



# WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



## What's Happening

Week starting 21st February 2021

The theme of the Week

**International Day**

- Sunday 21st Feb. Principal Clinic
- The School Counselling Department HOW A YEAR WITHOUT HUGS AFFECTS OUR MENTAL HEALTH
- Monday 22nd Feb. Parent Q & A Session for primary.
- Tuesday 23rd Feb. Q and A for islamic dep.
- learning Arabic for parents.
- Wednesday 24th Feb. A Level Options Information evening for Grade 10( Online)

### Message from Assistant Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the next addition of our Parent's Newsletter, a platform for us to communicate messages, information and updates regarding life at WSR from every part of our school. As we start our planning and preparation for our return to RLP, I would like to remind our parents of the expectations we have in school and that these expectations are maintained whilst on RLP.

**Attendance** is a big priority for WSR, with every child being expected to attend school every day. It is vital that children are logging on and joining their live lessons promptly; as well as attending their sessions, active participation and engagement is necessary for them to make progress. Studies have repeatedly shown that high rates of absences and poor punctuality has a direct impact on both children's academic performance and their social development within their class. A reminder that our target attendance is 95%. Children who are arriving late, or are repeatedly absent, will be receiving a range of sanctions so please work with us and ensure your children are always present, fully equipped, and ready to learn every day.

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**Uniform** is something that most of the country, if not the world, has to comply with. Different educational and professional settings have a strict uniform policy in place to ensure all children and staff look smart and presentable. With this in mind, we feel that children attending their online sessions wearing their full school uniform helps create a positive mindset that is ready for learning. As I am sure you will agree, our uniform policy makes the children look incredibly smart. It is a shame if some children aren't complying this this; when these children grow up and find themselves in the world of work, they will have to oblige by the uniform polices of their workplace - we need to prepare them for this reality.

**Submitting Work** is a necessity. The children are only getting the full benefit of the learning if they are actively engaged in their learning and participating with the activities and tasks set. Submitting their work allows our teachers to provide valuable feedback and next steps to support them in continuing their learning, increasing their attainment level and making progress. This work also provides an important evidence for our teachers when assessing children's understanding.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, regular clinics are held by the SLT from across the school. These are opportunities to share and clarify information, discuss school issues, ask and answer questions and offer suggestions, with the goal of working together to improve the school experience.

Many thanks,

Harley Golder  
Assistant Head of Primary

# 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	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKMwVs9mTmESj1m_nk7XvoQ/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKMwVs9mTmESj1m_nk7XvoQ/videos</a>	

# 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-t2w6/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 and Students,

Kindly find below this week Secondary Newsletters :

**KS3 -**

<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/7th-february-11th-february2021/home>

**KS4 -**

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

**KS5 -**

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





## Protect yourself and your children from Flu



### WHO SHOULD TAKE IT?

- Children between the ages of 5 and 16 years

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# LIVE Q&A

**DATE:** Monday 22nd February 2021

**TIME:** 12:30pm

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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



## 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

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Director of Arabic

**Ms. Azza Ali**  
Secondary coordinator

**Ms. Wafaa Mahran**  
Grade 3,4&5 Coordinator

**Ms. Samar Faragalla**  
Grade 1&2 coordinator

Tuesday

الثلاثاء 23-2-2021

**From 2:30 to 3:30**



ZOOM

**ZOOM LINK:**

9-2-2021

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

**Meeting ID: 873 0747 4655**



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**Learn Arabic with GEMS School**

