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King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

HSSP

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM









2026

KAUST ACADEMY

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HSSP 2026 in numbers



58

Talented high-school students taking part in the program

11

Tutors from around the world helping students complete their research

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more than

130 hours

Spent at KAUST/OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE in tutoring sessions

students came from

11 **Cities**

38 **Schools**

3

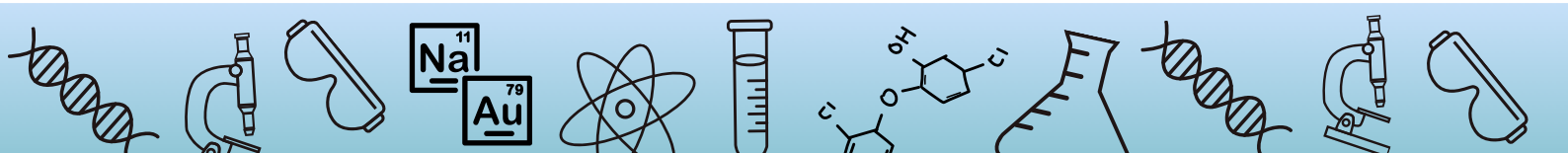
Global Institutions

Extracurricular activities include Lab tours, Museum visits, and so much more.

Introduction to HSSP

The KAUST High School Summer Program (HSSP) is a transformative six-week journey designed for exceptional students who are eager to push the boundaries of their intellectual and personal growth. Now in its most distinguished iteration, the program offers two parallel tracks, each set in world-class academic environments. The KAUST Oxford track provides a broad and interdisciplinary STEM curriculum, immersing students in daily training across mathematics, programming, physics, chemistry, biology, and leadership development. The KAUST Cambridge track is tailored for those with a deep affinity for mathematics and computation, offering advanced training in analytical problem-solving, algorithmic thinking, and innovation-driven project work. Both tracks begin with an intensive on-campus orientation at KAUST, where students build foundational skills and form lasting bonds with peers from around the world, before traveling to the United Kingdom to complete their academic residency at either Oxford or Cambridge. This dual-location structure ensures that participants experience not only the cutting-edge research culture of KAUST but also the centuries-old tradition of excellence that defines the UK's most prestigious universities. Throughout the program, students engage in collaborative research projects, attend distinguished guest lectures, and participate in curated enrichment activities that bridge classroom theory with real-world application. The curriculum is deliberately rigorous, yet deeply supportive, with expert faculty and mentors guiding each student through a personalized journey of discovery. Beyond academics, the program places a strong emphasis on leadership, communication, and cross-cultural understanding, equipping participants with the holistic skill set needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. By the end of the six weeks, students emerge not only with enhanced technical competencies but also with a clearer vision of their future academic and professional pathways.

What truly sets the KAUST HSSP apart is its commitment to long-term student success, which extends far beyond the summer itself. Upon completion of the program, participants are invited to continue their preparation journey through a comprehensive suite of post-summer support services. This includes remote SAT preparation sessions offered from September to October 2026, followed by an intensive on-campus College Admissions Preparation Camp at KAUST in November 2026. From there, students receive personalized mentorship and strategic guidance for their applications to top universities in the United States and the United Kingdom, with support continuing all the way through final admissions decisions in March 2027. This sustained investment in each student's future underscores the program's philosophy that summer enrichment is not an endpoint, but a launching pad for lifelong achievement. The program covers all major expenses including international and domestic flights, ground transportation, accommodation and full-board meals at both KAUST and the UK institutions, tuition and project materials, healthcare access, and all enrichment activities. Admission to the program is highly competitive and based on academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and leadership potential. Applicants must submit a complete online form, recent transcripts, and copies of their passport and national ID, with a minimum age of 16 by the UK flight date. The application deadline is 14 May 2026, with shortlisted candidates invited for interviews between 17 and 21 May 2026. For students who are ready to challenge themselves, forge international friendships, and take a decisive step toward their dream university, the KAUST HSSP offers an unparalleled springboard into a future of impact and discovery.



INTRODUCTION MESSAGE



Dr. Sultan Albarakati

Vice President of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology,
Saudi Talent Development

The KAUST High School Summer Program (HSSP) 2026 reflects our commitment to nurturing the exceptional talent and potential of Saudi Arabia's young generation. Through the Oxford and Cambridge pathways, students had the opportunity to experience world-class academic environments, broaden their perspectives, and develop the confidence and ambition to pursue their aspirations.

At KAUST, we believe that education goes beyond knowledge. It is about inspiring curiosity, encouraging students to ask meaningful questions, explore new possibilities, and envision themselves as future scientists, innovators, and leaders.

The HSSP experience offered much more than academic enrichment. It provided students with opportunities to build friendships, experience new cultures, engage with diverse ideas, and discover possibilities that may shape their future academic and professional journeys.

I am proud of all our HSSP students and the enthusiasm and dedication they demonstrated throughout this experience. I hope they will carry the lessons, memories, and inspiration of this summer with them as they continue to pursue their dreams.

This yearbook captures a memorable chapter in their journey—a chapter filled with learning, discovery, friendship, and aspiration.

May this be only the beginning of many more remarkable achievements to come.

INTRODUCTION MESSAGE



Mr. Tarek Shehata

Manager, Pre-University Programs

The KAUST High School Summer Program (HSSP) 2026 was a remarkable journey of academic exploration, intellectual growth, cultural discovery, and personal development. Through its two distinguished pathways, KAUST–Oxford and KAUST–Cambridge, the program brought together a talented group of high school students and provided them with an experience designed to inspire curiosity, challenge perspectives, and broaden their horizons.

The journey began at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), where students engaged in an intensive academic environment that encouraged inquiry, collaboration, and independent thinking. Through lectures, discussions, projects, and hands-on activities, they explored advanced concepts and developed new ways of approaching problems beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom.

The Oxford and Cambridge pathways then extended this experience into two of the world's most renowned academic environments. Students had the opportunity to experience the distinctive academic traditions of each institution, engage with new fields of knowledge, work collaboratively with their peers, and immerse themselves in the rich cultural and historical settings of Oxford and Cambridge.

Yet, the value of HSSP extends beyond academic enrichment. The program provided students with opportunities to build meaningful friendships, develop confidence and independence, work as a team, and experience the responsibilities that come with being part of a diverse and ambitious community of learners.

This book is a reflection of that journey. Its pages bring together moments from the classrooms, laboratories, projects, visits, activities, and shared experiences that made HSSP 2026 a memorable chapter for everyone involved. More than a collection of photographs and memories, it is a record of the curiosity, effort, friendship, and achievement that defined this summer.

We hope that these pages will bring back the excitement of those days and serve as a lasting reminder of the experiences, people, and moments that made the HSSP 2026 Oxford and Cambridge journeys truly special.

The summer may have come to an end, but the knowledge gained, friendships formed, and aspirations inspired through this experience will continue to shape the journeys that lie ahead.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



Saud Aljuhani
KGSP Speaker



Ahmed Alsaegh
KGSP Speaker



Fahad Aljehani
KGSP Speaker

HSSP SUMMER STAFF

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



SUHAIB ALGHAMDI

Program Administrator

BIRTHDAY

9/4

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

Social Media

Suhaib Alghamdi

College

king Abdulaziz university

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

A vacation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Analyzing useless data and scraping the web.

Area of Study

Computer Science

QUOTE:
"Savor the little moments, son, that's my advice. They're what life is. All the little things that happen while you're waiting for something else."



BILAL SARICIMEN

Program Administrator

BIRTHDAY

May 3rd

HOMETOWN

Riyadh if it's where I live, Istanbul if it's where I'm from.

Social Media

Bilal.saricimen

College

Al Yamamah University

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Have unlimited knowledge.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Fashion and Gaming

Area of Study

College of Business, Marketing

QUOTE:
"Curiosity got me here, let's see where it takes me next."

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



MARY ANN CAILLAN

Operations Officer

BIRTHDAY

7/1

HOMETOWN

Manila

College

Pamantasan Ng Lungsod ng Maynila

Area of Study

BSBA accounting

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time travel — visit the past or future

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Golf, playing the ukulele, music, and exploring art and culture

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Seeing their enthusiasm and engagement, and watching them complete the programme, has been very rewarding.

QUOTE:

"Inspiring minds, creating memories, and celebrating every achievement."



