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This term at Raha International School, our MYP students have embarked on incredible learning journeys beyond the classroom. From exploring sustainability innovations at Masdar City to experiencing the beauty and history of Musandam and Fujairah, each experience has enriched their learning. Our recent Departmental Showcases further highlighted students' creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Through these opportunities, students have strengthened essential ATL skills—particularly communication, research, self-management, and social skills. Whether navigating new environments, problem-solving in real-time, or reflecting on their contributions, they continue to demonstrate what it means to be principled, balanced, and open-minded learners. We are immensely proud of their growth as global citizens, equipped to thrive academically and personally.

At Raha, we continue to 'Grow People'—it's been wonderful to see our MYP students in action! Have a fantastic Spring break, and we look forward to an exciting final term ahead.

The cooler weather has provided the perfect backdrop for a host of outdoor activities, including our exciting Sportz Stravaganza, where students showcased their athleticism and team spirit.

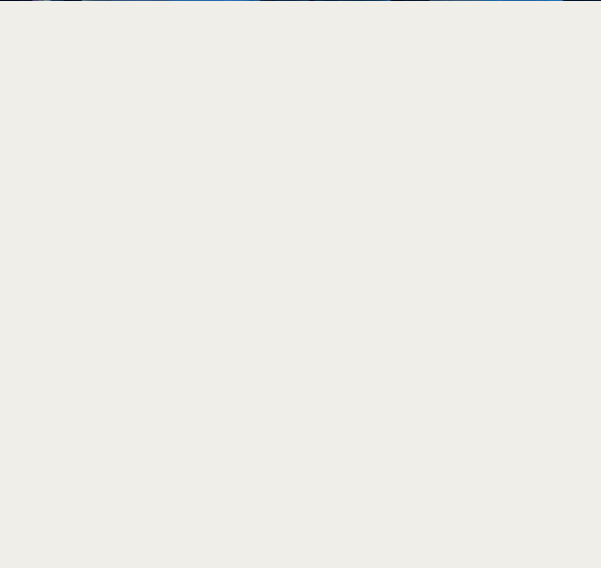
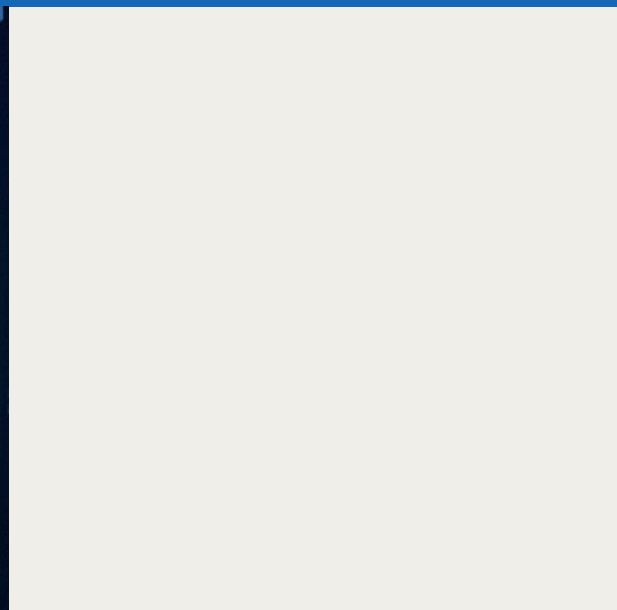
A major highlight of the term was the Personal Project Exhibition, where our Grade 10 students proudly presented their independent research and creative endeavours, demonstrating the depth of their inquiry and perseverance. Meanwhile, our Grade 9 students are thoughtfully considering their final subject selections as they prepare for their final year of the MYP.

Beyond the classroom, students have engaged in enriching excursions and sports fixtures, broadening their learning experiences. Additionally, the UAE IB Association Conference in Dubai sparked meaningful discussions about MYP best practices, featured in the latest episode of the MYP Decoded podcast. With so much happening, Term 2 has truly been a season of growth, achievement, and community spirit!



