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# Annual Report 2020-21 Academic Year

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# **Our Brands**

The Stirling Schools group, established for over 27 years now in Iraq & KRG, has been successfully operating private and international schools across the country for more than a quarter of a century.

# Stirling Schools operate in 6 major cities of Iraq and KRG with the following brands:

- Ishik & Nilufer Schools (Ronaki Hawler Education Company) Erbil City
- United Science Colleges Sulaymaniyah City
- Ronaki Duhok Education Company Duhok City
- · Baghdad Ishik Schools Baghdad City
- Kirkuk Cag Schools Kirkuk City
- Basra Ishik Schools Basra City



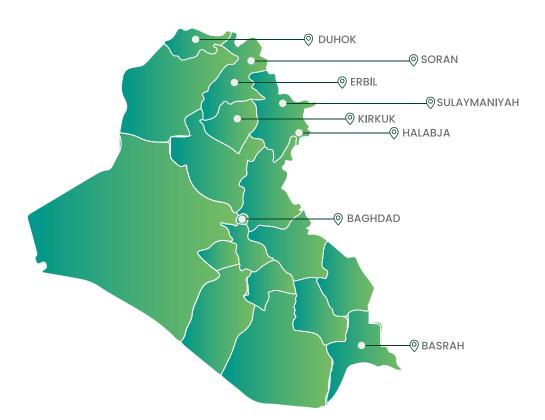














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# INTRODUCTION

As Stirling Schools, we value reflection and self-evaluation for betterment of our educational services and institutional development.

We believe an effective reflection and evaluation on what has been achieved in the previous academic year will serve as a crucial guide for better operations the preceding academic year.

This annual report, prepared by Stirling Schools Board of Education, Iraq, aims to celebrate the success as well as to have a self-evaluation to determine the areas of development.

Furthermore, it is intended to provide shareholders such as the Board in London and Iraq, administrators, teachers, all other stakeholders, and other interested people information about the 2020-2021 Academic Year activities.

It has been really challenging to keep our institutions and services going through a pandemic like Covid19 that has stormed the whole world. We would like to once again thank our dearest teachers and staff that provided their best support and contribution.

We have stuck out among the ones that provide the best and most efficient educational services during the Corona period in the world. This year 210,345 online lessons were delivered on MyMercury. 3000 new recorded lessons were added to last year's 12,300 recorded lessons library. 4281 online assessments were done. 28,510 online assignments were assigned by our teachers. These numbers speak for themselves to show how big the achievement is during these hard times.

2020-2021 academic year was very productive for us in terms of national and international achievements.

13 Students achieved Top 3 rank in KRG Wezary Exams 2021.

3 students of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya, and Erbil achieved the first place in all Kurdistan, our 7 students achieved the second place, 3 students of our schools achieved the third place.

Our students made us proud with outstanding achievements in international scientific olympiads.



All were very encouraging points of pride for us, but the most exceptional one was that Iraq's First Medal in the International Math Olympiad (IMO) was won by our student. The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is the most prestigious mathematics competition in the world.

Thanks to outstanding commitment and efforts by our staff and school leaders, we have achieved several projects that this annual report summarizes.

As Stirling Schools Board of Education, we would also like to extend our genuine appreciation to our General Directors for their endless support and leadership in every challenge we face.

We are delighted to extend our sincere gratitude to our CEO, Dr Umed Aruzery, for his reassurance, direction and support.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our Stirling Education London office and in particular, our Global CEO, Timothy Fisher, for always being there when we needed it.

Finally, we are blessed to work together as a team with all our other coordinating departments: Guidance and Counseling Department, Public Relation Department, Accounting Department, Digital Team, Principals, Academic and Guidance Deputy Principals, and of course, our most valuable colleagues, teachers.

We are incredibly thankful to collaborate with every one of you to achieve better and better for the people of this country.

**Board of Education**Stirling Schools



# STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT —

# In-Service & Orientation Training Program for Leadership Teams

This series of in-service training was conducted for Stirling Schools Administrators for 2020-21 Academic Year.

The overall aim of this in-service training is to familiarize and refresh the decision-makers and implementers of the education program to improve their efficiency and effectiveness in managing the schools and subject departments.

All leadership teams and subject department heads participated in a 5-day training program that covers 10 important online training sessions, which are:

- Education in Global Perspective
- · Overview of Stirling Education Model
- · Guidance in Today's World
- Schools & Public Relations
- Accreditation & Implementation
- Developing Digitally
- School Leaders as decision-makers and the importance of taking the initiative
- Etiquette & Protocol
- Mercury E-School Management System
- ISO & Implementation



# **Books and Resources Training Webinars**

Before the classes of 2020–21 Academic year starts, our subject departments designed and planned their educational services and delivery in their department meetings and workshops. These workshops were also supported by Books and Resources Training Webinars which were designed and organized in collaboration with UK Teachers Academy, Cambridge University Press, Starlight Publishing, and Jolly Phonics.









The overall aim of this in-service training program is to familiarize the implementers of the education program with Stirling Education Model and its components and resources, to refresh the knowledge of educators, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the subject departments, to have a fresh start with effective classroom performance.

Professional trainers from Cambridge University Press, Starlight Publishing, and Jolly Phonics delivered interactive webinars that aim to help teachers get familiar with and gain expertise in the pedagogy and resources to deliver Stirling Education Model and curriculum framework.



# Stirling Schools Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Handbook

As Stirling Schools Group, we strive to develop and support our teachers and staff for their continuing professional development.

To achieve this significant goal, the Stirling Schools Office of Education developed and introduced Stirling Schools Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Handbook to its valuable staff members and school leaders.

The purpose of this handbook is to guide Stirling Schools to plan, implement, and monitor effective Continuing Professional Development (CPD) strategies for its teachers.



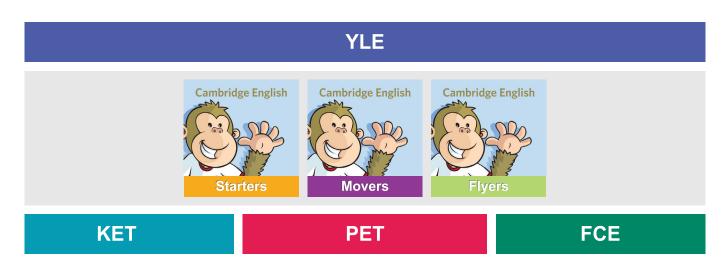
Our staff will find practicable guidelines and strategies for the development of professional skills and practices designed around achievable expectations. Our educational leadership and school administrations will support staff professional development and assist all staff in an ongoing way to reach and to maintain the standards of the Stirling Schools Teacher Profile.

We believe that having professional development for teachers will eventually make learning better in classrooms.



### **Cambridge Examiner Training**

Stirling Schools are centers authorized to run the Cambridge YLE (Starters, Movers, Flyers), Key, Preliminary, and First exams. We offer these official exams on various dates and we also prepare candidates for the exams.



We have agreed with GEMS, a general representation of Cambridge English Language Qualifications to grow our official examiners to run the official exams. Within this initiative, selected candidates from our schools received an online training from Cambridge Assessment.

These examiners from our schools conducted the Cambridge English Examinations in our schools in 2020-21 Academic Year.





### **English Language Award Program Continued**

The 'English Language Reward Program' is developed by Stirling Education Board in partnership with UK Teachers Academy, an accredited institution by City & Guilds.



The primary purpose of this program is to reward the teachers for their effort to improve their English language proficiency.

Teachers who achieved their English Proficiency targets received certificates from UK Teachers Academy.

We will continue to support and reward our teaching staff's language development within our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) framework.



### **Mentorship Program**

Within our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) framework, we implemented mentorship program at our schools to provide support, guidance, and advice to teachers to help them enhance their teaching skills to develop professionally.

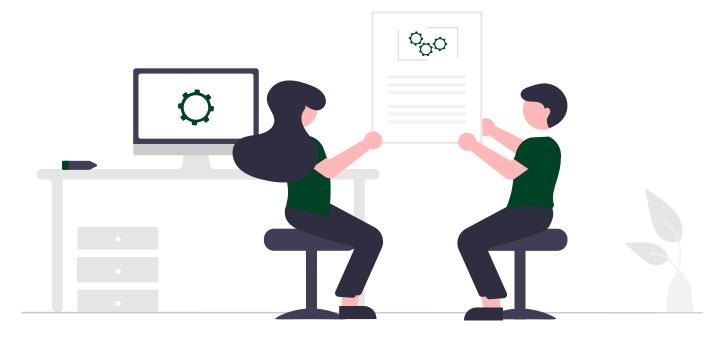




In this model of CPD, an experienced teacher (mentor) supports and assists a less experienced teacher usually for a year until the mentee feels comfortable in teaching and other educational matters. Stirling Schools educational leadership assists and monitors mentoring processes and activities.

While teachers benefit from the knowledge and experience mentors can provide, more experienced teachers have the opportunities to refresh their skills, deepen their knowledge, or extend their expertise into a new area of work. Mentoring programs helps to develop confidence and improve the quality of teaching.

In cooperation with UK Teachers Academy, Stirling Schools Office of Education also provides a comprehensive training program for mentor teachers on how to mentor teachers effectively.





# "Fundamentals of Educational Leadership" training for Stirling Schools in Erbil

UK Teachers Academy, Stirling Schools professional development partner, delivered a 10-hour training entitled "Fundamentals of Educational Leadership" for current and aspiring school leaders of Stirling Schools in Erbil in December and February.

The participants of UKTA's training received their certificates in a ceremony.

In his speech, Mr Sakar Ismail, General Manager of Stirling Schools Erbil, stated his appreciation for the UK Teachers Academy (UKTA) for assisting the organization of this training and emphasized their commitment to developing more projects with UKTA for staff professional development.



Stirling Schools is committed to continuing institutional development and staff professional development to provide quality services for all stakeholders and the community.

To meet this important goal, Stirling Schools developed partnerships with UK Teachers Academy.



### **Pre-Service Principal Certification Program**

July 4-5-6, 2021

In collaboration with UK Teachers Academy, Stirling Schools Office of Education organized the Pre-Service Principal Certification Program for our newly appointed principals.

Principal Pre-Service Training Program aimed to equip new principals with fundamental school leadership skills and practices within Stirling Schools context through a comprehensive training program.

