

## An interview with a student

**A**BDULLAH Falah Al Shibli is a student from Saif Bin Hobairah School in Batinah North region who has benefited from the Career Guidance Resource Room, through Career Guidance Specialists. The aim of this interview is to point out the beneficial role of Career Guidance Specialists in helping the students to choose suitable subjects that satisfy his future career plans.

The first question was very direct asking the student how he chose the subjects for grade eleven. He answered that he did that depending on his ability and attitude towards these subjects and future ambition.

He went through specific procedures, starting with determining the career that he wanted. Then he looked for that in the students' guide, supplied by "The Higher Education Admis-



sion Center". After that, he discussed this with school Career Guidance Specialists. At the end, he was confident that the career he had chosen was suitable for him, his capability, interest and the job market.

The second question was about the challenges and obstacles that he faced during the

selection process. He summarised these particular points as follows:

- Negative interference of some parents while making decisions and choosing a career.
- Influence of classmates, who have different opinions.
- Not being mature enough to take such decisions.

Naturally, the third question was about how he overcame over these challenges.

Without hesitation, he replied that he could not ignore his parents. He invited his father to attend career-advising sessions, which were specifically for parents. During those sessions, the Career Guidance Specialists tried to enrich the parents' with background information to help and support the students while making decisions about their own future. Furthermore, these sessions supplied the parents with required information about careers in general.

As for dealing with his classmates' that reflected was entirely his choice. He said that he listened to them, but in the end, he made up his own mind and chose his own career.

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## Interview

### Q1: Please introduce yourself.

My name is Adnan bin Hussain bin Ali Al Ajmee. I was born in 1992 and I am in Grade 10. I live in Sohar.

### Q2: What is your interest and hobbies?

I love to draw and write short stories and novels. However, I enjoy playing video games too.

### Q3: What is your plan for the future?

I want to become an Engineer and my aim is to study hard, so I get admission at Sultan Qaboos University.

### Q4: Tell us more about the Portfolio.

It is helpful for the Student to collect all important documents and achievement records during school years.

It also helped me greatly when I had to select subjects and I needed advice on how I to reach my aim to become an Engineer and to get into Sultan Qaboos University. I am glad that I have a Career Guidance Specialist at my school.

### Q5: How does the Career Guidance Specialist help you at your school?

He gives us advice, follows up our studies, and helps us select our subjects for the next academic year. He also told us to build our Portfolio and keep updating it. I saw some students of grades 11 and 12 in a class with the Career Guidance Specialist. I asked them about it. They told me they were studying the book "Career Pathway". I will take that next school year.

"We are happy to have the Career Guidance Specialist to help us achieve our goals for a brighter future."

## Youth themes

### September 8

International Literacy Day  
Ramadhan  
Back to school

### October 5

International Teacher Day

### November 4

Unesco Day;  
18, the National Day

### December 3

International Day of Disabled  
10, International Day of Human Rights

### February

Teacher day

### March 21

Mother Day

### April 22

Earth Day

### May 3

Asthma  
31, World No Tobacco Day

## The career guidance

**T**HE career guidance group at Um Salama School had an interview with a grade ten student. The interview sheds light on how students choose the subjects for grade eleven and future studies. The interview was held with Ghayda Abdullah Al Ghaithi and it went as follows:

### ❖ How did you choose your specialisation?

According to my abilities and keeping my future career in mind.

### ❖ What is your ambition for your future career?

I hope to be a chemical engineer.

### ❖ Who helped you to choose your specialisation?

I chose it myself with the assistance of my family.

### ❖ What was the role of your family in choosing your specialisation?

Encouraging me, giving me advice and assisting me.

### ❖ How did the career guidance specialists help you in choosing your specialisation?

They illustrated some theories, which divide careers according to abilities and interests and presented us with the contents, together with examples.

Moreover, they asked us to refer to some ability tests to help us in choosing the best specialisation. They have always insisted on choosing the subjects according to abilities and skills and not be influenced by friends, teachers and members of family.

Furthermore, they invited

some teachers who illustrated the nature of all subjects that are taught in grades eleven and twelve and gave us a clear idea about the contents. They also invited people of different occupations to give us a thorough explanation of their careers and they supplied us with brochures for different careers.

They also exhibited different materials like clips, board magazines, bulletin magazines and handouts that help us choose our specialisation.

### ❖ What were the drawbacks that you faced in choosing the subjects?

The core subjects were easy for me to choose but I found difficulty in choosing the elective subjects, which fit my abilities.

### ❖ What do you think is the right way of choosing the subjects?

The student himself should take the responsibility in choosing the subjects according to his abilities, ambitions and skills with the assistance of his family and the Career Guidance Specialist.

