

WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School

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What's Happening

Week starting 25th April 2021

The theme of the Week

World Malaria Day

- Sunday 25th April: Principal Clinic
- Examination clinic G10-12, Thur 29 April



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Message from Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

Ramadan Kareem!

I hope that you are having a fabulous Ramadan and are enjoying all the benefits that this Holy Month brings us.

As you know, we are now in the final term of the academic year. However, there is still lots for your children to learn, even after the Progress Tests, lessons will continue. It is very important that your children attend school every day until the end of the term, Thursday 1st July.

So with the end of the academic year in sight, I ask you to reflect upon the year so far. How has WSR served your child's education? Have you seen positive change? Can you see an encouraging difference in your child from the beginning of the year to now? Is WSR preparing your child for the future? Does your child have a voice in our school?

We have all been working hard towards our school key objectives. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you, what you think we have achieved, and where you think we need to work harder.

Our Key Priorities:

1. Improving Student Outcomes
2. Embedding Literacy across the Curriculum
3. Improving the quality of Learning and Teaching
4. Improve the educational outcomes for all key groups
5. Improve the quality of assessments systems and quality assurance
6. Improve Parental Engagement and Communication



Our parental involvement in educating the children in our school is extremely important to us. Your voice matters to us and we do our utmost to listen to you and to action your requests. So with this in mind, any feedback, steps to move forward or suggestions that you have that will make WSR even better are gratefully received. Please do email me with your suggestions

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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. As the African proverb states... 'It takes a village to raise a child' and together we can raise confident, articulate, problem solving children who will grow into our leaders of tomorrow.

One Tribe, One Family!

Jane Scawthorn

Head of Primary





PARENT CIRCULAR

*Kenken International Championship 2021 (KIC 2021)
(Grade 3/Year 4 & above)*

Date: 25-Mar-2021

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that registration is now open for Kenken International Championship 2021. For our pupils, this will be an exciting and valuable chance to compete in the GCC's biggest math puzzle championship. We have experienced, first-hand, the curiosity in the Kenken puzzles among our student community; therefore, we are very excited about the KIC 2021, which is now online with some remarkable changes to improve the puzzling acumen of participants.

*Kenken Puzzles are proven to improve the mathematical/numeracy fluency and nurture the cognitive abilities of students. It is recognized by the NCTM (the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, USA) as a powerful tool to build reasoning skills, problem solving aptitude, perseverance and mental stamina in kids. Moreover, throughout the rounds of the championship, students can expect to win certificates and medals, trophies, and other goodies. Finally, to represent UAE at the international level, six students will be selected for the International round at NEW YORK! **

You can register your children by following the link below and paying the registration fee of AED 150 one-time fee. We recommend you register at your earliest to get more time for the preparation. To register and to know more details about the championship and the exam dates, please follow the link below.

Register Here: <https://kenkenuae.com/parent-circular/RKT-GWSR>

We look forward to our student community's active involvement and wish them all the very best in the Kenken championship 2021!

Best Wishes,

GEMS Westminster School RAK

**Due to the pandemic restrictions, all rounds will be happening online in KIC 2021.*

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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WSR YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKMwVs9mTmESj1m_nk7XvoQ/videos	

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/primarynewsletterterm3week2/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/18th-april-22nd-april-2021/home>

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

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



Dear Parents,

Firstly, Ramadan Kareem to you and your family.

Secondly, thank you for your patience while we deal with the ever-changing situation regarding the examinations for this summer. We have now created a timetable that follows what Edexcel have issued, but have accommodated the Cambridge and Oxford AQA boards too. We have also considered that it is Ramadan so there will only be one exam per day, and ensured there are no exams on a Friday. As we have tried to space out the exams, there will be one final week of exams after Eid. Your child will only need to attend school on the days they have an exam, and are able to leave once they have completed their exam (as long as they are not using the school transport).

For these exams to be used as part of the evidence for your child's final grade, they need to attend school to complete them. This will be a very useful way of verifying your child's grade and forming part of their portfolio of evidence. This will be a great opportunity for your child to work on their targets from their Term 2 report, and demonstrate all of their learning from this year.

In order to keep students as safe as possible, we must have a negative PCR result (even if your child is vaccinated) submitted to their form tutor and a hard copy when they come to school, and we will host the exams in a classroom with a maximum of only 10 students in each room.

If your child is taking a combination of IGCSEs/AS/A Level exams, or if they have any clashes in their timetable, we will schedule the additional exams in Week 4 of the exams.

Please find attached the timetable for Grade 10-12. Grade 11 and 12 exams are on the top of each row, and Grade 10 is on the bottom.

Thank you for your continued support,

Secondary SLT.

OneTribeOneFamily

Parents Clinics and Workshops

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Principal Clinic on 18th April:

https://gemseducation.zoom.us/rec/share/f1MreVzQeavw3vFcnkUz66pZWMRyDA-7FnmkJN_YnSxe_wMWsRiYtapkQwTW2ocq.c06cvLXvI0ffoJCK

Secondary Examination Clinic for G10-12, Thur 22nd:

https://gemseducation.zoom.us/rec/share/7Ceogj_kk9odEMcxkUzyAEskqQDcqiybQre33m5ipFY9-RMX2vrrQ4_D8Uk2L-L.0vkl7romFI56Hroe



WSR WEEK

1M GWA have been investigating whether paper is a suitable material for a boat. Super work everyone!



KG2 EXPERIMENTING HOW DIFFERENT BEAKS ARE BETTER AT PICKING UP DIFFERENT FOODS

KG2 ARE CREATING THEIR OWN BINOCULARS TO SPY AROUND THE CLASSROOM.





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Re-enroll today at GEMS WSR to ensure your child is with their friends next year !

RE-ENROLL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OFFERS GEMS HAVE ON YOUR TUITION FEES

No.1 Offer - For every friend you refer to GEMS you will receive a 4% discount on your child's tuition fees!

No.2 Offer - Pay with a F.A.B card and get up to 4.25% discount on your child's tuition fees!

No.3 Offer - Link your Etisalat Smiles to GEMS Rewards to receive even more discount!

**SAVE... SAVE... SAVE...
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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

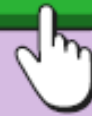
Turn up - the class is to help you and your learning.
Be on time for your online classes.



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

School rules apply in the online classroom.

Think before you type.

Be focused on the task assigned.



Protect yourself and your children from Flu



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- Children between the ages of 5 and 16 years

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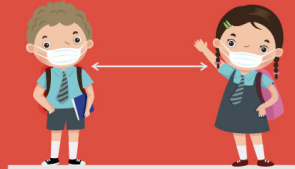
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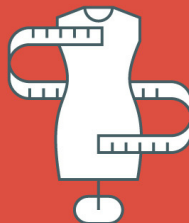
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RE-ENROL...



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

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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

Contact - Tel: 07-2035999 Ext: 204

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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

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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



Keep up to date with our School website

VISIT OUR 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.

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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