The training program covered the following topics:

- School Principal's Job Description
- School Leadership
- · Stirling Education Model and Curriculum Framework
- · Teacher Professional Development and CPD Management
- School Accreditation
- Fruitful Meeting
- Protocol Awareness
- Calendar Management and Managing School Weekly Routines
- · Stress and Crisis Management
- Effective Communication
- Principal's Role in Guidance Services
- School Financial Management
- Public Relations





### **Pre-Service Training For Candidate Teachers**

July 3 - August 12

In collaboration with UK Teachers Academy, Stirling Schools Office of Education organized a 30-day comprehensive Pre-Service Teacher Training Program for the candidate teachers of Stirling Schools. The program aims to provide a comprehensive pre-service training model for the candidate teachers.



The program was also designed to guide and support the responsible supervisors and mentors with practical guidelines and training sessions.

The program was implemented by assigned supervisors and mentors along with UKTA trainers. The program has clear objectives and standards within a coherent framework endorsed by well guided practices and samples.



#### **Program Overview:**

- A comprehensive training program.
- 30 Days
- 38 Training Topics
- 76 Hours Teacher Training
- 56 Hours English Language Development Courses
- Model Lessons Observations
- Demo Lesson Teaching
- Practical Assignments
- · Mentoring by Experienced Stirling Teachers
- International Certificates from UK Teachers Academy
- Social Activities

#### Who attended?

Over 90 participants attended the training program. They were candidate teachers of Stirling Schools who are fresh graduates of the Faculty of Education and some trainee and pre-junior teachers assigned by their school management.

Participants who completed the course program successfully received their certificates.

UK Teachers Academy generated a comprehensive report for each individual participant covering:

- Attendance rate
- English Placement Test Score and Pre-course English Level
- Final English Progress Test Score and Post-course English Level
- English Instructor's Evaluation
- Assignment Completion Rate
- Model Lessons Observed by the candidate
- Demo Lessons Taught by the candidate
- Demo Lessons Evaluation Score Average
- Overall Performance Score and Result Statement
- Interview Statements by the Candidate



# Pre-Service Training For Deputy Principals Academic (DPA)

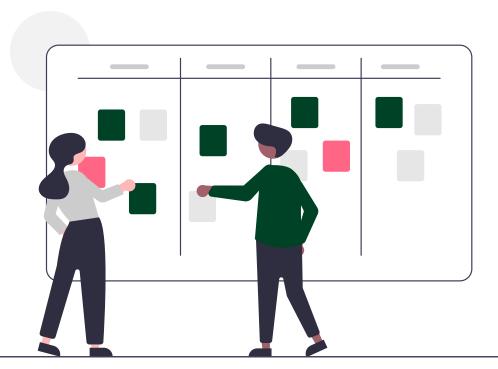
July 5-6, 2021

In collaboration with UK Teachers Academy, Stirling Schools Office of Education organized the Pre-Service Training For Deputy Principals-Academic (DPA) for our school academic coordinators.

Pre-Service Training Program for DPAs aimed to equip deputy principals -responsible for academics- with fundamental educational leadership and academic coordinator skills and practices within Stirling Schools context through a comprehensive training program.

The training program covered the following topics:

- DPA's Job Description
- DPA's Roles as the Academic Coordinator Supervising the Academic Departments
- Stirling Education Model and Curriculum Framework
- Teacher Professional Development and CPD Management
- School Accreditation
- · Calendar Management and Managing School Weekly Routines
- Supervising Co-curricular Activities
- Olympiads Organization and Supervision





# City & Guilds Accredited Certificates for Our Teachers and School Leaders

As our professional partner, UK Teachers Academy provided City & Guilds Accredited Certificates for Our Teachers and School Leaders for certain training programmes delivered by UK Teachers Academy for our staff members.



Some of those certification programmes were:

- Online Learning through Recorded Lessons Program
- School Leadership in Online Learning at K-12 Schools
- Teaching Online at K-12 Schools Course

Our professional development partner, UK Teachers Academy, is accredited by one of the world's most reputable and prominent organizations, City & Guilds - a British Royal Organization- as meeting its quality assurance criteria. Therefore, our teachers benefit from accredited training programmes by UK Teachers Academy and receive internationally recognised certificates.



### 2021-2022 CPD Calendar & Development Plan

In order to assist schools and academic departments implement our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Framework more effectively, Stirling Schools Office of Education prepared CPD Calendar & Development Plan for the 2021-2022 academic year.



This Development Plan and calendar was prepared to guide schools and departments in year long Continuing Professional Development activities in the 2021-2022 academic year.

This plan guides schools and departments with periodical targets and scheduled CPD activities and outlines the CPD framework in the academic calendar.



This document is a supplementary support guideline to Stirling Schools Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Handbook.

Scheduled activities, checkpoints, and targets in this document and more shall be included in each school's school development plan.

#### 2021-2022 CPD Calendar Quick Facts



47 Leadership Training



98
Teacher
Training in
English



**26**Teacher
Training in
Arabic



26 Teacher Training in Kurdish



Administrative Staff Training



UKTA E-Courses



06 Peer Observation



03 Lesson Observation (by supervisors)



05 Video Summary



U5 Story Book Summary



Voice-recorded Presentations



O1 Essay Writing



O1 Model Recorded Lesson



**03**Reading
Books on
Teaching



### **Cambridge Train the Trainer Course 2021**







UK Teachers Academy, in collaboration with Cambridge Assessment, offered the second "Train the Trainer" online course for Stirling Schools.

The course intends to help experienced teachers to develop the knowledge and skills needed to train colleague teachers working in different contexts. More specifically, participants learn how to run training sessions, observe teaching and give feedback.

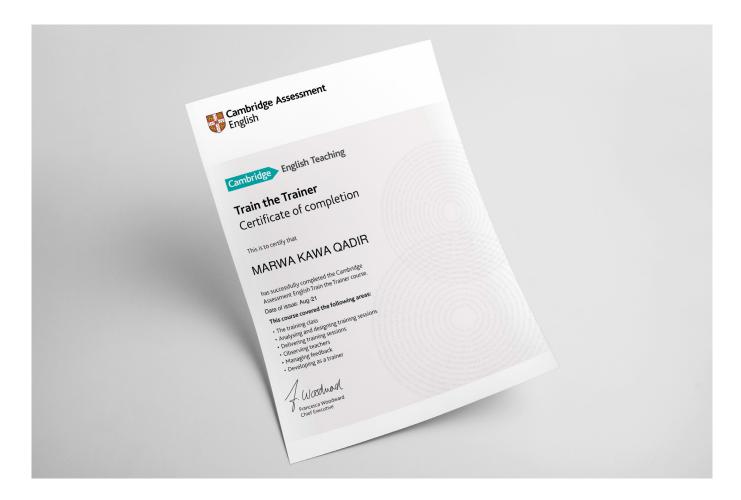
Our overall goal is to grow and have our internal Teacher Trainers to train and coach other Stirling teachers at schools.





This year 15 Stirling Teachers successfully completed the course and joined the 24 trainers who completed the course in 2020.

This year we especially included national teachers to support the non-English subjects. They will be able to deliver training sessions in Arabic and Kurdish for our teachers.



As our professional development partner, UK Teachers Academy involves our inner trainers who completed the Cambridge Train the Trainer Course in UK Teachers Academy's Trainer Framework, supervises and monitors the trainer professional development, and guides our trainers in how to prepare, deliver, and report training sessions.



# WEZARY 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

### Remarkable Success in Iraq Wezary 2021

#### 26 Students in Top 10

Stirling Schools has added another success to its history of achievements with remarkable results in the 2021 Wezary (National Bachelorette) Exams of the Republic of Iraq.

In the 2021 Wezary of Iraq, students of Stirling Schools achieved exceptional degrees.

26 students of Stirling Schools achieved the top 10 rank in the national scale. Our schools in Baghdad, Kirkuk, and Basra proved remarkably successful with one student winning first place and 6 students winning third place in all of Iraq. We congratulate our dearest students, their parents, and their dedicated teachers for their outstanding efforts and achievements.



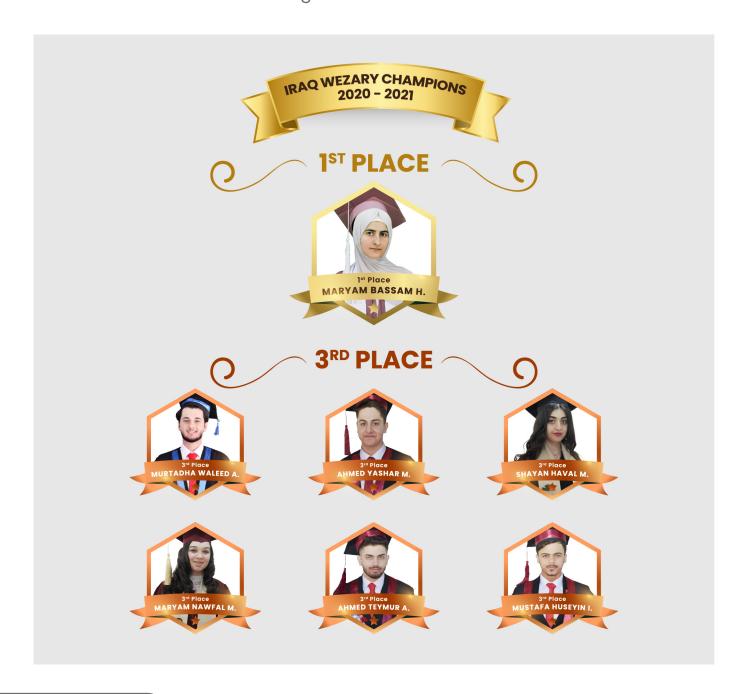


### 7 Students Achieved Top 3 Rank in Iraq Wezary 2021

In the 2021 Wezary (National Baccalaureate) Exams of the Republic of Iraq, students of Stirling Schools in Baghdad, Kirkuk, and Basra achieved remarkable degrees with notable results.

