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# HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MOHAMED BIN MUBARAK JUMA, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, GRACES ARKIS' 15th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

## Principal Kate Moskwa honours the Class of 2024



Kate Moskwa  
**PRINCIPAL**

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, graced the 15th Commencement Exercises of Abdul Rahman Kanoo International School. The event was held on May 21, 2024 at the Gulf Hotel and Convention Centre.

Present at the event were the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Environment, His Highness Mr. Nawaf Bin Mohammed Al Moawda; the Chairman of ARKEDU, Mr. Tariq Abdul Latif Kanoo; the Vice-Chairman of ARKEDU, Dr Faisal Khalid Kanoo; the Board of Trustees; the Academic Board members; and the Honorable Alumni award recipients.

The Abdul Rahman Kanoo Award (AKA) scholarship for 2024 went to Amal Al-Madhoob. The ARKEDU Trustees conducted in-person interviews with the four outstanding candidates who made it to the final round: Jana Aref, Eyad Zouinikh, Zoya Nadim, and Amal Al-Madhoob.

Ms. Kate Moskwa, the Principal, said, "As the late Founder, Mr. Abdulrahman Jasim Kanoo sees his legacy through these students, he will be proud of the values and skills that we inculcate in our graduating students, like Amal. After Amal earns her first university degree, we are eager to see her return and to see her have a significant influence on the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Meanwhile, Eyad Zouinekh became the first recipient of an ARKEDU scholarship. The first scholarship since ARKEDU's founding, according to Mr. Tariq Abdullatif Jasim Kanoo, Chairman of the organization, "will help give the students attending schools under its umbrella (ARKIS & ARKS Diyar) the opportunity to follow and continue the educational achievement at the university they wish. It is our belief that it will then benefit from their skills and knowledge, and contribute to Bahraini society."

As the graduates embarked on a new, more difficult, and exciting journey, Principal Ms. Kate Moskwa offered her heartfelt congratulations, stating, "I have no doubt that the Class of 2024 will continue their legacy, inspiring and leading, leaving an indelible mark on the world. Congratulations, Class of 2024! Embrace the journey that awaits you with open minds and open hearts. Remember the lessons you have learned, the values you have embodied, and the indelible impact you have made on this school. Go forth with confidence, compassion, and a determination to make the world a better place."



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Hend Almutawa  
**Valedictorian  
Class of 2024**

Good evening to His Excellency Dr Mohammed Bin Mubarak Juma Minister of Education, Chairman of ARKEDU Mr Tariq Abdulatif Jassim Kanoo, Board of trustees, teachers, staff, parents,, and faculty, and thank you all for joining us to celebrate this year's graduating class. It is a tremendous honor to stand before you all,

As William Shakespeare once said, "We know what we are, but know not what we may be." These words strike a chord with us at this moment. As the class of 2024, we gather here today, having dedicated years to preparation, marking the start of our future paths.

Fellow seniors, it fills me with immense joy to witness your radiant smiles as you step onto this stage adorned with the badge of a bright flame, symbolizing our relentless pursuit of wisdom.

At this moment, let us begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to our cherished school, AbdulRahman Kanoo International School, for its profound influence on us.

***“As we step forward into the unknown, let us carry with us the wisdom gained from our past and the infinite potential of our future. For it is not merely what we are now, but the endless possibilities of what we may become, that truly define us.”***

It has been instrumental in nurturing the flicker of light within us, propelling us towards remarkable achievements.

We extend our deepest thanks to our dedicated teachers, department heads, and Principal Mrs. Kate, along with the invaluable contributions of our support staff and security team, for their unwavering support and guidance throughout our educational voyage.

As for our families, to whom we owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude, their boundless love, encouragement, and sacrifices have been the heartbeat of our success. Their constant support has filled our lives with warmth, strength, and unwavering belief.

