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Charity News!

Our charity work is a very important part of our school philosophy. We try to focus on specific charities so that we can make a bigger difference to those we sponsor. Charities that are close to our heart are those that help to improve educational conditions for children by improving access and the environment that children learn in. We continue to work this year with our 'Adopt a School' project which goes from strength to strength. You can read more about this project and some of the other charities that we are involved with below.

If you wish to contribute to School Charities, email us with your query: alumni@mescairo.com

Adopt a School

We are proud to continue our link with Katameya Primary School this academic year in our drive to raise much needed funds to help in the refurbishment of the school.



Our main project last year was the renovation of the school yard as we wanted to provide the children with an outside space that was paved, full of colour and with appropriate seating areas, to help maximise their childhood experience.

On Sunday 21st September 2014 a group of students and staff travelled to Katameya Primary in order to help distribute over 2,000 'School Supply Backpacks' to each and every one of the children there, as well as to the children of the school staff. It was good to see Katameya Primary looking spotlessly clean and the colourful murals which the MES Cairo students had painted on the school yard walls two years ago intact

and remaining vibrant, cheerful and inviting.





The MES Cairo Family goes on another Run for 24 Hours of Charity Fun!

Another school year at MES Cairo brought another school wide drive for charity and another 24-Hour Fun Run!

This year the charity that benefited from little (and not so little!) feet pounding around the school track relentlessly, for no less than 24 hours is 'Ana El-Masri', "I am the Egyptian" foundation. It is a non-profit, non-governmental foundation established in 2008. The money raised through t-shirt sales and generous donations will be used by the foundation to address the suffering of the more than 14 million Egyptians who live under the poverty line by providing poor families with the necessary services to improve their quality of life and to support youngsters and families who live in poverty.

Throughout the event we saw banners flying, hats worn at a jaunty angle, laughter, songs and costumes galore. The atmosphere was festive and both the students, staff and other supporters were excited about giving to such a worthy cause.





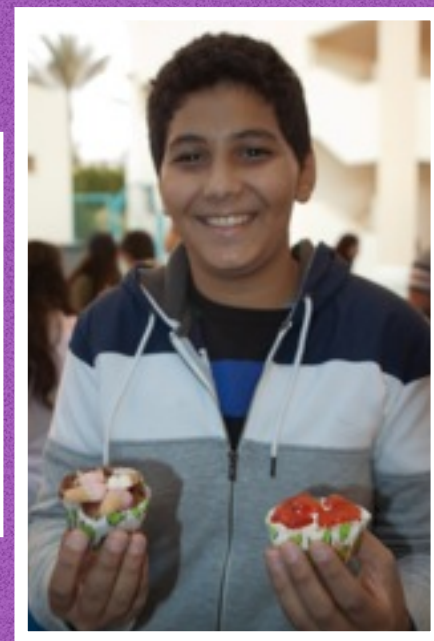
Current and past staff, students and family members both here in Egypt and around the world posted messages of support for runners, some of which can be found at the end of the article.

This event was a huge triumph, both in terms of funds raised, over 160,000 LE

which smashed last year's total and the display of true MES Cairo school spirit that everyone demonstrated.

Cancer Awareness

The recently formed MES Cairo Student Council chose to fundraise for the Children's Cancer Hospital here in Cairo. Over a period of time they managed to raise around 30,000 LE by receiving private donations from students, parents and staff and by holding House competitions, a non-uniform day and bake sales amongst other events.



Supporting a Local Orphanage

This year has seen MES Cairo also become involved with a local orphanage called Dar El Yousr which is based in Tagamoa Al Khamis. As a school we use a company called 'Go to Know' (www.go-toknow.com) which helps to organise school trips. The company told us that they will dedicate a percentage of their income from trips organised for MES Cairo students to provide trips around Cairo for students who are less fortunate. Following discussions it was agreed to dedicate these trips to Dar El Yousr Orphanage, which opened its doors about ten years ago.