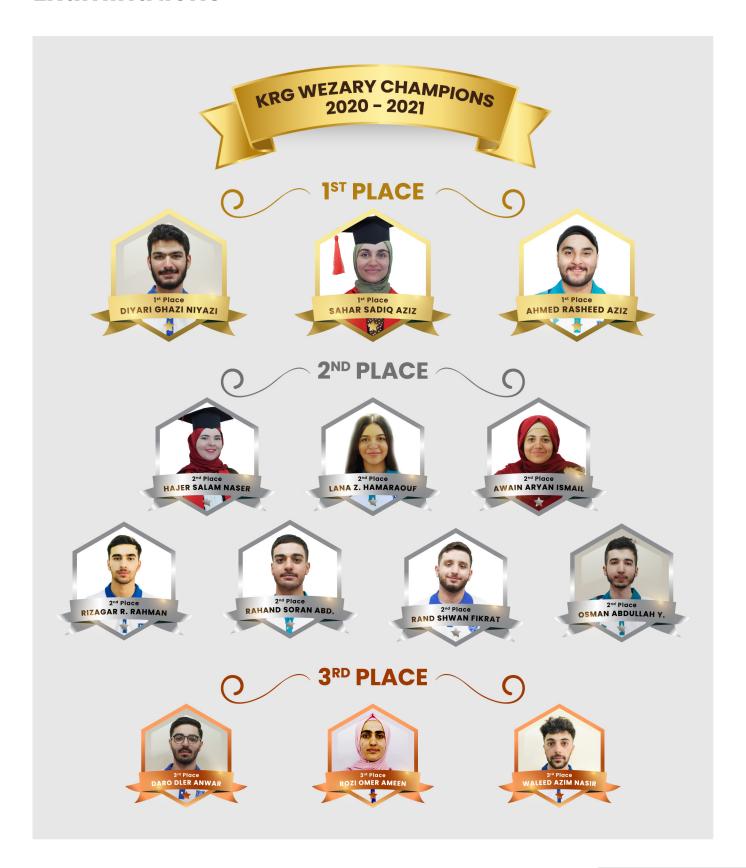
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# Outstanding Results from Stirling Schools in 2021 KRG Wezary (National Baccalaureate) Examinations





## 13 Students in Top 3 in KRG Wezary Exams

Stirling Schools added a new success to its tradition of achievements.

In the 2021 Wezary (National Baccalaureate) Exams of Kurdistan Regional Government, students of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya, Halabja, and Erbil achieved phenomenal degrees with outstanding results.

US Colleges of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya crowned their last year's achievements with 2 students who won 1st place, 5 students who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 3 students who won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place this year in all Kurdistan.

Ronaki Hawler Ishik and Nilufer Schools of Stirling in Erbil have also justified pride of first place and second places. I student from Stirling Schools in Erbil achieved the 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2 students achieved the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in all Kurdistan.

We congratulate our dearest students, their parents, and their dedicated teachers for their outstanding efforts and achievements.

Rigorous and well-designed curriculum and education model of Stirling Schools prepare our students for Wezary Exams by instilling required skills and knowledge in them.

Outstanding achievements in Wezary Exams are the outcome of a quality 12-year educational journey with experienced teachers, support classes and courses, mock exams, and summer Wezary courses.



### 3 First Places in KRG Wezary Exam

#### Amazing Success by Students of Stirling Schools

In the 2021 Wezary (National Baccalaureate) Exams of Kurdistan Regional Government, 3 students of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya, and Erbil achieved the first place in all Kurdistan.



As Stirling Schools Group we congratulate with great appreciation and admiration our dearest students

- Sahar Sadiq Aziz from Nilufer Girls High School of Stirling Schools in Erbil
- **Diyari Ghazi Niyazi** from Salahaddin Boys' College of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya, and
- Ahmed Rasheed Aziz from Salahaddin Boys' College of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya

for their phenomenal success.

We also sincerely congratulate their parents and their dedicated teachers for their outstanding efforts and achievements.



#### **Erbil Governor Awarded Stirling Schools Erbil Student**



Student of Stirling Schools-Erbil, Sahar Sadiq, who won first place in Kurdistan Wezari Examinations 2021, was awarded by Mr Omed Khoshnaw, Governor of Erbil.

#### General Directorate of Education of Sulaymaniyah Awarded Top 3 Students in KRG Wezary Exams

General Directorate of Education in Sulaymaniyah awarded the students who achieved top 3 rank in the city in KRG Wezary exams, including 10 students of Stirling Schools Sulaimaniya.

US Colleges of Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniya crowned their last year's achievements this year with 2 students who won 1st place, 5 students who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 3 students who won the 3rd place 2021 KRG Wezary Exams.





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# Stirling Schools Sulaymaniyah Awarded Successful Students in KRG Wezary Exams.

We are proud to sustain the tradition of achievements as Stirling Schools this year with our Champions of Wezary 2021 in Kurdistan.

To celebrate and honor their outstanding achievement, Stirling Schools Sulaymaniyah Awarded 49 students who achieved the top 10 in the KRG Wezary Exams.



Our Global CEO, Mr Timothy Fisher, congratulated the students for their achievements and awarded them -the champions.

Two cars have been granted to 2 students who achieved first place in Kurdistan in the Wezary exams.



We congratulate all students who sat for the exams and became champions. We also congratulate all the teachers, administrators, and dedicated staff who supported the students during their academic journey.

The rigorous and well-designed curriculum and education model of Stirling Schools prepare our students for Wezary Exams by instilling the required skills and knowledge in them.



# Stirling Schools Sulaymaniyah Awarded Wezary Champions with 2 Cars

Stirling Schools Sulaymaniyah Awarded 49 students who won the top 10 in the KRG Wezary Exams.





Our Global CEO, Mr Timothy Fisher, congratulated the students for their achievements and, on behalf of Stirling Schools Sulaymaniyah, presented the 2 car keys to the 2 students who achieved first place in KRG Wezary Exams.

We congratulate our champions for their phenomenal success and wish them a successful and productive college life.





# Stirling Schools Erbil Awarded Their Wezary Champion with a Brand New Car

Stirling Schools Erbil organized an award ceremony to celebrate the achievement of their Wezary Champions.



Officials, parents, teachers, and many guests participated in the ceremony to celebrate and honor our dearest students' achievements.

Students who achieved top 10 rank in KRG Wezary Exams 2021 received their awards of appreciation.

Stirling Schools Erbil also awarded their Wezary Champion who achieved first place in Kurdistan with a brand new car.

We congratulate our dearest students, parents, and dedicated teachers for their outstanding efforts and achievements.



# Appreciation and Awarding Ceremonies for 2020 Wezary Iraq Champions

#### Basra Wezary 2020 Award Ceremony

Stirling Schools in Basra organized an award ceremony in honor of their students who achieved great success in Iraq Wezary (National Bachelorette) Examination 2020.



In the ceremony on December 21, 2020, fresh graduates of Stirling Schools in Basra received their awards and gifts honoring their success and efforts in utmost appreciation.

Valuable guests and parents attended the ceremony to praise our students' outstanding achievements.

Dr. Abdulhussein Salman, Director of National Education of Basrah, gave the award of the first places of Iraq Wazary Exam.



We would like to thank Dr. Abdulhussein and our venerable guests Mr. Hasan Al-Ataby, Education Consultant of the Basrah Governor; Captain Baseem Ghanem Hannon, Police Department Media Manager of Basrah; Mr. Jawad Kadhim Zaboun, Head of the Private Schools Department; and Mr. Kasim, Chief Inspector for Primary Schools of Basrah, for honoring this event.



We would like to once again congratulate our dearest students, their parents and teachers for their achievements.

We also thank the organizing committee for this encouraging ceremony.



### Awarding Ceremony for Stirling Schools in Kirkuk

Kirkuk Cag Schools of Stirling Schools Group, achieved phenomenal success in Iraq Wezary (National Bachelorette) Examination 2020.

Cag Schools of Stirling Schools Group in Kirkuk enjoys justified pride of having 8 students with first place, 3 students with second place, and 3 students with third place in the national scale.



To honor this outstanding achievement of our students in Kirkuk, an awarding ceremony was observed with the participation of Mr. Timothy Fisher, Global CEO of Stirling Education, and Dr. Umed Aruzery, CEO of Stirling Schools-Irag.

Honorable officials of the City of Kirkuk and our beloved parents joined us in this great moment of pride.

Our students who made us proud with remarkable achievements were awarded with honoring certificates and special gifts.

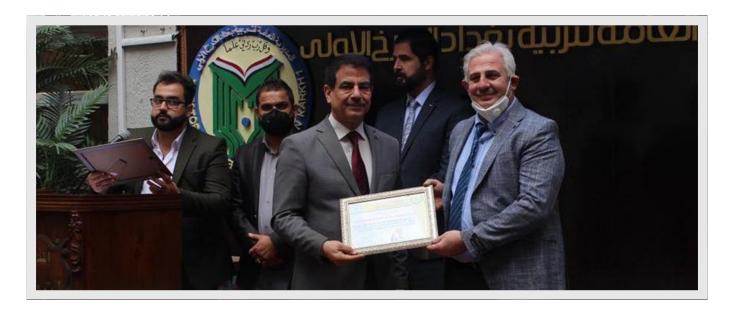
We would like to thank our honorable guests, our global CEO, our CEO-Iraq, our beloved parents, and bright students for these memorable moments.



## Stirling Schools Achieved the First Rank Among All Schools in Baghdad

Baghdad General Directorate of Education awarded Stirling Schools in Baghdad with certificates of appreciation for their success in the 2020 Wezary (National Bachelorette) Exams of the Republic of Iraq.

Stirling Schools in Baghdad **achieved the first rank** among all schools in Baghdad with a considerable number of top students in the 2020 Wezary (National Bachelorette) Exams of the Republic of Iraq.



Mr. Miran Abdulhamid, General Manager of Stirling Schools in Baghdad, congratulated Stirling Schools in Baghdad with an appreciation letter.

In his letter, Mr. Miran Abdulhamid stated his appreciation for the commitment and dedication of teachers, administrators, parents and students in this great achievement. He also emphasized his wishes for further achievements.

We would like to thank to Baghdad General Directorate of Education for their appreciation and congratulate our schools in Baghdad for this phenomenal success.

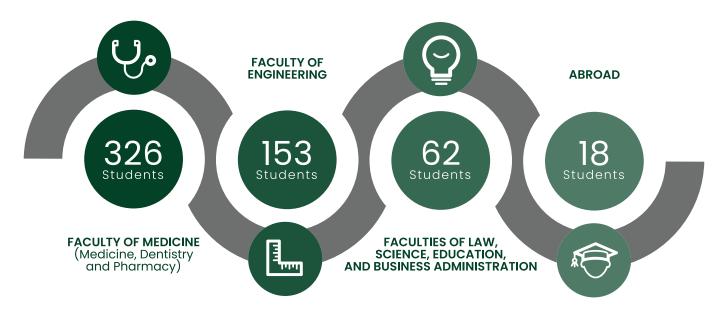


## UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT-

## Stirling Schools Class of 2020 University Placement

Stirling Schools Class of 2020 crowned their success in the National Baccalaureate (Wezary) exams with outstanding university placement results.

Our students are placed in the top universities and top faculties and departments in the country.



We congratulate our dearest alumni, their families, and our dedicated teachers behind these phenomenal results.