For seniors, today doesn't signify an end, but rather, a remarkable beginning on our journey. As we take this next step, we carry with us the cherished memories we've made along the way. I've often heard the saying, 'One will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.' Tonight, however, I feel the profound truth in those words more than ever before. History tends to remember the unforgettable, and I am certain that in our graduating class it would be a grave understatement to simply say that we are one-of-a-kind.

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Here's to the journey ahead, Class of 2024. May it be filled with discovery, growth, and the fulfillment of our dreams.

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## What's in your mind?

We asked the graduates what their thoughts are about GRADUATION. Here's what they said:

I'm feeling very excited to start a new chapter in my life and hopefully study abroad! And it's definitely a bittersweet feeling to be done with high school.

Saleel Buhasan  
GRADUATE

I'm really happy I finally graduated. After years of dedication and hard work, I have reached this momentous occasion. I am filled with a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment. As I look to the future, I will stay true to my passions and never stop challenging myself.

Bayan Amer Hasan  
GRADUATE

I'm so glad I have finished the first part of my academic journey and I can't wait to explore and develop new skills that will allow me to achieve the success I've always dreamed of obtaining in the next chapter of my life.

Muna Madi  
GRADUATE

After this long journey of torture and pressure, I finally feel the freedom that everyone talked about. I finally see what it's like to be an alpha and have infinite aura wherever I go.

Ali Abubakr Alhitty  
GRADUATE

I've always been someone to fear graduation. I thought the day would never come where I'd have to leave my friends and the place I've called home for 14 years. but now, after a heartfelt and wonderful celebration, I'm ready to take the next step and take on the world as I've recently discovered my passion for banking and I can't wait to peruse it in the future.

Yara Yusuf  
GRADUATE

Graduation is a memorable occasion that marks the end of our Highschool lives, but not the bonds and memories that have shaped us into the people we are today. I feel immense joy knowing that I graduated around those who I cherish and belong to. I plan to continue my journey in Emirates Aviation University and study Aerospace Engineering.

Eyad Zouinekh  
GRADUATE

Interviews done by Ward Alsammak



## What's in your mind?

### How was this school year for you?

*It was fun and amazing! We had many awesome activities but at the same time we also learned many new things and made new friends. But overall, I think it was incredibly fun.*

Rose Alsammak  
Grade 6-I

*This school year was full of surprises yet full of stress. However, I have learnt so many things that I can surely use in the future. In addition to that, life is all about experience and for sure, going through this year was quite the rollercoaster ride.*

Yasmeen Alomran  
Grade 8-K

*For me, this school year was quite hectic and challenging. However, it was also filled with memorable moments and taught me how to be resilient and disciplined amidst the heavy load of assignments and deadlines that pushed me to grow.*

Reem AlGhatam  
Grade 10-R

*This school year was an amazing year to get introduced to new people. I had a huge opportunity to learn new things and invest into clubs and activities. Furthermore, it was tough but everything got better.*

Joori Ali Shubbar  
Grade 7-S

*I experienced a range of emotions this year. A lot happened, and although it was an incredible year, I am not ready to say goodbye.*

Aisha Alrefaei  
Grade 9-K

*Honestly, this school year didn't go as well as expected. The term was too short for me to accomplish any of my academic goals and the amount of academic pressure I've felt has definitely been more this year compared to the other school years.*

Ahmed Naji  
Grade 11-A

# English Dept.'s Gallery Walk: A Success

Ward Alsammak

On April 23rd, the English Department thru the initiative of Ms. Hayfaa Haja, the Assistant Head, held The Gallery Walk Project with the theme "Explore Possibilities". Students from different grade levels collaborated as a group in order to produce an outcome related to the topics given. They demonstrated the significance of collaboration across academic levels by combining their varied viewpoints and skills to produce varied and key outcomes. The projects were presented in the English Corridor, where boards and posters featuring student work decorated the walls. Participants' collaboration and creativity in their projects have been key in making the English Corridor dazzling.

