

WSR IN A WEEK

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What's Happening

Week starting 30th May 2021

The theme of the Week

Graduation Week

- Sunday 30th May: Principal Clinic
- Monday 31st May: Primary Q and A
- Tuesday 1st of June Arabic Dep Q and A



Message from Director of Learning - KS4

Dear Parents,

In this edition of the newsletter, I would like to give you more information on our latest initiative in secondary school; Project Based Learning (PBL). We briefly introduced PBL to secondary students at the end of Term 1 and the outcome was brilliant. Most students said that they wanted more such opportunities. So, voila! We are bringing it back in a more structured manner and with a greater focus on student wellbeing, personalising the learning, hearing our students' voice and preparing them for the future by upskilling them through the use of multimedia and technology.

Why PBL?

Because Project Based Learning works. It engages students in learning that is deep and long-lasting. PBL can be transformative for students – especially those who lack motivation or cannot express themselves.



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As noted by the World Economic Forum, more than 50% employees will require 'reskilling' in the next 3 years to meet 21st century expectations. Universities and employers now consider problem solving and analytical skills to be highly desirable. Students can learn and apply these useful skills through PBL along with the integration of technology.

Project Based Learning has a number of different complex definitions but in simple terms, students find solutions to real world problems through research, evidence gathering and then present their conclusion/recommendation through a multimedia approach. With students spending extended periods of time away from school, some of them may feel overwhelmed by the amount of information that they have received in regular lessons as we try to deliver the content required to prepare them for exams. PBL gives students the opportunity to work at their own pace and research about areas of learning that interests them while working around the framework given by the teacher. This also gives them plenty of opportunities to work, discuss and debate with their peers promoting collaboration within the lesson.

At the end of 5 weeks of PBL, students will present their innovative ideas and solutions using various platforms and reflect on the process of learning. Through PBL, every student feels heard and has the opportunity to share their findings in the way that best suits their needs. If your child is in Grade 8 or 9, they will find all the skills that they have acquired during this period very useful and will be able to apply it in the future at IGCSE and A level. They will complete an extended individual project and receive a qualification for their project from the exam board (Yes, an extra qualification!). These qualifications will give your child an advantage over other students as Universities all over the world are looking for students who have the ability to confront a problem, think it through and decisively apply solutions.

I urge you as parents to support this initiative. Encourage your child to talk about their findings every day and show interest in their work to boost their confidence and motivate them further. Give them the opportunity to dazzle you with the knowledge that they have acquired! We welcome your feedback as always and would love to know about your child's experience with PBL. Do write to the secondary team and share pictures of your child's learning journey.

Thanks and Regards,

Rhea Lawrence
Director of Learning – KS4

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	

Dear Parents,

WSR HAS TALENT is here again!!!

This is an annual event designed to showcase and celebrate amazing talents in our students.

At **WSR**, we believe that every child has got a **TALENT** and we do our very best to help them discover, develop and nurture these talents.

So if you would like your child (**from Grade 3 – Grade 12**) to be a part of **WSR HAS TALENT SEASON 5**, Please follow the steps below:

1. Click on the registration link. <https://forms.gle/LphV3ns8grRmnA3b8>
2. Complete the registration form.
3. Upload the video audition file.
4. Submit your registration form.
5. Wait for confirmation email. (This will be sent after the audition has been reviewed by our judges to confirm if the application is successful or not)

Deadline for submission is Thursday 3rd of June, 2021.

Looking forward to this great events.

Thanks.



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-term3-week7/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,

Please click on the links below to access the secondary weekly newsletters for Key stage 3, 4 and 5.

KS3 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/23rd-may-27th-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>



Parents Clinics and Workshops

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Principal Clinic on 23rd May:

https://gmseducation.zoom.us/rec/share/708NrIX5p3r8-6TDIsT1JmUFBgD6hafDmECIw4pd7b08d7TllgnUpF0iwHquVkWP.5qdFOa1NqRfy_fF0

Secondary Examination Clinic on 27th May:

https://gmseducation.zoom.us/rec/share/Ub3Ci95SU3zXu9f4H9PugLmcTOXvPxxwJmIHbR8Htdq8YAqgQP_OxBIfAWMF0-7QE.m9f-b0wqmMWlVwyV



WSR Primary

LIVE Q&A

Join us as we discuss the
GEMS parent survey.

DATE: Monday 31st May 2021

TIME: 12:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/89561304230>





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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

رئيس قسم اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية والدراسات الإجتماعية

Mr. Ali EZZAT

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 01-06-2021

الثلاثاء 01 يونيو 2021

From 2:30 to 3:30

ZOOM

ZOOM LINK:

<https://gmseducation.zoom.us/j/81673020558>

Meeting ID: 816 7302 0558



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PAYMENT METHODS AT WSR!



PAYMENT IN SCHOOL
YOU CAN PAY CASH OR CREDIT

PAYMENT THROUGH
GEMS CONNECT APPLICATION



GEMS
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 To update their contacts, access reports, make payment and more

PAYMENT THROUGH
PARENT PORTAL

Bank transfer:

Account Name: GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL
 RAS AL KHAIMAH
 Bank Name: MASHREQ BANK
 Bank Address: RIQA BRANCH, DUBAI, UAE
 Account Number: 01 900000 1227
 Swift Code: BOMLAEAD
 IBAN: AE77 0330 0000 1900 0001 227



WEEKLY PRINCIPAL CLINIC , EVERY SUNDAY AT 03:00 PM



GEMS Westminister School
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updates from
WSR

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Updates

Secondary
Updates

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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
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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...
USING YOUR GEMS REWARDS!**



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

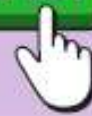
Turn up - the class is to help you and your learning.
Be on time for your online classes.



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



WHO SHOULD TAKE IT?

- Children between the ages of 5 and 16 years

THE BENEFITS

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 **Enrolment for the
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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

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



- 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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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