## GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH







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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Class & Portrait Photos

Please note that a card has been sent home with your child detailing the process for parents to review & select class & portrait photographs, if you wish. Please check your child's

bag. We hope you like them!



# pates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 15/4/24 Thurs 2nd May	<ul> <li>Deadline to book seats online for September is Monday April 15th.</li> <li>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee is Thurs. 2nd May.</li> <li>Regardless of any system-generated email, the re-enrollment fee is non-refundable for any reason, as per the Sharjah Authority Circular.</li> <li>Please note that any un-booked/unpaid seats would be given to the Waiting List.</li> </ul>
Monday 11th March	<ul> <li>Possible start of Ramadan (TBC)</li> <li>Ramadan (&amp; Exam days) timings for whole school 7:30m-12:30pm (no Babysitting facility)</li> </ul>
Friday 29/3/24 to Sunday 14/4/24	<ul> <li>School closed for Spring Break (2 weeks)</li> <li>Online T3 fee payment recommended to avoid queues. However, the Cashier will be open in school on Saturday 13/4/24, 8am-1pm for parent convenience</li> <li>Term 3 fees due by latest Monday 15th April. Thank you.</li> </ul>
Mon. 3/6/24 to Thurs. 13/6/23	• T3 Final, in-school compulsory promotional exams. (subject to SPEA approval & change).







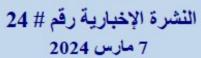


Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة









التاريخ الاشين. 15/4/24

الخميس 2 مايو

من الجمعة 29/3/24 إلى الأحد 14/4/24 عنا





رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويد الشارقة الأعزاء،

صور الطبقة وصورة والصور الشخصية، إذا كنت ترغب في

يرجى التحقق من حقيبة طفلك. نحن أمل أن تكونوا مثلهم!



- أخر موعد لحجز المقاعد عبر الإنترنت لشهر سبتمبر هو يوم الاثنين 15 أبريل.
- آخر موحد لدفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل هو يوم الخميس. 2 مايو. بغض النظر عن أي بريد إلكتروني يصدره النظام، فإن رسوم
- إعادة التسجيل غير قابلة للاسترداد لأي سبب من الأسباب، وفقًا لتعميم هيئة الشارقة.
- يرجى ملاحظة أنه سيتم منح أي مقاعد غير محجوزة/غير مدفوعة الأجر إلى قائمة الانتظار



- مواعيد رمضان للمدرسة بأكملها من 8 صباحًا إلى 1 ظهرًا (سيتم تحديدها لاحقًا) (لا توجد مرافق مجالسة الأطفال)
  - المدرسة مغلقة لعطلة الربيع (أسبوعين).
- يوصى بدفع الرسوم عبر الإنترنت لتجنب قوائم الانتظار. ومع ذلك، سيكون أمين الصندوق مفتوحًا في المدرسة يوم السد 13/4/24، من الساعة 8 صباحًا حتى 1 ظهرًا لدفع الرسوم بشكل مريح.
- رسوم الفصل الدراسي الثالث مستحقة بحلول يوم الاثنين 15
- T3 النهائي، الامتحانات الترويجية الإجبارية داخل المدرسة الاشين. 6/3/24 (تخضع لموافقة SPEA وتغييرها). 13/6/23











The most important gifts you can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey



Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



#### Whole School News

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Ramadan is a particularly special time of the year, when many families become closer through sharing meaningful traditions & religious observances. Extended family connections are often reinforced, as relatives come together to share the joy of Ramadan. Ramadan, for many families, is a time for spending quality time together strengthening bonds of love, caring and sharing.

We would like to invite you (optional) to share a short (maximum one minute) video around the theme 'Ramadan with my Family' to be published on SM & the school Family First website.

If you would like to spread the joy across our community, please forward your video to the PRE Ms. Aiysha at <a href="mailto:aiysha.k\_wss@gemsedu.com">aiysha.k\_wss@gemsedu.com</a>

The deadline to submit your video is Thursday 28/4/23.

We very much look forward to seeing some beautiful family videos, thank you.

#### Whole School News; Online Cyber-Safety—Top Tips!

Do you know you can monitor your children's activity without touching their devices?

# **Lets explore Parental Control Settings**

Scan the code and select the device type you want to monitor.

OR CLICK HERE



#### Monitoring Apps for Android & Apple devices:

These apps will help you to monitor and limit their screen time. However, Monitoring means establishing firm guidelines and limits for your child to keep track of what is going on in his or her social world. Monitoring also means establishing clear expectations about what your child should always tell you AND that they can always talk to you about the things going on in their life.

