

WSR IN A WEEK

مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر رأس الخيمة

GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



What's Happening

Week starting 6 th December
Theme of the Week
World Mental Health week

- Sunday 6th December
- Principal's Clinic
- Monday 7th December
- Parent Q & A Session with the Head of Primary
- Tuesday 8th December
- Arabic Department Q&A
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Message from Director of Learning Key Stage 3

Dear parents,

As we reach the end of this extremely unusual term, I would just like to take this opportunity to express my pride and admiration in how brilliantly everyone is working together in the face of the immense changes to our lives that the battle against the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic has caused.

As parents, this has been a really tough time for you as you cope with your own worries. I would like to thank you all for the support you are giving to your children as we all try to ensure that they are able to continue with their learning.

This way of working is all very new to us all and not something that we had prepared for, so I think you can be incredibly proud of all you have achieved. There are lots of things that we have all learnt already but the most important is that the health and wellbeing of your family is our top priority and comes before everything else! Amidst this difficult time, we had so much fun, teaching and learning. We had run different events in school to promote reading like WSR Speaks, MUN, spelling bee etc. During this last week of our school, our students have presented their view and ideas on different global issue to promote project based learning. We have also planned so much more for the next term.

I would just like to end by once again thanking you for your support throughout this challenging time – we are a fantastic community and I am extraordinarily proud and privileged to be a part of this family. My warmest wishes for a restful Winter holiday to you and your family.

Regards,

Remya Unnikrishnan

DOL – KS3



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

6th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: End of Term 1 Arrangements

The last day of the Autumn Term is Thursday 10th December 2020. It is important that your child attends school up until the last day of term. Their teachers have planned lots of fun and exciting activities along with achievement assemblies where students will be awarded prizes for their exceptional work in different subjects this term.

The Spring Term (Term 2) commences on **Sunday 3rd January 2021**. The school day will start at the normal time of 7.45am. Please ensure that your son/daughter arrives on time and is wearing the full and correct school uniform, with the correct equipment for learning.

This Term has been far from normal, but we have all worked extremely hard to overcome the challenges and ensure your child's education has remained our top priority. I am extremely thankful to the parents and staff who have been patient, understanding and supportive as we have navigated all of the new health regulations and guidelines during this pandemic.

Thank you to those parents who have completed our parent survey for the Autumn Term. The Leadership Team will be analysing the outcomes of this and listening to your feedback (alongside students and staff surveys), so that we can continue to grow and develop in partnership with you.

When we return in January, we will continue with the current model of education until we receive further notifications from the Ministry of Education.

KG1 and KG2 will have lessons every day, where students are allocated to Session 1 (7.30am – 10.00am) or Session 2 (11.30am -2pm). We are only allowed to have 10 students per classroom, with no more than 4 children per table with 1.5-metre distance between students.

Grade 1 to Grade 9 will have Blended Learning

They will have a mixture of face-to-face classroom based learning and remote learning. We are only allowed to have up to 15 students in a classroom at a time. Therefore, we operate a two-week timetable, where some grades will come to school on Sunday to Tuesday and the rest of the grades will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday. This will then swap the following week so all Grades will be in school for at least 5 days over a two-week period. On the days when students are not in school, they will continue with remote learning at home.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 will have a normal 100% timetable face to face in school. Grade 11 and 12 will be able to go home to study privately when their lessons finish each day.

Remote Learning Only: Some parents have decided to keep their children at home and continue with 100% remote learning. If you decide to change to Blended Learning in January, you will need to complete another Parent Agreement form.

Safety Guidelines Reminder for Parents

- Notify the school if you have travelled out of the country
- **Your child will need to submit a negative COVID results before returning to school on 3rd January 2021 (applies to students 12 years old and over)**



- Ensure you provide your updated contact information and emergency contact with your child's teacher
- Ensure that your child attends school either in the school building or online
- Ensure you do not send your child to school if they are displaying any COVID symptoms or have a high temperature
- Ensure you do not send your child to school if they have had close contact to a positive COVID case (a family member or friend)
- Ensure you send your child to school with 2 labelled masks, packed lunch and water bottles
- Ensure you inform the school clinic if your child has any pre-existing medical conditions
- To arrange an appointment with your child's teacher or a member of SLT, contact the school by telephone to book an online meeting
- **Only KG1 and KG2 parents will be allowed in the school for a maximum of 10 minutes. No other parents are permitted into the school.**
- Parents are not allowed to visit the school without a prior appointment- if you need to visit admissions or the accounts office, **please only come after 2.30pm**
- Make online payments and avoid cash transactions
- Designated drop off and pick-up areas will be allocated for each Grade where parents will collect the students
- Parents will not be able to access the rest of the school to ensure the safe drop off and collection of students.
- Each student will undergo a temperature check upon arriving at school each day. WSR will use thermal imaging cameras established at strategic entrance points into the school. This will include entrance points for bus students
- Temperature checks will also be conducted prior to a student entering the bus prior to boarding the bus.

For enquiries regarding the books store email Suneel.f_wsr@gemsedu.com
Threads will soon be selling the school uniform in Al Naeem Mall, more information to follow shortly.

Key SLT Contacts

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On behalf of all the staff at the GEMS WSR, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy New Year and a restful and enjoyable winter holiday.

Yours Sincerely



Nicole Haynes
Principal/CEO
OneTribeOneFamily



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-week-13/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/nELkNTQPmm9wt26ZA>.

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 :

Here are the newsletters for this week.

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

KS4 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/22nd-november-26th-november-20/home>

KS3 - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/22thnovember-26thnovember2020/home>





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قسم اللغة العربية والتربية
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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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

Tuesday 08-12-2020

الثلاثاء 08 ديسمبر 2020

From 2:30 to 3:30

ZOOM LINK:

<https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/88091922535>

Meeting ID: 880 9192 2535





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Secondary School—Online Parent Clinics for Term 1 -

Monday 9th November	Secondary Literacy - All Secondary Parents Ms. Chantelle Sargeant—Deputy Head Academic Literacy, First and Second Language English
Monday 16th November	Key Stage 4 Focus—Parents of Grades 8, 9 & 10 Key Stage 4 Team Understanding IGCSE qualifications
Monday 23rd November	Key Stage 5 Focus—Parents of Grades 11 & 12 Key Stage 5 Team Being successful at Advanced Level
Monday 7th December	Secondary open questions and answers Secondary Team Preparing for Term 2 and Q&A session

2020/21



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YOUR
FEEDBACK!

PARENT SURVEY 2020

YOUR CHANCE
TO HAVE
YOUR SAY

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COMPLETED THE
**PARENT
SURVEY?**



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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

Contact - Tel: 07-2035999 Ext: 204

Thank You.



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



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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.

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/>



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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