks Cube

A huge thank you to Mrs. Hirrel for her incredible dedication in bringing together Rubik's Cube enthusiasts at Cheltenham which continues to grow every year. Through her energy and organization, weekly competitions have become a highlight for students — fostering problem-solving skills, teamwork, and a sense of friendly challenge. We're so grateful for the time she gives into making the club such a success!



Maths Puzzle

There are 10 maths words in this wordsearch linked to Geometry. Can you find them. Once you have found the words, hand it in to Mrs Mahmood for a prize and your name on the weekly leaderboard. Grade 8 and below.



Winter Camp Announcement

Exciting news! Our Winter Camp details will be announced next week. This year's camp will offer a fun mix of Multi Sports and Arts & Crafts, providing children with the perfect opportunity to stay active, creative, and connected during the holidays from 21 December till 31 December 2025 Save the date.

Stay tuned for more information or contact enquiries@academymuscat.com for more information.

Academy Ambassadors

This week, our ambassadors completed a rehearsal session with the TEDx Event Management Team and are preparing for their very first event on 15 November 2025.

Art Competition

Students participating in the art gallery of the TEDx event have submitted their art works, and had the opportunity to present their art works to Artist Manar Al Kindi and Art Critic Hamed Al Jabri.



TEDx Event:

Only Art Gallery students' participants and event management volunteers are expected to attend. To purchase tickets for the event, please contact TEDx Directly or book via this link:

<https://tedx-thaqafah.kushk.io/>





ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR 2025/26

August 2025

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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Key

- Start of Term
- Last Day of Term
- School Holidays
- External Examination Result Days
- Staff Training Days (No Pupils in school)

Notes

- Total teaching days: 183
- Term 1 = 74 days
- Term 2 = 49 days
- Term 3 = 60 days