

WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School
RAS AL KHAIMAH



Message from Assistant Head of Primary

Tests. Examinations. Assessments. Three words that often cause a huge amount of stress for our teachers, parents and most importantly, our children.

As you will be aware, now we have returned from the Eid holidays, our children from Grades 2 to 10 will be sitting their GL Progress Tests. This is an opportunity for teachers to assess their students' knowledge and understanding of the curriculum that they have been taught this year. We then use this information to help us measure how much progress has made, identify the areas that the children have struggled with and plan for the necessary intervention to be provided for the rest of the term and in the next academic year.

It is important for us to remember what our children have had to deal with over the last year:

- An ongoing global pandemic so far spanning over 12 months,
- Being stuck at home, unable to leave the house, not being able to interact with their friends socially,
- Being removed from normal schooling and having to adapt to online learning, a mode of learning never used before,
- Constantly changing rules and regulations regarding what is allowed (both inside and outside of school),
- And some students may have had family, infected with a virus that the modern world was not ready to combat.



What's Happening

Week starting 16th May 2021

The theme of the Week

International Day of Families

- Sunday 16th May: Principal Clinic
- Monday 17th May: Primary Q and A
- Tuesday 18th May: Arabic Dep Q and A
- Wednesday 19th May: Insight into Teaching and Learning in the classroom
- Thursday 20th May: Inclusion Dep clinic "understanding Autism"



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With this in mind, we would like to take the opportunity to encourage our parents to take a step back, breathe and relax during this assessment period. Our children are already dealing with the stresses which have been outlined above, they do not also need the additional stress of worrying about how they have performed in an assessment that is solely designed to help us identify gaps in our students learning to enable us to plan accordingly.

The pandemic continues to impact the educational sector and the children. It is WSR's number one priority to support each and every one of our children in 'catching up' and moving on in our 'post pandemic' world. Our children are more than a percentage on a report card. Let's celebrate all of their achievements and not add unnecessary stress to children that have had to deal with more in their short life time than we have ever had to in ours.

Many thanks,
Harley Golder

Assistant Head of Primary



Useful contacts at WSR

If you have any concerns about attendance, punctuality or your child's welfare, please contact your child's Tutor or Pastoral Leader in the first instance. If you are unable to get a satisfactory response by following the agreed procedures, then please do not hesitate to contact reception on 07 203 5999 to arrange a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Head of Section

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Primary News

Good Morning Parents,

Please find the link to our weekly Primary Newsletter. Here, you can access the weekly Fridge Facts, read important letters, review the curriculum documents and plan ahead for future calendar events <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/primary-newsletter-t3w4/home>

We truly appreciate your understanding and support for the school during these challenging times and please be assured that WSR will continue to follow the best health and safety practices as guided by our national authorities to ensure the wellbeing of our students and school community.

Many thanks,



Secondary News

Dear Parents,

Kindly find below this week Secondary Newsletters :

KS3 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/2nd-may-6th-may-2021/home>

KS4 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks4-newsletter/home>

KS5 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks5-newsletter-ay20-21/home>





10th May 2021

Dear Parents,

After the Eid break, we will begin Progress Tests in English, maths and science for Grade 6-9 students. Please see the timetable below:

	English	Maths	Science
Grade 6	17 th May Period 1-2	18 th May Period 1-2	19 th May Period 1-2
Grade 7	17 th May Period 1-2	18 th May Period 1-2	19 th May Period 1-2
Grade 8	17 th May Period 4-5	18 th May Period 4-5	19 th May Period 4-5
Grade 9	17 th May Period 4-5	18 th May Period 4-5	19 th May Period 4-5

As we will be online during that time, students will complete these at home. The tests are only compatible with Android devices, laptops and desktops; your child's form tutor has sent out a Google form to find out if there will be accessibility issues so that we can support with this.

In your child's English, maths and science lesson, they have been preparing for these tests for the last three months. In order to prepare your child further with their Progress Test, you can ask them to go back through their Google Classroom to revise the PPTs provided by their teacher.

In order to support the students, we will only have one test per day so that they don't feel overwhelmed. To further support them, please ensure they get plenty of sleep the night before the test, have a good breakfast and have water to drink so that they are hydrated. It will also help them to have a quiet place, away from everyone else, to complete the test, and have a clear space in which to do the test.

On the morning of the test, their form tutor will share the code they will need to log-in to complete the test.

If you think your child will have a problem with completing the test at home, please send an email to their form tutor so that we can arrange a way to support them.

Kind regards,
Secondary SLT.