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Masdar City Trip - Grade 7



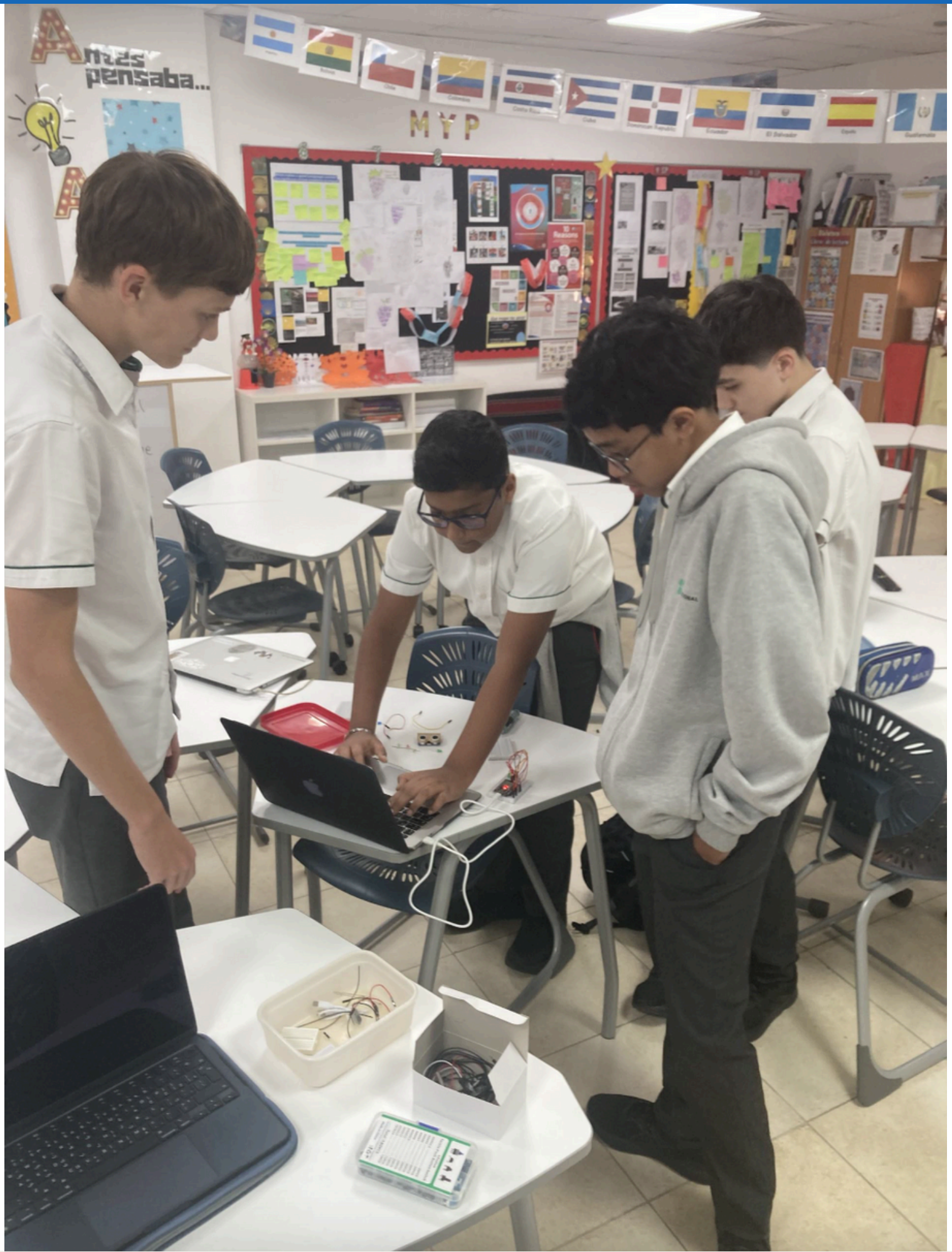
Musandam Trip



Hiking and Climbing in Fujairah G9-10



