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# MESSAGE FROM THE DITOR-IN-CHIEF

## Welcome back Bayani's to yet another themed issue!

As we are approaching the end of the school year, the team and I reached a consensus: Alongside the hardships we may encounter, one substantial factor allowed for sheer grit and determination.

Thank you to our teachers and staff members for acting as symbols of power in education. You have and continue to provide us with the basis for most things that can be accomplished in life.

I extend my gratitude as I present extensive letters, and a virtual standing ovation.

-- Leyana Al Dajani





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## DEAR MS. ANJALA,

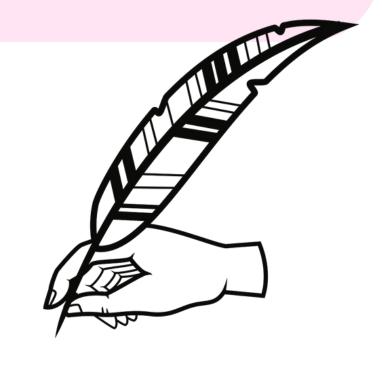
By: Zain Abu Rumman & Aya Al Daaysi
Grade 12

Ms. Anjala raised us to be creative thinkers and we consider her a mother to us. She is well recognized for her generosity and humor, and has taught a generation of Bayan students. She is a welcoming instructor who ensures that no student ever feels excluded or uneasy in her class.

Being a student of Ms. Anjala has given us the confidence to move outside of our comfort zone in both our academic environment and while socializing generally. She reassured us that it's okay and that we can easily accomplish our goals, and assisted us in overcoming any challenges that we felt were difficult for us. As High School is believed to be more difficult than Middle School and that all of our hard work will determine our future, entering high school has always made us nervous. However, having Ms. Anjala as a teacher and being in her class put us at ease. She is a kind and helpful person who has aided us all.

As previously mentioned, she is the one who taught us to be self-assured and made certain that every student has developed their writing and speaking skills to their utmost capabilities before leaving her class. She also ensures that we leave as sharp thinkers. Our appreciation to you for everything you have done, Ms. Anjala, which we will always remember. We sincerely appreciate all of the time you spent assisting us. You always had the time to answer our inquiries and were able to clearly explain the solutions. We will always cherish the time we spent in your classroom. You seem to be able to read our intentions and detect when something is off. We've always known you genuinely care about us and that we can confide in you about our troubles. You were always available for us.

In addition to educating us intellectually, Ms. Anjala also helped us become better prepared for life. She taught us how the world really operates, and that our actions and words have a big impact on how our lives turn out. She is more than just a teacher to us. Words cannot express how grateful we are for you, and we want to always make you proud.







## DEAR MS. LATHA & MR. MAGDY,

By: Rayan Dashti

Grade 11

Because of the dedication of our staff, this year has been a phenomenal year. I want to thank all the Bayan staff for their hard work to create such a safe, trustworthy environment for the students to learn and have fun. However, I would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Latha and Mr. Magdy for making this semester such a great one!

#### Ms. Latha,

I remember last year, when I used to arrive early in the morning and always see you in your class. You would always say "good morning" with a bright smile on your face. To this day, you always keep a big smile whenever you see one of your students, and this is one of the most precious things a teacher could do.

I value your assistance and guidance both in and out of the classroom. This year, you taught me a lot, and I can't wait to continue learning from you in the future. Once again, I am very grateful and appreciative of your dedication throughout your teaching career.

#### Mr. Magdy,

"We have math now!" -- a phrase that most people would hate to hear. However, I say that phrase with joy. That's not for the syllabus for sure, but because of your inspiring motivations and personality. You have always made me challenge myself to do better and learn from my mistakes. I know I annoy you and barge into your class a lot, so thank you for putting up with me. Thank you for always trying to make your students figure out their strong and weak spots, and putting on a suit every single day.

Oh, and just a side note Mr. Magdy: I hated that phrase too at some point, but you managed to bring that joy back. But, of course, I'd be overjoyed if I earn an A+ in your class! (independently)

Again, thank you both for everything you do and for replying to my many emails swiftly. Another special thanks to all the teachers and staff for your hard work throughout the years.





