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It has been an eventful half-term and I am sure both staff and students are looking forward to spending some time with families over the break next week. Given the hectic nature of busy school life I was really pleased to see so many staff give up their weekend to accompany students to the friendly football international at the Al Sadd stadium last week. Qatar hosted Ecuador and around 350 students from both MIS and DES attended the match, I spoke with many students who said they were delighted to be given the opportunity to watch the game and we even saw Qatar come out on top in a seven goal thriller. The students behaved impeccably and were a credit to themselves, their school and their families.

The same could also be said for those students who attended the Qatar Leadership Conference at the QNCC over the weekend. This event was aimed at Y11-13 students who were participating as part of a strategy to empower young people to be aware of global issues, both now and in the future. This element of global citizenship is conducted as part of the student's involvement in MUN (Model United Nations) activities and provides a platform for young people to seek, through discussion, negotiation, debate, and personal action, solutions to the various problems that impact on us all.

Our students were involved in the organisation of this event as well as presenting at the various workshops and the quality of delivery was extremely high. They also showed maturity and calmness beyond their years as the area around the conference center slowly became submerged under water and all delegates were trapped inside the building as the floodwaters rose. It became a very long day for all concerned but we eventually arrived safely home and I am sure the experience will live long in the memories of all who were present.

The weather had a hand to play in the celebrations that took place at MIS last week as the school celebrated its tenth anniversary. It was great to meet those students who were part of the school when it first opened in October 2008 and who are still there, as are one or two staff. The class photographs from ten years ago showed how much change has taken place and caused some embarrassment to those students who realised they were about a metre taller than when the picture had been taken! Again, there were many activities planned but the weather intervened, but not before Mr Abdulaziz Al Mannai, Executive Vice-President at QP, unveiled the plaque and marked the beginning of the next ten years.

These interactions with students have highlighted to me their great potential in becoming leaders and global citizens of the future. I believe that we as educators and parents need to support this potential by having the highest possible expectations for our young people, all within a safe and caring environment, so that they can aspire to be the best they can be.

Hope the weather improves as the holiday week approaches.

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