Electronics ECP - Led by Marcus Kitson Gr 10



Grade 7 Service as Action 2025



Arabic A Read-Aloud Day

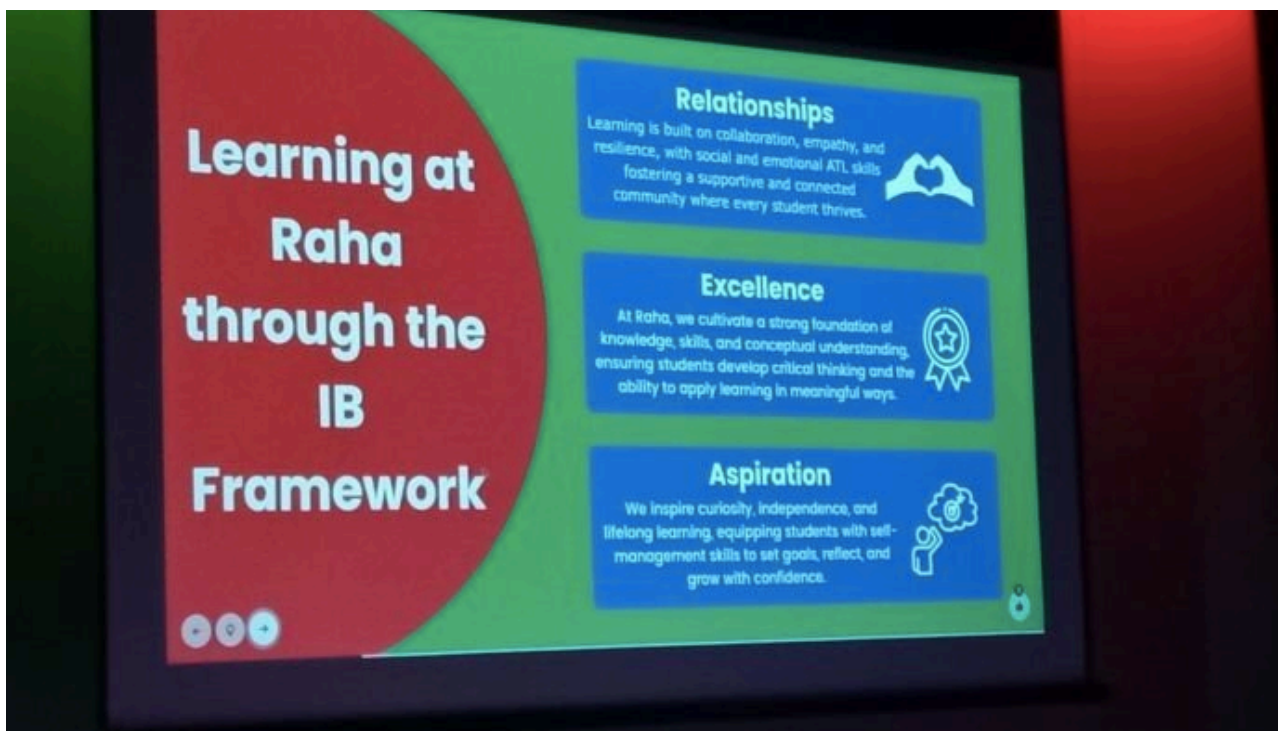
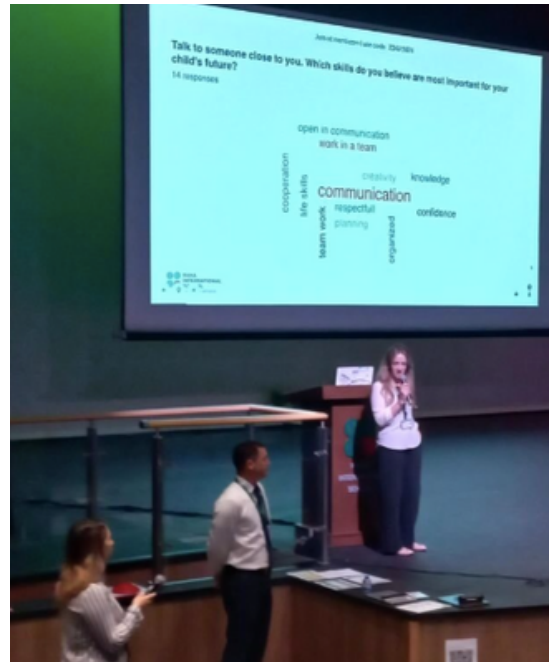


