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STORIES OF GROWTH,
SUCCESS AND PURPOSE

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THEY NOW?**

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AROUND THE GLOBE

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



It is with great honor and distinction that we present this new edition of the School Alumni publication—an edition that reflects the enduring excellence of our school and the remarkable journeys of those who once walked its halls and school premises.

Our alumni are among the school's greatest and most distinguished achievements. The stories featured in this edition showcase graduates who have translated strong academic and personal development foundations into meaningful accomplishments across universities, professions, innovation, leadership, and service. Their progress after school speaks not only to individual ambition, but to the quality of education, values, good citizenship and guidance that shaped their early paths.

Within these pages, readers will encounter narratives defined by purpose, discipline, and aspiration. These are graduates who have pursued excellence with confidence, embraced complexity with resilience and innovation, and contributed positively to their country, the Kingdom of Bahrain, communities and fields. Their success stands as a powerful confirmation of our school's commitment to high standards, holistic development, lifelong learning, and our strategic direction.

This alumni edition also reinforces the lasting connection between the school and its graduates. It is a testament to a learning community that extends beyond classrooms and years of study—a community united by shared values, mutual respect and happiness, and a continued pursuit of excellence. For our current students, these stories offer inspiration; for our alumni, they serve as recognition; and for our wider community, they reflect the strength and credibility of our school.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our alumni for sharing their journeys and achievements. Their continued success enriches our school's legacy and affirms that the quality cultivated within our classrooms continues to resonate long after graduation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated team who brought this edition to life, from planning and editorial development to design and production. Their professionalism, creativity, and commitment to quality are reflected in every page.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we look ahead with confidence—committed to nurturing future generations who will uphold the same standards of excellence and leave a lasting, meaningful impact on the world.

FROM THE EDITOR

It is with great pride that I present the inaugural edition of the Ahlia School Alumni Magazine. This publication marks the launch of a dedicated alumni platform created to celebrate the journeys, achievements, and voices of our graduates, while strengthening the connection between our past, present, and future school community.

Our vision is to create a meaningful space where alumni stories continue beyond graduation — a space that reflects Ahlia School's values and honors the lasting impact of the experiences shared within its walls. It is designed not only to look back with pride, but also to move forward with purpose, connection, and continuity.



In this first issue, we spotlight a distinguished alumna whose journey reflects resilience, determination, and growth. We also share reflections from members of the graduating Class of 2025, offering insight into the moments, lessons, and relationships that shaped their paths.

This magazine represents more than a collection of stories. It is the foundation of an evolving alumni community rooted in belonging, inspiration, and shared identity. As this initiative grows, it will continue to serve as a space for recognition, reflection, and celebration — where every alumna can find their voice and place within the Ahlia family.

With appreciation,
Ameena Al Hawaj

Founding Editor
Ahlia School Alumni Newsletter

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FARIS FAROOK

CLASS OF 2021

At Ahlia School, we take pride in celebrating the journeys of our graduates who continue to inspire our community. This issue highlights Faris Hamad, Class of 2021, whose dedication and focus have shaped a strong academic path in law. Through this spotlight, Faris shares reflections from his journey, offering insight and encouragement to current students as they pursue their own goals.

Q&A

WITH FARIS FAROOK CLASS OF 2021- LAW STUDENT



Faris is currently pursuing an MSc in Cyber Law (LL.M Hons) while working within Northumbria University's Digital Services as a Service Desk Analyst, Recruitment Trainer, and Supervisor. Alongside this, he serves as an exams invigilator at Northumbria University and Newcastle Sixth Form College and is an active member of both the Gray Society and the Law Society.



Q

What inspired you to pursue your current field or career path?

The opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities at Ahlia school during my studies, primarily consisting of Model United Nations, which assisted with my application and CV when applying for further studies in the legal fields, as well as the opportunity to be involved in providing feedback for the school's future directions during my time of studies.

Q

Looking back, how did your time at school shape you personally or professionally?