## DEAR MR. AMER,

By: Nora Yousif
Grade 11

If you've ever met or heard about Mr. Amer, you might realize 3 important traits: he teaches you and you enjoy his course, he teaches one of your friends or substituted for one of your classes, or you'd think someone was talking about the math teacher.

For as genuine as he is (and whether he's taught you or not), I think you would agree that there are small things that he does for his classes that often go unnoticed. Such as how he gives us ten minute breaks during our double periods so we can process what we've just been taught. Or how if there's an emergency or a student is worried about a family member they're given permission to step outside and take phone calls.

It was a memorable experience when I rushed a quick five minute interview with him to ask why we should appreciate him, to which he responded, "I never said you have to appreciate me, as long as you appreciate the course that's all that matters." He truly does care for his students, and that's made apparent throughout the hard work and effort he puts in for us.

There are things about Mr. Amer that I don't think you would expect based on how he is perceived. Mr. Amer speaks four different languages, he has a collection of different colorful and unique socks, and he's surprisingly good at Mario Kart! While we're on the matter of things you wouldn't expect from him, I think the fact that he listens to french rap is on that list somewhere.

Thank you Mr. Amer, for all that you do for your students.







### DEAR MR. DAN,

By: Maryam Farooq

Grade 11

Mr. Dan is one of the greatest English teachers I've ever had. He is lively, supportive, and loving. He makes his students feel welcome, heard, and acknowledged. His classroom creates a safe environment for students. Mr. Dan, from your couches and ambient lighting to your presentations and story-telling, everything you do makes your class feel a little more like home.

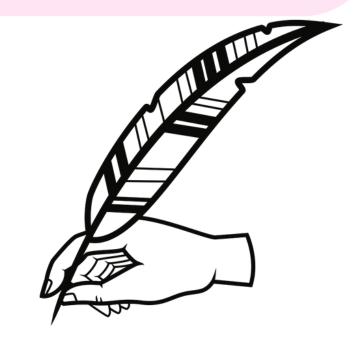
Mr. Dan is active outside the classroom as he is inside. He is athletic and runs marathons. He acts as a role model for others - especially students - since he shows the importance of self-fulfillment and putting yourself and your own happiness first. In the classroom, he captures the attention and admiration of students by making each of his classes unique and enjoyable. He comes up with different projects and classwork students can work on that will allow them to understand the topic and make them interested in working on it.

Also, he is willing to help students beyond the classroom and activates their imagination. He helps them understand the importance of finding a hobby and being well-rounded people. Mr. Dan is the kind of role model who practices what he preaches. He always makes sure that students are doing their best, but won't ask for more than what they can offer, and won't ask someone to do something he/she wouldn't do.

To add on, Mr. Dan has a sense of style that makes him stand out from the other teachers. From his turtlenecks to his wonderful suits, Mr. Dan puts on his best and truly mirrors the quote, "you can have anything you want in life if you dress for it" by Edith Head.

On a personal level, Mr. Dan lit my passion for English. When I would usually feel silly for the stories I made up, he would make me feel heard. I never felt odd about sharing them with him. On the contrary, he encouraged me and would add to the stories and peculiar ideas I would share with him. Mr. Dan is supportive and helped me boost my confidence as he does with other students apart from myself.

I would like to end this note by saying: thank you Mr. Dan for being a wonderful role model to many of us.







## DEAR MR. SEBIN CHITTILAPPILY,

By: George Andraos
Grade 11

A backbone, a strong foundation, is an indispensable element that determines the success of any human endeavor. Whether it is a business, organization, family, or relationship, having a concrete base could and will determine its success in being its best possible version. My message of appreciation today goes out to a Bayani favorite, Sebin Chittilappily, also known as: Sebi. One could argue that Sebin is one of the main factors that make our school lives enjoyable. As students, we tend to overlook the efforts Sebi puts in day and night as it benefits us indirectly. However, without Sebi's continuous efforts, our priceless memories and experiences would gradually end. Sebi is an experienced, hard-working man, and as a previous company owner, he is helpful in many aspects. As the years go by, Sebi's smile gets brighter and brighter while continuing to work selflessly. His impenetrable loyalty allows us to depend on him in unimaginable ways. We all feel that brief moment of joy when Sebi walks into the class to deliver a message. So thank you, Sebin, for being our school's backbone.