Balloon Tower Competition in French

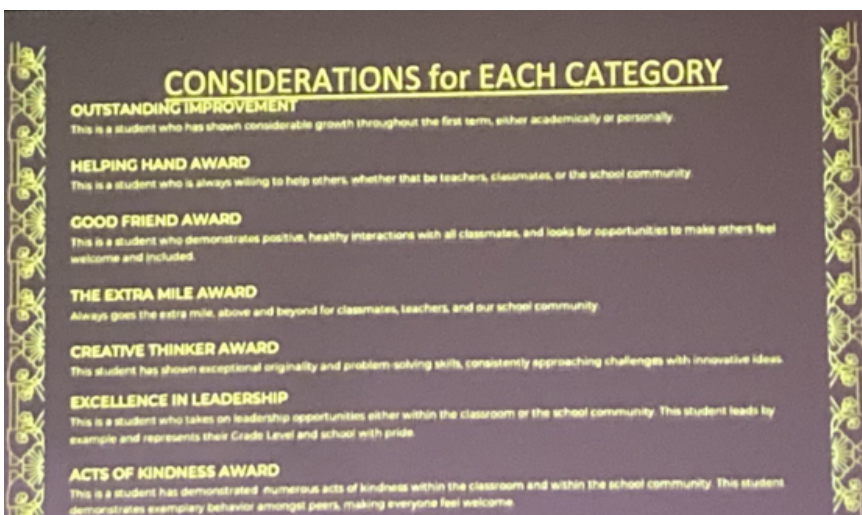
Our Grade 9 French students kicked off the new year and the new term with a fun and educational balloon tower challenge! Each balloon featured creative New Year's resolutions written using a mix of future and conditional tenses in the target language. The competition was fierce, but teamwork and linguistic skills made it an unforgettable activity!