DALAL BIMA

Program Administrator

BIRTHDAY

26/3

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and University of Wyoming

AREA OF STUDY

Physics and English Literature

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Reading, traveling, sewing, and trying new things.

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The punting down the River Cam in Cambridge!

QUOTE:

in Mary Ann's voice

"esh aaaadaa"

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



BIRTHDAY
14/7

HOMETOWN
Jeddah

College
Faculty of Computing and Information Technology

AREA OF STUDY
Computer Science

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Teleportation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Chess and exploring diverse topics

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Meeting the students on arrival day, seeing how excited they were and hearing them talk about their experiences in the KAUST programs.

REEMAS KHALID

Supervisor

QUOTE:
"The biggest risk is not taking any risk"

BIRTHDAY
20/11

HOMETOWN
Jeddah

College
University of Jeddah

AREA OF STUDY
Law

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Teleportation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Travelling

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Students Arrival

QUOTE:
"Can I see my photo"



LANA AQQAD

Supervisor/Media Creator

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



EMAD BABSAIL

Program Coordinator

BIRTHDAY

1/8

HOMETOWN

Riyadh/Makkah/London

Social Media

@emadbabsail

College

University College London.

Area of Study

Chemical Engineering with Intelligent Systems.

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Photographic Memory

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Gaming, Animals, Cars, Gym, Cycling, Sports.

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The welcome I received on my first day.

QUOTE:

(وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنتُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ)



NOOR ALAITHAN

EXCOR Lead

BIRTHDAY

10/11

HOMETOWN

AlAhsaa

COLLEGE

UCL

AREA OF STUDY

Chemical Engineering

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Telekinesis

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Drawing, Playing Piano, Editing

FAVORITE MEMORY OF THE PROGRAM

The ExCor room

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QUOTE:

" ترا بصيحك"

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



BIRTHDAY

2/2

HOMETOWN

Yanbu

College

Taibah University

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Reading Books

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

التعاون

SALEM ALJEHANI

Supervisor

BIRTHDAY

24/8

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

College

Teacher's College

AREA OF STUDY

Science - Talent and Excellence

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Supervising student programs

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Following up on the latest research in education and science, and I love the sea.

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Seeing the students taking confident steps towards achieving their hopes and ambitions.



QUOTE:
I was overjoyed to welcome these wonderful students at the airport. They sacrificed their comfort and summer vacation with their families to pursue their dreams through perseverance, patience, and hard work. I feel proud and satisfied to have helped this amazing generation, even in a small way, to achieve their ambitions.

HANI ALAHMADI

Supervisor

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



GHEZAIL ALHARTHI

Supervisor

BIRTHDAY

14/2

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

College

King Abdulaziz university

Area of Study

Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics.

Master's Degree in Student Guidance and Counseling

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

The ability to inspire and empower others to reach their full potential.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Gifted student mentoring, traveling, hiking, and continuous learning.

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Building meaningful connections with students and being part of their learning and personal growth.

QUOTE:

"Success is not about being the best; it's about becoming better every day."



SAMIAYH KALFELLAH

Supervisor

BIRTHDAY

2/2

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

SOCIAL MEDIA

samo

College

جامعة ام القرى/كلية العلوم الاجتماعية

AREA OF STUDY

Bachelor's Degree in English

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Bravery

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Reading

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Shark Tank

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QUOTE:

"كل شي يحدث في وقته المناسب"

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



BIRTHDAY
15/12

HOMETOWN
Riyadh

SOCIAL MEDIA
7alaalzamil

College
Business

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Flying

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Inside jokes

AREA OF STUDY
Business administration

QUOTE:
"I came for the memories"

HALA ALZAMIL
Supervisor

BIRTHDAY
10/12

HOMETOWN
Riyadh

College
Penn State

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Teleportation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Traveling

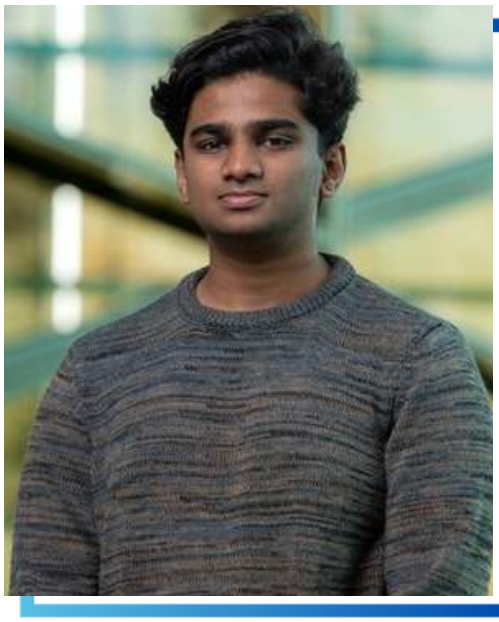
AREA OF STUDY
Media Studies

QUOTE:
"Air Hockey?"



YARA ALAMMARI
Supervisor

PRE-UNIVERSITY STAFF



SAM VICTOR

Biology/chemiatry TA

BIRTHDAY

18/08

HOMETOWN

Coimbatore

COLLEGE

Sri Eshwar College of Engineering

AREA OF STUDY

Computer Science and Engineering

SOCIAL MEDIA

@sambodega_

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

To understand every language: human, biological, and mathematical.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Aviation, Technology, Computational Biology, Manga

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Being asked whether my app could do something and getting to reply, "Oh, it already does that."

QUOTE:
"The universe is just a collection of systems waiting to be understood."



LAYANA GHRYANI

Supervisor

BIRTHDAY

13/2

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

SOCIAL MEDIA

IG: Layana0gh

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Football/Forumla1/Gym

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

All the days spent in the Excor Room

QUOTE:
"Ad astra per aspera" (A rough road leads to the stars)

EXPERIENCE COORDINATORS



JANA ALKUDSI

Excor

BIRTHDAY

31/12

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

College

King Saud University

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Telekinesis

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Basketball

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Making new friends

QUOTE:

"مستطيييييللللل"



MOHAMMED ALYAHYA

Excor

BIRTHDAY

10/5

HOMETOWN

Eastern province

College

Queen Mary University of London

AREA OF STUDY

Computer Science

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Reading minds

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Reading

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Emad's arrival to Kaust

QUOTE:

"Patience ensures victory."
- Imam Ali

ACADEMIC TEAM



BIRTHDAY
1/03

HOMETOWN
Alhasa

COLLEGE
MIT

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Memory Manipulation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Racket sports, Video games, and Arabic poetry

AREA OF STUDY
Math and CS

QUOTE:
"I may not know the destination, but I know the direction."

Hadi AlAithan

Theoratical CS instructor

BIRTHDAY
25/11

HOMETOWN
KAUST

College
KAUST

QUOTE:
ما جزاء الإحسان إلا الإحسان

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Super speed

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Drawing, gym, and exploring places

AREA OF STUDY
Electrical and Computer Engineering



ABDELRAHMAN FATOUH

Instructor

ACADEMIC TEAM



BIRTHDAY
22/1

HOMETOWN
Yanbu

COLLEGE
UMD, KAUST

AREA OF STUDY
Statistics

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Flying

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Football

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM
KGSP alumni meeting with the students

OMAR HABIBULLAH
Academic Lead

QUOTE:
"وَأَنَّ سَعْيَهُۥ سَوْفَ يُرَىٰ"

BIRTHDAY
27/11

HOMETOWN
Makkah

College
KFUPM

AREA OF STUDY
Software Engineering

DESIRED SUPERPOWER
Teleportation

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
Volleyball & boardgames

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Sitting with the students at the farewell dinner



QUOTE:
"Everything is possible, the impossible just takes longer"

MARWAN ALKHAYAT
Programming instructor

ACADEMIC TEAM



HUDA BADGHAISH

Biology/chemiatry TA

BIRTHDAY

2/6

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

COLLEGE

Penn State/KAUST

AREA OF STUDY

Electrical Engineering

QUOTE:
"What you're seeking is also seeking you out"

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind control

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Art and Reading

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Spending time with the students

SOCIAL MEDIA

@sylph_art



AHMED ALSAEGH

Instructor

BIRTHDAY

1/2

HOMETOWN

Al Qatif

College

KAUST

AREA OF STUDY

EnSE

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Photography, volleyball, tennis

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The whole experience.