Personally: it has set values that are most applicable today, such as self-awareness, emotional intelligence, adaptability, and time management. As well as retaining my culture, religion, and background, and not deviating from them.
Professionally: technical skills aided by the studies provided at the school have helped in preparing me for my current roles in universities that are digitalized. It has also provided practical skills such as critical analysis, decision making, and time management, which can be applied in any field, at any time.

Q

Was there a teacher, subject, or school experience that had a lasting impact on you?

Dr. Mohammed Habib: Our leader through our life was always caring and loving, providing guidance to us all, all the time.

Mr. Mirza (Business studies): both academically, and extra-curricular, was always happy to help students with their projects inside, and outside of school. He has also helped shape the MUN extracurricular for 5 years during my time of studies, and after.



Q

What advice would you give to students who are about to graduate and step into the next chapter?

Prepare. There is no harm to having different plans. Always have a backup plan. Life can be daunting at times, you may feel lost and without purpose but keep persevering. Nothing is easy, you need to learn to be adaptable for you to persevere through life's turbulent journey.

Q

What challenges have you faced since graduating, and how did you overcome them?

Moving away to a different country, away from family and all that I knew was extremely difficult but constantly being susceptible to change and new challenges overcame the difficulty of starting anew.

Q

What's something you wish you had known when you were a student?

The difficulty of adapting to society. Not all people are welcoming and happy to have students in their societies, regardless of background, however, choosing the people you surround yourself can make all the difference.



Q

Do you stay in touch with your classmates or the school community?

Yes, maintaining relationships from school, both classmates and community, is a great way to be self-aware of where I was, and where I am, and where I am heading.

Q

What's next for you? Any goals or dreams you're working on now?

Further studies. Education never stops, it is constantly evolving, and I am to evolve with it.

Q

What values or lessons from Ahlia School continue to guide you today?

Ahlia school instilled the quality of perseverance in myself and fellow alumni, teaching us to take risk and learn no matter how far we get in life.

SENIOR REFLECTIONS



As they prepare to step into their next chapter, members of the class of 2025 reflect on the journey that shaped who they are today.

CLASS OF 2025



A message to the class of 2025

By Ahmed Mahdi

My dear classmates, I am at a loss for words, for mere words cannot express the emotions overwhelming my mental state. The journey we have started, the challenges we have faced, the ceremonies we have attended, the memories we have made, all coming to an end at the blink of an eye. After years of learning adventures, we finally reach our destination, and I feel blessed to have shared this journey with you. And while the door of this life chapter closes, another one is being opened. I cannot say what the future holds in store for us, but I know we will persevere and make the best of it.

Who knows? Some of us may share our new journey with each other once more. It's a small world, after all. And even if we begin our journey alone, we will not end it alone. I still remember my first day coming to Ahlia School. A shy, introverted child who felt like he doesn't belong, and I remember thinking the moment I walked through the classroom door that I would be in this alone.



SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Eleven years later, here I am leaving school with a family that I can't bear the thought of separating from. I know some of us don't want the journey to end, but all things must come to an end. It is how we grow, how we develop, how we continue to find ourselves. Change may be scary, but it is inevitable. Instead of trying to fight change, we must make peace with it, learn to adapt to the new circumstances, and make the best of what we can. Throughout the years, we had each other to help lift ourselves and pass limits we thought we couldn't.

The future, however, may not be so simple. A new world full of mysteries and obstacles we haven't faced awaits us, and it is up to us to carry on this journey with or without external support. We may have needed it throughout the school years, but we have grown, matured, and learned how to face these challenges alone. Indeed, it is through these upcoming challenges that our true test of character will be shown. Failure, fear, change, in the lives we lead these obstacles are inevitable. How we respond to them and deal with them, that is where we grow and develop.

Hence, my last message is 'keep going.' No matter how hard you fail and fall, no matter how scary the future may look, and no matter how much the circumstances change, just keep going. Don't stop. Don't give up. If you fall, you will only get back up stronger. I know that for sure, because I have spent years with all of you, and I know that you all have that drive in you. And if we're being honest, it is that same drive I have seen in all of you that inspired me to have the will and determination that made me who I am today.

For that and many other inspirations, for the memories shared, for all the experiences we have been through, thank you all. From the bottom of my heart, I wish you all the best in the future, and I hope that one day our paths will cross again, if only for one more day. Farewell, my dear brothers and sisters, it has been an honor.