## DEAR MS. SHRUTHI,

#### By: Dana Alshaikh & Fatima A. Rasool

Grade 11

For many students, the transition from grade 10 to grade 11 and the IB Diploma is not an easy thing. New classes and courses can often be daunting, and students need a teacher they can trust to be patient and understanding. Fortunately for us, we have Ms. Shruthi. Her diligence and reassurance are always appreciated by all her students, as is the welcoming environment she creates, which makes classes a lot more enjoyable.

Ms. Shruthi shaped students to be excellent TOK writers in mere months by constantly giving us feedback and the chance to improve. Her continuous efforts to connect with students are admirable. In fact, many of her students have lots of positive things to say about her such as, "Ms. Shruthi is an incredible teacher; she made TOK so interesting and helped me gain so much new insight into the world." As well as, "Ms. Shruthi is truly amazing, passionate, and one of the hardest working teachers I know. I'm glad for everything and all the courses I have with her."

Over a short period of time, I've formed many memories in Ms. Shruthi's class. I'm very grateful for the positive environment she has created that makes this possible. Every student feels encouraged to participate in discussions, and we are all able to get the most out of the learning experience. Nevertheless, this doesn't stop us from having an enjoyable time. I really appreciate Ms. Shruthi's efforts in getting to know each of her students. I have grown fond of our weekly talks about, well - just about anything. From favorite movies and ridiculous science theories to genuine advice and guidance, I really look forward to these conversations. Ms. Shruthi has supported me constantly in the classroom and outside of it, as she has encouraged me in the extracurriculars I've pursued and given me valuable help and advice. For that, I will always be grateful. Thank you, Ms. Shruthi!

#### -- Fatima A. Rasool

It is a shame that we only have her class twice a week. If I could, I would choose to be in her class every day. It is near impossible to find a teacher that is capable of making my day better the way Ms. Shruthi does. Despite the constant ruckus that our class creates, she has always been patient with us. Regardless of the rigorous course, she finds a way to make each lesson delightful and entertaining. Ms. Shruthi offers students the freedom to express themselves and talk about their viewpoints. What I appreciate most about her is her beaming personality, which makes it tough for anyone to have a hard time in her class, seeing as her affection radiates to everyone in it. Anyone who spends a minute in her class can tell that she always has her students' best interests at heart. I can't count the number of times that I've run to her with a problem of my own, and how she always puts me at ease with great advice. I can't thank her enough!

-- Dana AlShaikh





## DEAR MS. SANA,

#### By: Khalifa Khalid Al Khalifa

Grade 12

In the archipelago situated at the heart of the Arabian Gulf; an epicenter of trade routes, I recall the 6th of September when I first entered the Economics classroom. A perpetuating image of the road to success became etched into my mind, but it was suffused with mystery as I did not even know what Economics was all about. Day after day, my eyes were being opened to a new dimension of the world we live in, and that is when it clicked: Economics aids people in understanding the complex world around them.

It is concurred that teaching is the one profession that stems all other professions- and from your enthusiastic attitude towards explaining the subject and consistently linking it to the small island we live in, I became passionate in pursuing this field of interest. It is also said that one can't prove anything, but from the (9/10) young yearning economists coming out of your classroom, we collectively express great gratitude for sculpting our virtuous identities, and could therefore prove your positive influence.

**Specialization**. Who knew I would specialize in constructing my EE in a subject I knew so little about! Through your guidance and bright ideas, I have persevered, and I cannot express my appreciation enough.

