



The School Buzz

News & Updates

Welcome Back to School

It will always remain our pleasure to welcome our amazing students back to school at the start of each new term. This year, every term provided us with even more reason to truly celebrate, as we finally experienced freedom from all the precautions earlier required by the pandemic. Each of these pictures are worth a thousand words!



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University Fair

In Term 2, we had the privilege of hosting Gulf EDU Tours on campus for our second University Fair of the year. The event gathered representatives from universities in the U.S., Canada, and the EU. The representatives from these universities walked our students and parents through the admissions process for international students and highlighted great opportunities for those interested.

Our university fairs are crucial for our students' education, as they help them plan their future after graduating from ISC-Ras Al Khaimah. We look forward to hosting Gulf EDU Tours again in the future!



Gardening Session

Our students in the Infants Department enjoyed gardening on a weekly basis. They planted tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, and bell peppers. They watered them every week and took care of them with pride and joy.

Gardening is a great hands-on experience for our students that helps them develop a sense of accomplishment, responsibility, and a connection to nature. It also helps them understand complex concepts, such as plant growth, soil health, and the life cycle of plants through simple activities and tasks.

Through gardening, students can learn about the environment, the importance of sustainability, and the impact of human actions on the natural world. Gardening is a physical activity that can help improve a child's overall health and wellbeing. Planting, weeding, and harvesting all require movement and can help develop gross motor skills.

Our students and their teachers greatly enjoyed this activity and look forward to the next gardening season at ISC-Ras Al Khaimah!



Book Fair

Reading is extremely essential as it benefits the reader in multiple ways, while also being a form of entertainment.

The Book Fair was an opportunity for students to bring their books to school and exchange them with their classmates' books. This allowed students to share their favorite books and discover new ones, even genres they never thought they would appreciate!

All in all, the Book Fair was a huge success as students headed home with new treasure troves of knowledge, ready to take their reading experience to the next level.



Cultural Day 2023

Cultural Day took place on February 25, 2023, and lived up to its name. Enthusiasm was high even before the event started. All the stalls looked perfect, boasting a variety of traditional food and items. The weather was great and everything was ready. Finally, at 3:00 p.m., the event everyone had been waiting for began!

Students and their families arrived dressed in their traditional clothes. They had an hour to taste, see, and discover the various cultures present in the school before the performances began. Shortly before 4:00 p.m., attendees gathered in the auditorium for the performances. The entire school enjoyed dances, songs, and speeches from different cultures of the world. The atmosphere was vibrant as the performers took to the stage to proudly represent their country.



After having thoroughly enjoyed the performances, everyone headed outside for the remainder of the event. The green field was once again filled with laughter, chatter, and music from all over the world.



Spelling Bee

What is one way to turn simple letters that make up words that in turn make up the hundreds of thousands of sentences we use to convey complex human emotions into the building foundation of an event? Why, the Spelling Bee, of course!

The Spelling Bee is a fun-filled educational day that gets thoughts racing and letters rolling off one's tongue! Every year, students prepare for the event by practicing their challenging vocabulary words.

Spirits were high at the competition. Students eagerly spelled out the words they were given and the group of participants narrowed down until finally, one winner was left standing. Participation certificates were distributed to all participants who impressed the judges and audience alike. Who knew Spelling Bees could be so action-packed!



Emirati Children's Day

On March 17, ISC-Ras Al Khaimah celebrated Emirati Children's Day, a special day for all children living in the U.A.E. This day signifies the country's continued commitment to protecting the rights of children and providing the optimal environment for them to grow.

Our school chose to celebrate this day by highlighting one of the most important rights for children, which is the right to health and acknowledging the value that reading adds to our lives. Students and their teachers were invited to dress up as their favorite book characters on this day. They were all thrilled to participate, and they surprised us with a variety of creative costumes.

Our School Director also dressed up and visited the Infants Department early in the morning. He read to the students interesting and delightful stories. Then, he went to our Performance Hall, where he was eagerly received by grades 1 and 2, and then Grade 3.



