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The Middle East Maths Challenge CHAMPIONS for 2009

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December 9, 2009

Dear Staff,

As you know, ISG-Dammam is going through re-accreditation with the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. MSA is one of the most prestigious school-accrediting organizations world-wide. Schools applying for accreditation go through an intense evaluation and then through periodic reviews to ensure that standards are maintained.

During this process, we are conducting a self-study of our school, looking at our strengths and weaknesses and creating improvement plans. The AFG Planning Team has already revised our mission, beliefs and graduate profile which are included in this letter.

As your input is very important, we have provided surveys on [surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com). You can access your survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y3B8NMJ>. The information you provide is needed for our self-study. Please complete and submit by Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

We appreciate your time and efforts as we all strive to provide a world class education for our students.

Sincerely,

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ISG-DAMMAM BELIEFS

We believe that....

- each child is unique;
- the cultural and national backgrounds of our students are assets;
- each person has intrinsic value and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity;
- high values and integrity are fundamental to excellent education;
- it is essential for each child to have understanding of and compassion for others;
- the social, physical, intellectual and emotional development of students is important for their success;
- students have different ways of learning and demonstrating abilities, and require a variety of instructional approaches and assessment strategies in order to thrive;
- each child is capable of critical thinking, problem solving and performing at high levels of learning;
- learning is achieved through clearly defined, attainable and measurable outcomes guided by the district;
- staff development and continuing education programs are essential for professional growth;
- technology will continue to enhance our educational delivery opportunities;
- delivering a cost-effective quality education is essential to our stakeholders;
- our co-educational programs must be accomplished in a manner consistent with the regulations of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education.

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ISG-DAMMAM GRADUATE PROFILE

The ideal ISG-Dammam graduate will

- demonstrate integrity, dignity and self-confidence;
- respect diversity, demonstrate cultural sensitivity and accept others as individuals;
- possess an understanding of the major fields of knowledge necessary for success in adult life;
- read critically, write clearly, listen carefully and speak effectively;
- be an independent, logical and critical decision-maker;
- set realistic goals and persevere to achieve them;
- be dependable, responsible and co-operative;
- have a capacity for creativity and originality;
- demonstrate leadership qualities and influence others in a positive manner;
- strive for a healthy lifestyle;
- be adaptable and resilient;
- demonstrate intellectual curiosity;
- be a responsible world citizen.