**Stocks**. *TradeQuest* was a bittersweet competition that transformed my knowledge in the stock market and nurtured patience, risk management, and responding to market forecasts swiftly. Your mentoring aided in analyzing market news and stock patterns, while professionally representing our findings and performance in structured presentations that would resonate as the years go by.

**Interest**. Coming out of Econ not only educated me about interest as a monetary tool, rather it sparked my interest in the socioeconomic development of the world in countries with varying progress.

**Humble Economic Perspective.** Without a doubt, the class atmosphere would never fail to put a smile on our faces, making it the funnest yet most productive class.

**Economic assets**. Finally, your everlasting support would always reassure us, and your daily inspirational quotes, even when you are not at school, would remind us of your intensive care and dedication.

In the archipelago situated at the heart of the Arabian Gulf; an epicenter of trade routes, there is an economics teacher- the best economics teacher we could ask for!





## DEAR MS. HAYFA & MR. MAHMOOD

By: Zain AlRayes & Ali Al Jeshi

Grade 11 & 12

#### To Mr. Mahmood,

It all started with some Lego pieces that we put together and connected wires to, it then bloomed into a connection that we are lucky to have. Through our time with you over the past five years, we have gained a great deal of knowledge, wisdom, and valuable lessons that have helped us grow not just on an academic level, but also on a personal level.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to support us whenever we lack motivation. You have stood by us during our heightened states of stress that never seem to end, and helped us get past many of our struggles. No matter what the problem was, you always provided us with reassuring advice and support.

We really appreciate how you have been more than just a teacher to us, as you have also enlightened us with many lessons that have developed our personalities. You have always welcomed us into your classroom at any time to finish our work, take breaks, sleep, or skip lessons (jokingly). Through the years, we have always had a brotherly figure that we confided in for comfort and advice, and for that, we are forever grateful. One quality people often notice about the two of us is how put together we are, little do they know that we wouldn't be that way without room 151B, nor without the venting session with us on the floor. For this and so much more, we thank you. Now that you have left an everlasting impact on us, we hope to make you proud.

#### To Ms. Hayfa,

Over the years, we have come to realize and appreciate how hard you work to ensure that we reach our full potential. You have been watching over us as if we were your children, caring not only for our academic performance, but also for our well-being. The constant check ups on whether we have eaten and slept made us feel cared for in this rigorous and challenging program. Although we have missed many homework assignments, postponed the IA submission at least five times, stopped working 15 minutes before class ends, and come to class drowsy too many times to count, you would always advise us to take care of ourselves. Despite the tests we failed and our never-ending silly mistakes, you never gave up on us and always believed in our skills. With that, you made math AA HL a lot less miserable. One day as you say (حیخترب بیتنا), but we don't mind as we are sure you will let us in your home. Just know that you now have two more children who thank God every day for your presence in their lives.

#### To BBS community,

Ali Aljeshi and Zain Alrayes are proud of what they have accomplished and achieved throughout the years, and the secret behind it all has been uncovered in this article. Now you will know that we will forever be in debt.





## DEAR MS. FATIMA, By: Budoor Ali & Fatima AlKuwari

"If we are ever to sit and count our blessings, we would not be able to ignore the importance a teacher has in our lives." Teachers of today play a crucial role in molding the personalities of students and guiding them to pursue the right path and career. The dedication of a teacher to the nation's development is noteworthy since good teachers are essential to the nation's development.

Teachers today also influence, enlighten, and teach without expecting anything in return from their students, out of the goodness of their own hearts. One teacher who influenced us greatly and possesses these wonderful qualities is Mrs. Fatima Adnan.