ATL Parents Session



G9 & 10 Head of Grade Awards



Term 2 I&S

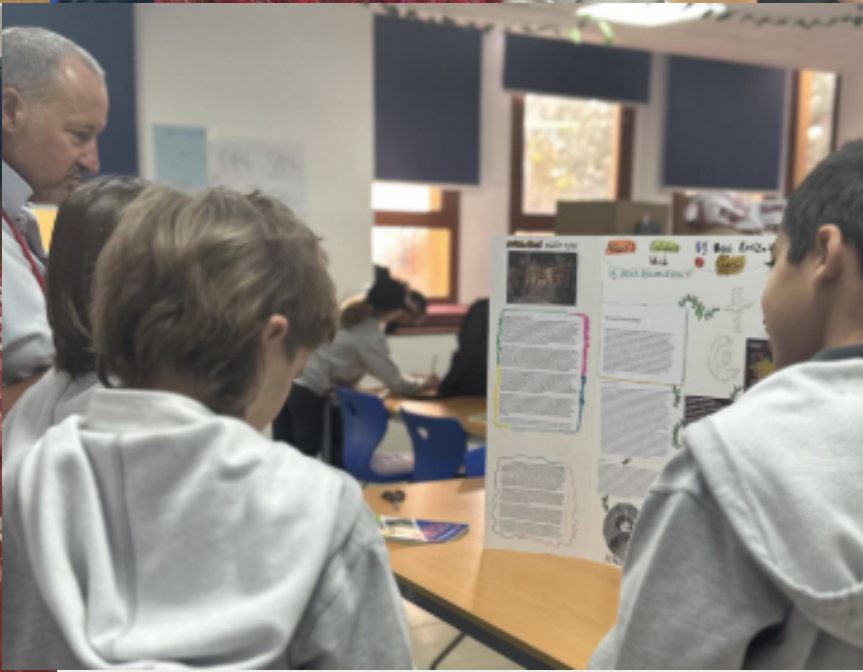
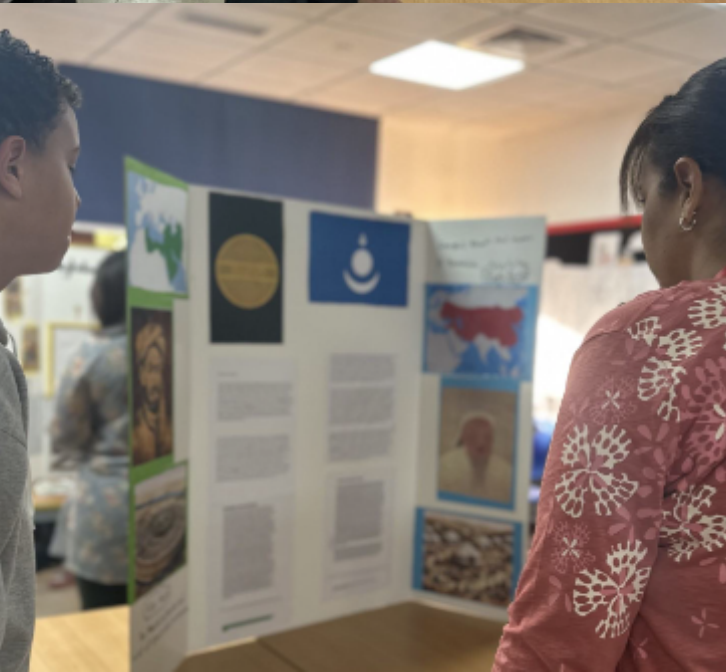
FROM JANUARY THROUGH TO THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, THE INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES DEPARTMENT AT RAHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (GC) WERE BUSY AT WORK FACILITATING OUR INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES SHOWCASE MONTH. WE PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITIONS DESIGNED TO SHOWCASE TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY THE SKILLS AND PRODUCTS THAT WE DO BEST IN I&S: RESEARCH, COMMUNICATION, ANALYSIS, EVALUATION, STRUCTURED WRITING, COLLABORATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING! THESE SHOWCASES INCLUDED:

- LUNCHTIME HISTORY QUIZZES (OPEN TO MYP STUDENTS)
- LUNCHTIME POLITICS QUIZZES (OPEN TO MYP STUDENTS)
- GEOGRAPHY ESCAPE ROOM (OPEN TO MYP STUDENTS)
- PSYCHOLOGY ACTIVITY ROOM (OPEN TO MYP STUDENTS)
- BUSINESS STUDIES MARKETING PITCH COMPETITION (OPEN TO MYP STUDENTS)
- GRADE 7 LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES EXHIBITION (OPEN TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS)
- GRADE 9 CAUSES OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION PUBLIC DEBATE (OPEN TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS)
- GRADE 10 ECO TOURISM EXHIBITION (OPEN TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS)

G7 Showcase (Middle Ages Exhibition)

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HOST PARENTS FOR A FEW HOURS IN THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST AT RAHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, GARDENS CAMPUS. STUDENTS PROUDLY PRESENTED THE END PRODUCT OF A COMPLETE CYCLE OF INQUIRY WHERE THEY COMPARED AND CONTRASTED TWO MIDDLE AGES CIVILISATIONS, AND THEN MADE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHICH PARENTS SHOULD VISIT AS PART OF A SALES PITCH FROM THEIR NEW "TIME TRAVEL TOURISM AGENCY."