A Decade of Dreams: My Ahlia Journey

By Fatima Saleh

If school walls could talk, they'd tell you about all the unforgettable moments that will soon fade into hazy memories just a month from now. As a soon-to-be graduate from Ahlia School, it fills me with immense pride to say that I've lived my school years to the fullest.

I joined Ahlia School as a 7-year-old with a little dream in mind, and now I'm leaving as a 17-year-old with a goal to achieve. Throughout my time at Ahlia, I've built friendships that will last a lifetime. These friendships were only strengthened by the experiences we shared—whether it was during the many events organized, like science fairs and business fairs, or during the stress of final exams when we'd bond over studying and pushing ourselves to reach our full potential.

The Ahlia School community has grown to be my second family. To think that I'm leaving and never coming back still feels unreal. I've been part of this community for the past 10 years—I know nothing else. But if there's one thing Ahlia School has taught me, it's that I can do it. In fact, Ahlia's encouraging environment makes it the perfect place to begin a journey of self-betterment. It teaches that there are no limits to learning, discovering, and achieving.



During my senior year, my batch and I went on many school trips. In each one, I made memories that will always have a special place in my heart and that taught me valuable lessons about what lies ahead. The Toyota trip introduced me to aspects of engineering and made me realize it could be a possible future career. The CPR trip gave me a valuable certificate and life-saving skill of performing CPR. The airshow trip reminded me that you can have a good time anywhere, if you have good companionship. Finally, our trip to the Ithra Library in Saudi

Arabia taught me that goodbyes are hard—but that only means you have spent your time well, and for that, you should be thankful.

I don't think it's possible for me to mention Ahlia School without talking about the one person who has worked hard to make it what it is today—Dr. Mohammed Habib, our school's principal. Over the years, I've seen first-hand how Ahlia has been shaped by his thoughtfulness and strong vision. Watching him work so passionately for the benefit of his students, teachers, and staff has been truly inspiring. The skills I have developed from hearing his encouraging words and witnessing his hard work and love for Ahlia are ones I'll carry with me even after graduating.

When I was asked to write for this magazine, I felt happy—because it's my way of saying one final goodbye to the place in which I have spent the last 10 years. Ahlia School is more than just an educational institution; it is so much more. It is a place where thoughts could become reality, and dreams could come true. Ahlia School has shaped me into the individual I am today, and for that, I am forever grateful.

AHLIA IN NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR COMMUNITY

37

Graduates in the class of
2025

2010

Year Ahlia school was
founded

99.9%

University Acceptance rate

8626

Instagram posts (up to AY
2024-2025)

125

Ahlia Alumni Worldwide

3000

Estimated classroom hours
completed by Ahlia Seniors in the
last three years

MILESTONES OF EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT, DISTINCTION AND IMPACT



At Ahlia School, excellence is more than an achievement, it is a journey, a culture, and a legacy.

Each milestone tells the story of our students' talent, dedication, and creativity, guided by the unwavering support of their teachers and families.

From academic triumphs to artistic brilliance, from sporting victories to global recognition, these accomplishments reflect our vision of shaping leaders who inspire, innovate, and compete with distinction on every stage; locally, regionally, and internationally.

Here, we celebrate the proud moments that define who we are: a community where success is nurtured, dreams are realized, and the spirit of Ahlia continues to shine ever brighter.

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A National Triumph in the Arab Reading Challenge

In a remarkable national achievement that adds to its distinguished record, Ahlia School has proudly secured first place in the ninth season of the prestigious Arab Reading Challenge. This success reflects the school's strategic commitment to nurturing talent and creativity among its students.

Representing the Kingdom of Bahrain, student Mohammed Jasim Mubarak was awarded the coveted title of “Arab Reading Challenge Champion” for 2024–2025. Competing against more than 137,000 students from both government and private schools, Ahlia students demonstrated exceptional talent, with two additional students earning top positions in the competition.