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Teddy Bear Picnic

KG 1 students enjoyed a delightful outdoor picnic with their favorite teddy bears. They learned new words related to picnics and had fun singing, dancing, and playing games.

The students arrived at the picnic with their baskets of snacks and teddy bears. They were excited to use the new words they had been learning in class, such as picnic basket, plates, cups, sandwiches, fruits, and juice pitcher.



Teachers highlighted the importance of eating healthy food and the importance of being responsible for keeping the picnic area clean and tidy. After they finished eating, the students sang and danced to upbeat songs and played games.

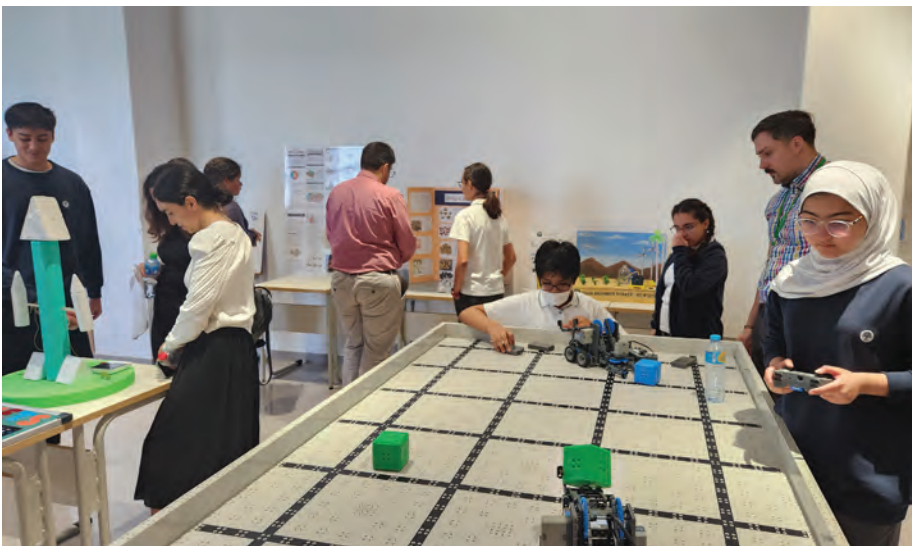
The picnic was a wonderful experience for the students. They learned new words, had fun with their friends, and made memories that they will cherish for a long time to come.



Science Fair

Our students in grades 4 to 12 had the opportunity to showcase their knowledge in the field of science at our annual Science Fair. In the weeks leading up to the event, our Science Department heads, Mr. Herman and Mr. Antonio helped students plan for the showcase.

On the day of the fair, participants enthusiastically presented their projects to their peers and teachers. They sparked scientific intrigue in everyone who attended with their projects on topics ranging from exploding volcanoes to renewable energy, aerodynamics, and bacterial cultures. Parents joined in the evening to see the students' work.





We left the event proud of our students and eager to see the future projects in next year's Science Fair!



KG 2 Kite Day

Our KG 2 students enjoyed a great outdoor activity; flying kites that they designed, decorated, and assembled. The activity was both entertaining and educational, helping students learn about science, weather, and wind patterns. Kite Day was an excellent opportunity for them to engage in hands-on learning, socialize with their peers, enjoy the outdoors, and develop important life skills.



Evacuation Training

We were once again privileged to invite and welcome Ras Al Khaimah Civil Defense to our campus this year to conduct a school evacuation procedure. The exercise included an in-depth fire evacuation drill using smoke emitters, extinguishers, and fire-retardant foam to simulate real-life situations. The Civil Defense used the exercise to evaluate our school's emergency response, while staff and students observed their emergency protocols for ensuring civilian safety.

We thank our staff and students for their full cooperation throughout the event. We are also grateful to the Ras Al Khaimah Civil Defense for their continuous efforts to keep people safe in our community.



