

# **Annual Report of Yara International School 2023-24**

## **Introduction**

Yara International School is a leading CBSE curriculum-based academic institution in Riyadh, KSA. The school was founded on May 17, 2023, under the patronage of 12 board members and the founding principal, Mrs. Aasima Saleem. The school celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 17, 2023, under the guidance of the CEO, Mr. Khalid Idrees, the Chief Patron, Mr. Habeeb Ul Rahman, and the Principal, Mrs. Aasima Saleem.

The school is located in the Al Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University Building, Dheerah District, Riyadh. Both boys and girls are on the same premises. The school currently has 3100+ students on roll from nursery to 12th grade. The school has a strong infrastructure of 116 digitally equipped smart classrooms, six science laboratories, two computer laboratories, two libraries, and a daycare. The academic team is strengthened by the principal, vice principal, COE, 7 ML's, and 230 teaching staff. The administration department has a total of 25 staff, including an admin manager, an accountant, and a maintenance supervisor.

## **20 Years of Excellence**

The school celebrated 20 years of excellence for the whole year with many programs and events. The school celebrated the founding day on May 17, 2023, in the school play area with the participation of management, all staff, and students. CEO, Chief Patron, and the Founding Principal revealed the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo and released balloons into the air, initiating the program. In line with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, all the other programs, such as the Investiture ceremony, Convocation, Children's day, Yara awards night, Open house, and Student-led conference, were celebrated in a grand spirit on the school premises.

On December 9, 2023, the school celebrated the cultural and award function in grandeur at the school auditorium. In the cultural event, the teachers' outstanding talents stole the spotlight. Teachers from nursery to higher grades took part in a variety of vibrant events that enhanced the skills and diversity of Indian culture. As a remarkable intermission, a campfire and DJ were planned.

A grandiose award event featured the following: service awards, founding staff awards, excellence awards, promising newcomer awards for academic and non-academic staff, the leadership award, and the lifetime achievement award to the principal in recognition of her 20 years of service and contributions. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations concluded with the KG graduation in the month of February.

## **Academic achievements**

“Learning gives creativity; creativity leads to thinking; thinking provides knowledge; and knowledge makes you great.” Once again, Yara IS has showcased a remarkable execution of hard work with a laudable 100% result in both the Grade X and XII Central Board Secondary Education (CBSE) Examinations in 2023.

In Grade X, students produced a 100% pass rate for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Out of 70 students who appeared in the examination, 90% achieved First Class or above, while 56% secured Distinction. School toppers with their aggregates are Maleeha Mujeeb (97%), Fathima Noureen (96.4%), and Yohamithra Saravanan (94.2%). Hana Fathima, Huda Aboobaker, and Nysha Amina are the subject toppers.

Grade XII has achieved an excellent result in its AISSCE 2022–23, with a 100% result in the Science, Commerce, and Humanities Stream. Out of 64 students who appeared in the examination, 83% were placed in first class or above, while 50% secured distinction. This result is clearly an outcome of concerted efforts put in by our experienced and dedicated teaching staff, who were instrumental in mentoring and monitoring our children throughout the academic year in a positive and conducive teaching environment. Needless to say, the pro-active measures taken by the school management, principal, and middle leaders, which include interactive and counseling sessions with parents, and the usual support and cooperation of our parent community, added to our success. Y.I.S. School toppers from the Commerce Stream are Safiya Ansari with 97.20%, Sumaira Ahmed with 96.20%, and Sania Nadeem Akhter with 93.20% from the Humanities Stream. Safiya Ansari brought honors to the school, becoming the top in the kingdom in the commerce stream, and was honored during the Gulf Sahodaya Conference 2023–24.

The school was producing continuous kingdom toppers in both Grades X and XII every year.

## **Extra-Curricular achievements**

The school has left an indelible mark on the 31st CBSE Cluster Meet 2023–24. The team clinched the championship trophy in the under-19 football tournament, solidifying their status as KSA champions and proudly representing KSA at the national competition held at Crescent Public School, Cochin, Kerala. In a stellar display of skill and teamwork, Haneen Hadi Faisal from grade 12 was honored with the "Best Player" award for his unwavering and electrifying performance throughout football matches.

In the track and field events, the boys secured an impressive collection of 1 gold, 2 silver (1 individual, 1 relay), and 3 bronze medals. The female athletes showcased their exceptional abilities, contributing 2 gold medals, 1 silver medal, and 2 bronze (1 individual, 1 relay) medals to the tally with their outstanding performances.