## **Outstanding Success by Stirling Schools Graduates**

We would like to proudly announce that our student from Erbil Ishik High School Class of 2019, **Mustafa Hasan**, earned a Scholarship at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**.







Mustafa has been studying at Stirling Schools since Grade 7, and he has participated throughout his school life in so many international Olympiads and won different medals for his school. In the academic year 2019–2020 at 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Mustafa got 98.57 in the Wezary (National Baccalaureate) Exam and won the 6<sup>th</sup> place in Kurdistan.

Riham Jameel from Stirling Schools Baghdad Class of 2020, got admitted to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) in the United States.

Muaz Asim Topal from Stirling Schools Sulaimaniyah Class of 2020, got admitted to Carnegie Mellon University of the United States.

We are proud of our students!

We would like to congratulate Mustafa Hasan, Riham Jameel, and Muaz Topal, their families, and his dedicated teachers for this great achievement.

Stirling Schools prepare and guide their students in their journey to the high ranked national and international colleges and universities with comprehensive support services and college counseling.









### **College Counseling Webinar Series**

Stirling Schools Office of Education and Guidance Department organized "College Counseling Webinar Series" for our students.

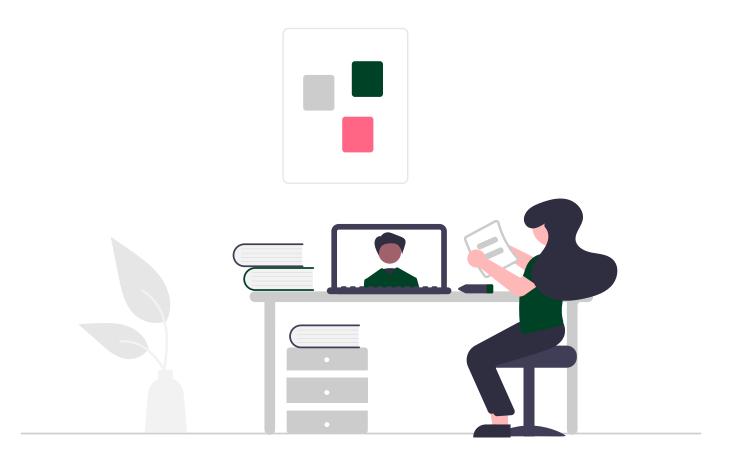
Each webinar focused on a different country which is popular among students who want to study abroad: such as the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom.

Within these webinar series, educational experts and consultants from those countries informed our students about:

- Admission Requirements
- Admission Procedures
- · Opportunities and Student Life in those countries
- Tuition Fees and Scholarships

Besides, our graduates who got admitted to the universities in those countries and students who already study college in those countries shared their experiences with the participants.

These webinar series will also continue in 2021-2022 academic year.





## **ONLINE EDUCATION**

### 2020-2021 Online Education in Numbers

2020-2021 Academic year has been very productive in terms of online education at Stirling Schools.

As in the 2019-2020 academic year, Stirling Schools continued delivering a comprehensive online and blended education in 2020-2021 academic year in order to support their students in these extraordinary times.





Our online education model is internationally accredited and recognized by City & Guilds Accreditation.



It is conducted through a secure and effective e-learning management system. Within Stirling Online Education model;

- Learner data and progress is constantly tracked
- Individual support services are provided for students
- · Students have individual meetings with teachers
- · Online remedial classes are provided to support learning
- Online Counseling services help students adapt challenges and plan their careers







### Stirling Schools Online Education Model consists of three main components:

01. Live Lessons



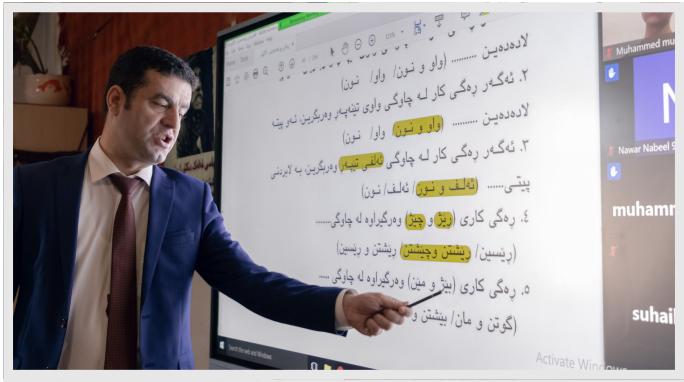














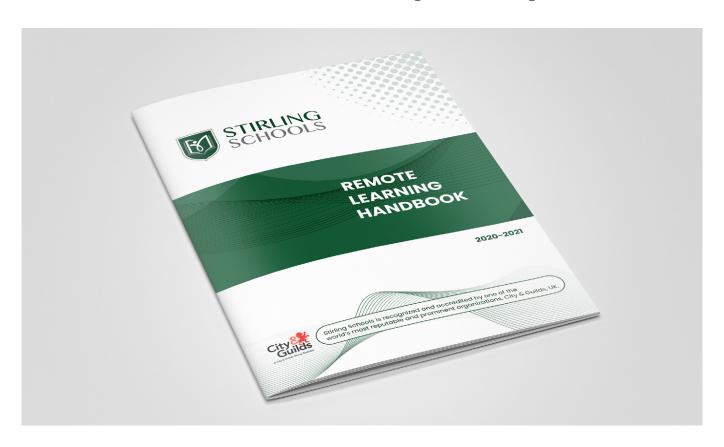




### Remote Learning Handbook

Stirling Schools -with a well-attended team- prepared Remote Learning Handbook to create a roadmap for administrators and teachers regarding online education to be implemented in Stirling Schools.

This handbook which consists of 12 chapters describes the Stirling Schools Online Education Model under the following subheadings:



- Issues and arrangements that teachers should take into consideration during shooting videos,
- Issues that a school should take into consideration while organizing online education and managing the process
- How to arrange online department meetings in order to ensure the unity and coherency of the curriculum and support the development of teachers in online education,
- Activities, competitions, clubs, international and national Olympiads, and competitions to keep alive the idea that the student is a social individual -which is one of the most important factors in the Online Education model of Stirling Schools,



- Remedial lessons, preparatory and reinforcement lessons held in order to support students' learning, as well as orientation and online parent meetings to prepare students and parents for the education period and inform them,
- The function and operations of our Guidance and Student Counseling departments in online education, which is the most important factor in the success of our education model as Stirling Schools,

In addition, it includes guidelines by the Stirling Digital Unit on technical equipment and tools that teachers and students can use in online education.

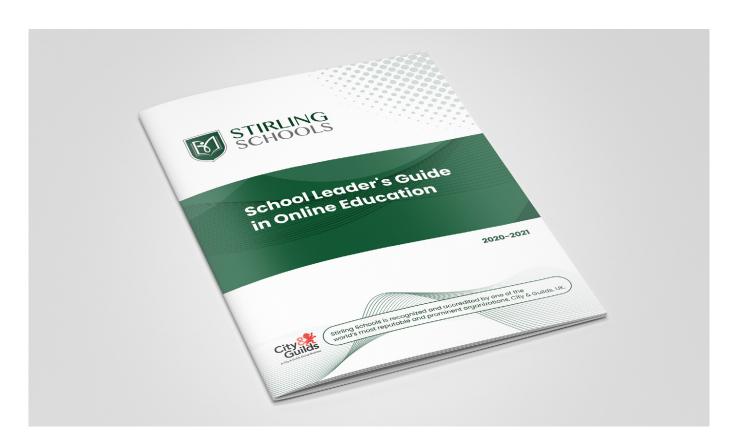
The handbook is made available to all Stirling Schools, administrators, teachers, and to all individuals and stakeholders we serve.



### School Leader's Guide in Online Education

Stirling Schools Office of Education prepared a guide booklet entitled "School Leader's Guide in Online Education" for school administrators.

This document aims to guide school administrators in assisting teachers in online education and facilitating effective online teaching and learning. The key point of this guidebook is that administrative provisions in online education should be done systematically for the purpose of supporting teachers and without sole administrative concerns.



This guide booklet provides guidelines for all administrative provisions and responsibilities in an effective online education.



## "My Lesson" (A Short Guideline for an Interactive Online Lesson)

Teaching online has surely been very challenging for many of us, and this is no different for students and confused parents.

In order to assist teachers design and deliver an interactive online lesson, Stirling Schools Office of Education prepared a short guideline.



This short guideline describes what an effective and interactive lesson looks like in online education. In short, it focuses on how we can make the most out of a 40-minute online lesson.

It effectively describes the procedures of an online lesson in which students actively participate and learn rather than just watching a screen teaching.



### "Effective Online Education" Booklet

This summary document is prepared as a supportive guide for Stirling Online Education Model to enhance the effectiveness of online education which is projected to continue throughout this academic year.

It is essential that teachers and students should be motivated by developing a clear understanding that online education is not a temporary solution and shall continue this year, and thus, both groups should try hard to participate in online education interactively.



This booklet aims to guide teaching staff, administrators, parents, and students in the following titles in online education:

- Classroom Setting
- Teacher Responsibilities
- Parents in Online Education
- Management
- Student Responsibilities
- Technology and Facilities



## Webinar Series: "Supplementary Apps in Online Teaching"

In collaboration with UK Teachers Academy and MyMercury Online School Management System, Stirling Schools Office of Education organized a webinar Series entitled "Supplementary Apps in Online Teaching."

This webinar series aimed to provide training for teachers on alternative online teaching tools that can help teachers design and deliver online lessons more effectively and interactively.

This webinar series included the following topics:

- MyMercury Question Bank and Online Tests
- Using Edpuzzle in Online Teaching
- · Using Quizizz in Online Teaching
- Using Padlet in Online Teaching





## QUALITY ASSURANCE & ACCREDITATION —

### **Accreditation Process**

Stirling Schools are Internationally accredited and recognized by one of the world's most reputable and prominent organizations, City & Guilds, a British Royal Organization as meeting its quality assurance criteria.

Our International Accreditation Body, City & Guilds, is recognized and immensely supported by the BRITISH EMBASSY in Baghdad.

With the educational accreditation and quality assurance process with City & Guilds, Stirling Schools seek and ensure considerable advantages to protect the interests of our students, parents, the academic institutions and departments, and our employees by ensuring that the educational programs offered are at a level that meets the recognized standards in the field.

Within our accreditation process, our Quality Assurance Officer at Stirling Schools Head Office coordinated with City Accreditation and School Accreditation Coordinators throughout the year.

Schools are supported with constant guidance from the head office also through regular meetings and internal quality assurance evaluation visits.

Stirling Schools Office of Education also prepared **Stirling Schools Accreditation Handbook** to assist and guide schools in the process.

