

Dear Admissions Committee:

I have known Youssef El Hajj since he was a grade 10 student, so I have learned sufficiently about him and about his potential.

Since the day I met him, I have noticed he is always on the lookout for something that intrigues him and that satisfies his curiosity; this could not easily happen since he'd already filled his hunger for knowledge on his own.

His grades have been consistently above the class average in all of his courses. He is very committed to his studies, participating very proactively in classroom discussion, and debating very convincingly and always basing his arguments on objective, detached evidence. He has an analytical, enquiring mind and his teachers all report that he respects and absorbs others' opinions before projecting his own. Youssef is well respected by his classmates. He is both a reference and a role model to his peers for his exemplifying that hard work does pay off. Throughout his years at AIS, Youssef has demonstrated the qualities necessary for high success in the demanding academic atmosphere of a rigid high school curriculum as well as social skills needed for university. His work and study habits are efficient.

Youssef's consistent academic achievements are complemented by his diverse personal interests and extracurricular activities that he pursues. The SABIS Student Life Organization® (SLO®) has had the pleasure of having Youssef as a senior prefect of the Social Responsibility and Activities Department. He often coordinates with our Student Life Coordinator to work on and lead multiple awareness raising initiatives and campaigns. Youssef has outstanding organizational skills. He also organized a charity campaign, in which they collected food for orphanages. Youssef also participated in many competitions. He participated in the advertisement category in SABIS starts. He won the 1st place in MUN competition and the general knowledge competition.

He is able to successfully complete multiple tasks with favorable results despite deadline pressure. He has consistently demonstrated an ability to rise to any challenge that he must face. Furthermore, he is very well liked and respected by both his peers and his teachers.

Every sign indicates that Youssef will make an excellent university student. He has the social graces, the capacity to mix with others and make new friendships, a wide mind and the energy and commitment needed for university study. Youssef is a very valued student here at AIS and will be much missed when he leaves us. I wholeheartedly recommend him and wish him the very best in all future endeavors.

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Academic Quality Controller

