



# WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



## What's Happening

Week starting 11TH OCTOBER

Theme of the Week

**World Maths Day**

- Sunday Principal Clinic
- Monday Understanding IGCSE for Grade 8 and 9
- Tuesday – Q&A Primary
- Tuesday: Math Calculation Policy

### Message from the Deputy Head of Secondary Department

Dear Parents and Students,  
Assala mu'alaikum.

Education is a lifelong tool and it is something that never stands still. We are always learning; about ourselves, the world around us, gaining knowledge and skills along the way to improve our lives.

WSR values education for our students, staff and parents. As leaders, we have a responsibility to ensure that our teachers are educated and equipped with the latest educational trends and strategies, so that our students are learning content and skills that are current and in line with the demands of our ever-changing world. The recent impact of Covid-19 on education and the way we teach students, is a prime example of teachers adapting and developing new skills and strategies for themselves and their students, to ensure that the journey of learning continues.

Working together with our parents, we strive to keep our parents informed and up to date with the curriculum, teaching strategies and developing an understanding of how students learn. Through our WSR parent workshops (in English and Arabic), we share the process of teaching and learning, develop parents understanding and knowledge of the subjects/learning areas and we provide tips for parents to support their children at home. We have already provided parent workshops for Phonics, Education City and there are many more interesting workshops to come. If we all work together to communicate and share the responsibility in educating our students, then we all will be successful in raising our students' levels of attainment.

We regularly share communication, which includes information and links about the weekly parent workshops as well as external speakers. Please join us for our weekly parent workshops to develop your understanding of our curriculum so you can support your child on their learning journey.

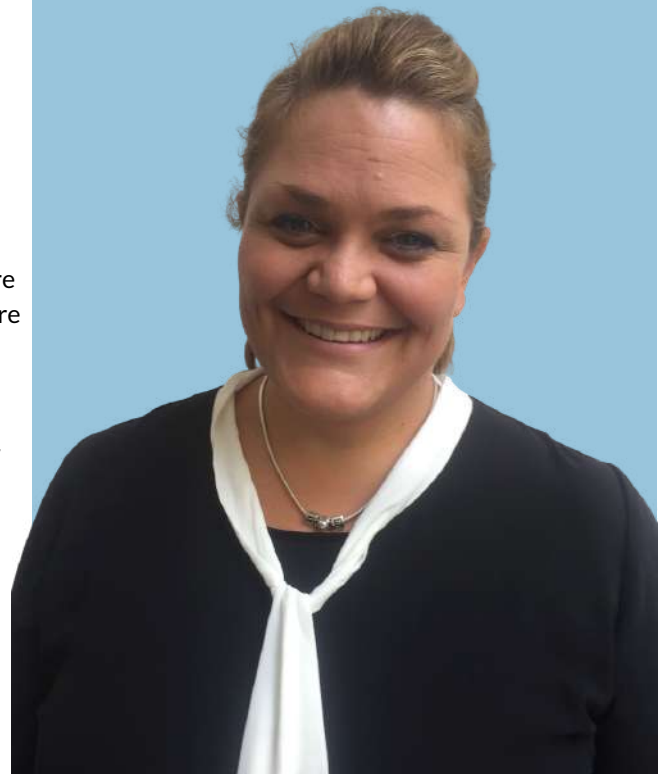
Kind regards

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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, 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-6>. Please ensure you read the important letter regarding our reopening plans on the 'Letters' page of our newsletter. There is also lots of information regarding our 'World Maths Week' celebrations next week – please check the flyer to prepare for our daily activities!

In light of the technological advancements in the education sector within the country and the challenges faced by the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been significant developments in the teaching and learning disciplines. We are witnessing the great efforts and sacrifices made by teachers in order to adapt to the changing requirements of this era. We also acknowledge their pioneering and inspirational role in shaping our future generations. As such, we invite you all to participate in a survey aimed at highlighting the importance of teachers and identifying the best practices in supporting their pioneering role in our society:

<https://forms.gle/Jrj3HYKEg9nM4fMA6>. We value your precious opinions and suggestions on how we can work together to support our teachers in the best possible way. 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,

We will be celebrating Teacher's Day at GEMS Westminster School Ras Al Khaimah (WSR) on Sunday 27th of September. Unlike last year, when the corridors and classrooms were filled with excited students and teachers exchanging presents and warm greetings, this year will be a very different experience due to the restrictions that have been enforced upon us by the Covid 19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the school will endeavor as always to ensure our students are given an opportunity to say "Thank You" to their beloved and respected teachers.