This Accreditation Handbook consists of standards and performance indicators based on the benchmark model of City & Guilds Accreditation.

This guideline is also supposed to be a tool for schools' institutional and operational development and self-assessment.







## **Accreditation Inspections**

Within our accreditation and quality assurance process with City & Guilds, all our schools went through an inspection process this year.



It has been an invaluable experience for our schools to be evaluated by an external quality assurance body and get feedback on the quality of our educational services.

City & Guilds quality assurance consultants and experts generated comprehensive reports for each of our schools, and these reports will serve as an important guide for our school development plans and institutional quality assurance.



## City & Guilds Accredited Certificates for Our Students

As an internationally accredited institution by City & Guilds, we started providing exclusive certificates from City & Guilds Accreditation for our students.

These certificates are internationally recognized and verify the completion of our Students' grade level. These certificates provide international confirmation that the student has completed his/her studies in a quality school with an accredited education program.

Having these certificates as an international verification, our students graduate with authentic documents which are internationally valid for progression and employment in Europe, USA, UK, Asia, Australia, and Africa.





Certificates are generated and provided by City & Guilds London Office. They are originally issued by City & Guilds on a special security paper which is:

- Anti-copy
- Anti-scam
- With UV security markings
- · With online verification

As Stirling Schools, we continue to endorse your academic background with our international partners.



## College Board K-12 School Code (CEEB Code) for Our High Schools

As Stirling Schools, we strive to ensure that the education and certification our students receive are internationally recognized and authenticized.

Within this vision, we ensure that all Stirling High Schools have College Board K-12 School Code (CEEB Code) besides City & Guilds Accreditation. This year, we completed the College Board K-12 School Code process for our high schools that didn't have the code.

Right now, 11 out of 20 schools in all Iraq that have College Board K-12 School Code are Stirling High Schools.

4 of our high schools are still in the process of getting the code.

SCHOOL NAME	СІТҮ	CEEB CODE
Baghdad Ishik Boys School	Baghdad	674014
Duhok Ishik Boys College	Duhok	674005
Duhok Ishik Girls School	Duhok	674009
Kirkuk Cag Boys College	Kirkuk	674006
Kirkuk Cag Girls College	Kirkuk	674007
Nilufer Girls High School	Erbil	674003
Private Erbil Ishik College	Erbil	674001
Private Soran Ishik College	Erbil	674004
Ronaki International School - Erbil	Erbil	674015
Roonaki Salahaddin Ayyubi Girls High School	Sulaymaniyah	674002
United Science International School	Sulaymaniyah	674016



College Board K-12 School (CEEB) Code is a unique identification number assigned to high schools and colleges by the College Board.

The CEEB Code is what will allow the school to submit forms and documents on behalf of the applicant for international universities.

High School Codes are necessary for standardized test results, such as the SAT and AP, to reach the proper schools and scholarship programs.

Getting the code is a kind of accreditation process through which the College Board recognizes and verifies the school's curriculum and certification.

## **Occilege** Board

The College Board is an American nonprofit organization that develops and administers standardized tests and curricula used by K-12 and post-secondary education institutions to promote college-readiness and as part of the college admissions process.



## INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS————

## Cambridge (ESOL) English Exams Administered

As authorized centers of Cambridge English Examinations, our schools successfully administered Cambridge ESOL Examinations

Our schools run the examinations for 255 students in safe and healthy conditions with well-trained and dedicated staff members.

Students got their official results verifying their English levels.

We congratulate our students who took the tests and our dedicated staff who proctored the exams safely.

Stirling Schools are centers authorized to run the Cambridge YLE (Starters, Movers, Flyers), Key, Preliminary, and First exams. We offer these official exams on various dates and we also prepare candidates for the exams.





### **TOEFL Exams Administered**

As exclusive centres authorized to run the TOEFL Primary Step 1, Step 2 and Junior examinations, Stirling Schools administered TOEFL English Tests for their students.







This year, our schools run the TOEFL Examinations for more than 70 candidates in n safe and healthy conditions with well-trained and dedicated staff members.

Students got their official results verifying their English levels.

We congratulate our students who took the tests and our dedicated staff who proctored the exams safely.

We are also authorized to manage the TOEFL ITP exam for high school students. We offer these official exams on various dates and we also prepare candidates for the exams. Our official exam and preparation centres are located in Baghdad, Basra, Kirkuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Duhok, Soran and Halabja.





### CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

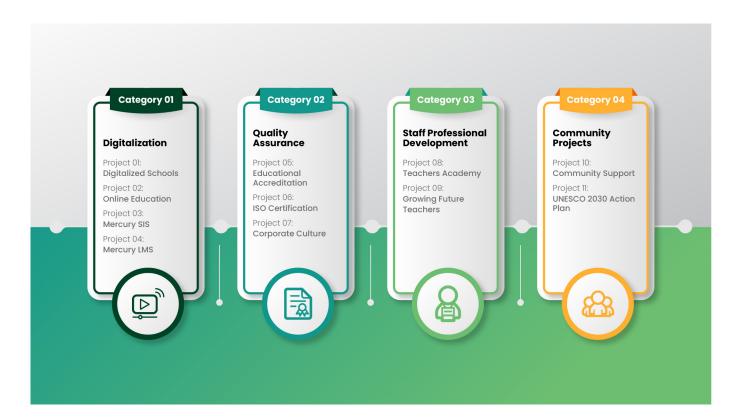
### **STIRLING SCHOOLS Strategic Planning 2025**

Stirling Schools Board of Directors released "Strategic Planning 2025" for all our stakeholders.

Stirling Schools is committed to continuing institutional development and staff professional development to provide quality services for all stakeholders and the community.

**Stirling Schools Strategic Planning 2025** intends to clarify priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals, establish agreement around expected outcomes, and assess and adjust its institutions' direction in response to a changing environment within its mission and vision.

Stirling Schools Strategic Planning 2025 is designed to achieve 11 important projects within 4 categories by the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of Stirling Schools in KRG and Iraq.





## **Stirling Schools Website Updated**

We are pleased to have Stirling Schools' Official Website up to date and ready to serve the schools, parents and students, and the community.



All information about our schools and Stirling Schools Education model can be found on our website along with the latest news: www.stirlingschools.co.uk





## Stirling Education Handbook Updated as "Stirling Schools Education Model"



Stirling Schools Education Handbook, which was released first in 2020, has been updated and redesigned as "Stirling Schools Education Model."

This comprehensive document includes all information about Stirling Schools Education Model and its standards, our curriculum framework for each key stage, our student and teacher profile, our guidance and counseling services, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, our exclusive educational services, our organizations, our international partners, Stirling Schools Action Plan within the UNESCO Education 2030 Framework, and more.

Stirling Schools Education Model is a descriptive document of what makes Stirling Schools special and its contents is the self-description of our motto "Reimagining Education."

It is made available to all stakeholders and guests so that everyone can have a sound and clear understanding of what Stirling Schools are and what our educational quality is.





### Stirling Schools Curriculum Handbook

In collaboration with the Board of Education and subject departments, Stirling Schools Office of Education prepared and released Stirling Schools Curriculum Handbook.

Our Curriculum Handbook includes all components of our curriculum framework, our curriculum development model and its implementation, and course descriptions for all the subjects and grade levels.



One can find all the details about our curriculum framework, curriculum standards, and an overview of learning outcomes for each course taught at Stirling Schools.

The document also serves as a guide for our teachers and subject departments in designing and planning their curriculum, creating their syllabi, and conducting curriculum development activities.



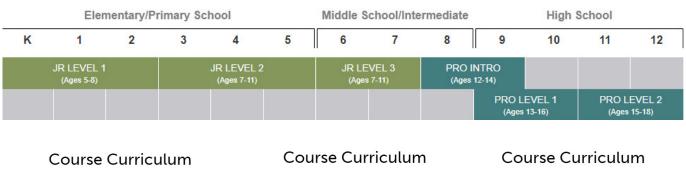
## **Internationally Certified Information and Technology (IT) Courses**

In cooperation with Code Avengers, which is an online digital technology education service, we redesigned our Computer Classes from grade 4 to grade 11.

Starting from 2021-2022 Academic Year, Stirling Schools offer Internationally Certified Information and Technology (IT) Courses that cover a range of topics in Computer Science/STEM, including Computational Thinking, Programming, and Data Representation.

As Stirling Schools, we implement a coherent education model with a strong digital curriculum, supported by excellent teaching and the latest technology.

#### Course Curriculum





Computational Thinking is what happens before you hop onto a computer and start coding awesor programs. This track will help you become an expert in designing solutions to problems before you start coding.



computers do cool things by writing computer programs. You'll create interactive and animated scenes, and develop awesome games, all with code that you'll write yourself!



Learn how a computer is able to store books, music, photos and play games by representing data using just zeros and ones. Discover patterns in everything and follow the history of numbers and data right from cavemen through the middle ages to today. Along the way watching out for the lions and robots trying to defeat you!





## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

## International Conference on Education & Teaching in K-12 Schools (ICET) 2021

"Empowering Education & Classroom Experience in the Post-covid World."

As Stirling Schools, we are proud to have organized the first of annual International Conference on Education & Teaching in K-12 Schools (ICET) on May 17-18, 2021.

The International Conference on Education & Teaching in K-12 Schools (ICET) is a joint educational event organized by Stirling Schools, Cambridge University Press, City & Guilds, and GEMS. It intends to promote education and contribute to the development of the schools and teachers' professional development.











ICET 2021 brought together teacher trainers, educational experts, and community leaders from the national and international community. Presentations in ICET were delivered in three languages: English, Arabic, and Kurdish. ICET was organized for the first time in 2021.

ICET has been aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Goal 4, and UNESCO Education 2030 Framework for Action UNESCO 4.C.







ICET 2021 was organized under the aegis of KRG Ministry of Education, and with the support of Ministry of Education of Iraq, the British Embassy Baghdad and British Consulate General Erbil, and IBBC. 17 reputable universities of Kurdistan and Iraq along with 4 international institutions, including University of London and Cambridge Assessment, officially supported the ICET 2021.

ICET 2021 is an online conference that focuses on the theme **"Empowering Education & Classroom Experience in the Post-covid World."** 



ICET 2021 started with an opening ceremony on May 17, 2021 at Rotana Erbil Hotel.

Mr. Alan Hama Saeed, Minister of Education of KRI, and Mr Umed Khoshnaw, Governor of Erbil, delivered opening remarks.

Mr. James Thornton, British Consul-General of Erbil, delivered a keynote address on behalf of the British Embassy Baghdad and British Consulate General Erbil.