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Parents Clinics and Workshops

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Principal Clinic on 9th May:

https://gmseducation.zoom.us/rec/share/8AnWNzp4RYFR1xCc252_FjFANdk-4DUa9uJbgfC5E1mSC7sAHYqnHwd-SwQuH1NZ.7d7_J3A_UjegOclO



WEEKLY PRINCIPAL CLINIC , EVERY SUNDAY AT 03:00 PM



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updates from
WSR

Primary
Updates

Secondary
Updates

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Dear Parent,

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of 4% and up to 100% of your child's annual tuition

fee in the form of GEMS Points. These Points can then be used to pay school fees

(<https://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/why-gems/ambassador-programme/>)

We very much look forward

to welcoming you as a member of the GEMS Ambassador Programme and thank you for your participation.

Kind Regards

Admission Team
GEMS Education





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الإسلامية والدراسات الإجتماعية

Arabic Department Q&A سؤال وجواب حول تدريس اللغة العربية

Mr. Ismail Saidi

Head of Arabic Islamic and Social studies department

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Director of Arabic

Ms. Azza Ali

Secondary coordinator

Ms. Wafaa Mahran

Grade 3,4&5 Coordinator

Ms. Samar Faragalla

Grade 1&2 coordinator

Social studies teachers

Ms. Sawsan Ms. Hayam Ms. Nagwa

Tuesday 18-05-2021

الثلاثاء 18 مايو 2021

From 2:30 to 3:30

ZOOM LINK:

<https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/87307474655>

Meeting ID: 873 0747 4655



ZOOM



The Inclusion Department

is inviting all the parents to attend the online Parent Workshop

Understanding Autism

DIFFERENT
NOT
LESS



Wednesday, 19th May
2021 @12:00-1:00 via
Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/wkx-rxvn-hqk>



Speaker:

Dr. Mona Youssri

**Licensed Psychologist, Family and
Couples Counsellor, Clinical Director of
Hayati Health Centre, Dubai**



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A STUDENTS GUIDE TO ONLINE CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE



SHHHHH.....!

Mute your mic when you are not talking or typing.
Only turn it on if you are asked to speak.



BE ON TIME

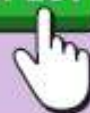
Turn up - the class is to help you and your learning.
Be on time for your online classes.



NO PHOTOS

Do not take screenshots or
photos of others online.

RESPECT



Everyone's
view online.



TURN ON YOUR CAMERA

Keep your camera on during the lesson.

Sit against a wall or blur your background when online.

Use headphones if you and your siblings share the same room.



SPEAK UP AND ASK

Contact teachers during
school hours or make an
agreement about
contact times.



PRESENTATION

Dress
appropriately.



SCHOOL RULES

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Think before you type.

Be focused on the task assigned.



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Academic Year starting Sept 2020

Fee cycle	Payment due date	Payment Period	Fixed rate %	No. of monthly fees in advance
Term 1	On or before 20 August 2020	Full year fees	4.25%	10 months
	On or before 20 August 2020	1st and 2nd term fees	3.00%	7 months
	On or before 20 August 2020	1st term fees	1.50%	4 months
Term 2	On or before 20 December 2020	2nd and 3rd term fees	2.50%	6 months
	On or before 20 December 2020	2nd term fees	1.25%	3 months
Term 3	On or before 20 March 2021	3rd term fees	1.25%	3 months

Academic Year starting April 2021

Fee cycle	Payment due date	Payment Period	Fixed rate %	No. of monthly fees in advance
Term 2	On or before 20 August 2020	2nd and 3rd term fees	2.50%	7 months
	On or before 20 August 2020	2nd term fees	1.50%	4 months
Term 3	On or before 20 December 2020	3rd term fees	1.25%	3 months
Term 1	On or before 20 March 2021	Full year fees	4.25%	10 months
	On or before 20 March 2021	1st and 2nd term fees	3.00%	7 months
	On or before 20 March 2021	1st term fees	1.25%	3 months

For any clarifications on tuition fee discounts, please contact the GEMS school cashier

Terms and conditions:

- The discount scheme is based on a fixed rate percentage of the tuition fee paid in advance and in accordance with the above fee cycle calendar using the GEMS FAB Titanium Credit card.
- The discount can be used for a maximum of one academic year and is only applicable if a one term minimum tuition fee is paid in advance.
- Eligibility for the fee discount requires any outstanding fees to be paid in full.
- The discount is based on the current fee structure. Should any revision to the fee structure be approved by the regulatory authority at a later date, the difference shall be payable by the cardholder.
- In case of any refunds, the official refund policy will be applied and the discount already granted will be adjusted accordingly.
- The discount is applied on the net tuition fee after concession/reduction/advance payment, if any.

Contact: SAJIDA 0503535523



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WEBSITE**

Keep up to date with our School website



- Check out what's been happening at school in our Event Logger Page:
<http://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/for-parents/events-logger/>
- What events are happening this Term – check out our Events Calendar:
<http://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/for-parents/events-calendar/>



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School Term Dates :

Statement	Date
Term 1	From 30-8-2020 to 10-12-2020
Term 2	From 3-1-2021 to 25-3-2021
Term 3	From 11-4-2020 to 1-7-2020
Last day of academic Year	1-7-2021

*Kind
Regards*