

WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



What's Happening

Week starting 15th November

Theme of the Week

UNESCO Children's Day

- Sunday 15th November Principal's Clinic
- Monday 16th November Parent Q & A Session with the Head of Primary
- Secondary Parent Clinic - All grades
- Key Stage 4 Focus—Parents of Grades 8, 9 & 10
Key Stage 4 Team Understanding IGCSE qualifications
- Tuesday 17th November Parent Q & A Session with the Head of Arabic & Islamic
- How to reduce screen time – Counsellor's Clinic
- Thursday 19th November Parent Ambassador Meeting.



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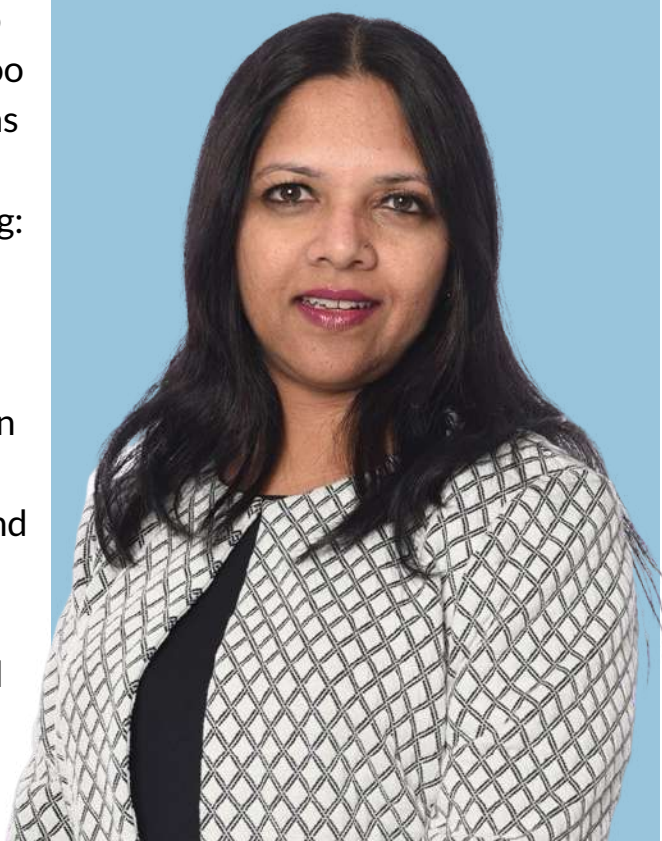
Message from Teaching and Learning Coach

Role of Parents during Remote Learning Tips & Guidance

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you in supporting learning of your children during these difficult times. The pandemic brought in a shift in parents' involvement in their children's education. Parental support, guidance and monitoring has become more important in these times to ensure positive and productive learning. I am a mother too and I would like to share with you some things that I did as a mother during the remote learning period.

1) I motivated my child by taking an interest in his learning: Parents can be an important source of motivation for their children, but not only in terms of reprimands and rewards. Parent involvement, which gently motivates students through encouragement and support, has shown to be effective in promoting student success. I involved myself in my child's learning through periodical checks and seized opportunities to share learning verbally. Such conversations not only lead to a strong bonding but also create common areas of interest between the parent and the child.



2) I helped my child in organizing the home learning environment:

A little planning in the management of household spaces for learning, technology resources and routines can go a long way in terms of proactively reducing household stress and supporting students when learning from home. The required login details, stationery and neat and tidy workspace helps organized learning.

3) I made sure that I communicated with my child's teacher and checked school communication regularly:

With information about school operations and policies changing rapidly, communication between home and school is essential these days. Thus, engaging in regular and ongoing two-way communication between home and school is another way parents can support online learners. Two-way communication is important in supporting hybrid and online education, because teachers may rely on parents when seeking to understand student learning outside of class time and beyond the viewpoint of the screen. Home and school communications may not only be reserved when there is a problem. Establishing regular communication and two-way feedback between students, parents and teachers can go a long way to establish the trust and rapport needed to create a learning community, online or otherwise, in which all members feel supported and included.

May Allah keep you safe and healthy

Asma Siddiqui

Teaching and Learning Coach

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 calendarevents <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/primary-newsletter-week11/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/Kgw9vNHtLJtLTVv36>. 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.

After two whole months of our 'new look' Primary Newsletter, we are interested in hearing your feedback. Please complete this short feedback survey and share your thoughts on our Primary Newsletter and how we can continue to improve our parental communication: <https://forms.gle/MZNh6Q9k1jCih6yeA>.

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 :

Please find links below to the secondary newsletters for this week.

- **[KS3- https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/8th-november-12th-november2020/home](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/8th-november-12th-november2020/home)**

- **[KS4- https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/8thnovember-12thnovember2020/home](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/8thnovember-12thnovember2020/home)**

- **[KS5- https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks5-newsletter-ay20-21/home](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks5-newsletter-ay20-21/home)**

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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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School Counsellor
Social-Emotional Wellbeing | Mental Health | Child
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One Tribe, One Family

What part will you play
this Anti-Bullying Week?

**ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2020**

15th- 19th November

The theme for Anti-
Bullying Week 2020 is:
United Against Bullying.
Anti-Bullying Week will
happen from
Sunday 15th - 19th

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Sunday
"Stop Speak Support Day"
Write Things You Can Do to stop
bullying.
For Secondary Students writing their
responses in a piece of paper send an Email
to be collected by the Form Tutors.
Organizing Team will tally all the student
responses.
This can be done during the Tutor Time for
5 minutes anytime within the week.



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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



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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Ms. Azza Ali

Secondary coordinator

Ms. Wafaa Mahran

Grade 3,4&5 Coordinator

Ms. Samar Faragalla

Grade 1&2 coordinator

Tuesday 17-11-2020

الثلاثاء 17 نوفمبر 2020

From 2:30 to 3:30



ZOOM LINK:

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

Meeting ID: 880 9192 2535



PARENT SURVEY 2020

YOUR CHANCE
TO HAVE
YOUR SAY

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**PARENT
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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



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/>



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