At a grand ceremony hosted by the Ministry of Education, the champion was honored alongside fellow achievers Batool Al-Sayyid Dia Mohammed and Sayed Mohammed Baqer Hashem, who were recognized for their outstanding performance and remarkable participation. The competition, launched by the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, seeks to promote a culture of reading across the Arab world.

On this proud occasion, Dr. Mohammed Ali Habib, Director General of Ahlia School, expressed his deep pride in this accomplishment, congratulating student Mohammed Jasim Mubarak and his family on this prestigious recognition. He also extended heartfelt gratitude to the Arabic Department team and all staff members whose dedication and mentorship played a vital role in preparing the students to excel.

Dr. Habib emphasized that this national achievement further solidifies Ahlia's position as a pioneering educational institution committed to academic and cultural excellence, the development of talent, and the pursuit of innovation. He highlighted the importance of investing in such initiatives, which instill a love of reading and reinforce values of excellence, creativity, and lifelong learning.

“Ahlia School is shaping a bright and distinguished future for its students — one built on knowledge, culture, and the power of reading.” – Dr. Mohammed Ali Habib



المدرسة الأهلية ضمن قائمة الصدارة
لنتائج "TIMSS 2023" محلياً وعالمياً
وتُكرّم من قبل وزير التربية والتعليم

Ahlia School Among the Top Performers in TIMSS 2023

Ahlia School has proudly earned a prestigious national and international accomplishment, ranking among the top public and private schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain in Mathematics and Science according to the results of the **TIMSS 2023 International Assessments**.

In recognition of this outstanding performance, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, honored Ahlia School. The results revealed that Ahlia's Grade 4 and Grade 8 students achieved exceptionally high levels of performance on a global scale, surpassing international averages by significant margins in both subjects. These results reflect the school's strong academic standards and commitment to educational excellence.

In an official statement published by the Ministry of Education on its Instagram platform, Dr. Mohammed Ali Habib, Director General of Ahlia School, emphasized that cultivating a culture of awareness around international assessments across all grade levels, rather than limiting it to the selected sample groups, played a pivotal role in preparing students

He explained that Ahlia has adopted participation in international assessments as part of its strategic plan, ensuring sustainable success and long-term impact.

Dr. Habib further affirmed that these remarkable results highlight the success of the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, may Allah protect him, in advancing education, supported by the continued commitment of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, may Allah protect him, as well as the efforts of the government and the Ministry of Education in elevating Bahrain's educational system to achieve excellence both locally and globally.



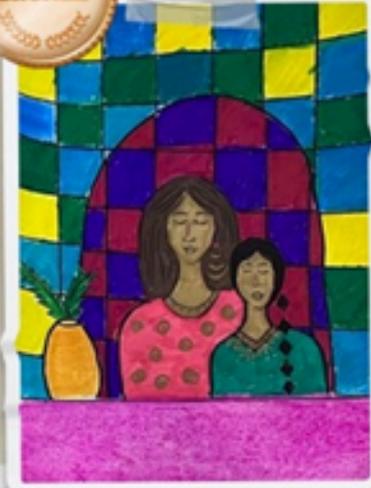
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ميدالية فضية



هاشم محمد الصباح
ميدالية برونزية



زهراء سيد مهدي كاظم
ميدالية برونزية

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ويحصلون ذهبية وفضية وبرونزيتين

Ahlia School Shines at the GCC-Level “Child Art 50” Competition

Ahlia School has achieved yet another distinguished accomplishment at the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) level, with its students excelling in the “Child Art 50” Competition for the academic year 2024–2025, organized by the Community Partnership Directorate at the Ministry of Education. The talented participants secured top ranks and multiple medals, showcasing their artistic brilliance and creativity.

Among the outstanding winners, Maryam Hassan Tarsh captured the gold medal, while Maryam Wissam Al-Tayeb earned the silver medal. Additionally, Hashem Mohammed Al-Sabah and Zahra Al-Sayyid Mahdi Kazem were both awarded bronze medals, further affirming the remarkable artistic talent and excellence of Ahlia students.

This achievement reflects the school’s pivotal role in discovering, nurturing, and supporting student talent, while encouraging participation in creative competitions that refine skills, foster innovation, and strengthen a spirit of excellence and positive competition.