The boys got to experience their first trip in October when they went to Alexandria. The boys were all very grateful to MES Cairo for giving them this opportunity.

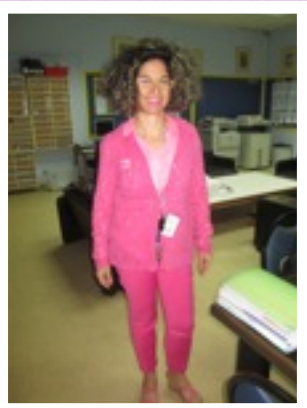


Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In recognition and in support of this important cause, MES Cairo staff were given the opportunity to wear pink ribbons in school on Thursday 23rd October 2014. The

ribbons were available from the school front desk throughout the day for a small donation. Donation boxes were set up on tables in the School Reception as staff arrived for work in the morning.

Staff were also encouraged to wear something PINK on that day and it was good to see the male staff getting involved too and wearing both ribbons and pink clothing with one male member of staff even resorting to a very bright pink wig!



All proceeds from the day went to **The Breast Cancer Foundation of Egypt.**

MESsages of support from around the world were posted live on the Fun Run video page.

Here are just a few of them!

Mr Dan: So proud that MES Cairo is carrying on this event! Well done everyone enjoy the fun times, and keep up the great work!!

Sarah Harrison: I am watching you from El Salvador and am missing all of the fun! Good luck to all of the runners!

Mr Marel: When you get tired, try to distract yourself by calculating the distance you ran so far in m/cm/mm. Good luck everybody!

English Dept: Stop reading for a while and RUN, RUN, RUN! Helping those in need is always so much FUN!

Mr Phillips: Not long to go now, the home stretch, great running MES Cairo, indeed did Mr Gross go backwards!

Nanny UK: Go go go Saif! Waiting to see you and Year Six.

Nanny in Swansea UK: Go my Princess Jannah - run run run!





Class of 2014!

Modern English School Cairo

American, British and IB Diploma

Graduation Ceremony 2014

A 'Happy' Occasion!

Last June, the MES Cairo family enjoyed a mesmerising ceremony marking the graduation of our Class of 2014. We were welcomed into the Graduation arena by a stream of talented young MES Cairo pianists, as their enchanting solo renditions filled the air and created a sense of occasion. Family and friends, VIPs, teachers and administration staff arrived as the sun was setting on the MES Cairo grounds. The school field quickly came alive with the excitement of the affair, complemented by the warm harmonious sounds of old friends being reunited. The formality and pomp of the occasion was studded by the dazzling outfits of our many elegant and stylish guests.

MES Cairo Graduation ceremonies are filled with emotionally stirring and visually striking moments that add to the thrill of the occasion. Thanks to the hard work of Ms. Ghada Dajani (Managing Director, Educational Affairs) and Mr. Jonathan Todd (Head of Performing Arts) and his team, they incorporate traditional commencement exercises with high-quality theatrical and musical items that reflect the pride the MES Cairo family feels in each and every one of its Graduates.



Our guests were delighted by the entrance of the highly anticipated MES Cairo Flag Corps. Their skilful routine accompanying the popular song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, choreographed by Mr. Daniel Tomlin (Performing Arts Department), mesmerised the crowd. The routine incorporated the MES Cairo Graduation Dancers, (students from Year Six, and Year/Grade Seven and Eight) performing their 'Happy' Dance, which was choreographed to perfection by Mrs. Carole Godfrey (Key Stage Two Principal) and Ms. Olivia Morgan (Secondary PE Department). As the students swirled around the arena through the twirling flags, an atmosphere of 'happiness' spread infectiously throughout the arena. In the background, huge projector screens displayed the MES Cairo family's video interpretation of 'Happy', created by Mr. Scott Allsop and Mr. Jonathan Todd, which can now be viewed on the MES Cairo website video gallery. The 'Happy' theme, appropriate for the currently optimistic state of the nation, emphasised a new Egypt and a newly defined path to democracy and economic recovery. It stressed the importance of building a better, happier tomorrow for Egypt.

