



# WSR IN A WEEK

مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر رأس الخيمة

GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



## What's Happening

Week starting 10th January 2021

The theme of the Week

**Dreams and Aspirations Week**

- Sunday 10th Jan. Principal Clinic
- Tuesday 12th Jan. Parent Q & A Session with the Head of Arabic & Islamic
- Thursday 14th of Jan. Parent Conference Meeting

### Message from The Vice Principal

Dear  
Parent/Carer,

I hope you are in the best of health and enjoying the new year!

#### Attendance

I would like to thank those parents who have supported us in keeping their child's attendance to school very good, by sending your child(ren) into school or online, every day this week.

Understanding the relationship between attendance and student achievement is vital. Research shows that good attendance is essential to academic success. Chronic absence is described as missing 10 percent of the school year – or 18 days – for any reason, authorised or unauthorised. Children who are chronically absent in KG1 show lower levels of achievement in math and reading. That same research shows that children who continue on the path of chronic absence through to first grade are less likely to read confidently during their primary years at school. This then leads to achieving significantly lower grades compared to their peers who attended lessons every day. I am sure you will continue to join us on this journey ensuring ALL our students are attending ALL lessons every day.



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## **Creative Curriculum**

Even though we are quite restricted in having to remain in our bubbles within school, we have still managed to plan for interesting and stimulating experiences for the students to enjoy during Term 2. Our aim is to make learning creative and fun for the children. In addition, we have been finding out where our children are in terms of their learning so that this term we will be implementing further targeted support where it is needed.

## **Personal Social and Health Education**

As a school, we have always placed huge importance on your child as an individual growing and learning within a community; our core values of respect, resilience and kindness echo this. This has not changed.

We understand the trialing times our students face in the current climate and therefore ensure our Welfare Officer, Ms. Hassina and School Counsellors, Ms. Basma and Ms. Ala, alongside all SLT are readily available to support your child throughout the day.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that your child has every tool necessary to being a success in the world they are in. Challenges change and we want every member of our school community to feel supported in times of stress and anxiety. We support your child on how to face the challenges of the 21st century with optimism, resilience and compassion.

Kind Regards,

Shabana Amir-Baz  
Vice Principal

# 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 Afternoon 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-t2w1/home>

To further promote reading our newsletter, we have prepared a short fun quiz that parents and children are invited to take part in. Each week, 10 questions will be presented to you about the Primary Newsletter: <https://forms.gle/xLviLtriNgUVrqE59>.

You will need to search through the Primary Newsletter to find the answers and complete the quiz. Each week, the children and parents with the highest score will be celebrated on the 'Scavenger Hunt' page of the Newsletter.

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 and Students,

Kindly find below this week Secondary Newsletters :

**KS3 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/3rd-january-07th-january-2021/home>**

**KS4 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/3rdjanuary-7th-january2021/home>**

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



# threads<sup>TM</sup>

## AL NAEEM MALL (RAS AL KHAIMAH)

### threads<sup>TM</sup> NEW SHOWROOM

OPENING ON **SUNDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> DEC 2020.**

📍 Shop #: S-05, Level-2, Al Naeem Mall, RAK



GEMS Westminster School – Ras Al Khaimah uniforms will be available at the New Threads Store at Al Naeem Mall

📍 PURCHASE UNIFORM ONLINE  
& GET IN 8-10 WORKING DAYS.



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### THREADS RETAIL SHOP

Uniforms of GEMS Westminster School - Ras Al Khaimah will be available at

1. Al Naeem Mall Threads Outlet (RAK)



Pre-book  
**to stay safe.**



#### Step 1:

Pre-book your appointment to visit the store  
[www.threadsme.com](http://www.threadsme.com)



#### Step 2:

Present your appointment confirmation (QR code)



#### Step 3:

Enjoy a safe and socially distant shopping experience



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To free up your time, please order online at [www.threadsme.com](http://www.threadsme.com)

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5-7 working days will be required for the delivery during peak sale period.