On this occasion, Dr. Mohammed Ali Habib, Director General of Ahlia School, expressed his pride and admiration for the winners, reaffirming the school’s commitment to supporting artistic creativity and providing an inspiring environment that enables students to succeed and excel both nationally and internationally.

It is worth noting that the Child Art Competition, organized by the Ministry of Education’s Community Partnership Directorate, is one of the most prominent art events in the region. It aims to discover and cultivate young artistic talents, fostering creativity and artistic expression through competition at the GCC level.



Two Golds, One Silver, and One Bronze – Ahlia Students Shine in the BPSSL Basketball Championship

As part of the Bahrain Private Schools Sports League (BPSSL), Ahlia School students delivered outstanding performances in the Basketball Championship held on 19–20 November 2024.

On Tuesday, 19 November, Ahlia's teams excelled in the Intermediate Division, with the boys' team securing first place and the girls' team also claiming first place in their category – a powerful testament to their skill and dedication to the sport.

On Wednesday, 20 November, the Senior Division matches brought further success, as the boys' team won second place and the girls' team finished in third place, adding silver and bronze medals to Ahlia's achievements in the tournament.

These results highlight the commitment and effort of Ahlia School's Physical Education Department, whose focus on training excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship continues to produce remarkable outcomes for the school's athletes.

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سمو الشيخ خالد بن حمد آل خليفة للشطرنج
في نسختها الثالثة

Ahlia School Crowned Champion of the 3rd Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Chess Cup

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, Ahlia School was proudly crowned with the championship cup of the 3rd Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Chess Tournament for Schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The award was presented during the closing ceremony organized by the Ministry of Education in cooperation with the General Sports Authority and the Bahrain Chess Federation, and attended by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education.

Ahlia students shone across various categories of the tournament. Ronin Abdullah Ali (Grade 11) secured first place in the “Talented Under-17” category, while Hasan Yousif Sharaf (Grade 5) earned third place in the “Talented Under-11” category — reaffirming the school’s distinguished achievements in both sports and intellectual competitions.

On this proud occasion, Dr. Mohammed Ali Habib, Director General of Ahlia School, expressed:

“We are proud of this achievement, which reflects our commitment to nurturing talents and developing students’ intellectual capabilities. Winning the Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Chess Cup is one of the fruits of our strategic vision and the result of the continuous efforts of our dedicated staff, students, and parents. We look forward to more accomplishments across various fields.”

The tournament witnessed an unprecedented level of participation, with more than 5,000 students from 210 government schools and 55 private schools competing in the preliminary rounds. Out of these, 530 students advanced to the final stages, creating a spirited and competitive atmosphere that highlighted the growing passion for chess among students.

VOICES OF AHLIA

STORIES, MEMORIES, AND JOURNEYS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



This special feature celebrates the voices of our alumni — their reflections, skills, and experiences that highlight both the cherished memories of Ahlia School and the values that continue to guide them. Through heartfelt stories and honest feedback, this collection offers a glimpse into how Ahlia has shaped generations of students, preparing them for life beyond the classroom.

As part of this magazine, we reached out to our graduates through a special alumni questionnaire to capture their thoughts, memories, and experiences at Ahlia School. Their voices reflect not only cherished moments but also the values, lessons, and growth that have shaped their journeys beyond our classrooms.

This collection offers a glimpse into what Ahlia has meant to them, both the fond memories they carry and the honest feedback that guides us toward an even brighter future.

Memories That Last a Lifetime

“I will never forget the love and support I got from everyone in Ahlia. I will forever be thankful for how they treated me with kindness and compassion. they made me feel like I belong during a very difficult time in my life, for that I will always be grateful.”
Class of 2023

“My favorite memories are those with my teachers. They have helped my personality develop in a way that I wouldn’t have been able to reach alone. Special thanks to Mr. Hamza, Ms. Famin and Ms. Anwar and Mr. Hussain (PE teacher) and Mr. Hussain (ICT teacher). Even Ms. Riza and Mr. Mohsen have had a huge impact on my life.” Class of 2024

“One teacher once told me, ‘80% of the studying for the exam happens in the classroom’—that advice changed how I prepared for every test.” Class of 2021

“Ahlia didn’t just teach me, it made me feel i belonged”
class of 2023

Skills That Shape Our Future

At Ahlia School, learning goes beyond certificates. Our alumni leave with lifelong skills that continue to guide their academic, professional, and personal journeys — from critical thinking and effective communication to leadership, teamwork, and compassion.