The Graduating Classes of the American, British and IB Sections were welcomed into the arena by Mr. Peter Godfrey, (Board Member). The Graduates entered in a processional march to the tune of Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, while the younger members of the MES Cairo family remained on the field, heralding the Graduates' arrival in a gesture of respect for their achievements. The crowd remained standing for the National Anthem of Egypt, which for the first time this year was captivatingly sung to a special score by the High School and Alumni Choir. Alumni students are invited to participate in the Choir and Flag Corps each summer and this has now become a solid MES Cairo tradition of which we are proud. Students returning from summer holidays from universities all over the world, along with students who are taking degrees here in Egypt, joined us enthusiastically in making this a memorable event for their younger, graduating MES Cairo siblings.



After the close of the routine, Habiba Hussien (G12R) gave a beautiful recitation from the Quran, extending a message of peace and hope.

Next, the High School, Staff and Alumni Choir proudly sang our school song, 'To MES Be True' (by D. Tomlin and G. Dajani), and we were reminded of the MES Cairo Motto: Studiis Gubernatio: Leadership through Education. This was followed by an enjoyable performance of 'Baba Yetu' a famous Swahili song that can be translated as a 'Swahili Blessing', to reflect the international-mindedness of the MES Cairo ethos.

Mr. Godfrey introduced Mrs. Sawsan Dajani (Chief Executive/Managing Director), expressing the universal MES Family sentiment that we are so very lucky to be led by such an inspirational and caring Executive Director, who believes in challenging us all, in order for each and every member of the MES Cairo family to reach his or her ultimate potential and to make a difference to the world around us. Mrs. Dajani, he explained, leads by example and embodies the school Mission; 'Caring, Challenging, Inspiring'.



Mrs. Dajani inspired and motivated the Class of 2014 to reflect on the incredible changes that Egypt has gone through over the past three years and to believe in each person's individual power to make positive change. "Changing our destiny is possible and is very much a choice that we can make. Once learnt, it is a life-affirming lesson. Possibly one of the most important lessons one can learn but can seldom be taught in a formal setting.' She reminded her students that: 'Moments of such clarity can dawn on you in an instant and yet take

painstaking determination, courage and foresight to achieve. It is vital that we appreciate the lessons that life teaches us. Not only so that we do not repeat our mistakes, but more so that history itself can actually mean something.' Mrs Dajani also reminded us all that mistakes must be made in order for progress to occur and that one must take risks in order to reap positive outcomes. 'After learning from the past and from your mistakes, then and only then are you obligated to choose and/or change your destiny... May you succeed in life and may it bring you joy, health and fulfilment. May your dreams come to life and bring happiness to you and to the lives of others. May God Bless you and keep you safe.'

Mrs. Dajani introduced to us this year's MES Cairo Graduation Guest Speaker, the esteemed Dr. Mostafa El Fiky; a highly prominent Egyptian figure who is a politician, writer, diplomat (previously Egyptian Ambassador to India), and who served in the Arab League as permanent Egyptian Representative and as a Secretary to the President of Egypt.

Continuing with our 'Happy' theme, Dr. El Fiky told us: 'I was thinking of the reasons why I am happy to be here at your distinguished school. Firstly my thoughts are with Egypt and the fact that a modern Egypt is about to be born. This puts quite a burden on your shoulders as the new generation. All the hopes and dreams of your nation are significant as we take off on the journey towards becoming a modern democratic nation. A second reason for my happiness is that I have much respect for one of the most prominent pioneers of education in the Arab world, Mrs. Sawsan Dajani, who was a true gift to Egypt when she was forced to leave Kuwait and set up this outstanding school here in Egypt. Thirdly I thought of the students who are graduating today – now is a good time to evaluate your past and plan your future carefully. You are at an advantage as you have many privileges. Your education enables you to join universities all over the world.' He advised the students to keep in mind two great models from history - Mahatma Ghandi and Nelson Mandela - as models of great resistance, self-determination, peace and non-violence. 'Keep these role models in your minds as you go through your own struggles, large or small. Let us wish the best for Egypt and the best for humankind: stability, prosperity and peace. Thank you to Mrs. Dajani and to all of your staff.'