Tree Planting Ceremony

The olive tree planting ceremony is a long-standing tradition for SABIS® graduates. The olive tree is a symbol of peace, nourishment, and growth. By planting the tree, graduates are reminding students that education is the key to personal growth and fulfillment.

This year's graduates gathered before their senior walk to plant this symbolic tree on the school's campus. The tree will stand alongside other trees planted by previous graduating classes.





Pre-K and KG Activities

Our Pre-K and KG students participated in a variety of activities that were both educational and enjoyable. These activities were carefully crafted to reinforce learning and nurture their curious minds.

For example, students participated in interactive science experiments that boosted their creative thinking. They also took part in storytelling sessions that increased their creativity. In addition, they engaged in sensory activities that allowed them to explore the diverse textures, colors, and tastes of different fruits and vegetables.

Every activity was designed to make learning an enjoyable experience!



Baking Day

After introducing the letter M to our Pre-K students, teachers took them to the cafeteria to bake their own muffins.

The activity was designed to help students apply the concepts they learned in class and use the vocabulary words they were introduced to. Baking activities such as measuring, pouring, mixing the batter, and decorating the muffins helped students develop their fine motor skills, which are essential for writing and drawing. In addition, baking promotes social and communication skills, as children work together to identify, measure, mix ingredients, and decorate their baked goods.



Overall, the activity was both educational and entertaining. Students had the opportunity to work together to create something delicious to eat.



Career Day

Our Pre-K students explored different professions through role-playing in a fun-filled Career Day activity. Role-playing is an effective way to help young children understand different professions and learn about the world around them. By pretending to be firefighters and doctors for example, they gained a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of these professions.

In addition to being fun and enjoyable, this activity contributed positively to the development of important skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. They also learned about safety procedures and how adults respond in an emergency.

Everyone agreed that it was a memorable day filled with fun and laughter.



Ballet Regional Festival

In celebration of the elegance and importance of ballet, our ballerinas had the privilege to take part in the Regional Ballet Festival held at SIS-Yas Island. The stage was filled with passion and talent!



KG FIFA Concert

Students from Pre-K to Grade 2, their parents, and staff members gathered on June 3, 2023, to celebrate the harmonious fusion of sports and music at the FIFA Concert.

The event featured a musical extravaganza that combined the universal language of music with the spirit of football. Inspired by FIFA World Cup, our students took center stage and mesmerized everyone with their singing.

Just like the world of soccer unites people from diverse backgrounds, the power of music also brought us together. It was a truly enchanting showcase that will be remembered for years to come.



KG 1 Ballet Open Session

On June 10, our Ballet Department held an open session for our KG 1 students and their parents. Students had been learning beginner ballet steps throughout the year, and on this day, they proudly gave a mini-performance in front of their parents. Everyone had an enjoyable day.



Graduation

High School graduation is an important rite of passage for every student. It is a time to celebrate and reflect on all the hard work that they have put in over the years.

On June 10, the ISC-Ras Al Khaimah Class of 2023 celebrated this milestone with their parents, teachers, and administrators. We were filled with pride as we watched our graduates walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. It was a bittersweet day as our graduates said goodbye to students and teachers, but it also marked the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

This year's ceremony will be remembered for many years to come, as it was the first graduation held in our new auditorium. We wish our Class of 2023 the best of luck in their future!



Grades 1 and 2 FIFA Concert

Our students trained hard for two months for the highly anticipated FIFA Concert. They were excited to show off their talents and see their parents sitting among the audience. With the support of their teacher assistants, each class prepared amazing displays.

Grade 1A (representing Argentina) and Grade 1B (representing Egypt) kicked off the show with a loud rendition of “Light the Sky.” Grade 1C (representing Germany) and Grade 1D (representing Saudi Arabia) followed with the beautiful Arabic song “Arhabo.” Then, Grade 1E (representing Tunisia), Grade 1F (representing Morocco), and Grade 1G (representing the U.A.E.) sang their hearts out to “Hayya Hayya.” The auditorium was almost packed and Grade 1 students were thrilled to perform their final song, “Waving Flag,” together. The cameras were flashing non-stop for our FIFA superstars!



