



# WSR IN A WEEK

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## What's Happening

Week starting 20th of Sep

Theme of the Week

**Charity Week**

Parent Information Evening

- Sunday 20th September – G11-12
- Monday 21st September – Arabic and Islamic
- Tuesday 22nd September - Grade 8 to Grade 10
- Sunday 29th September – Grade 6 and 7

### A new school year and so much is different already.

We have a new Principal, Ms. Nicole, a new Vice Principal, Ms. Shabana and a whole new way of learning, both blended and remote. It has been a real year of ups and downs, the downs being mainly the long period of absence from school due to the Covid 19 global pandemic. The up's being the record results WSR achieved in both A level and IGCSE examinations.

In Secondary for our Grade 10, 11 & 12 examination work starts immediately, working through the curriculum and addressing misconceptions and providing targeted intervention where necessary. We are also working hard to ensure that all students are comfortable with the transition back to school following a long period of absence. This combined with the trauma and stress of the cancelled examinations and the process that followed will have had an impact on their general wellbeing and mindfulness. In our pastoral team we have a group of professionals ready to assist with any anxieties or stresses that students may be feeling. For grades 6, 7, 8, 9 the first term has begun and whether they have opted for blended or remote learning we are focused on ensuring that all curriculum requirements are met and that all students feel supported whether at home or in school.

We have had two excellent parent online clinics where we have been happy to provide support and assistance with any issue you have experienced. We will be advertising a list of future clinics and topics, please inform us if you would like us to add further items or areas of interest for you, as always, we are happy to provide this service.

We are, as always, relying on your support, your patience, and your resilience as we get used to these new ways of working and the technology requirements for students, parents and teachers. We look forward to a time in the not too distant future where we can welcome all of our students back to school and see all of their happy smiling faces once again.

Best wishes.

Martin Poveda



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# 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,

It has been another exciting week here at WSR Primary, both in school and virtually. This week, KG1 and KG2 continued their daily sessions, Grade 1 and Grade 5 started their Blended Learning both in school and online whilst Grades 2, 3 and 4 continued timetabled sessions remotely. Next week, we are happy to announce that we will be inviting back Grade 2, 3 and 4 children to start their Blended Learning program too. This means Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will all be in for Blended Learning. Please ensure you have been in contact with your child's class teacher who will inform you if your child is in Group 1 or 2 (this will determine which days of the week your child will attend Face to Face learning in school and which days they will continue online learning). Group 1 children will be in Sunday and Monday with Group 2 children being in Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please find the link to the weekly 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-week-3/home>

We will be welcoming more students back to school from next week, therefore, the uniform sale will revert to only online purchases from Sunday 20th September. The Uniform sale will only be open on Thursday 17th September 2-6pm and Saturday 19th September 8am to 6pm. To avoid disappointment please ensure you book your appointment online to visit the uniform store.

We would like to wish you all a relaxing, calm and peaceful weekend with your families.

Stay safe.





# Secondary News



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# PARENT INFORMATION

# MEETINGS

## MORNING CLINICS:

Grade 11 & 12

**Sunday 20th**

**September**

8am-9am

Grade 8, 9 & 10

**Tuesday 22nd**

**September**

8am-9am

Grade 6 & 7

**Sunday 27th**

**September**

8am-9am

## AFTERNOON MEETINGS:

Grade 11 & 12

**Sunday 20th**

**September**

3pm-4.30pm

Grade 8, 9 & 10

**Tuesday 22nd**

**September**

3pm-4.30pm

Grade 6 & 7

**Sunday 27th**

**September**

3pm-4.30pm



# Arabic Department News



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PLANS  
ACTIVITIES  
CURRICULUM

TRAINING

EXAMINATIONS

KNOWLEDGE

**Date: 21st September 2020**  
**Time: 3:00 - 4:00pm**  
**Venue: Remote Session**

## (Parent Introduction Session)

The Department of Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies are honoured to cordially invite all parents to attend a remote introduction session to introduce the following:

- Teachers of the Department
- Curriculums
- Action plan for the new school year
- Activities and training
- Answers to your enquiries

for the school year of  
**2020 - 2021**

**Under the supervision:**

**Mr. Ismail Saidi**

**Head of Arabic, Islamic and  
Social students Department**

This session is intended for all parents:  
(KG to Grade 12)