We then enjoyed a musical feature sung by the MES Cairo High School Choir: 'Second Hand White Baby Grand'. This song encouraged us to think about learning from our mistakes and making the most of our talents.



It was time for the Class of 2014 to share their thoughts with us. Represented by a student from each Section, they used the symbol of a backpack that is brought in empty on the first school day all those years ago. The backpack has now been filled with knowledge, understanding and skills and is now ready to be taken with them to their next destination. The representatives spoke impressively and there was a poignant mention of fellow student Yehia Arafa, may he rest in peace, who would have graduated with the Class of 2014 today.

Mr. Godfrey reminded us that significantly, most of the students who are graduating today were the very first students to set foot in the new MES Cairo building back in September 2000 and it has been the only school for many of them.

Our Graduation Ceremony would not be complete without a performance by Rula Zaki, who made a magnificent appearance in a dress made out of the Egyptian flag. 'Masr Lazem Teiesh' ('Egypt Must Live On') is an optimistic and happy song about building a new future and a new Egypt. This was followed by a moving rendition of 'For Good', performed by Hana Seif El



Nasr and Yasmine Afifi, lead cast members from 'Wicked' - our whole school Musical Production 2014.

This was followed by the presentation of High School Diploma and Leaving Certificates by Mrs. S. L. Dajani, Mr. P. T. Godfrey, Mr. M. Kirby, Mrs. N. Singleton and Mrs. R. LeBeau, led by Presentation Reader, Ms. G. Dajani (Managing Director, Educational Affairs).

Mr. Godfrey shared some motivational wisdom with the students, captivating them one more time before releasing them by announcing the closure of the ceremony. In true MES Cairo tradition, the Class of 2014 triumphantly threw their caps up high into the air accompanied by the Recessional March 'The Four Seasons' (Vivaldi).

Their happiness was palpable. The rest of the MES Cairo family also felt happy, and proud in the knowledge that these young adults will always carry a backpack filled with positive experiences and hope for a happier world of peace, prosperity and democracy.





Another Broadway Smash takes Centre Stage at MES Cairo as 'WICKED' casts its spell!

MES Cairo's whole school Musical production of 'Wicked – The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz' left the audience spellbound over three spectacular nights. 'Wicked' opened on Broadway in 2003 and eleven years later is still pulling crowds in all over the world. Based on a novel by Gregory Maguire, "Wicked" tells the story of the infamous Wicked Witch of the West from the much-loved L. Frank Baum story and subsequent movie, "The Wizard of Oz".

The show contained some incredible numbers, including "Defying Gravity". It also contained some spectacular stage effects that only a Broadway or West End theatre can produce – unless you are MES Cairo!

In the grand tradition of attempting the impossible, the MES Cairo Theatre, Music, Art and Design Technology staff all worked hard together to re-create the "Wicked" experience for the whole school family to enjoy. As a Whole School Production, the cast included students from Primary and Secondary, as well as a few members of staff. The stage crew were ready to go and places on the lighting crew became hotly contested.



With a team of approximately two hundred students and staff, MES Cairo once again proved that anything is possible. 'Wicked – The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz' promised to be another soaring success in the MES Cairo tradition and it didn't fail to deliver on that score.



**Fellow MESConians
enjoying the show!**

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Map of route cycled



HELMY SAEED (CLASS OF 2007) FIRST EGYPTIAN TO CROSS EUROPE BY BICYCLE

A leader and pioneer who portrays the MES Cairo Graduate Profile

How many people do you know who cross Europe, not by car, train or even plane but on a bicycle they actually built? Who could possibly be Confident, Flexible, Pro-active, Reflective, Principled, Independent, Resourceful, Resilient, Inspired, Creative and Visionary enough to do such a thing?