After the Grade 1 students were seated, it was time for the Grade 2 students to take the stage. Grade 2A (representing Argentina), Grade 2B (representing Morocco), and Grade 2C (representing Spain) started off with a rousing rendition of “Hayya Hayya.” Then, Grade 2D (representing the U.A.E.) and Grade 2E (representing Egypt) impressed the crowd with their performance of “Waving Flag.”

After thanking all the assistants and teachers for their support, the concert ended with a final song performed by members of the Music Club.



Grades 3-5 Concert

Our talented musicians in grades 3 to 5 captivated the audience with their mesmerizing performances, standing center stage at their concert.



STEAM Competition

Our STEAM clubs play an important role in our students' education, especially in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Held on campus, our clubs include Robotics, 3D Printing, Drones, and Electronics.

Throughout the year, students refine their technical and artistic skills through active participation in STEAM clubs. Their knowledge and skills were put to the test at the first SABIS® STEAM Competition, which was held at SIS-Yas Island shortly before the end-of-year exams.

Our students competed against their peers from other SABIS® schools in the U.A.E. Their commitment, hard work, and resilience paid off when our Joystick Controller Team (represented by Paul Palayoor, Mohammed Mohammed, and Abdulla Al Naqbi) won second place! We look forward to seeing how our teams perform next year!



Student Achievements

University of West London Idea Marathon

This year, six of our students participated in the University of West London Idea Marathon in the U.A.E., which gathered 139 teams from 61 schools in the country. The event aimed at inspiring students to create and present ideas in the fields of business ideas and web design.

One of our teams, consisting of Jawaher Al Yammahi (Grade 12), Meirah Al Yammahi (Grade 11), and Ayesha Al Zaabi (Grade 11) made it to the final stage. Their inspirational proposal helped them reach second place. We are immensely proud of them and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

Appreciation Certificates

We celebrated our students' achievements this year by awarding them certificates in multiple divisions.

We acknowledged our outstanding Science Fair participants, who demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of their chosen field of science. These students created amazing projects and confidently presented them to their peers and teachers. We look forward to seeing what they come up with at next year's event.



SLO Stories

Student Life Training Conference 2023

The SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO) is the heart of the school and a pillar of the SABIS® Educational System. It is a student-led mini-society that empowers students to get involved in the day-to-day experience at their school and offers countless academic, social, and emotional benefits for everyone involved. This would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our prefects who help the SLO grow.

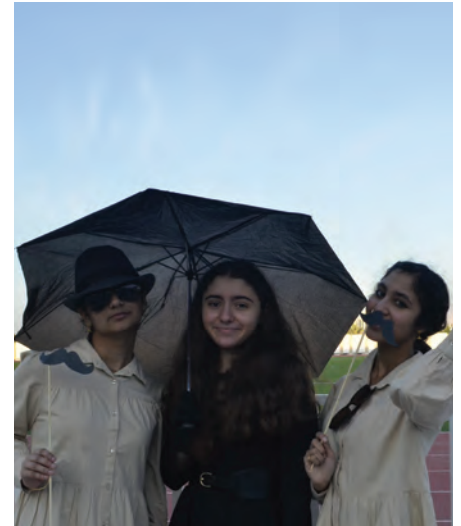
Every year, the Student Life Training Conference (SLTC) is organized and students from each SABIS® school are nominated to attend the big event. After an extensive reviewing process, four finalists were selected for final approval by the Regional Center. ISC-Ras Al Khaimah is proud of its students, Aysha Shazad, Beshr Janoura, Soorya Sajit, and Lojein Rashad as they will be participating in this year's SLTC in Egypt. We trust that they will return next year fully energized, filled with knowledge, and ready to lead their fellow prefects and the SLO to new heights.