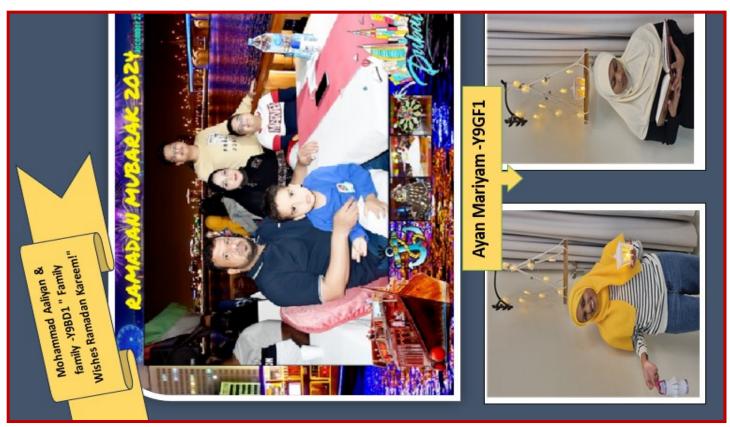
NOTE: GEMS Education and WSS do not own any website/ tool given in our Newsletter. Our team reviews the online tool/site, and suggest them for students and parents.

























Mothers' Day arrived early in the Junior Section this year due to Ramadan. Junior Section mothers were invited into classrooms to share special time with their child. Thank you to the many mothers who joined us on 7/3/24.





#### Whole School News; The WSS Learner Profile!



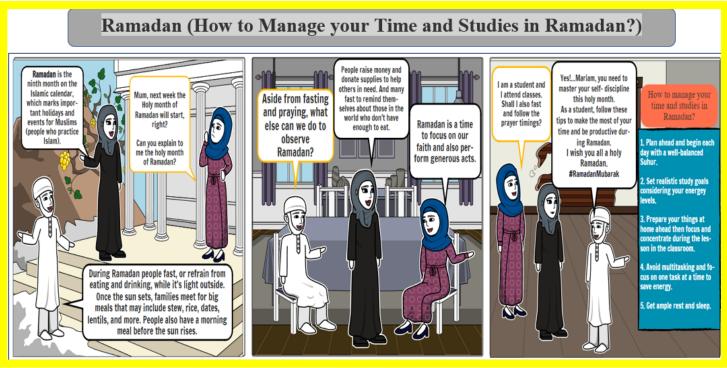
#### Learner Profile

These are the 10 core attributes that WSS aims to instill/reinforce in our students as they progress through & graduate from, the WSS learning programme.

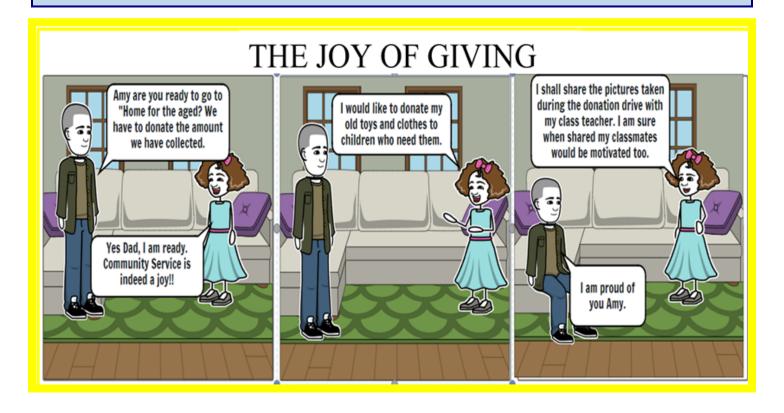
Many thanks to our dedicated & enthusiastic group of student leaders, parents, LAB & staff who worked on this project.

Now we will start embedding these into our curriculum & extra-curricular programmes.

#### Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!



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#### WSS Superstar Sporting Champions!

The WSS sporting superstar U13 boys team won 2nd runner up trophy in the EXCEL KEFA tournament held at Al Sadik Islamic school Dubai on Saturday 2nd March, 2024. Thanks to our highly dedicated PE teachers for their support on their weekend.