Why, an MES Cairo Graduate of course!

He's very hard to keep up with, but Ms. Ghada Dajani managed to receive news about Helmy Saeed (Class of 2007) - the very first Egyptian to cross Europe by bicycle!

Helmy is not a conventional traveller. His inspiration for this trip was his philosophy of using 'himself' to do anything and everything that he wants to. It is about transporting himself, in this instance, by using a bicycle that he built himself, to using his own resources and skills to achieve his goals as his journey unfolds. What is most surprising about this journey is that Helmy only took up cycling in 2013. Once he had built his bicycle, Helmy set off for Northern Italy to complete an 800km cycling expedition, pushing himself to his limits. Upon completion of this feat, Helmy was encouraged to go further and travel across Europe.



Camping somewhere between Valencia and Albacete, Spain



Finland here we come!

On 15th June 2014, Helmy embarked upon a remarkable journey cycling across Europe. In just 70 days, of which 60 of these were cycling and just 10 were resting, Helmy travelled through 62 cities in nine European countries totalling a staggering 6,541 kilometres. Helmy's travels took him from his starting point in the north of Norway through Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France and finally Spain.

Without booking any accommodation in advance along the route, Helmy embarked on his trip with nothing but himself, his courage and his determined spirit. He was resourceful and worked for his food and board, often sleeping outdoors in his tent, which was one of the few luxuries he allowed himself.

Helmy is someone who is passionate about what he does and accomplishes things that most people only dream of by extraordinary willpower, physical fitness and being mentally strong. Part of Helmy's fitness regime is running, something else that he is passionate about. He tries to walk everywhere if possible so that means no driving, no taking the subway or riding on a bus!

As you can imagine, cycling across Europe drew much attention especially as the kilometres fell away. "As I gathered more distance, there were more and more surprised faces," Helmy recalls of the people he met along his journey. Some of these friendly and surprised faces turned into friends who Helmy regularly keeps in touch with via Facebook and email.

Cycling is not the only sport Helmy enjoys. He moved to Canada after spending three years studying economics at the American University in Cairo and promptly took up the physically and mentally challenging sport of cross-country skiing. Once Helmy had mastered skiing he needed to feed his thirst for more challenge! He joined an international ski team and headed towards the Finnmark Plateau in the Arctic regions of Norway to ski 130 kilometres in harsh winds and freezing temperatures, sleeping in tents, in an



Near Ijusdal, Sweden



Swedish Wilderness

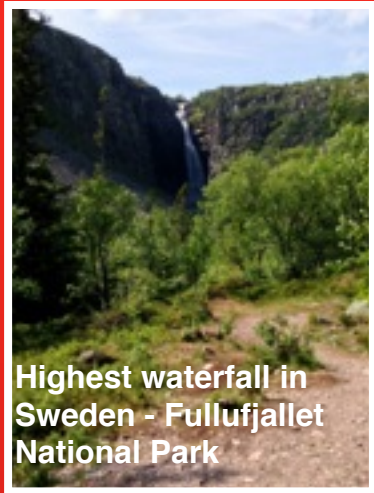


Avignon, France

extremely harsh terrain. "I get rushes from extreme environments," Helmy explained, so getting stuck in snowstorms and rain was actually very exciting for him.

Helmy's family has always been very supportive of his passion for extreme sports but the reaction is sometimes a bit hesitant whenever he plucks up the courage to tell them the extent of some of his trips.

Although his cycling journey demanded complete commitment and very high levels of fitness and stamina, it was about much more than that. It was a spiritual journey as well. The trip wasn't always easy and there were times when Helmy went to sleep hungry - not easy after an epic day of cycling. What Helmy found the most difficult was the mental struggle. "Situations that create anxiety that put me in a bad, non-productive mood for the whole day and make it an absolute struggle to complete the daily cycling goal but in the end it is those situations that count because you push your limits and realise that you can do much more than you thought you could."