Mr. Chris Sowton, an international educational consultant, presented a keynote entitled "We need some space: grasping for the COVID dividend in education."

Ms. Kim Insley, teacher educator, from University of London presented a keynote entitled "Empowering Teachers: lessons post-covid."

ICET 2021 ended with an online closing ceremony. Dr. Gita Subrahmanyam, International Education Expert of Research and Consultancy, delivered a closing keynote presentation entitled "Transformations to adapt to global disruptions."



















# Stirling Schools Sponsored "Instructional Leadership" Training Series for Inspectors of Kirkuk General Directorate of Education

In coordination with Kirkuk General Directorate of Education and Stirling Schools in Kirkuk, UK Teachers Academy, which is our professional development partner, delivered a series of training for the inspectors of Kirkuk General Directorate of Education on January 30–31, 2021.



The event is sponsored and hosted by Stirling Schools in Kirkuk.

Our sponsorship for UK Teachers Academy's Special Training Series for Kirkuk General Directorate of Education intends to promote education and contribute to the development of teachers and school leaders in Kirkuk.

The training received very positive feedback from the participants who are head inspectors of Kirkuk General Directorate of Education.

We would like to thank Kirkuk General Directorate of Education for their collaboration, Stirling Schools in Kirkuk for their sponsorship, and all participants who kindly attended the training program.



Stirling Schools is committed to continuing institutional development and staff professional development to provide quality services for all stakeholders and the community. To meet this important goal, Stirling Schools developed partnerships with UK Teachers Academy which also entails growing teacher trainers among experienced teachers of Stirling Schools.

As a leading figure in the educational market in the country, Stirling Schools continually provide professional consultancy services and support for the community and public institutions.









## Our CEO Presented at Iraq Digital Transformation Summit

Dr. Umed Aruzery, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors, presented at Iraq Digital Transformation Summit.

Iraq Digital Transformation Summit draws together hundreds of innovative digital technology companies with their Iraqi counterparts to accelerate Iraq's digitization strategy. The Iraq Digital Transformation Summit is the first event of its kind supporting Iraq in managing its digital transformation strategy, mobilizing the power of technology to achieve a world-class quality of life for its citizens, and improve Iraq's competitiveness within the global economy.

Dr. Umed presented on "Digitizing Schools" within the EduTech category. He shared insights on how to digitally transform schools for better educational services within the Stirling Schools experiences.

'Digitalization' is an important part of Stirling Schools Strategic Planning 2025.

For more information: <a href="https://iraqdigitalsummit.com/">https://iraqdigitalsummit.com/</a>

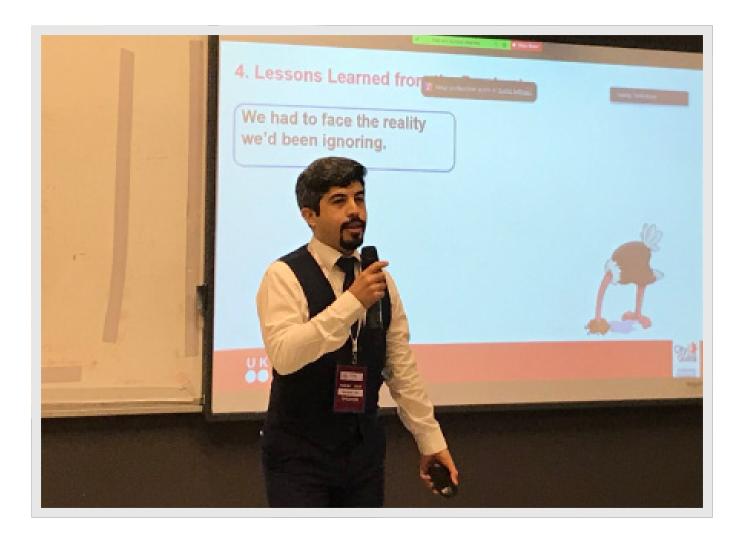




## Stirling Schools Contributed to 4<sup>th</sup> National Sharing Experience Workshop (NSEW 2021)



Experienced teachers and school leaders from Stirling Schools attended the 4<sup>th</sup> National Sharing Experience Workshop (NSEW 2021) organized by the Faculty of Education of Tishk International University under the theme "Professional Development for Pre-Service Students".



Our experienced teachers and leaders shared their field experiences with the teachers of the future- senior grades of the faculty of education.



We would like to thank our dearest staff who contributed to the event with their experiences and Tishk International University for inviting us to participate in the workshop.

Stirling Schools is committed to contribute to the development of the schools and teachers' professional development in Iraq and KRG.







"Reimagining Education"

Stirling Schools align their educational strategies and goals with the UN's 2030 targets. Stirling Schools (SS) have set an action plan to reach the targets set by UNESCO's Education 2030 Framework for Action.

**UNESCO 4.c** By 2030, substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially the least developed countries and small island developing States.

**SS: A.8** Stirling Education has established their Teachers' Academy which is internationally accredited by City & Guilds and which aims to nurture qualified teachers and provide teacher training programs for all governmental and private sectors.



# Our CEO Spoke in "Rebuild Iraq 2<sup>nd</sup> Iraq Economic Development Summit"

Dr Umed Aruzery, CEO of Stirling Schools Group, attended Rebuild Iraq 2nd Iraq Economic Development Summit which was held on 27-28 June in Baghdad as a panelist.



Dr Umed discussed with other panelists in the panel session on THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN IRAQ about the following topics:

- Human capital crisis and education reform.
- Programmes to support education standards and schooling in Iraq.
- Online learning, training, and education platforms to digitise Iraq's education.
- · What skills and practices are multinationals targeting?
- Neweducation initiatives to support youthemployment, and entrepreneurship.
- · How to choose the right career path in Iraq?

Taking place in Baghdad on 27-28 June 2021 and organised in close collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, and Iraq's National Investment Commission, Rebuild Iraq is dedicated to showcasing project opportunities for multinational companies in sectors other than oil and gas, supporting Iraq in its mission to diversify its economy and spur foreign direct investment.



For more information: <a href="https://rebuilding-iraq.com/about-the-event/">https://rebuilding-iraq.com/about-the-event/</a>

As a leading figure in the educational market in the country, Stirling Schools continually provide professional consultancy services and support for the community and public institutions. Our schools function as a role model for the other educational institutions with its quality education, community integration, English language teaching, achievements in the national and international competitions and olympiads.





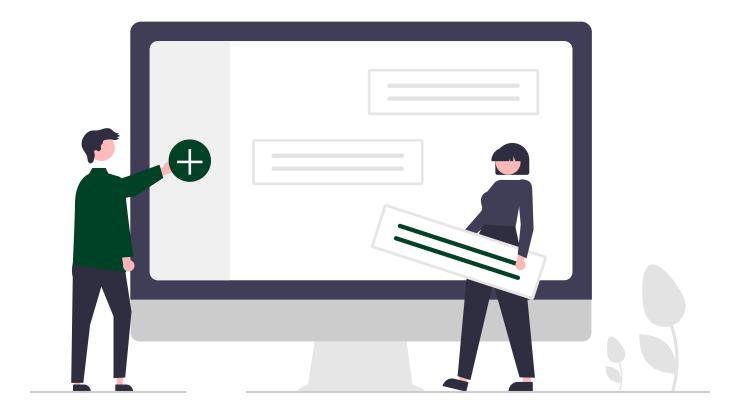
### **Mentoring Student Teachers**

Stirling Schools welcome student teachers 4<sup>th</sup> grade students of faculty education- from universities for teaching practicum every year.

Stirling Schools proudly take the responsibility of contributing to community development by getting involved in the training of its future educators. While student teachers gain practical experience in our schools, our teaching staff also gain mentoring experience, have opportunities to share their experiences, and sharpen their instructional leadership skills.

Stirling Schools Office of Education provides systematic guidance for the teachers who mentor student teachers. We also provide training for mentors to coach student teachers.

This year, over 100 student teachers from different universities and departments completed their teaching practicum at our schools and were mentored by our experienced teachers.





### **E-Library Project with KRG Ministry of Education**

In cooperation with Kurdistan Ministry of Education, Stirling Education Digital Department started developing the E-Library Project for Kurdishspeaking students.

The purpose of this project is to provide an online and physical platform for students through which they can access library resources and services, to facilitate Kurdish Language learning, and help students gain reading habits.

The platform will include resources designed for age, level, and other categories enriched with visuals, audios, and videos.

School administrators, educators, and parents will also be able to track student progress with the help of the E-library's reporting system.

The platform will be also available for schools to use as an online library management system through which schools can manage their physical libraries.





# Free Education at Stirling Halabja Communal Colleges

Since 2010, Stirling Schools have been providing quality education for free at Stirling Halabjay Shaheed Communal Colleges for Boys and Girls.

Every year, our communal schools in Halabja admit 50 boys and 50 girls with full scholarships through admission tests.

They receive quality education for free from our dedicated teachers. Students of our communal schools in Halabja are renowned for their success countrywide.

We are proud of our students of Stirling Halabja Communal Colleges for their achievements in Wezary Exams, and national and international competitions.







# INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS —

# Outstanding Success by Stirling Schools in KRG Grade 9 State Exams (Nishtimani)

Stirling Schools in Kurdistan Region achieved great success in KRG Grade 9 State Exams (Nishtimani) with remarkable scores.

STUDENTS	CITY	SCORE	
83 Students		Over 95	
135 Students	Kurdistan Region	Over 90	
Our schools in Kurdistan Region achieved an average score of <b>82.5</b> in general.			

STUDENTS	CITY	SCORE	
37 Students		Over 95	
66 Students	Erbil	Over 90	
Our schools in Erbil achieved an average score of <b>75</b> in general.			

STUDENTS	CITY	SCORE	
3 Students		Over 95	
5 Students	Duhok	Over 90	
Our schools in Duhok achieved an average score of <b>95</b> in general.			



STUDENTS	СІТҮ	SCORE	
43 Students		Over 95	
64 Students	Sulaimaniyah	Over 90	
Our schools in Sulaimaniyah achieved an average score of <b>78.8</b> in general.			

We would like to congratulate our students, their parents, and our dedicated teachers for this great achievement, and wish our students a successful and productive high school education.



### **Olympiad Achievements**

#### Iraq's First Medal in International Math Olympiad (IMO)



Phenomenal Success by Stirling Schools Student in International Math Olympiad (IMO) 2021.

5 students of Stirling Schools represented the Iraq IMO team in the Olympiad.