Costume Carnival

The Costume Carnival was organized by the SLO's Activity Department. All the students from grades 7 to 12 were invited and encouraged to dress up as their favorite characters. The event featured many mini-games for all participants to enjoy.

Students chose to dress up as many different characters from detectives to famous heroes. It was a great event for students to express their creativity and individuality.

Toward the end of the event, students enjoyed a fun game of Musical Chairs. We look forward to the SLO organizing it again in the upcoming academic year.



Sports Highlights

GST

The 13th SABIS® Global Sports Tournament was recently co-hosted at ISC-Sharjah and ISC-Ajman, from April 28 to 30, 2023, with the first-time participation of students from Brazil and China, who joined around 1,000 student athletes representing 30 participating schools in 15 countries from the SABIS® Network, including Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brazil, China, Egypt, Germany, Jordan, Kenya, Kurdistan – Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the U.A.E.

Sandra Wahbeh was our only student athlete competing in the three-day event. She is ranked the fastest U16 100-meter female student in the U.A.E., and succeeded in maintaining her top form throughout the competition, reaching 5th place in the final race. It was an impressive achievement, one that was well-deserved given her continuous hard work and dedication.

Sports Competitions

In the U15 Volleyball Competition, the girls and boys teams did their best. The boys team performed very well, winning 3rd place. The results were very close and the team members hope to reach better results next year.

U13 Boys Basketball Team won 3rd place. It was the team's first competition and they amazed us with their performance.



The U13 Girls Volleyball Team won 1st place in a competition. It was an amazing tournament and their hard work and dedication paid off. We know they have what it takes to maintain this success next year.

As for swimming, the Junior Boys and Girls Swimming Gala was a great success, with many students winning individual medals.

Sports Awards Ceremony

Our annual Sports Awards Ceremony took place on Tuesday, June 6. The atmosphere was festive with many parents attending the event to join the celebration of the students' hard work and commitment during the academic year.

Congratulations to our students for their time, effort, and exemplary representation of our school. We wish them even greater success in future sports events in the upcoming academic year.



The winners of the individual awards were:

- *Junior Male Athlete of the Year: Eyad Al Shafeay*
- *Junior Female Athlete of the Year: Sandra Wahbeh*
- *Intermediate Male Athlete of the Year: Ihtisham Qureshi*
- *Intermediate Female Athlete of the Year: Krishna Sajith*
- *Senior Male Athlete of the Year: Abdulla Mohamed*
- *Senior Female Athlete of the Year: Sarah Al Absi*

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Inter-Choueifat Competition

ISC-Ras Al Khaimah had the pleasure to host the Inter-Choueifat Grade 3 Girls Gymnastics Competition on Saturday, February 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Participating schools were: ISC-Dubai, ISC-DIP, ISC-Umm Al Quwain, and our school.

All gymnasts proudly competed on vault, trampette and carried out excellent floor routines. All schools showed positive attitude and supported each other at the event. In the end, all students received participation certificates distributed by the gymnastics teachers.

The ISC-Ras Al Khaimah gymnastics team displayed excellent flexibility, balance, coordination, and strength. As a result of each student's hard work and dedication in practice, our talented gymnasts received various gold, silver, and bronze medals.

A special congratulations to all participants and to the Grade 5 students who volunteered to assist and help run the competition; they are the main reason for its success.



Ballet and Gymnastics Shows

Aerobic exercise, regardless of its form, is beneficial for cardiovascular health and overall wellbeing. Two of the well-known forms of aerobic exercise are ballet and gymnastics. With so many of our students participating and training in these classes, it is no wonder that their Ballet and Gymnastics Shows was a memorable moment for all.

The shows, accompanied by music, showcased the students' talents, strength, and elegance. The audience was filled with pride and wonder as it watched the performance.

Overall, the shows were the result of the students' hard work, dedication, and passion for gymnastics and ballet. They were also a delightful addition to the year's events.