**تعلم العربية مع مدرسة جيمس**

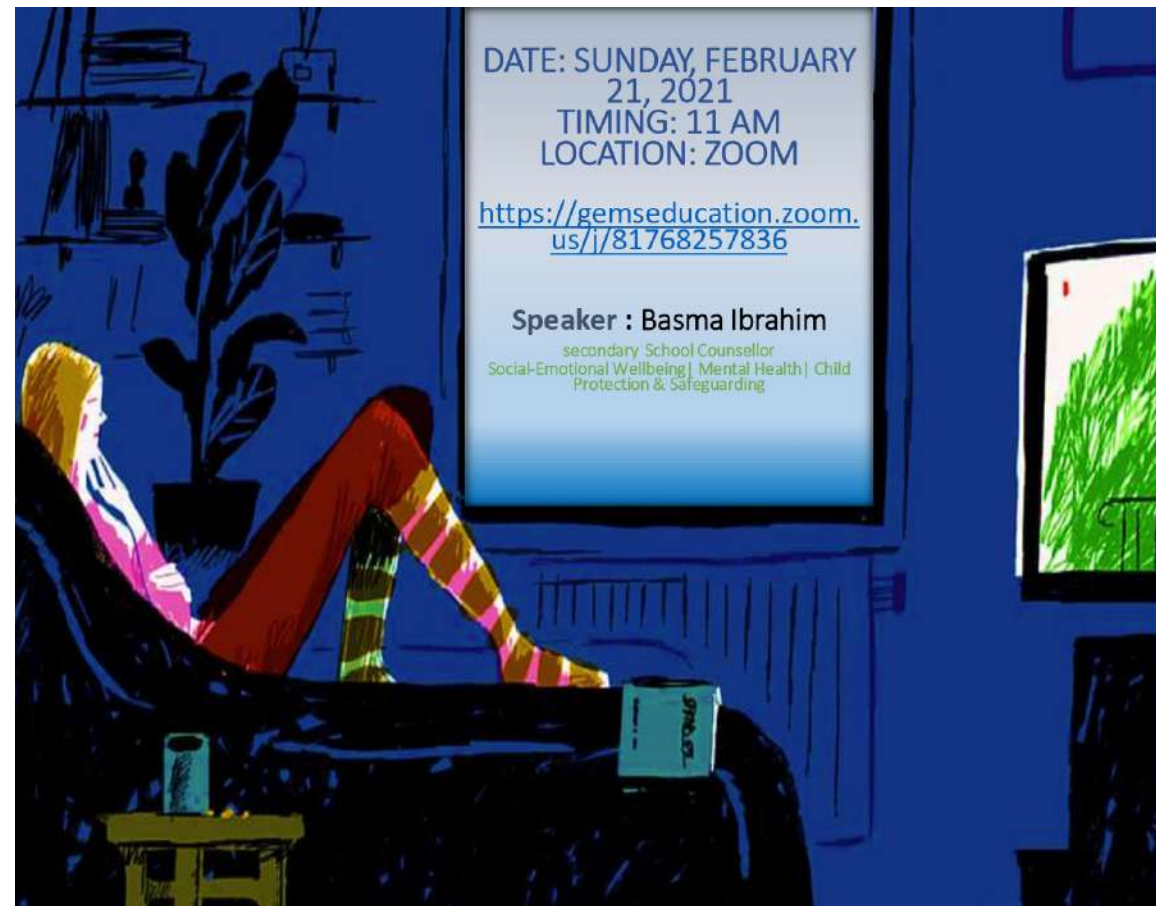
**Arabic learning for parents  
on Tuesday from 3 pm: 4 pm, 23-2-2021**

<https://zoom.us/j/92189576478?pwd=NGFaeHc0NG1XUDh0NTFaM070N3I0U1T09>

**Head of the Arabic Language Department**

**MR, Ismail Saidi**

**Arabic teacher: Hany Ahmed**



DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY  
21, 2021  
TIMING: 11 AM  
LOCATION: ZOOM

<https://gmseducation.zoom.us/j/81768257836>

**Speaker : Basma Ibrahim**

secondary School Counsellor  
Social-Emotional Wellbeing | Mental Health | Child  
Protection & Safeguarding



The School Counselling Department  
invites you to a new meeting of  
learning

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TOUCH...  
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# STUDENT WELFARE CLINIC FOR PARENT



**WHEN**  
Fortnightly  
Thursday's  
10am - 11am

10:00 AM TO 10:30 AM — **TOPIC**  
10:30 AM TO 11:00 AM — **CONCERNS**

**WHERE**  
 **Zoom**



Hassina Muhammad  
Student Welfare Officer

**HASSINA.M\_WSR@GEMSEDU.COM**

## TOPICS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION

**KEEPING SAFE ONLINE**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SESSION

**Back to School during  
COVID TIME**

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

**STRESS OF EXAMS**

# 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

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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)

*threads*<sup>™</sup>

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TO HAVE  
*YOUR* SAY

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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

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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*