Highest waterfall in Sweden - Fullufjallet National Park



Arctic snowstorm in Norway

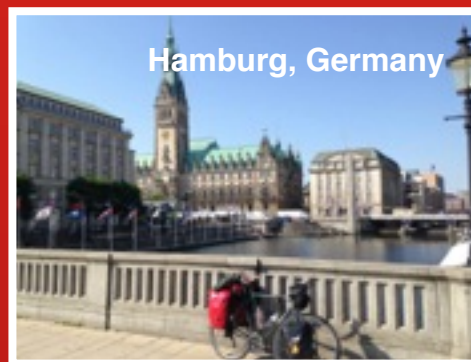
When asked about his time at MES Cairo, Helmy said "I enjoyed school very much. After being out of school for a while, you reminisce. A special memory is getting a Photography award in Grade 11 and regarding teachers, I prefer not to name my favourites as others would get jealous! MES Cairo influenced the person I am today. I believe that the person I am right now is a result of all my life experiences put together, and MES Cairo was a very significant part of my life."

Helmy is a shining example of a young man whom Egypt should admire and be proud of. His determination to succeed should be commended. From building his own bicycle to filming and editing all his own footage and living a completely self-sufficient life, Helmy is an inspiration to young people today.

He has shown that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.



Small Pyrenees Village - French/Spanish Border



Hamburg, Germany



French Vineyards



Marbella, Spain - just one day from the finish line in Tarifa!

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From MES Cairo student to MES Cairo Parent and now... an MES Cairo Teacher!

Deena Abu Hassan joined the MES Cairo family as a student way back in 1993 before graduating in 1998 and going to AUC to study Biology and Chemistry. A move to Germany followed as did getting married and having two children before coming back to MES Cairo, first as a parent and now as a teacher. She completed her UK Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) from Sunderland University with the full support of Mrs. Dajani and the MES Cairo family!

I joined the MES Cairo family in 1993. It was MES Cairo's third year in Cairo and like MES, my family and I had left the Gulf to escape Desert Storm. Adjusting to life in Cairo after living in a quiet area of Saudi Arabia was no easy task and like most of us in the situation, we struggled. My siblings and I managed three years at an Egyptian Language School before we discovered MES Cairo. Starting at MES Cairo felt like coming home. It felt safe and we immediately knew that this was our school.



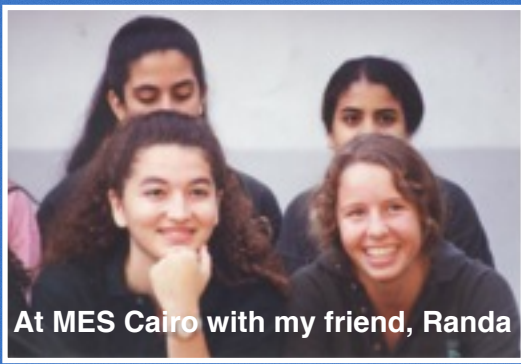
With my fellow students

I loved every day at school. Driving thought Gesr El Suez to Sarai El Kobba you would never imagine that in the middle of all that hustle and bustle of people and cars and all else Cairo, there would be a little oasis of peace and calm that was our school. I quickly made friends, many of whom like me had recently moved to Cairo. Our similar circumstances brought us quickly together. Led by Mr. Cowlshaw, our teachers felt like family and all had huge influences on our lives.

Our days of struggling were over! Once we got through those gates (greeted by Am Gadallah, who continues to greet me now, twenty years later), our days were full of fun. I was reminded that learning was fun and I could be creative and use my mind to think for myself instead of being told what to do and what to think. I landed the lead role of Audrey in our whole school production "Little Shop of Horrors" and joined all three of our sports teams. We loved being bussed around Cairo to compete against the other International Schools. We were proud of our school and were happy doing everything we could in its name. School debates, trips, parties and ASAs; we were never short of things to do.