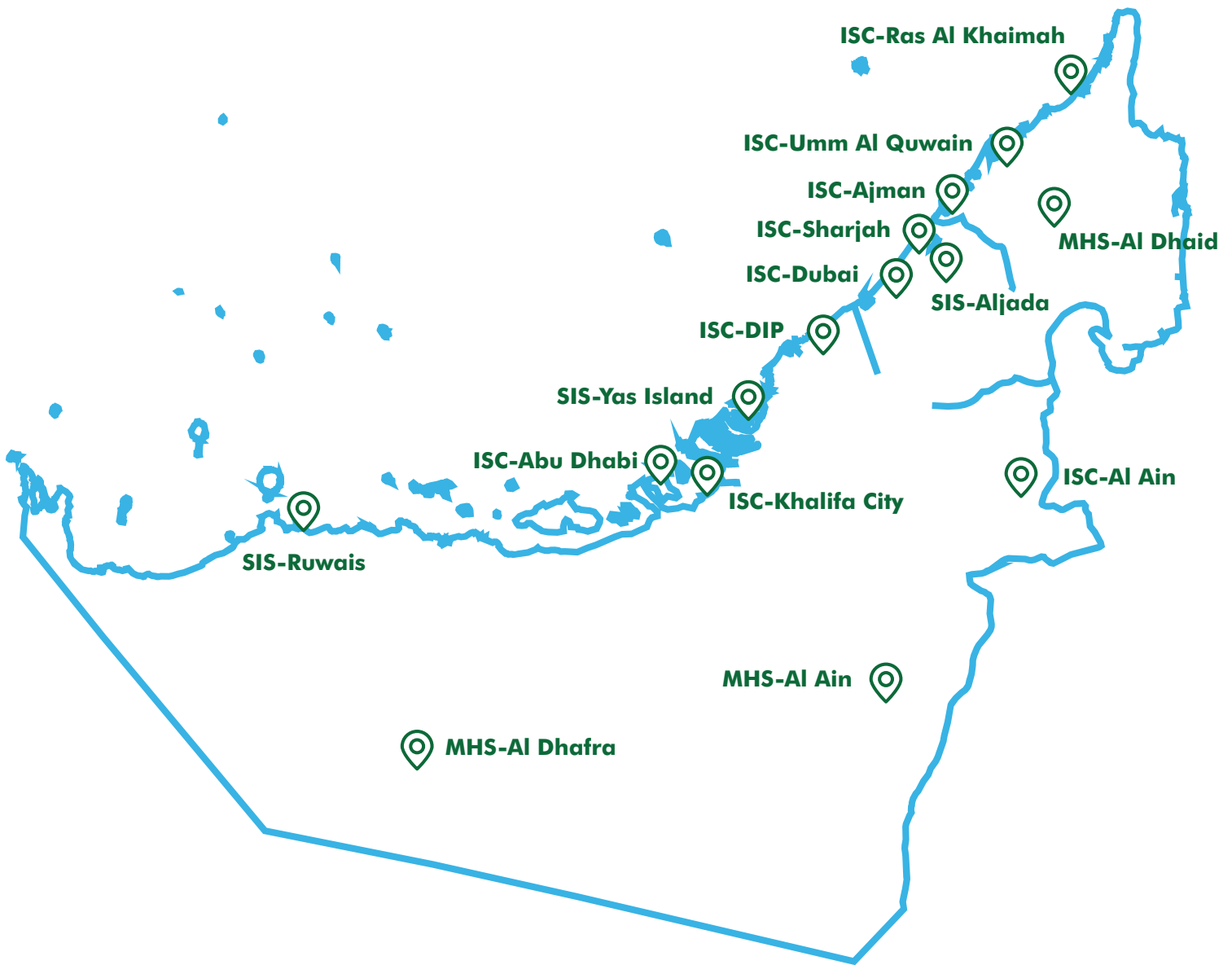


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