Teachers Day is a very special annual occasion celebrated across the globe to acknowledge, empower and appreciate teachers. Furthermore, the day also highlights the teaching profession worldwide and draws attention to the voice of teachers everywhere. Most importantly, it provides students and parents with the opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for the amazing work teachers perform on a daily basis.

We all remember our special teachers - from Kindergarten all the way to University and beyond. For me such special teachers included Ms. Nia in Primary for her encouragement and warm smiles every morning, Mr. Gaffney for his calmness, humour and support during tutor time and Dr. Ioannis during my postgraduate studies at university for being an inspiration. The impact that such special teachers make in our lives has a lasting impression and undoubtedly provides us with the strength and courage to aspire to be the very best we can be in what we do. Such fond memories last forever and shape our choices in life. On Sunday 27th September, please don't forget to say "Thank You" to all your teachers that have made your time at school enjoyable, beneficial and full of great memories! Finally, a huge thank you to all our students from all the teachers at WSR, for making every day full of laughter, enjoyment and excitement.

Wishing everyone a joyful Teachers Day.

Ziaur Rahman

Deputy Head of Secondary

Kindly find below this week Secondary Newsletters :

KS3 (Grade 6 & 7):

<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks3-4thoct-8th-oct2020/home>

KS4 (Grade 8, 9 & 10):

<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks4-newsletter-week-of-4th-oct/home>

KS5 (Grade 11 & 12):

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

# GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS RELAUNCH

8th October 2020

## GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS IS STARTING NOW...

We will recognise children's acts of kindness from their home.



**TO EARN A GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS, YOU WILL HAVE TO SHOW THE QUALITY OF BEING FRIENDLY, GENEROUS AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS AT HOME**



Acts of kindness can include helping around the house, making a phone call to a friend or family member far away and doing chores around the house.

**EACH WEEK, ALL GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS PHOTOS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE**

Parents can send a photo and message to the school at [GJK\\_wsr@gemsedu.com](mailto:GJK_wsr@gemsedu.com). Please ensure that your child's name and class code is also included.



**CELEBRATING GEMS  
JEWELS OF KINDNESS  
ACTS**

For the act of kindness, students will receive a certificate via email



Send pictures/videos showing acts of KINDNESS to [GJK\\_wsr@gemsedu.com](mailto:GJK_wsr@gemsedu.com) with your name and class code.

## PARENT CLINIC SUPPORTING TEENAGERS 13<sup>TH</sup> October



Join us for the next Parent Clinic where the School Counsellors will be discussing how to support your child as they are growing up, how to build on your relationship with your child and some of the challenges young teenagers face.



**WHEN: 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2.30pm Arabic 3pm**  
**English**  
**WHERE: Zoom (Link**  
**will be shared)**



Ms Fateha & Ms Basma – School Counsellors







# PARENT WORKSHOP

## MATHS CALCULATION POLICY

Zoom Link:

<https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/89223399341>

Meeting ID: 892 2339 9341

**DATE: 13TH OCTOBER**  
**TIME: 10 AM**

Led by-

**Mr. Harley Golder Asst Head of Primary**

**Ms. Asavari D'souza Deputy of KG 1**

**Ms. Swati Kamble Maths Leader**

**Ms. Andrea D'souza Maths Leader**



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# World Maths Day

11th - 15th October

**EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON!!!**



MATHS MADNESS

### Sunday 11th Oct;

To celebrate TTRock Stars, please come to school dressed as a rock star! There will be lots of TTRS competitions in Primary on Sunday for you to take part in. There will also be prizes for the best dressed rock star!

### Monday 12th Oct;

We are going to explore why maths is so important and discuss how we feel about maths. We will explore famous mathematicians and look at all the different ways we use maths in our lives.

### Tuesday 13th Oct;

Story books will be used to explore and reinforce mathematical topics as we use our maths knowledge and reading skills to solve problems.

### Wednesday 14th Oct;

There will be lots of mathematical challenges to complete focusing on different numbers as we consolidate our understanding of place value and the four operations.

### Thursday 15th Oct;

Over the week, we want children to design their own maths posters to show us what they think maths means. On Thursday, winners will be announced and the winning posters will be displayed in school!

## World Maths Week

11TH- 15TH OCTOBER



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# WSR Photos







SELF POSITIVE FLOWER MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



# 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

Thank You.



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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**



**FAB GEMS Credit Card**

Made especially for GEMS families

**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



## 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.



<http://www.gemsrewards.com/>

There are plenty of offers and savings

## 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*