Budoor: I've been taught by many skilled teachers at this school, each one guiding me and helping me sail through the years. I owe my passion for biology to Mrs. Fatima. She showed me how fun and interesting the subject is, and having her as my teacher truly inspired me to take the subject in eleventh grade. Mrs. Fatima is an incredible teacher, as she is able to break down complex concepts and help us grasp them in a more simplified way. Biology can be very difficult, and Mrs. Fatima always recognizes that and gives us all the resources we need to understand and succeed. She always presents the information in a riveting way, and keeps us engaged throughout the classes. Not only is she wonderful at teaching, she is extremely kind and caring and always makes sure that every student understands. Our tenth grade class was so enjoyable and interesting, and she really helped me strengthen my knowledge in biology to prepare to take the subject as an IB course. She creates a comforting and positive atmosphere in her class. She always encourages her students and makes us feel at ease. It has been a pleasure to be taught by her, so thank you, Mrs. Fatima!

Fatima: Mrs. Fatima, where should I begin? As a ninth grader who had no idea what to expect from this topic I was taking for the first time, "biology," you unquestionably made me tremendously intrigued and engaged beyond my own expectations. Thanks to you, the atmosphere in your class is one that is brimming with life and happiness. The best part of it all is how you never stop encouraging people while responding to questions. Words like "great job," "perfect," and "excellent work" have a big impact on us. So I want to say thank you for being so thoughtful and considerate. Thank you. I wish there were more words to express my immense gratitude and thanks. I hope you understand what an amazing person you are in addition to being a fantastic teacher. I also want you to know how much we value and recognize the efforts you make every day as a teacher. Thank you, thank you, thank you; I truly cannot thank you enough.

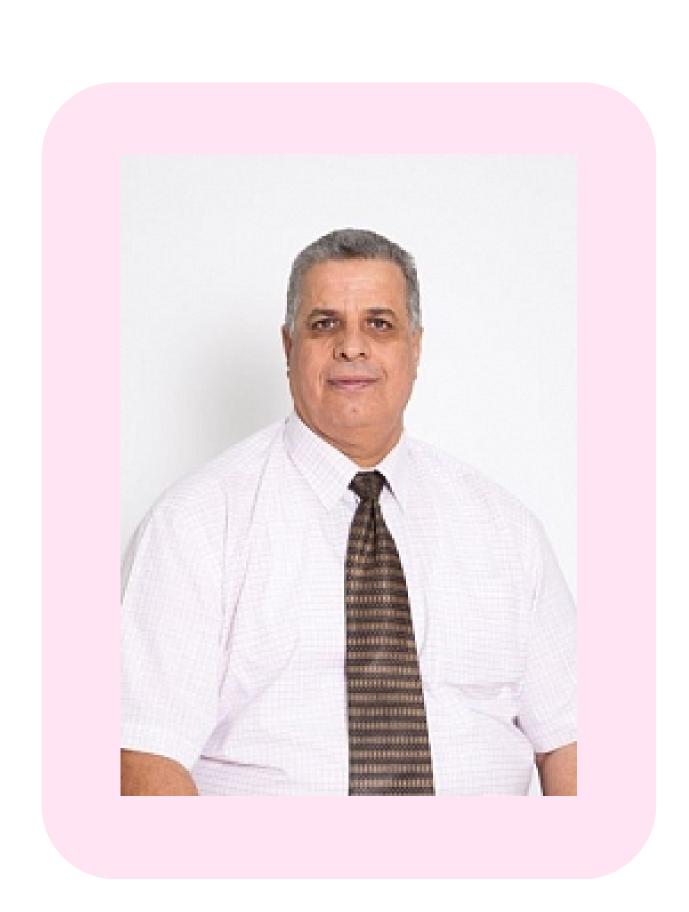




## DEAR MR. OMRAN,

By: Abdulla Al Thawadi Grade 12

أباً يقص عليّ من خبرته وأراد أن يفيدني بحكمته و كافأ جهودي و حفزني على الاجتهاد و زرع فيّ حب اللغة العربية و فيها إن شاء الله ازدهر وأبدع بسبب اهتمام الاستاذ عمران بي. اللهم اغفر للأستاذ عمران واغفر له وارحمه وعافه واعف عنه وأكرم نزله ووسع مدخله واغسله بالماء والثلج والبرد ونقه من الخطايا كما نقيت الثوب الأبيض من الدنس وأبدله داراً خيراً من داره و أدخله الجنة.





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