QUOTE:
"Stay curious"

ACADEMIC TEAM



HIKMATULLO ISMATOV

Instructor

BIRTHDAY

27/8

HOMETOWN

Thuwal

COLLEGE

KAUST

AREA OF STUDY

Applied Mathematics

QUOTE:

"Education is path to paradise."

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time Control

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Learning Arabic, Football, Swimming.

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Nice Environment and funny students.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Hikmatulloismatov



MOHAMMED ALREFAEI

Instructor

BIRTHDAY

23/11

HOMETOWN

Yanbu

College

KFUPM

AREA OF STUDY

Computer Science

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Full time control

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

I love music, side quests, and umm people

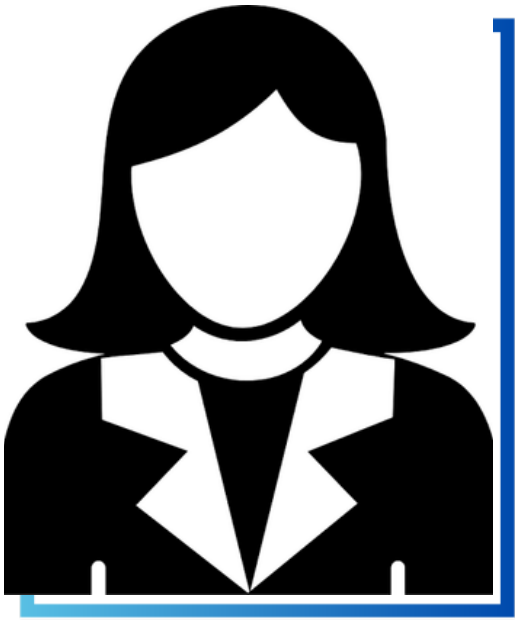
FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Accidentally running into my students in the laundry room

QUOTE:

"Judge a book by its cover but then read it and try to prove yourself wrong"

ACADEMIC TEAM



SARAH ALSULAMI

TA

BIRTHDAY

22/6

HOMETOWN

Makkah

COLLEGE

Umm Al-Qura University

AREA OF STUDY

Cybersecurity

SOCIAL MEDIA

@SarahAlsulami

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Super Intelligence

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Public speaking and learning about new technologies/things

FAVORITE MEMORY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Helping students learn new skills and seeing everyone's progress throughout the program.

QUOTE:
"Learning never exhausts the mind"

HSSP KAUST-OXFORD STUDENTS



STUDENTS



Faisal Abalkhail

BIRTHDAY

10/10

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Friends

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Fun

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Invisibility

DREAM JOB

Lawyer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Padel Court

QUOTE:

You never realize the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.







STUDENTS



Maan AlGhabban

BIRTHDAY

10/1

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Bus Rides

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Extrovert

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Super Speed

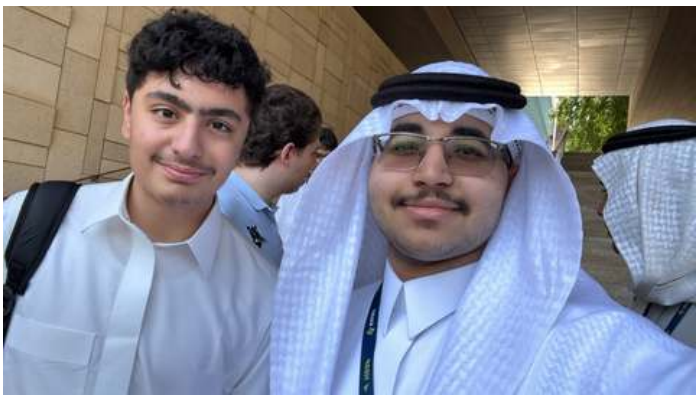
DREAM JOB

Aerospace Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Padel

QUOTE:
"Dream big. Work bigger"







STUDENTS



Abdulaziz Kaki

BIRTHDAY

31/5

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time Manipulation

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

DREAM JOB

Civil Engineer

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Bus Ride

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Diner

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Jeddawi

QUOTE:

"I came, I saw, and I forgot why I came"







STUDENTS



Abdulrahman Alotaibi

BIRTHDAY

27/8

HOMETOWN

Taif

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Looking at the sea while eating

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Inquisitive

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Pilot/Aerospace Engineer

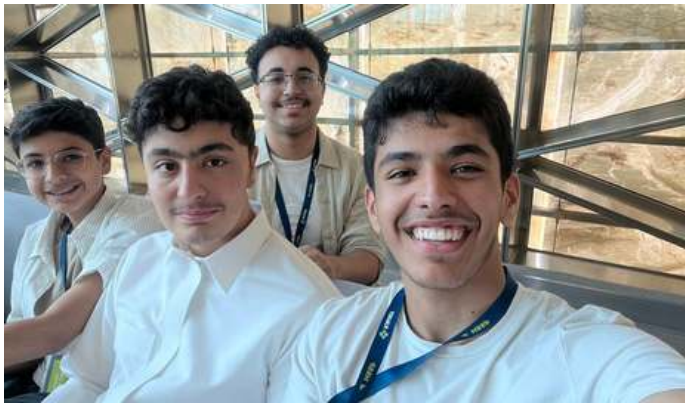
FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Race Track

QUOTE:

"He has the most who is most content with the least"







STUDENTS



Talal Bin Himd

BIRTHDAY

2/5

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Flight

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

DREAM JOB

Cybersecurity

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Robotics Lab Tour

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Harbor Square

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Positive

QUOTE:

"Never let the past affect the future"







STUDENTS



Mohammed Alshahrani

BIRTHDAY

21/3

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Trip

DREAM JOB

Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Bridge

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Funny







STUDENTS



Mohammed Allam

BIRTHDAY

1/2

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Bus with friends

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Thorfinn

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

To become omnipotent and to create anything

DREAM JOB

Genetic Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Diner

QUOTE:
"I have no enemies"







STUDENTS



Yousef Alrashidi

BIRTHDAY

12/6

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Flight

HOMETOWN

AlKharj

DREAM JOB

Microbiologist

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Trip

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Diner

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Honest

QUOTE:

"Future scientist in progress..."







STUDENTS



Abdulaziz Alosaimy

BIRTHDAY

30/5

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Wacky Olympics

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

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DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Invisibility

DREAM JOB

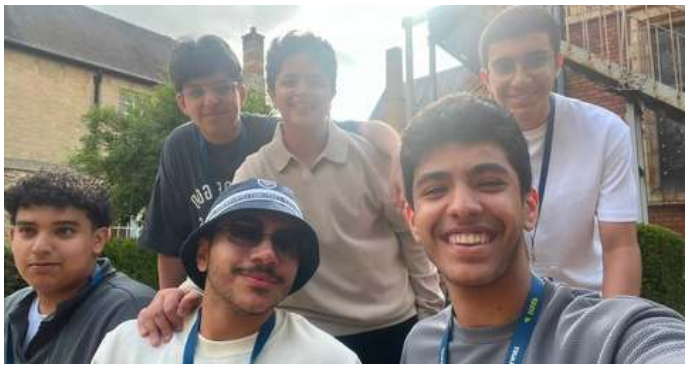
Lawyer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

QUOTE:

"I'm not saying I'm the best, but I'm in the yearbook."







STUDENTS



Musaad AlKeaid

BIRTHDAY

24/6

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Wacky Olympics

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Curious

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind Control

DREAM JOB

CEO

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

QUOTE:

"Everyone has two lives, the second starts when you realize you have just one"







STUDENTS



Mohammad Jarraya

BIRTHDAY

12/4

HOMETOWN

Sfax

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Missing the campus bus at the stadium and having to run 8 km

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Confident & Social

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Aerospace engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Just running around the campus in general, it's natural beauty is my favorite

QUOTE:

"You only live once. PEOPLE DON'T CARE AND SO DO YOU SO GIVE 100% TO EVERYTHING. Don't ask yourself why ask: why not?"







STUDENTS



Abdulrahman Malki

BIRTHDAY

23/6

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Walking around with friends, making jokes while walking through campus

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Adaptable

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

The ability for anything to happen at the snap of my finger

DREAM JOB

Electrical engineering/ Genetic engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Diner

QUOTE:

"You may have invaded my mind and my body, but there's one thing I will always keep and it's my pride"







STUDENTS



Abdulrahman Amin

BIRTHDAY

3/3

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Super Speed

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

DREAM JOB

I want to be a minster

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The Wacky Olympics

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Harbor Club

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Curious

QUOTE:
"Tonight's the night."