"I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU'VE INVITED US IN TO SEE WHAT OUR CHILDREN ARE DOING. WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT TEACHERS AND CLASSES, IT'S DIFFICULT TO KEEP TRACK OF WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE DOING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOM." – I PARAPHRASED AN ATTENDING PARENT WHO AMONG OTHERS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE DURING OUR GRADE 7 MIDDLE AGES EXHIBITIONS SHOWCASE



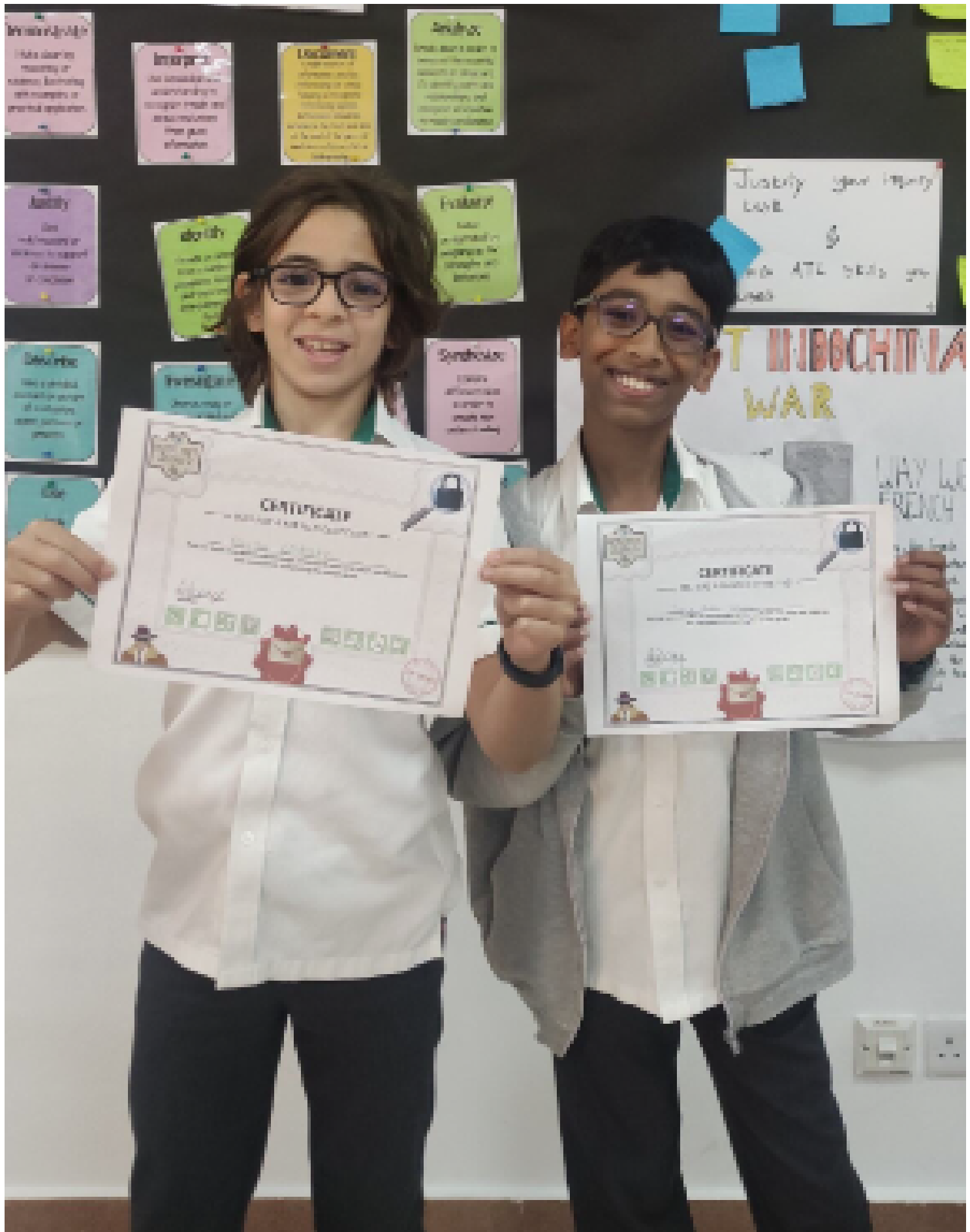
G9 I&S Public Debate

ON FEB. 7TH, A PUBLIC DEBATE WAS HELD AT RISGC WHERE GRADE 9 STUDENTS SETTLED ONCE AND FOR ALL THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CAUSES OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION TO END OUR I&S UNIT, "REVOLUTIONS". PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHERS FROM THE WIDER COMMUNITY WERE INVITED TO SEE 9A TAKE ON 9B, 9C TAKE ON 9D, AND 9E TAKE ON 9F. OUR SIX GRADE 9 CLASSES WENT HEAD-TO-HEAD AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION OF 1917 WAS MAINLY CAUSED BY POLITICAL FACTORS, ECONOMIC FACTORS, OR MILITARY FACTORS. BIG SHOUT-OUTS TO THE PARENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND, THE TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED, AND TO THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO WORKED AS ASSISTANTS AND JUDGES DURING THE DEBATES! THANK YOU, TARA MANSON, FOR ENCOURAGING MIDDLE LEADERSHIP AND TEACHERS TO SHOWCASE WHAT WE DO BEST AND TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DEVELOPED SKILLS AND LEARNING FOR THE RAHA COMMUNITY. FINALLY, A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO THE 40 RISGC GRADE 9'S WHO VOLUNTEERED TO SACRIFICE MANY HOURS OUTSIDE THEIR TIMETABLE IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE DEBATES TO PREPARE: YOU ARE SUPERSTARS!



G6 GEOGRAPHY ESCAPE ROOM COMPLETION

NOT ALL THE STUDENTS WERE PRESENT FOR THE IMAGE



Inter-school Chess Competition - 2nd place!




Abu Dhabi
Sports Council
مجلس أبوظبي الرياضي



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يرحب بكم..

Abu Dhabi Chess Club & Mind Games

Welcome YOU..

Term 2 Sports

This term has been phenomenal for our sports teams, with outstanding achievements across the board from our MYP students