“The supportive environment at Ahlia helped me grow academically and personally. Through school activities and group work, I developed leadership, teamwork, confidence, and strong time-management skills that continue to support my journey today.”

Class of 2022

**“EDUCATION DOESN'T
END AT GRADUATION - IT
BECOMES A LIFELONG
JOURNEY”**

Giving Back

Our alumni don't just look back — they reach forward to support future Ahlia graduates.

“I am happy to help future graduates from the school at any time via any method seen fit, to enable them to gain a better understanding of what to expect if they plan on continuing their studies outside the Kingdom of Bahrain.” Class of 2021

This spirit of mentorship ensures that today's students benefit from the experience of yesterday's graduates.

Our alumni remind us that education is a journey shaped by reflection, growth, and continuous improvement. Through their honest feedback, graduates shared thoughtful insights on how Ahlia can continue to evolve — including expanding STEM and engineering pathways, strengthening university and career preparation, and enriching student life through wider extracurricular opportunities.

ALUMNI VOICES OUR FUTURE STEPS

At Ahlia, we listen. These voices guide our commitment to enhanced university guidance, meaningful alumni mentorship, and stronger career pathways — ensuring future generations are equipped to thrive beyond the classroom.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW



From Bahrain to the world, our Alumni continue to learn, grow, and represent Ahlia School worldwide.



Bahrain



Kuwait



Lebanon



Canada



Jordan



New Zealand



UK



KSA

GALLERY OF LEGACY

A VISUAL CELEBRATION OF ALUMNI MOMENTS CAPTURED IN TIMELESS PHOTOS

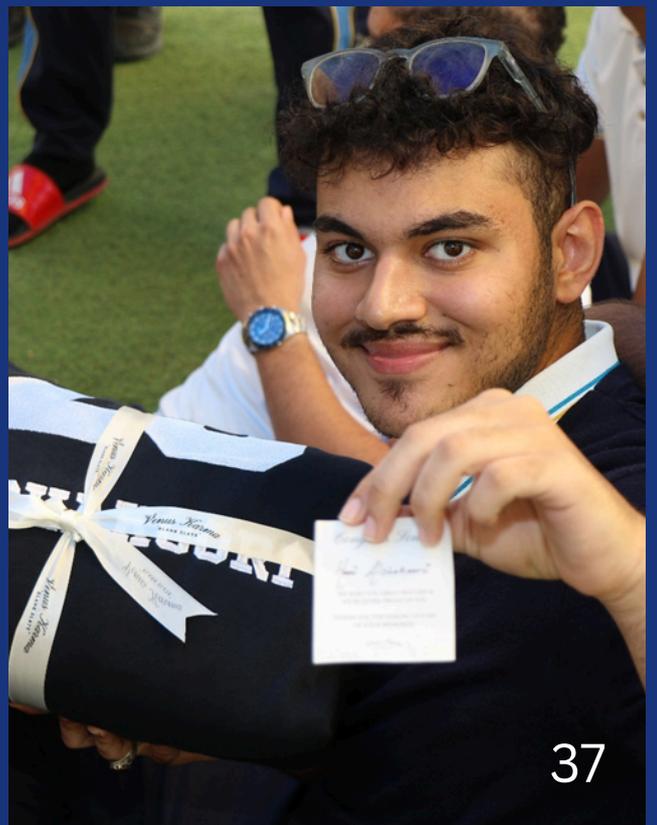


SOME MEMORIES ARE BEST CAPTURED IN MOMENTS. THIS GALLERY CELEBRATES THE SPIRIT OF AHLIA THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS THAT REFLECT PRIDE, FRIENDSHIP, AND THE LEGACY THAT CONTINUES ACROSS GENERATIONS.



















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