STUDENTS



Abdullah Bahidarah

BIRTHDAY

25/3

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Matter Manipulation

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

DREAM JOB

Electrical Engineer

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Trip to Jeddah

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

GYM

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Complex

QUOTE:

"The moment you give up is the moment you let someone else win."







STUDENTS



Abdullah Samkari

BIRTHDAY

20/4

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

People

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Contemplative

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Owning a private hospital

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

QUOTE:

"I had fun Alhamdillah :)"







STUDENTS



Ahmad Fitaihi

BIRTHDAY

19/8

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

DREAM JOB

Nuclear Engineer

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Teamlabs

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Library

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Davidgoggins

QUOTE:

"Nothing can harm a good man either in life or death"

-socrates







STUDENTS



Abdulwahab Zaman

BIRTHDAY

28/4

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Wacky Olympics

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Disciplined

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Perfect Memory

DREAM JOB

Machine Learning Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The harbor







STUDENTS



Saleh Abulola

BIRTHDAY

18/3

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Wacky Olympics

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Smart

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time Travel

DREAM JOB

Aero space engineer at NASA

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Racquet club

QUOTE:

"It always seems impossible until it's done."







STUDENTS



Rateel Alsharif

BIRTHDAY

5/15

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Making friends & Exploring

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Curious

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind reading/flying

DREAM JOB

Architect/Business Woman/Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Library

QUOTE:

"Good things take time, that's why i'm always late."







STUDENTS



Shahd Alqahtani

BIRTHDAY

20/8

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Invisibility

HOMETOWN

Dammam

DREAM JOB

Heart Surgeon

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Trip

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Determined

QUOTE:

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."







STUDENTS



Lulu Alsaeyed

BIRTHDAY

13/1

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Healing

HOMETOWN

Al-Hofuf

DREAM JOB

Doctor

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Lab Tour

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Ambitious

QUOTE:

"If one dream don't come true, I trust that a better one is waiting for me."







STUDENTS



Ward Aldaalouj

BIRTHDAY

13/1

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Reading Minds

HOMETOWN

Dammam

DREAM JOB

Chemical Engineer

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Sports day and the community of KAUST

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Spontaneous

QUOTE:

"If one dream don't come true, I trust that a better one is waiting for me."







STUDENTS



Alina Khan

BIRTHDAY

14/5

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Make dreams reality

HOMETOWN

Dammam

DREAM JOB

Astronaut

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Tour

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

International arboretum

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Adventurous

QUOTE:

"Let your dreams define your life."







STUDENTS



Noor Shafi

BIRTHDAY

29/1

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind Control

HOMETOWN

Makkah

DREAM JOB

Zoo Keeper

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Wacky Olympics

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Harbor Library

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Iconoclastic

QUOTE:
"Look for Failures before you look for Success "







STUDENTS



Ayah Alamoudi

BIRTHDAY

11/9

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The steps I walked

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Adaptive

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Perfect Memory

DREAM JOB

CFO- chief financial officer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

"Times Square" (Discovery Square)

QUOTE:

"You never wanted the chocolate" -Noor







STUDENTS



Danya Aldukhayil

BIRTHDAY

22/2

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Invisibility

HOMETOWN

Dammam

DREAM JOB

Future Millionaire

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Wacky Olympics

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Thoughtful

QUOTE:

"Take the chance while you still have the choice"







STUDENTS



Thekra Alsulihem

BIRTHDAY

14/3

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Invisibility

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

DREAM JOB

Cybersecurity

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Bowling

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Library

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Dramatic

QUOTE:

"People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."







STUDENTS



Hala Bulkhi

BIRTHDAY

23/1

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

HOMETOWN

Makkah

DREAM JOB

Computational Biologist

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Trip

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Perfectionist

QUOTE:

"do whatever makes YOU happy "







STUDENTS



Noor Aljadher

BIRTHDAY

27/7

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind reader

HOMETOWN

Dammam

DREAM JOB

Nepo baby

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Meeting new people, and making lifelong friends.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The cinema

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Chalant

QUOTE:

"what you actually did want is raw liver" -Ayah








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TEAM LABS

By Maan Alghabban

My experience at TeamLab was one of the most memorable parts of the summer program. When we first entered the lab, I was completely amazed by how the entire space was transformed through lights, colors, sounds, and digital art. Different from a normal museum where you simply look at the artworks, TeamLab showed us how to interact with the art and become part of the experience. Every room had an experience that felt completely different, and there was always something hidden between the arts.



One of my favorite parts was the room filled with different colored balls where you had to navigate through without falling or stepping on a wrong color to trigger the effects. Another part I really enjoyed was the interactive drawing area, where we could use tools to draw on the walls and watch our drawings become part of the museum world. It was fun seeing everyone around me experimenting and creating different designs together.



The experience also showed me how technology can be used in artistic ways. The digital drawings, moving lights, and interactive games made me realize that technology is not only useful for science and education, but can also be used to create art. I especially enjoyed experiencing these activities with my friends because we were laughing nonstop throughout the experience, taking pictures, and encouraging each other to try different things.



Overall, TeamLab was an experience that combined creativity, artwork, teamwork, and exploration. It gave me the opportunity to step outside of the usual ways of studying and experience something completely amazing and different. I left feeling amazed by how technology and imagination can work together to create something that people can actually experience and interact with. It was definitely an experience I will remember from this years HSSP summer program.





LAB TOURS



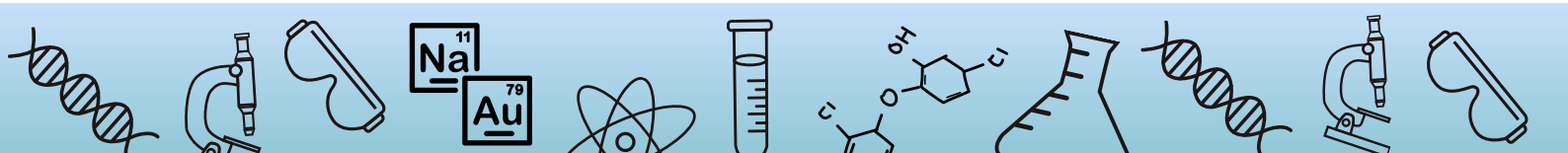












LAB TOURS

By Lulu Alsaeyed

My lab tour experience at KAUST was a very enjoyable experience. During the summer program, we had the opportunity to visit some of the facilities and learn more about science, technology, and scientific research.

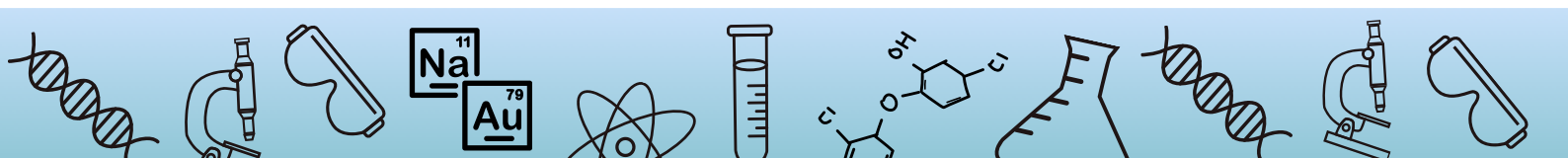
First, we visited the Science Lab. We had a tour around the lab and saw some of the equipment and facilities used for research. We did not learn many details about the experiments, but it was still interesting to see what a real research laboratory looks like and how scientific research is done at KAUST.

After that, we visited a place related to drones. This was one of my favorite parts because we saw how KAUST is developing new technologies and working on new ideas. It was interesting to see how scientific research can be connected to technology and used to create solutions.

The tours made me realize that scientific research is not only about studying information. It is also about asking questions, testing ideas, doing experiments, and trying to find solutions to real problems. Seeing the research environment at KAUST motivated me to become more interested in scientific research and innovation.

The experience also encouraged me to try creating and developing my own ideas. I realized that an idea does not have to be perfect from the beginning. We can start with a simple idea, test it, learn from our mistakes, and improve it.