- **Football:** Our U19 girls' squad (which feature several MYP students) has been unstoppable, dominating both ADISSA and BSAK 7's competitions. Their performance was absolutely phenomenal! Our U15 girls also impressed, finishing in 3rd place at ADISSA, showcasing their growing talent and determination. Additionally, our U13 girls football team performed with distinction, demonstrating great skill and teamwork throughout the season.

Our U15 boys' squad had an amazing day out at BSAK 7's finishing in second place out of sixteen schools across the UAE. Whilst our U13 squad was incredibly unlucky to lose their semi-final against BSAK on penalties in the same competition. We are incredibly proud of our teams' grit and determination this term!

- **Rugby:** Rugby continues to thrive, with our U15 team claiming victory in the B Grade/Division, a testament to their hard work and skill.
- **Volleyball:** Our volleyball teams continue to grow and improve, with huge participation numbers in both our U15 and U13 squads. The standout moment was our U13 A squad, who fought hard and finished 2nd at the ADISSA tournament, demonstrating their commitment and teamwork.
- **Basketball:** Our Junior NBA squads have been fantastic this term, with both teams qualifying for the semi-finals and finals, showing their commitment to getting better every week.
- **Triathlon:** Our triathletes have had an exceptional term, with many of them performing incredibly well at both YAS TRI and WTS. We are so proud of their dedication and achievements throughout the season.
- **Swimming:** The MYP swim squad continues to dominate the ADISSA league, showcasing their strength and consistency. They also excelled at the latest Gala hosted at Raha, maintaining their reputation for excellence in the pool.

A big congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work, determination, and impressive results this term. Let's go Raptors.

Football



Football



Tri-Team



Rugby



Volleyball



High School Musical



High School Musical - continued



High School Musical - continued





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**Episode 21 showcased the recent IB Conference
held at GWA in Dubai**



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