**Muhammed Ali Othman** of Stirling Schools **Sulaymaniyah** showed a great performance and **won the bronze medal**.

This is the first medal won by Iraq in the history of the olympiad.

We congratulate our student, all Stirling IMO team who represented Iraq, his

parents, and our dedicated teachers who supervised

and prepared the IMO team.

The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is the most prestigious mathematics competition in the world. This year, 62nd IMO was held in St Petersburg, Russia on 19-20 July 2021. 600 students from more than 100 countries participated in the competition.

Contestants tried to answer 6 problems for a total of 9 hours. IMO is the toughest competition in its field.

Moreover, successful students of IMO usually have a chance to get scholarships from famous universities around the world. Last year, one of our former IMO students, Mustafa Hasan Khalil was accepted to MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) which is the 4th best university in the world.



#### **Amazing Results in Kangaroo Math Contest**

Our students achieved amazing results in Kangaroo Math Contest.





Kangaroo Math Competition is currently the world's largest math competition with more than 6 million participants from 93 countries in 2020.

Stirling Schools students actively participate in international scientific olympiads. Experienced teachers supervise in preparations for olympiads and other national/international competitions.

#### Our Students Passed to the Finals in HIPPO English Olympiad



Stirling Schools, in coordination with Global Hippo Association, has organized the 10<sup>th</sup> International Olympiad in English Language with support of Pearson and Gatehouse Awards.

HIPPO "English without borders" Olympiad is an International Competition which promotes English language, challenges students around the globe to compete in English language knowledge, and improves the cooperation between teachers. The competition encourages the development of a shared sense of identity and integration, and serves as a role model for young people living together as one community.

Main goal is to create and nourish friendly relations, international understanding and a spirit of sporting competitiveness between young people interested in the English language from all around the world.



From different parts of Iraq, we have had a total of 584 students participating in the test and we had semi-finalists from different categories.

Hippo Little	19 Students
Нірро 01	16 Students
Нірро 02	06 Students
Нірро 03	09 Students
Hippo 04	14 Students
Нірро 05	03 Students
Hippo S19	01 Students

What is more, having participated in the semi- final round, four of forty nine Stirling Schools students have successfully passed to the final round which will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.

STUDENTS	CITY	НІРРО
Yara Aws Mahdi	Baghdad	HIPPO 01
Dina Sami Waly	Erbil	HIPPO 02
Rasan Kamal Ismael	Erbil	HIPPO 03
Saha Muhammed Kamil		HIPPO 04

We congratulate our students for passing to the final round and wish good luck in the final round.

Stirling Schools students actively participate in international scientific olympiads. Experienced teachers supervise in preparations for olympiads and other national/international competitions.



# Outstanding Success by Stirling Schools Basrah in Teeneagle International Online English Language Competition



Our students of Stirling Schools Basrah have joined an international English competition which is called "Teeneagle". They have achieved outstanding results. This competition has two steps; in the first step our students had an online examination and students who succeed in the first step will have a chance to go to England next year.

We would like to congratulate students who won eligibility to join the second step.

Our students of Stirling Schools Basrah have won:



#### 06 students

Honorable Mention

Teeneagle is an International Online English Language Competition for students from grade 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> which is accredited and certified by one of the UK remarkable top colleges; Brooke House College.

Teeneagle challenges students and gives them the opportunity to showcase and also improve their respective English skills in this globally recognized institution, so that they are able to communicate with the same common language.



#### Success in VILIPO by Stirling Schools in Kirkuk



Stirling Schools in Kirkuk (Cag Schools) participated in the *Vilnius International Project Olympiad (VILIPO)* held in Lithuania with 2 wonderful projects.

Our students won bronze and honorable mention medals.

VILIPO is an exciting international competition for students aged 13–19. VILIPO promotes a global understanding of environmental issues and the achievement of sustainability through basic science, arts, technology and engineering.

We congratulate our students, their parents, and dedicated teachers at Kirkuk Stirling Schools for this great achievement.

Stirling Schools support and prepare their students for national and international science and mathematics competitions to contribute to their development academically and socially.

#### Remarkable Success in International Math Challenge (IMC)



Students of Stirling Schools achieved remarkable success in International Math Challenge (IMC) competitions. Our students brought pride with 2 Silver Certificates, one Bronze Certificate, and 2 Honorable Mentions.

STUDENTS	CITY	AWARD	
Haya Ihab Alateya	Danasah	O'll and	
Mohamed Husam Alkhaleeli	Basrah	Silver	
Yousif Mustafa Ali	Basrah	Bronze	
Mohammed Alfath Sameer	Duhok		
Sara Gardi	Erbil	Honorable Mention	



We congratulate our dearest students and parents for this international achievement and offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation to their dedicated teachers.

International Math Challenge (IMC) is a competition which has been held for nine years and hosted many brilliant international students from all around the globe to compete in Thailand. IMC IX in early 2020 was participated by more than 900 students from 60 schools in 17 countries.

# Great Achievements in Mendel's Biology International Olympiad (MBIO)

Stirling Schools in Baghdad welcomed the 2020-2021 academic year with great news of success!



Students of Baghdad Stirling Schools achieved remarkable success in Mendel's Biology International Olympiad. Our students won one silver and six bronze medals in MBIO 2020.

We congratulate our dearest students and parents for this international achievement and offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation to their dedicated teachers in Stirling Schools Science Department.

Mendel's Biology International Olympiad is an international Biology competition which brings together brilliant students globally.

# Our Students Earned Honorable Mention in International Eduversal Mathematics Competition (I-EMC) 2021.



Stirling Schools continue to add more and more to their achievements with a silver and two honorable mention medals in the International Eduversal Mathematics Competition (I-EMC) held in Indonesia on March 20, 2021.

Our students from Kirkuk Cag Schools (Stirling Schools in Kirkuk) are awarded with three honorable mentions in the competition.



We would like to congratulate our dearest students, their families, and dedicated teachers.

I-EMC 2021 is an online international open competition in mathematics. This competition is hosted by EDUVERSAL, an education company based in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the second time after I-EMC 2020.

International Olympiads are regarded as an essential part of our educational provision for gifted and highly talented students.

#### Owlypia Achievements by Stirling Schools Duhok



Our students in Stirling Schools Duhok achieved outstanding results in Qwlypia -The Intellectuals' Challenge.

Stirlings Schools Duhok attended Owlypia 2021 with two teams of Grade 4 and 6. Individually our 3 students won silver medals and one student won a bronze medal.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team won the bronze medal as a team, and our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade team won the silver medal.

In addition, our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade team is honored as the "best team" in the competition.

Our teams' achievement is honored in an online awarding ceremony.

We congratulate our dearest students and parents for this international achievement and offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation to their dedicated teachers in Stirling Schools Duhok.

Owlypia is an exciting international competition for students aged 9-11 (OWLINS), aged 12-14 (OWLETS) and 15-18 (OWLYS). Owlypia aims to inspire intellectual curiosity in every young mind and has a central theme each year. Owlypia was founded in 2017 by Perceptum Education, a certified Social Enterprise based in London, UK.

Stirling Schools students actively participate in international competitions and scientific olympiads.

Experienced teachers supervise in preparations for olympiads and other national/international competitions.



# Achievement in Rwanga Mathematics Competition 2020

Rekar Hiwa Ahmed, our student at United Science Halabjay Shaheed Communal Boys' College, won Second Place in the Mathematics Competition 2020 which was held by Rwanga Foundation.

We proudly congratulate our deserving student, his beloved parents, and his dedicated teachers for this exceptional success.





# American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2021



Our students of Stirling Schools Erbil achieved inspiring success in American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2021.

AMC 10 was held on February 10, 2021 and 25 students of Stirling Schools Erbil participated:



AMC 12 was held on February 10, 2021 and 26 students of Stirling Schools Erbil participated:





AMC 8 was held on November 14, 2021 and 28 students of Stirling Schools Erbil participated:



American Mathematics Competitions (MAA AMC) is an international mathematics competition organized by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

The American Mathematics Competitions are a series of examinations and curriculum materials that build problem-solving skills and mathematical knowledge in middle and high school students.

- American Mathematics Competition 8 (AMC 8): AMC's middle school level competition.
- American Mathematics Competition 10/12 (AMC 10/12): AMC's high school level competition.

Stirling Schools are official representatives of AMC exams in Iraq.

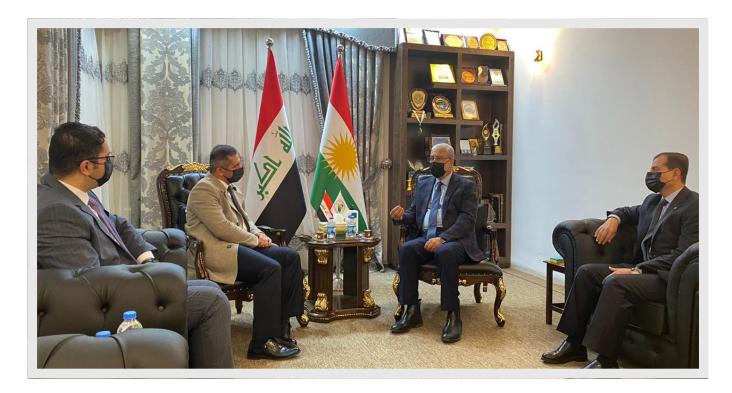
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### **VISITS**

# Deputy President of Parliament of the Republic of Iraq, and CEO of Stirling Schools discussed the education process in KRG and Iraq.

Dr. Bashir Hadad, Deputy President of Parliament of the Republic of Iraq, kindly hosted Dr. Umed Aruzery, CEO of Stirling Schools, and Mr. Sakar Ismael, General Manager of Ronaki Hawler Education Company, to discuss the education process.



In this kind reception on November 30th, 2020, Dr. Bashir and his guests shed light on the ongoing education process at the times of Coronavirus conditions, and highlighted the importance of continuing studies in schools both in Kurdistan Region and South of Iraq.

Dr. Bashir Haddad kindly celebrated the quality of education programs in our schools and the remarkable success of our students. In the meeting, the support of both Ministries of Education and the Iraqi Parliament for education and our schools were highlighted, and our delegation offered their high gratitudes and thankfulness for this support.



Emphasizing the importance of education for the region, both sides once again agreed that this valuable support for education shall continue for a bright and wealthy future.

We would like to kindly thank Dr. Bashir Haddad for his support and this kind reception. Stirling Schools will always be committed to creating nurturing, supportive and collaborative communities of learners as its mission and vision refer.