Overall, the lab tours were an important part of my summer experience. They gave me a better understanding of scientific research and innovation, and it inspired me to be more curious, try new things, and continue developing my own ideas in the future. It was one of the best, if not, the best experience throughout the whole HSSP program.



OXFORD





















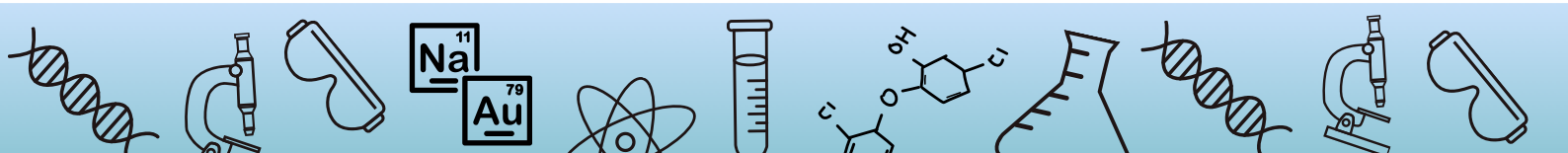
OXFORD

By Alina Khan

Each day at Oxford had a similar blueprint; while that may sound repetitive and boring, it was the complete opposite. Our mornings would begin with classes, which extended till afternoon, having a lunch break in between. While the subjects in themselves were interesting, the professors, their teaching techniques, and the class environment were what made the lectures truly stand out.

To keep our spirits up, in late afternoon we would head out for local excursions, ranging from exploring old monuments to getting a breath of fresh air over the scenic views of a river. However, that would not be the end of our day; later, we would all gather up at a spot, and play games, or just talk, till we could no more, the point at which the supervisors would 'drag' us to our rooms.

There is a lot I can talk about when it comes to my experience at Oxford that I do not think I could express all of it in words, so close to nothing comes out of my mouth. I tried to bring pieces of it along with me, what I would remember the university by, but the most priceless things that I brought from there, things that I could not have gotten elsewhere, were the memories, friendships, and fun.





WACKY OLYMPICS

By Maan Alghabban

When I first heard about the Wacky Olympics, I honestly didn't know what to expect. I thought it would just be a bunch of random games and competitions between the HSSP students, but it ended up being one of the best parts of the program. Students from each program were separated into groups of around ten people, and we competed against each other in different activities.

The activities are different and brought out a different part of everyone. The plank was about endurance and trying not to give up, while the races brought out everyone's competitive side. Everyone was shouting, encouraging each other, and giving everything they had while also dancing and enjoying the music blasted from the speakers. Dodgeball was also really fun because things got competitive very quickly, and everyone was trying their best to keep their team in the game, also winning and carrying the team was a fun part.

What made the Wacky Olympics special for me wasn't just the activities, but the people I got to experience them with. I met a lot of new people that day who I probably wouldn't have talked to otherwise. We started as teammates, but through the games, jokes, and time we spent together, we became much closer. Some of the people I met during the program are now friends that I genuinely consider brothers. It's crazy how quickly you can become close to people when you share experiences like these.

Looking back, I think the Wacky Olympics was a lot more than just a competition. It gave us a chance to have fun, step outside our comfort zones, and create memories together. Whether we won or lost didn't really matter in the end. What I remember most is the laughter and the friendships I made along the way. It's definitely an experience I'll look back on and remember for a long time.







KAUST CAMPUS

By Ayah Alamoudi

The KAUST campus is truly one of a kind. It feels like a complete community where almost everything a person could need is available within the campus. From grocery stores, restaurants, diners, gyms, bowling, and multiple libraries to comfortable housing and recreational spaces, there is an incredible variety of facilities available.

The accessibility of the campus is also one of its strongest features. Free buses make it easy to travel between different areas, while most places are close enough to walk to. This makes walking a practical form of transportation and allows residents and students to easily get their steps in throughout the day. The campus is also designed in a way that encourages independence and responsibility, as people have access to everything they need while managing their own schedules and daily routines.

What stood out to me most was how convenient everything was. I genuinely wished I could live there because I rarely felt like I needed to leave campus to find something. There was always somewhere to go, whether it was for studying, eating, exercising, or simply spending time with friends, which made the whole experience much easier and more enjoyable.











MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN ISLAM

By Rateel Alsharif

Another memorable part of the program was visiting the KAUST Museum which was so fun. We got to explore the museum together and learn about science, technology, and culture and also some of the interesting research happening at KAUST. There were many fascinating things to see, and it was fun being able to explore everything with my friends. We took pictures, and discovered new things along the way. my favorite part was the chemistry show. it was really cool and interesting I really enjoyed the experience because it was both educational and entertaining, and it was a great opportunity to learn something new while spending time with everyone





CLASSES

By Hala Bulkhi

My experience at KAUST was both enjoyable and educational. I genuinely enjoyed all of the classes, but the ones that stood out to me the most were Physics and AI & Robotics. In Physics, we focused mainly on aerodynamics, which I found really interesting. I especially liked the way the instructor taught us by asking questions instead of simply giving us the information. The questions made me think more deeply about the topics and sometimes even made me curious to learn more about them.

In AI & Robotics, we learned the basics of programming and had the opportunity to apply what we learned during class. I really liked how interactive the lessons were. Our instructor used activities such as Kahoot and mini quizzes to check our understanding, which made the classes more enjoyable. Instead of only learning concepts, we were able to practice them ourselves, which helped me understand and remember them better.

I also really enjoyed the enrichment activities after classes. I liked that the groups were chosen randomly because it gave us the chance to interact with different people and get to know each other better. One of my favorite enrichment activities was meeting KGSP alumni. We had the opportunity to sit with them, hear about their experiences, and ask them any questions we had. I found the conversation very useful and learned a lot from their advice and experiences.

During our final week, we also worked on building a robot. I especially enjoyed assembling the different parts and seeing how everything we had learned could be applied to something we built ourselves. Overall, the KAUST program gave me the chance to learn in a more interactive way, try new things, and meet many new people, which made the experience both valuable and memorable









CLOSING CEREMONY

By Abdulrahman Alotaibi

The HSSP program was one of the most memorable experiences I have ever had. It started with two weeks in Jeddah, where we studied hard and followed a schedule that felt almost like university, before traveling to Oxford in the UK for another week. During the program, I learned about aerospace engineering, chemistry, physics, philosophy, programming, AI, and robotics. However, what I learned outside the classroom was just as important. I learned about different people, their habits, their routines, and how being around others can make you more confident and outgoing.

The closing ceremony was the moment when everything finally felt real. After spending almost every day with the same people, waking up with them, eating breakfast together, studying together, and spending our free time together, it was strange knowing that it was all coming to an end.



I was also one of only four students out of around thirty to receive the Best Student Award. Since the awards were given one by one, I had to wait until near the end, which made me even more nervous. When my name was finally called, I was genuinely shocked. I was extremely happy to see that all the effort I had put into the program had paid off.

What made the moment even more special was seeing how happy everyone was for me. My friends were taking pictures, cheering me on, and celebrating with me, while my teachers were there as well. My programming teacher was even recording the moment. Nobody seemed jealous or unhappy; instead, everyone was genuinely proud, which meant a lot to me.

Although the ceremony was a celebration of our achievements, it also reminded me how quickly the three weeks had passed. I left feeling grateful for the people I met, the memories we made, and the person I became because of them. HSSP was more than just a summer program—it was an experience I will always remember.