Watching the school grow was incredible. Where and how MES Cairo expanded in that little zone in Sarai El Kobba still amazes me. I remember having French, Geography and History up in the Treehouse! That's what we called it because yes, you guessed it they were built on stilts up in the trees! We thought it was great. Madam Mondani, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith followed by Mr. Barton had the honour of being in those rooms.

Then the school expanded and we had tin classrooms! It was like being in a tin box. But in true MES Cairo style, if it was going to be a tin box it was going to be the best tin box in town! We came to school one morning to find all four classrooms had been fitted with AC units overnight!



At MES Cairo with my friend, Randa



Taking part in a school show

There was never a dull moment at school and I felt truly blessed in all my years as a student there. We were allowed to think big and were always supported and encouraged by our teachers. When I think back to those years the one thing that comes to my mind the most is how simple and easy school life was. There was a wonderful light-hearted feel around school and everyone was happy. Our teachers were our mentors but also our friends and that had a huge impact on us. I remember babysitting Mr. Duggan's gorgeous little girls and playing basketball with Clement, watching in awe as he slam dunked and shot endless three pointers, were regular events.

Our first overnight trip was to Ras Sidr and what an unforgettable trip it was. Playing rugby with our teachers and diving off a beautiful yacht into the sea and spending the evening telling stories around a campfire are just some of the memories from that trip. The years went by and people came and left but the MES Cairo spirit remained.

Graduating in 1998 was tough because it meant leaving MES Cairo behind and moving on. I decided to stay in Cairo and go to AUC to study Biology and Chemistry. After graduating, moving to Germany, getting married and having two beautiful children, embarking on a complete career change, I found myself walking through the MES Cairo gates again. Firstly as a parent, as my daughter Salma joined Foundation Stage One. A career change saw me achieve my teaching degree with the support of MES Cairo and two years later I walked through the gates again but this time as a teacher!

Time really does fly. This is my third year teaching at MES Cairo. My son and daughter are now in Years Two and Four, and as I walk through school it still amazes me how much MES Cairo has grown and how much history these walls hold. Mrs. Dajani, Ms. Ghada, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, Ms. Glancy, Ms. Mira, Mr. Shaker, Ms. Mimi, Madam Bata, Mr. Clement and Mr. Hana and, of course, Am Gadallah, have all been here from the beginning and remained constant through the years of growth and development.

MES Cairo continues to nourish children and young adults and give them countless opportunities to lead them to greatness.

I am lucky to have attended MES Cairo in its infancy, proud to be a graduate of this school, to have my children in this school and to now be a part of the learning journey and experiences of the coming generations of MES Cairo graduates. I am sure it will continue to flourish and our children will be proud and make us proud.



Ms. Deena with Year One Yellow this term

Ms. Deena Abu Hassan – Year One Yellow Teacher and MESConian Class of 1998

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KARMAH SABRY (CLASS OF 2004)

I was one of the first students to join MES Cairo when it first opened in Cairo, Egypt. Countless memories rush back when thinking about MES Cairo... from participating in school plays, dressed up in dinosaur costumes and singing onstage, to learning the choreography to the numerous dance routines with Mrs. Carol Godfrey. There are so many, I can't seem to narrow it down and choose just a few fond memories. My memories are of favourite



My first class photo - I am the one refusing to wear school uniform!



With my sister outside our shop in Diplo

brand, 'The Sahara Collection', and opened up two new stores, one in Zamalek and the other in Diplo Three, on the North Coast. The Sahara Collection is about combining today's high-end fashion with Egypt's diverse cultural mix and rich vintage elements into the finest and most comfortable fabrics and styles. It is about providing a service to

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teachers, staff and classmates, sports day, art classes and gymnastics after school and, of course, Ms. Ghada and Mr. Godfrey.

I graduated in the Summer of 2004 with classmates who also grew up with me and were at MES Cairo since the very first day. My love for Art and Media progressed when I decided to study both at the AUC. I further progressed in Art by taking classes and a fashion design course after graduating which then led me nicely into the field I am working in now, Fashion Design.