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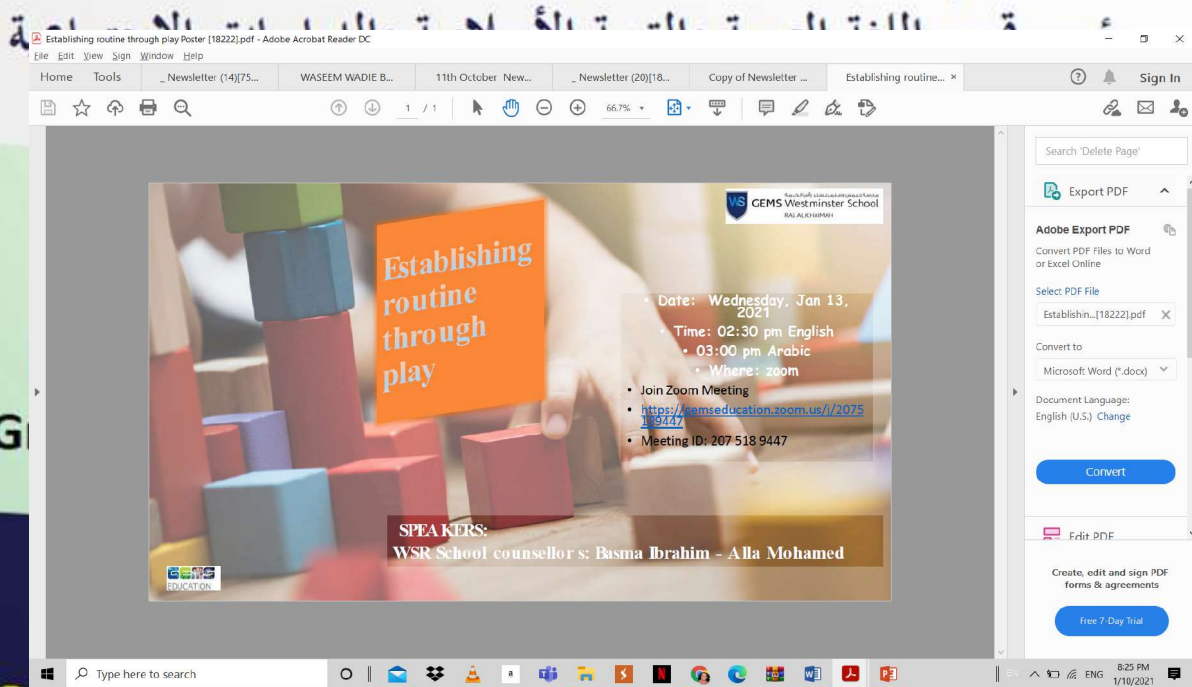
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# Arabic Department Q&A

## سؤال وجواب حول تدريس اللغة العربية

**Mr. Ismail Saidi**

Head of Arabic Islamic and Social studies department



Tuesday 12-01-2021

الثلاثاء 12 يناير 2021

From 2:30 to 3:30

**ZOOM LINK:**

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

**Meeting ID: 873 0747 4655**

ZOOM

## Establishing routine through play

- Date: Wednesday, Jan 13, 2021
- Time: 02:30 pm English
  - 03:00 pm Arabic
- Where: zoom
- Join Zoom Meeting
- <https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/2075189447>
- Meeting ID: 207 518 9447

**SPEAKERS:**  
WSR School counsellors: **Basma Ibrahim - Alla Mohamed**



# PARENT SURVEY 2020

*YOUR* CHANCE  
TO HAVE  
*YOUR* SAY

HAVE YOU  
COMPLETED THE  
**PARENT  
SURVEY?**



***Check your email inbox for your personalised link***



NOW'S TIME TO  
**RE-ENROL...**



 **Enrolment for the  
Academic Year 2021-2022  
is now open for WSR.**

**Click**

**<https://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/admissions/enrol-online/>**

**to register.**

**Secure your child's place now!**

# For School Bus Services – BBT Company

Parents who want to register bus service for the students, please visit the BBT counter.

Timing - Sunday

to Thursday 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM

Saturday 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM.

Transport In charge- Mr. Yusaf Rasheed.

E Mail - [sde-wsr@bbt.ae](mailto:sde-wsr@bbt.ae)

Contact - Tel: 07-2035999 Ext: 204

Thank You.



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*Little Money, Lots of Protection*

**Repair or Replacement Guaranteed PLUS Free pick up and drop**

**4.25% discount offer is extended till 31st August plus you can  
Convert the school fee in installment without interest and  
Without processing fee**



**FAB GEMS Credit Card**

Made especially for GEMS families

**Advance Tuition Fee Discount Scheme on GEMS Credit Card - Academic Year 2020-2021**

**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**

# Save on your school's fees today! GEMS Ambassador Programme

Dear Parent,

The GEMS Ambassador Programme has been running successfully for more than a decade since its launch in 2008. In the past two years alone, the programme has helped parents earn back more than AED 650,000.

The programme is open to any GEMS Education parent and the process is straightforward: simply introduce a new family or friend to any participating GEMS school and earn back a minimum 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



**VISIT OUR 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/>

Dear all,

If you have not done so already, please ensure you have downloaded the GEMS Rewards App and completed the registration process. The App is available on IOS and Android App stores.

<http://www.gemsrewards.com/>



There are plenty of offers and savings

## 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*