YEAR OF 888
ESSENTIALS




FEAR OF GOD
ESSENTIALS



SUPERLATIVES

MOST LIKELY TO MAKE EVERYONE CRY OF LAUGHTER



Ayah Alamoudi



Maan Alghabban

MOST DRAMATIC



Ward Aldaalouj



Abdulrahman alotaibi

MOST LIKELY TO ATTEND LECTURES IN PJS



Ayah Alamoudi



Talal Bin Himd

BEST DRESSED



Noor Aljadher



Mohamed Salim Jarraya

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY



Noor Shafi



Mohamed Salim Jarraya

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME AN EXCOR



Hala Bulkhi



Abdulrahman Alotaibi

MOST ARTISTIC



Rateel Alsharif



Ahmad Fitaihi

MOST FAMOUS



lulu Al-Saeyed



Mohamed Salim Jarraya

MOST LIKELY TO FALL ASLEEP IN CLASS



Ayah Alamoudi



Yousef Alrashidi

MOST LIKELY TO TRAVEL TO SPACE



Alina Khan



Abdulrahman Alotaibi

BEST SMILE



lulu Al-Saeyed



Mohammed Allam

MOST COMPETITIVE



Hala Bulkhi



Abdulrahman Alotaibi

BEST CHEF



Alina Khan



Abdullah Bahidarah

MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT



Danya Aldukhayil



Abdulaziz Kaki

MOST LIKELY TO HAVE THEIR NAME MISSPELLED



Thekra Alsulihem



Musaad AlKeaid

MOST DETERMINED



Hala Bulkhi



Abdulrahman Alotaibi

MOST LIKELY TO BE LATE



Shahd Alqahtani



Yousef Alrashidi

MOST LIKELY TO BE LOCKED OUT OF THEIR ROOM



Rateel Alsharif



Abdulaziz Alosaimy

FASTEST TALKER



Ward Aldaalouj



Abdullah Bahidarah

SLOWEST TALKER



Thekra Alsulihem



Abdullah Samkari

MESSIEST ROOM



Danya Aldukhayil



Abdulrahman Malki

LOUDEST LAUGH



Rateel Alsharif



Maan Alghabban

HUMAN ALARM CLOCK



Danya Aldukhayil



Faisal Abaalkhail

MOST CHAOTIC ENERGY



Ayah Alamoudi



Mohammed Allam

MOST LIKELY TO BREAK THE ICE



Noor Aljadher



Mohamed Salim jarayya

MOST LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR BADGE



Rateel Alsharif



Abdulaziz Kaki

MOST LIKELY TO LAUGH AT THEIR OWN JOKE



Shahd Alqahtani



Mohammed Alshahrani

HSSP KAUST-CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS



STUDENTS



ABDULAZIZ ALZAMIL

BIRTHDAY

12/09

HOMETOWN

Alkhobar

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Mafia

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Brilliant

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

To know what people are thinking

DREAM JOB

CEO of a corporation

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

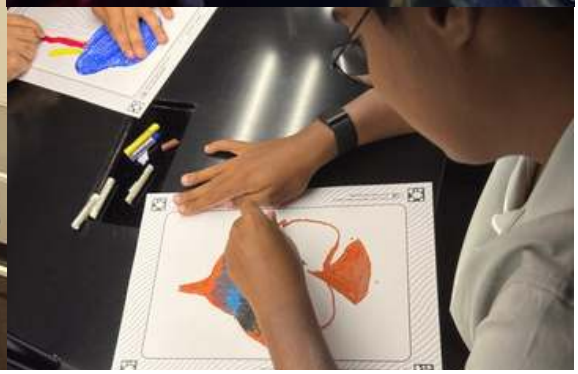
Discovery square

QUOTE:

"We came as strangers, we leave as memories."







STUDENTS



ABDULAZIZ ALNUMAY

BIRTHDAY

6/29

HOMETOWN

Al-Qasab city

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The Journey to Cambridge

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Cars and Technology

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Reading others' thoughts

DREAM JOB

Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

All the places are good

QUOTE:

"The Meeting in the Park"



STUDENTS



Abdulkarim Alzamil

BIRTHDAY

8/12

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Sneaking out for my bday

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Independent

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Read peoples minds

DREAM JOB

Industrial Engineering

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Verra Pizza

QUOTE:

"Being younger makes you more capable"





STUDENTS



ABDULELAH ASSAGGAF

BIRTHDAY

4/3

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The dinner at St. John's College

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Dedicated

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Software Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Sainsbury's

QUOTE:

"Tie your camel and Trust in Allah"



STUDENTS



ALI ALSAWAF

BIRTHDAY

9/20

HOMETOWN

Saihat

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Team Lab

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Curious

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Architect

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery center

QUOTE:

"{و ما اوتيتم من العلم الا قليلا}"









STUDENTS



AYAAN ABANOMI

BIRTHDAY

8/4

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Mafia

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Matcha

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

مديرك

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Siblings with Faris and Abdulkarim

QUOTE:

"تمامك مو تمام"







STUDENTS



EMAD ALMALKI

BIRTHDAY

7/14

HOMETOWN

Yanbu

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Travelling abroad

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Unique

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Invisibility

DREAM JOB

Programmer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Stores

QUOTE:

"Better late than never"



STUDENTS



FAISAL ALQAHTANI

BIRTHDAY

8/8

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

First visit to the UK

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Creative

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Portal creation

DREAM JOB

Motorsport Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Cinema

QUOTE:

"If a person has no dreams, they no longer have any reason to live."



STUDENTS



FARIS ABANOMI

BIRTHDAY

11/1

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Eating

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

فارس

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Ability to learn anything at superspeed

DREAM JOB

Company founder/Minister

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Library

QUOTE:

"An Apple a day keeps the doctor away"







STUDENTS



Fatima Albesher

BIRTHDAY

11/26

HOMETOWN

Al-Hasa

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The garden activities

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Ambitious

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind reading

DREAM JOB

Mechanical Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The benches by the lake after the bridge in kaust

QUOTE:

"No matter how hard it gets, keep moving forward "









STUDENTS



FERAS RAKAN

BIRTHDAY

9/27

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Power of money

HOMETOWN

Dhahran

DREAM JOB

Manger in INDIA

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Ambitious

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Library

QUOTE:

"Winners never quit, and quitters never win."





STUDENTS



HUSSAIN ALBAR

BIRTHDAY

3/4

HOMETOWN

Dammam

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The first few days after arriving and meeting new people

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Opinionated

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

To be able to read minds

DREAM JOB

Neuroscientist

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

My room

QUOTE:

God Knows...



STUDENTS



Marya Albar

BIRTHDAY

3/4

HOMETOWN

Dammam

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Team Labs

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Understanding

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Flying

DREAM JOB

Chemical Engineer & Therapist

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

In Kaust: The Library

In Cambridge: The Park

QUOTE:

"You can always start again like the sun does every morning"



STUDENTS



MOHAMMAD ELCHYBANY

BIRTHDAY

9/2

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Museum

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Creative

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Flying

DREAM JOB

Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Museum

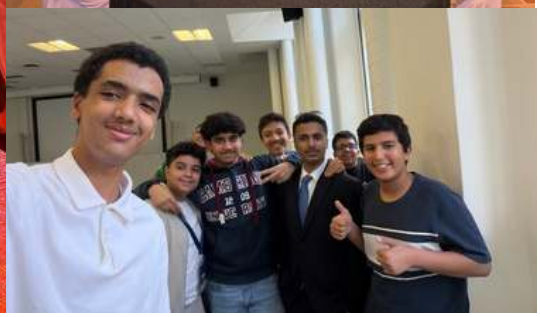
QUOTE:

"Learning has no finish line."









STUDENTS



Mohammed Alhaddad

BIRTHDAY

9/23

HOMETOWN

Dammam

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Friends

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Curious

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time Travel

DREAM JOB

CEO

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery

QUOTE:

"Obsession turns a want into a need"







STUDENTS



MOHAMMED SHAIBAN

BIRTHDAY

3/3

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind reading

HOMETOWN

Jubail Industrial City

DREAM JOB

CEO

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Aura

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Sainsbury's

QUOTE:

"Better late than never."







STUDENTS



BIRTHDAY

8/20

HOMETOWN

Qasab

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Everything

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

القصبي

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

IQ

DREAM JOB

AI

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Everything

MOHAMMAD ALHUSAYNI







STUDENTS



MOHAMMED BATIYAH

BIRTHDAY

10/13

HOMETOWN

Yanbu

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Trip

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Trying

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Math Professor

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Harbor sports club

QUOTE:

"You live You learn"



STUDENTS



NJOOD AMER

BIRTHDAY

9/20

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Meeting amazing people and learning new things

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Determined

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Consultant

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The beach

QUOTE:

"If it's meant to be, it'll be."