# September Key Dates:

## Parent Information evening

- ☐ Sunday 13th September - KG1
- ☐ Monday 14th September - KG2 and Grade 1 / Islamic Parent Workshop
- ☐ Tuesday 15th September - Grade 2 to Grade 5
- ☐ Sunday 20th September - Grade 11 and 12
- ☐ Monday 21st September - Arabic and Islamic
- ☐ Tuesday 22nd September - Grade 8 to 10
- ☐ Sunday 29th September - Grade 6 and 7

## 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



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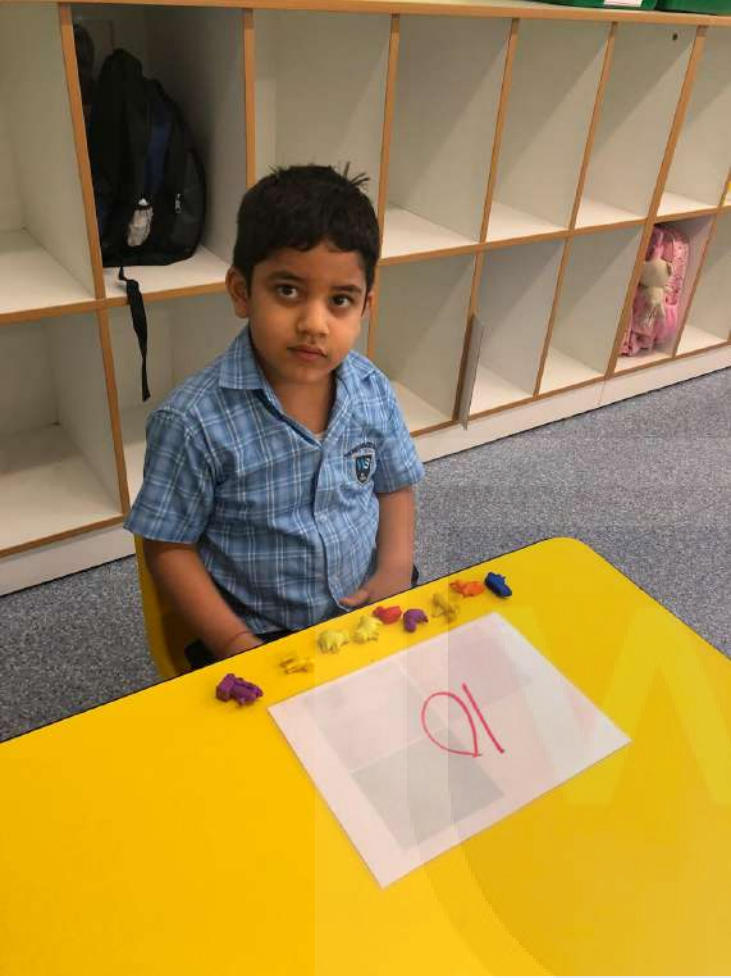
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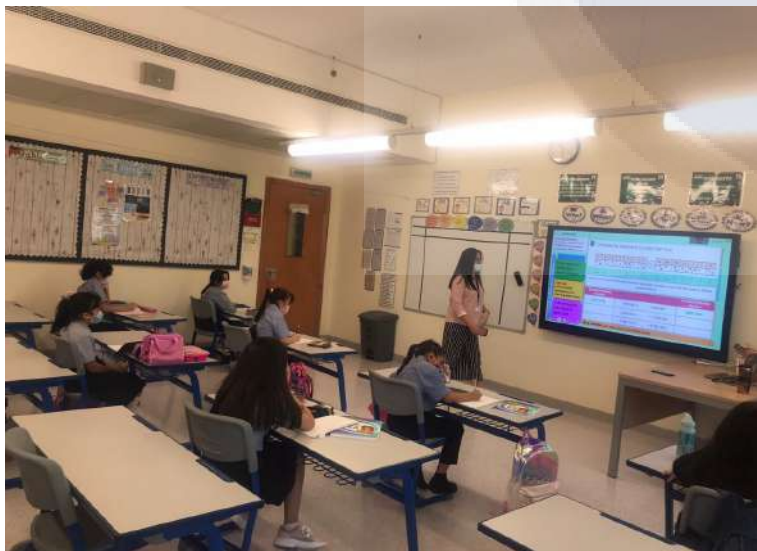
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# Save on your school's fees today! GEMS Ambassador Programme

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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



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**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.

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## • Keep up to date with our School website

- Missed a previous edition of our Newsletter? All newsletters are uploaded on our website: <http://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/for-parents/policies-forms-handbook-and-newsletters/newsletters/>
- Missed a letter from the school? All letters sent to parents are now on our website: <http://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/for-parents/letters/>
- 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*