The Gallery Walk is an interactive discussion strategy that promotes student collaboration. Through collaborative work in small groups, students can share ideas and learn about other viewpoints. They acquire crucial communication abilities during this process, including speaking, listening, negotiating, and reaching agreement. Along with properly expressing their own ideas, students also had the chance to evaluate and view the work of their peers through the Gallery Walk. Together with offering beneficial public speaking practice, this cooperative approach promotes information analysis, evaluation, and synthesis.

Ms. Fatema Qassim, the Department Head, expressed her gratitude to the teachers involved who worked tirelessly to make the event a success, congratulated the students for exhibiting the skills set during the event, and hoped that similar event would be carried out in the next academic year.





## A Collaborative Science Project Held

Amna Mohamed

The Collaborative Science Project (CSP) took place on May 9, 2024 at Abdulrahman Kanoo International School.

The event was organized by the school's Science Departments, including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer Science, creating an unforgettable experience for all attendees. Grade 11 IB students participated in this mandatory interdisciplinary activity, exploring research topics related to sustainable development, contributing to the event's success and enjoyment.

The CSP 2024 focused on Sustainable Development Goals, fostering not only academic growth but also personal development. Students enhanced their skills in self-management, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and research throughout this enriching journey.



## Commerce Dept. hosts Expo 2024

Maryam Ebrahim

In the realms of a business project where creativity, marketing, and entrepreneurship come together, ARKIS students of grades 9 and 11 contributed to the commerce expo that took place in the sports hall on

May 7th. Students were given a month to design and craft their own handmade products, which they were then able to market and sell to teachers, fellow students, and parents. From

desert, to books, to cosmetic booths, the students offered a diverse array of products from different industries.

This expo was a form of communal works, unwavering commitment, and networking. The hard work and dedication of the secondary business teachers effectively contributed to the success of the exhibition.

Ms. Sadia Khurshid, the Commerce Department Head, thanked everyone who made the event possible and a success.



# ARKIS'

# Business EXPO

# A YEAR TO REFLECT

## FEAR TO TRIUMPH: A STUDENT'S JOURNEY OF GROWTH

Ahmed Haqiqi

This academic year has witnessed an incredible transformation for our remarkable students. From apprehensive starts to victorious accomplishments, they accepted difficulties and refined their abilities. They changed into brilliant inspiration beacons, lighting the way for the next generations, with unflinching resolve and steadfast support coming from their teachers, families, and friends.

Their critical thinking and problem-solving skills have grown tremendously as a result of their sprouting and soaring development. With this progress comes time management mastery that has become their secret weapon, unlocking heightened productivity and shedding stress. Moreover, words become their playground, expanding their vocabulary through a variety of texts they embraced passionately.

We're absolutely blown away by their incredible achievements and the amazing strides they've made. This year has not only enhanced their academic abilities, but also ignited their confidence and compassion. Armed with these gifts, they are poised to conquer any obstacle that comes their way. Together, let us celebrate their growth and cheer them on as they continue their educational odyssey with unwavering enthusiasm.



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## GLIMPSES OF THE PAST





# TRIVIA

## Congratulations CLASS OF 2024

Graduation represents the culmination of a journey and the attainment of a goal.

The graduation ceremony is also sometimes called: commencement, convocation or invocation.

Tossing of the graduation hat is a tradition signaling the end of the ceremonies.

The Gowns were worn as early as the 1300's. Scholars and clerics wore them not for ceremonial purposes, but rather to stay warm.

**Originally, diplomas were hand-written on paper-thin sheepskin before being rolled and tied with a ribbon.**

The graduation cap was initially a "hood" and is believed to date back to the Celtic time when Druid priests wore capes and hoods to symbolize their intelligence.

**The official music that graduates march down to is referred to as 'Land of Hope and Glory' or alternatively as 'Pomp and Circumstance' that was composed back in 1901 by Sir Edward Elgar.**

*Contributed by Mariam Alhajri*