STUDENTS



TARIK KAYAL

BIRTHDAY

12/12

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Walking around KAUST campus after sunset

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Tarik

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Spiderman powers

DREAM JOB

Founder

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The big masjid

QUOTE:

"Updog"





STUDENTS



Tuleen Alshurafa

BIRTHDAY

12/14

HOMETOWN

Safwa

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Team Labs

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Driven

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Flying

DREAM JOB

Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Bridge by the river

QUOTE:

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

— Peter Drucker





STUDENTS



WATEEN BAIG

BIRTHDAY

7/18

HOMETOWN

Jubail

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Exploring and watching things with my roommate

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Passionate

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Mind control

DREAM JOB

NASA Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Baskin Robbins

QUOTE:

"Waffles are just pancakes with abs"





STUDENTS



TALIA BANABILAH

BIRTHDAY

4/11

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Hanging out with new friends

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Quiet

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Telekinesis or fire powers

DREAM JOB

Designing

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

KAUST: Discovery Square

Cambridge: Any interesting shop

QUOTE:

"Forget it! I'm going back to London. And if your Mr. Byrne asks why, you can tell him I didn't like the jelly so I went home to get some jam."

-Alex Rider



STUDENTS



WESAM BANABILAH

BIRTHDAY

5/16

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Collector

HOMETOWN

Jeddah

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

A lot

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Hitting up with the secret Optimus prime character

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Anywhere as long with my bros

QUOTE:

"Until that day... till all are one."





STUDENTS



YOUSEF ALSHAMMASI

BIRTHDAY

9/26

HOMETOWN

Dhahran

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Kahoot Mohammad

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Ambitious

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Power of Money

DREAM JOB

Entrepreneur

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery

QUOTE:

"Maybe it's not about the happy ending.

Maybe it's about the story "

-Albert Camus



STUDENTS



SAUD ALSAADAN

BIRTHDAY

4/2

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

بلوت

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Inspired

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Levitation

DREAM JOB

Businessman

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The Old Library

QUOTE:

"The Future belongs to those who dare create it."







STUDENTS



YUSEF ABDULAZIZ

BIRTHDAY

7/31

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Strive

HOMETOWN

Khobar

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleporting

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Hikamat

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Harbor sports center

QUOTE:

"Great, useful and fun experience, I'm sure that this will help us in all sort of ways in the future "





STUDENTS



BIRTHDAY

10/5

HOMETOWN

Riyadh

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

The museum

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Courageous

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time Traveling

DREAM JOB

PIF

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Flat Iron

QUOTE:

"Nothing comes easy"

YAZAN ALSHANQITI



STUDENTS



TALA ALOUFI

BIRTHDAY

6/29

HOMETOWN

Medinah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Blank Street

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Passionate

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleportation

DREAM JOB

Biomedical Engineer

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Discovery Square

QUOTE:

"Live Love Laugh"







STUDENTS



GHAZI ALMASRI

BIRTHDAY

4/12

HOMETOWN

Makkah

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Climbing the tree

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Him

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Teleport

DREAM JOB

To be employed

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

Outside Garden

QUOTE:

"(فإذا عزمت فتوكل على الله)"





STUDENTS



LAYAN ABUALNAJA

BIRTHDAY

7/27

HOMETOWN

Khobar

MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Punting

A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU

Bubbly

DESIRED SUPERPOWER

Time manipulation

DREAM JOB

Pilot

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

The beach

QUOTE:

"Nooo wayyyy"







HSSP CAMBRIDGE SUMMER EVENTS



HARBOR SPORTS CLUB

By Tuleen Alshurafa













I recently visited Sports Harbor Club as a part of an interactive activity in my summer program. Overall, the experience was great, the range of sports (bowling, pool table, air hockey, etc.) was a great addition especially when having a large group of people as you are able to play any game while waiting to play the other.

The environment was lively, welcoming, and energetic, which made the experience even more enjoyable. I particularly liked how the activities encouraged everyone to interact with each other, whether we were competing, supporting our friends, or simply trying something new. The variety also meant that there was something for everyone, regardless of their preferred sport or level of experience.

The facilities were perfect for group activities, and the overall environment made it easy to spend several hours having fun without getting bored. As part of the summer program, it was a great opportunity to relax and socialize.

Overall, Sports Harbor Club was one of the most enjoyable activities I experienced at KAUST. I would definitely recommend it to students, families, and groups looking for a fun and active way to spend their time.

KAUST Museum

By Faris Abanomi

My experience at the KAUST Museum was very interesting and educational. The museum focused on the achievements of historical Arab and Muslim scientists, which gave me the opportunity to learn about important discoveries and inventions from the past. Before visiting, I knew about a few famous scientists, but I did not realize how much they had contributed to different fields of knowledge.

One of the most interesting parts of the museum was learning about scientists such as Ibn al-Haytham, Al-Khwarizmi, and Ibn Sina. I learned how their work in areas such as mathematics, medicine, astronomy, and optics influenced the development of science. I was especially interested in seeing how some of their ideas and methods are still connected to modern science today.

The museum also showed me that scientific knowledge has been developed by people from many different cultures and time periods. I found it inspiring to learn about how these scientists were curious, creative, and determined to understand the world around them.

Overall, my visit to the KAUST Museum was a memorable experience. It taught me more about the history of science and made me appreciate the important contributions of Arab and Muslim scholars. I left the museum feeling inspired to learn more about science and its history.











Courtyard Garden

By Feras Rakan

We used to gather in the courtyard and play Mafia with the other students. It helped us get to know each other better, and we created great memories that will stay with us forever. I remember the first time we played Mafia together. It was actually my first time playing Mafia, and from that moment, I started to love the game—not because of the game itself, but because of the people I played it with.

The courtyard wasn't just a place where we gathered; it was where we built memories that will stay with us forever. It was where we played together, where I got to know many students, and where I started talking, laughing, and having fun with people I had just met. I hope this won't be the last time I see them.

Let's be honest, most of us will miss this part of our experience. Even though Ayaan and I were usually the first ones to get voted out because we talked too much we still had fun. And I have one question for them: Can we just complete one game? 🙂

We also played a game whose name I don't remember. The host would ask us questions, and whoever gave the weirdest answer would get the cow. For example, when asked about the most delicious food in Saudi Arabia, almost everyone answered Kabsa—except one student, who answered Klija. That moment was unforgettable.





Museum Tour

By Fatima Albesher

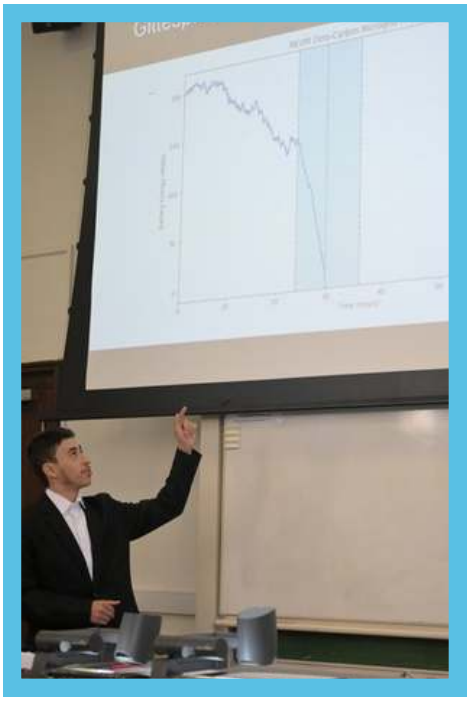




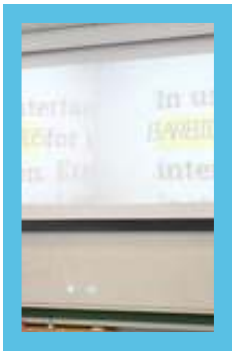
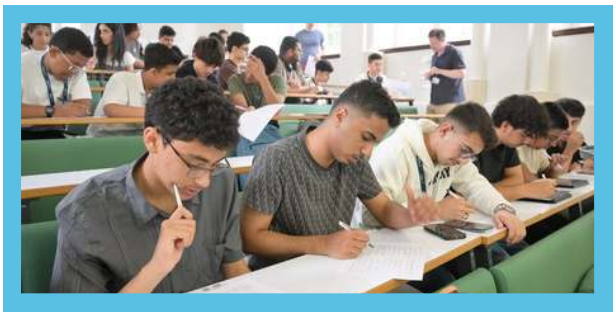


During our trip to Cambridge, we had the opportunity to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum, it was one of the most fascinating parts of our visit. The museum had a large collection of artwork and historical objects from different parts of the world. As soon as I entered, I was impressed by the beautiful building and the atmosphere inside. There were many different galleries to explore, and each one had something unique to offer. One of the things I enjoyed most about the museum was seeing the artwork and historical objects in person. I found it much more interesting exploring the museum in person than simply looking at pictures online because I could see the details, colors, and size of the artworks. The museum contained paintings, sculptures, ancient objects, and decorative art. The ancient collections were by far the most interesting because they gave me an idea of how people lived and created things hundreds or even thousands of years ago. Another thing I liked about the visit was how the museum connected art, history, and culture. Each gallery felt like a different journey through time and different parts of the world. Walking around the museum made me realize how much we can learn about people and their cultures through the objects they leave behind. Overall, the visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum was a memorable and educational experience. I enjoyed discovering new artworks and learning about different periods of history. The visit also made me appreciate museums more because they preserve important pieces of human history and allow people to learn from them. I would definitely visit the museum again.