My family has had a clothing factory since 1990. In 2011, my sister Zeina and I joined them to create our community with affordable, on-trend clothing and it is something I am very passionate about.



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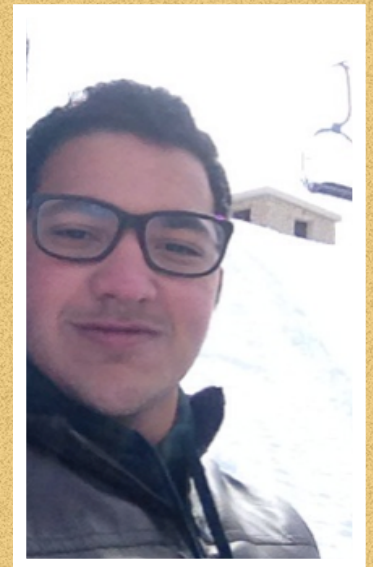
NADINE ARAFA – Class of 2005



I graduated from MES in 2005 and I obtained a B.A. in Psychology from AUC in 2009. After gaining work experience in a psychiatric hospital and in a centre for children and adolescents with learning difficulties, I applied and was accepted into the Counselling Psychology Master's Programme at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. I graduated in May 2014 and I am currently in the process of becoming a licensed psychotherapist through the Order of Psychologists in Quebec, Canada.

MICHAEL ERIAN – Class of 2012

I graduated from MES Cairo in 2012 and I am now a sophomore studying Business Administration at AUC. I enjoy taking part in several clubs at AUC that focus on civic engagement and community work where we get the opportunity to visit orphanages, repair houses and teach uneducated young people.



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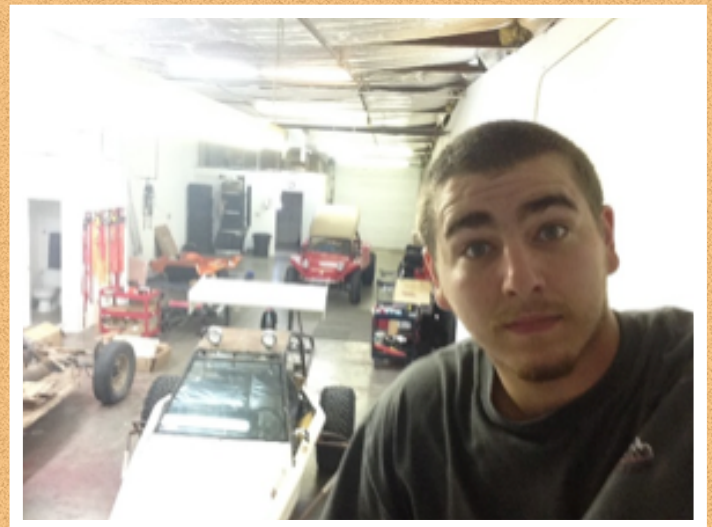
ALY OSMAN – Class of 2009



I graduated from MES Cairo in 2009. I then went on to AUC where I graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (concentration in finance). I am now in the process of opening my own marketing firm as well as being involved in managing some of our family businesses; a travel and tourism firm and also a hotel.

AHMED MADFAI – Class of 2008

I graduated from MES Cairo in 2008 before going on to the Universal Technical Institute, Arizona, USA. I earned Associates in Automotive Engineering in 2012 and have since undertaken an apprenticeship with CanAm. I am currently building and servicing off-road Volkswagen vehicles and ATVs.



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About the **MES Cairo Alumni Association**

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Every year we publish one issue of the **MESConian**, an alumni newsletter highlighting not only various events within **MES Cairo** but also those pertaining to the Alumni community. We need to hear from you! Please send us information about what you have been doing since you graduated from **MES Cairo**. We want to hear about your job, where you live, who you are married to and we even want to know about very small details, like whether or not you have heard your own sweet pitter-patter of tiny feet! Send photos and updates to alumni@mescairo.com.

If you have been getting together with **MES Cairo Alumni** classmates, then please tell us all about it and send us photos of your gathering!

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