# The Commercial Adviser of IBBC paid a visit to Stirling Schools in Basrah

The Commercial Adviser of IBBC (Iraq Britain Business Council), Mr Richard Cotton, and his team have paid a visit to Stirling Schools in Basrah to observe the high features and aspects of Basrah Ishik Schools, accompanied by the school's administration and general directorate.



Mr Cotton expressed complacency and gratitude for such a warm and sincere welcome by our school administration. Our students presented memorial gifts to our honourable guests. The guests could not hide their astonishment and were amazed upon witnessing the level of our students firsthand. The guests have complimented and encouraged the students after exchanging customary questions/answers to their heart's content.

The IBBC team had a tour of our school and observed the school's high-tech classrooms, modern labs and other high-quality features firsthand. They became equally surprised and pleased when they observed the presence of our highly trained and experienced national and international staff members who would serve at our schools.



They highly appraised our schools and expressed their good wishes for our progressive success. After the memorial photo, they bid farewell. That was such a pleasant and friendly visit for both parties.

Stirling Schools in Basra (Ishik schools) have always been distinguished schools in Basra's education field and always strive to do better.



# Visit By First Lady of the City of Basra and Director of Education of Basra

We had venerable guests.

The First Lady of the City of Basra, Mrs. Hadeel Salem, and Director of Education of Basra, Dr. Abdulhussein Salman, visited Al-Zaytoon School of Stirling Schools in Basra.



Our honorable guests got information about our education program, school facilities, and educational operations. They had conversations with our teachers and lovely students. It has been an encouraging visit during these challenging times in education due to the pandemic.

We would like to thank our valuable guests for honoring our schools and their invaluable support.



### **Visit by Prominent GSM Operator**

AsiaCell, leading GSM operator in Iraq, paid an encouraging visit to our Al-Zaytoon School in Basra.



Mr. Ali Abbas, Director of AsiaCell, arrived with gifts for our students.

The First Lady of the City of Basra, Mrs. Hadeel Salem, and Director of Education of Basra, Dr. Abdulhussein Salman, honored the awarding and gift delivering ceremony.

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#### **Our Global CEO's Visit**

Mr. Timothy Fisher, Global CEO of Stirling Education, visited Stirling Schools in Baghdad and Basrah.



Following a busy schedule with Dr. Umed Aruzery, CEO of Stirling Schools-Iraq, Mr. Fisher had productive time with officials, school leaders, teachers, students, and parents during his visit.

Our students in Bagdad and Basrah welcomed him with great news of success in Iraq Wezary Exams.

Expressing his appreciation and rightful pride, Mr. Fisher awarded our beloved students who brought remarkable success and degrees in Iraq Wezary Exams.

Mr. Fisher and Dr. Aruzery also awarded the certificates of our students who achieved success in Cambridge English Exams. Stirling Schools are certified centers that prepare students for Cambridge English Qualifications and authorized exam centers.

We would like to thank Mr. Timothy Fisher and Dr. Umed Aruzery for their encouraging visits and sharing these phenomenal moments with us.



## **CEREMONIES AND EVENTS-**

## Stirling Schools in Kurdistan Celebrated Kurdistan Flag Day

Stirling Schools in Kurdistan celebrated **Kurdistan Flag Day** with various activities.

One of the most encouraging of all is that Honorable Dr. Alan Hama Saed, Minister of Education of Kurdistan, joined online Flag Day celebrations of Ronaki Hawler Ishik and Nilufer Schools through video conferencing. His Honor congratulated our students and teachers for their respect and dedication for their flag and cultural and national values.



We would like to thank Dr. Alan Hama Saed for honoring our celebrations with his kind and encouraging visit.

Ronaki Hawler Ishik and Nilufer Schools of **Stirling Schools Erbil** celebrated Flag Day with an amazing video clip prepared by our students in cooperation with Kurdmax TV.

 $Our schools in {\it Erbil}\ honored the {\it Flag Day with online celebrations}\ and\ ceremonies.$ 



US Colleges of **Stirling Schools Sulaymaniyah** celebrated the Flag Day with online ceremonies and an amazing exhibition in Majidi Mall Sulaymaniyah. In the exhibition, visitors and the public enjoyed various beautiful Kurdistan Flag designs by our students in Sulaymaniyah.

**Stirling Schools in Duhok** honored the Flag Day with various online celebrations with students and onsite celebrations with teachers. Our schools in Duhok also celebrated Flag Day with a video contest about the Flag of Kurdistan.

We would like to thank all our schools, students and teachers for their dedicated contribution to this important day and congratulate all honorable people of Kurdistan for the Flag Day.

Stirling Schools strives to grow a generation who will combine modern science, universal ethics, and disciplined work needed to contribute wisdom, compassion, and leadership to a global society, while being dedicated to traditional values.











# Dr. Alan Hama Saed, Minister of Education of Kurdistan, joined online Flag Day celebrations of Stirling Schools Erbil.

Due to Covid-19 measures, our school observed Flag Day celebrations online this year.



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### Phonics Award Ceremony by Stirling Schools Basrah

Stirling Schools in Basrah organized an award ceremony for students of Grade 1 who completed Jolly Phonics program and learned how to read.



Students and their parents celebrated this special day with the teachers at school.

We congratulate our dearest students, their parents and dedicated teachers.

Stirling Schools Primary Sections implement Jolly Phonics Framework which is a comprehensive programme, based on the proven, fun and multi-sensory synthetic phonics method that gets children reading and writing from an early age. At the very early stages of Primary Key Stage 1, students develop skills to master phonetic knowledge: these skills are basically learning 42 letter sounds, letter formation, blending and segmenting sounds, and tricky words in phonics. Thus, our comprehensive English curriculum for Primary Stage 1 equips students with very fundamentals of language and communication skills.



# "I Can Read" Ceremony in Stirling Schools Baghdad

Stirling Schools in Baghdad organized "I Can Read" ceremony for students of Grade 1 who completed Jolly Phonics program and learned how to read.



In the ceremony, our lovely first graders demonstrated their reading skills and they received certificates for their great success.

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### **Reading Ceremony at RISE International School**

RISE International School of Stirling Schools group organized a reading ceremony for first graders who completed the Phonics program and learned how to read.



In the ceremony, our lovely first graders demonstrated their reading skills and they received gifts for their great success.

While some of our students participated in the ceremony at their school, others participated online.

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# **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Reading Together Week**

In order to raise awareness for reading and encourage families to read together, we organized "Reading Together Week" in the first week of the 2020-2021 academic year.

During this week, our students read with their families at home.



Our teachers also supported the program by meeting the students and reading with them online.

#### Live Storytelling with Zoe from London

We organized an exclusive Storytelling Event for its Key Stage 1 students across our schools. Zoe Humm from London hosted the event and met Stirling Schools Grade 1, 2 and 3 students live.

Zoe read an amazing and fun story online for our students.

Our aim was to continue to promote reading among our young learners.

This was a follow up activity organized for Reading Together Week.



## **Robotics Club at Stirling Schools**

Stirling Schools in Sulaimaniyah offered a Robotics Club for their students.

Students enjoyed learning how to make and program robots. It helps our students to become researchers, creative thinkers, critical thinkers, collaborative learners, and confident individuals as Stirling Schools Student Profile suggests.









Stirling Schools offer a rich variety of extracurricular clubs and activities which are full of excitement and learning opportunities for students. Extracurricular clubs create the opportunity to address different interests and abilities to reveal students' individual strengths and potential.

For more information about our Robotics club framework visit, <a href="https://iraq-krg.stirlingschools.co.uk/en/exclusive-educational-services/">https://iraq-krg.stirlingschools.co.uk/en/exclusive-educational-services/</a> robotics

For more information about Stirling Schools Extracurricular Clubs, visit <a href="https://iraq-krg.stirlingschools.co.uk/en/beyond-the-classroom/">https://iraq-krg.stirlingschools.co.uk/en/beyond-the-classroom/</a> extracurricular-clubs

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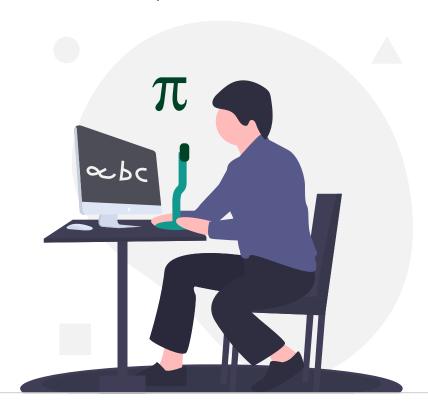




### Math Video Challenge at Stirling Schools Kirkuk

Stirling Schools Kirkuk organize Math Video Challenge, in which students display their amazing mathematical competency and presentation skills.

Students prepare a video about a math subject they choose and explain it in their own words with different ways and methods.



We thank Stirling Schools Kirkuk for this amazing extracurricular activity and congratulate students who participated in the competition with their exceptional skills.

Stirling Schools are committed to create a supportive, collaborative and dynamic community of learners.

Our schools offer a rich variety of extracurricular activities.

- Extra-curricular activities help students to
- · explore their potential
- develop social skills
- learn new skills
- learn teamwork
- learn time management.



### Charity Campaign in Stirling School Duhok

Students of Stirling Schools in Duhok have organized a charity for the students in public schools. They donated stationery for their 600 friends in public schools in Duhok.



Our students delivered their donations to the Duhok General Directorate of Education to deliver the donations to students in need in public schools.

We are proud of our students.

We would like to thank Stirling Schools in Duhok and their lovely students who are great care-givers as Stirling School Student Profile suggests.

#### Stirling School Student Profile: Care-givers

Stirling Schools Students are kind. They readily forgive others, demonstrate forbearance and are always ready to help people in need. People around they feel the comfort of having them close by as friends.



# **Book Fair in Stirling Schools Kirkuk**

Stirling Schools in Kirkuk organized a book fair for their students. Students and teachers enjoyed the book fair a lot. We are proud to see our students' commendable interest in reading.

We would like to thank Stirling Schools in Kirkuk for organizing this lovely event.





### Rubik's Cube Competition at Stirling Schools Erbil

Ronaki Primary School of Stirling Schools Erbil organized a Rubik's Cube Competition.



The Rubik's Cube is a 3-D combination puzzle that involves solving a variety of combinations.

It helps students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Stirling Schools Students are critical thinkers who aim to achieve the best possible outcomes in any situation. They are innovative and always open to learning new things. They can use their imagination and their critical thinking skills together to ensure that their cogitation is guided by meaning. Yet they can also take calculated risks, and be independent and flexible in their individual thought processes. They learn to develop their ability to find different solutions to a given problem.

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# "Reimagining Education"