Among the standout performers, Master Akram from Grade 12 clinched the gold medal, while Mohammed Abdur Rahman, the silver medalist, demonstrated remarkable prowess. They represented KSA at the Nationals in the 800m and 200m races, respectively, in the under-19 category.

Furthermore, gold medalist Devika of grade 11 and silver medal winner Fatima of grade 12 have both represented KSA at the Nationals. Devika participated in the 100m and 200m races (under 17 category), while Fatima participated in the long jump (under 19 category) at N.H. Goel World School, Raipur, India.

The young scientific minds of Yara International School left a significant impact on the science exhibition during phase II of the 31<sup>st</sup> CBSE Cluster Meet competition. Their project on waste management, encapsulating the tagline "A Tiny Step Towards a Waste-Free Tomorrow," earned them a well-deserved second place.

Meanwhile, the junior team demonstrated exceptional ingenuity with their exhibit—an innovative alarm clock designed to keep drivers alert. This creative invention secured them a commendable third position.

In the literary arena, Miss Jelin Rose of Yara International School achieved a remarkable feat. She clinched the top position in the senior category during the Zonal Debate competition, thanks to her power-packed and eloquent performance.

This exceptional achievement and victory in all spheres are a testament to the incredible talent, dedication, and innovative spirit of the Yara International School community. The team members and coaches were applauded for their brilliant efforts by the principal and school management.

### **Clubs and societies**

School clubs foster conversation and engagement, which improves learning. Every action the club does will inspire students to develop new perspectives on life. Students are given the chance to develop and display their abilities. School-based activities help students improve their social and leadership abilities in addition to helping to shape their interests and hobbies. There are several clubs at school that help students develop 21st-century skills and expose them to a world where they could be competing for talent.

One of Yara International School's main academies, Yara Badminton Academy, has been functioning successfully for a number of years now. Badminton is a wonderful option for anyone looking to try out a new racquet sport and is an excellent hobby for fitness. The badminton club is currently being actively participated in by students, which is a fantastic accomplishment of Yara's.

There is a certain allure to the game of chess. Lively brains are provided with an instant challenge and engaging workout by the strategic intricacies. It may be played leisurely or more seriously all the way up

to the top international tournament levels. The Yara Chess Club was founded on October 7, 2022, with a total of 27 . The team is now getting students ready for the upcoming series of chess competitions.

Another accomplishment of Yara's is the Yara Cricket Academy. On October 14, 2023, it was launched for the first time in Yara International School's history. It provides a lively, entertaining, and educational atmosphere where players of all skill levels are able to grow and accomplish their cricketing goals. The club is currently running well and has an abundance of student demand.

Gavel Club is a division of Toastmasters International, the world authority on fostering effective oral communication. This program helps individuals become more confident on stage, arrange and deliver ideas in a clear and compelling way, and even take the lead in discussions or meetings. The Club was established in 2023 as a start toward helping students broaden their horizons.

The year has been exciting and fruitful for the AIRO Robotics Club, full of inventiveness, teamwork, and fascinating developments in robotics technology. is an essential component of our institution's extracurricular and academic life. The course enrolled 52 students in its first batch. We credit this increase to our outreach initiatives, interesting event hosting, and creation of a warm, inclusive environment for all robotics enthusiasts. 54 students in all, including the club with the highest participation rate, finished the first level in the first batch.

Under the committed direction of Coach Mr. Premadasan Kasu, the Yara International School Taekwondo Club is a new endeavor that has shown to be incredibly committed and successful in the 2023–2024 academic year. The club members have developed their physical prowess as well as a disciplined, tenacious, and sportsmanlike mindset.

Yara International School launched Yara Art Academy, which opened its doors for talented artists. It was designed to provide aspiring artists with a place to grow as artists and to hone their abilities in a variety of visual arts. An organized program including basic painting concepts, brush methods, color theory, and a variety of painting styles was provided by the academy.

A vital component of education overall, scouts and guides assist students in developing self-worth and confidence. In addition to learning valuable life lessons, they also foster a sense of global fraternity and engage in outdoor activities, team building, education, and fun. Yara International School introduced the Scout Club for the first time, realizing its significance.

In conclusion, A component of the educational system, extracurricular activities allow students to learn in ways other than only using their textbooks. They support more self-assurance and all-around personal growth. The School's administration has recognized the value of skill development and has given students several opportunities to enhance their abilities through clubs.