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Classes & Projects






Punting in Cambridge

By Ayaan Abanomi

Punting in Cambridge was such a fun and memorable experience. I spent the afternoon on the river with the girls I had bonded with over the past few weeks, singing One Direction as we passed other boats. At the same time, our Cambridge guide shared stories about the city's history and the incredible buildings along the river. Between the history, the beautiful views, and the ducks swimming alongside us, it was the perfect mix of learning and having fun.

Team Labs

By Marya Albar

TeamLab Borderless Jeddah was such a beautiful experience that id recommend everyone to visit if they need a breather, everything about this art exhibit is genuinely so stunning, it really does release your inner-child especially with how interactive it was

I was so grateful that this was my second time visiting it and I was really lucky to go there with my friends in KAUST, I was very excited for those who have never visited TeamLab before as I was very curious to see their reaction
We got the chance to draw together and roam around freely while taking pictures, it was really nice knowing that I got to be a part of their experience

My favorite spot was space, the room where you sit down and they play a recording of 3D birds flying in space with the stars, you feel like youre actually in it as if youre moving with them even though the room wasnt moving at all!!

Another thing I noticed was how the art changes, I thought it was really beautiful knowing that the art moves and fades leaving room for something new, reminding you that some things are meant to leave so that something new can enter; more will come in ways we can't see yet, everything keeps moving and in the end it'll all be okay, Allah is the best of planners afterall
I think TeamLab is packed with more hidden messages, this particular detail just happened to mean something to me

Overall TeamLab is a 10/10!!!!!!!!!!!! Its AMAZING and super nostalgic and relaxing









Dinner at St. Johns College

By Abdulaziz Alzamil

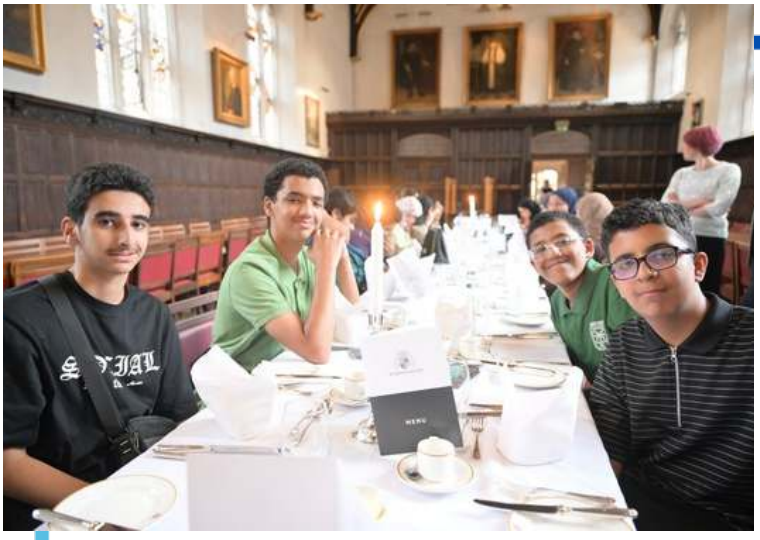
One of the best experiences I had during the HSSP programme was having dinner at St John's College. We went to the Old Hall, and honestly, it looked amazing. The ceiling was huge and had so many details, and the wooden walls, paintings, and gold decorations made the whole place feel really fancy. We had a set menu and sat at long tables with candles and everything already prepared for us. It honestly felt like I was in a different time, almost like the 1990s or even earlier. I really enjoyed sitting there and looking around. It was also nice because I was there with the other students, so we were talking, laughing, and enjoying the dinner together. I think that is what made it one of my favourite memories from the programme

. It was not just the food, but the whole experience of being in such an old and beautiful place with people I had met during HSSP. I would definitely say the dinner at St John's was one of the highlights of the programme, and it is something I will remember for a long time.

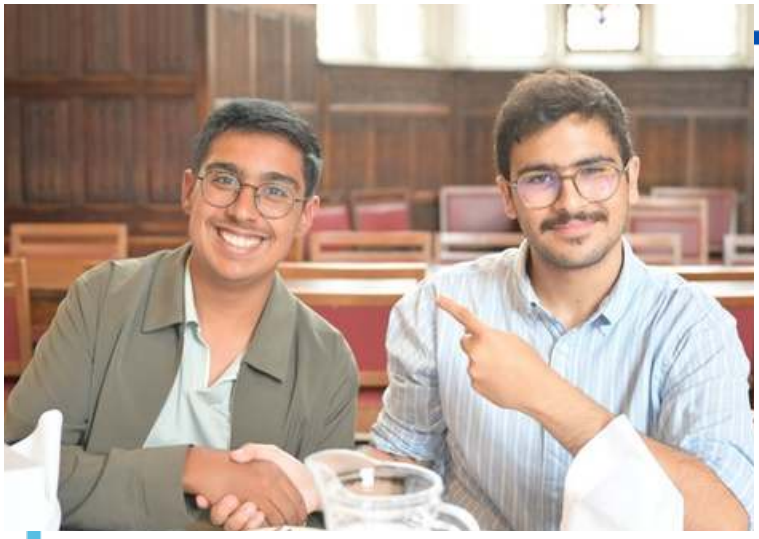












Closing Ceremony

By Lana Aqqad















The closing ceremony marked the conclusion of an unforgettable three-week journey, beginning with two enriching weeks at KAUST and continuing with a remarkable week at the University of Cambridge.

As their supervisor, I had the privilege of witnessing this journey from its earliest moments to its conclusion. A particularly meaningful moment was seeing each student receive their certificate, a recognition of the dedication and effort they had demonstrated throughout the program. Their expressions reflected not only the significance of the recognition, but also the memories, experiences, and effort that had shaped their journey. Celebrating this moment together was a memorable conclusion to an exceptional experience.

The closing ceremony was not simply a conclusion, but a reflection of everything the students had accomplished and a meaningful reminder of the potential they carry forward.













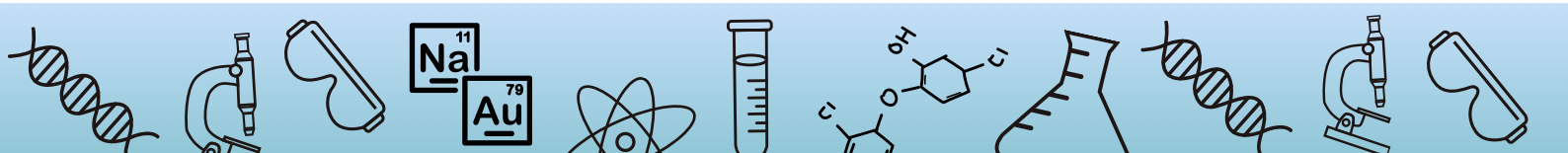
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END OF PROGRAM





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TALIA BANABILAH



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BEST CHEF



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ABDULAZIZ ALZAMIL

MOST COMPETITIVE



FATIMA ALBSHER



FERAS RAKAN

BEST SMILE



WATEEN BAIG



ABDULAZIZ ALZAMIL

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME AN EXCOR



AYAAN ABANOMI



FERAS RAKAN

MOST LIKELY TO TRAVEL TO SPACE



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MARYA ALBAR



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MOHAMMED ALHUSAYNI

MOST LIKELY TO MAKE EVERYONE CRY OF LAUGHTER



FATIMA ALBSHER



MOHAMMED ALHADDAD

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY



AYAAN ABANOMI



FERAS RAKAN

MOST LIKELY TO BREAK THE ICE



AYAN ABANOMI



ABDULAZIZ ALZAMIL

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MARYA ALBAR



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