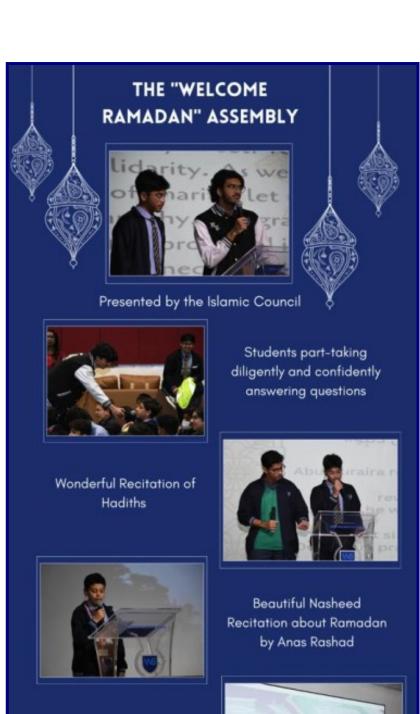




# Whole School News; Special 'Welcome Ramadan' Assemblies led by the Student Islamic Council

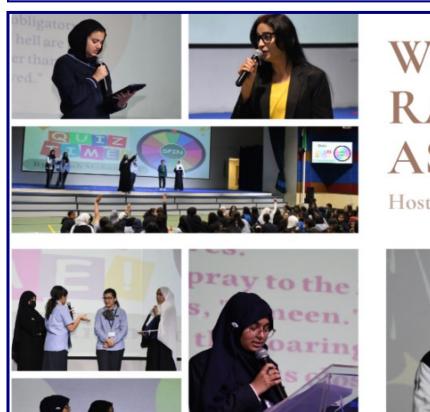






Delightful Recitation of the Holy Quran by Hatem

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# WELCOME RAMADAN ASSEMBLY

Hosted by Islamic Council

































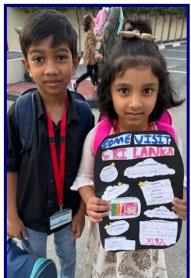














































































## Eco-Club Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Echo-Club members expertly tending the flourishing WSS garden with Ms. Indira.













## Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!









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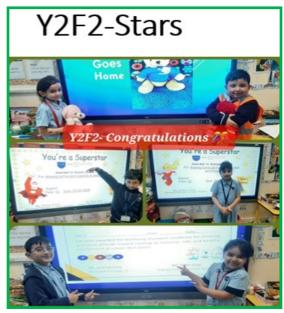
#### Happy Birthdays!





#### WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



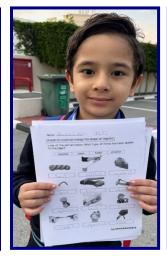




#### Junior Section News





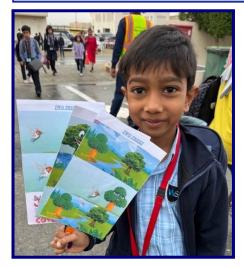


















Students brought beautiful projects to illustrate their chosen story. The story was then recited to classmates. Another activity wa 'Story Character Dress-up Day on 6/3/24,. Thank you dear parents for all your creativity & support in making some amazing costumes! The students had a lot of fun! Teachers came in amazing costumes too!



































































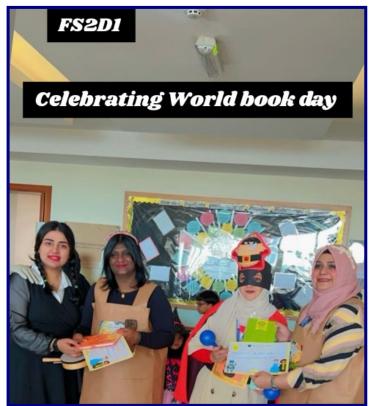




#### Junior Section News; F1H Learning Activities!

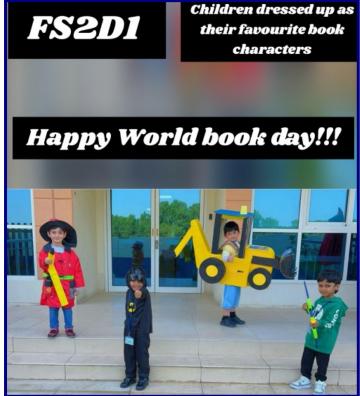


#### Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!





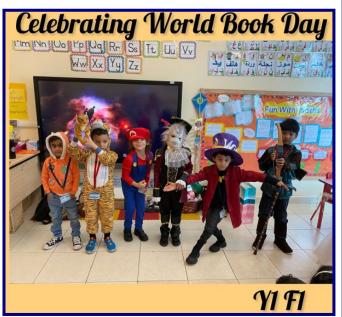




## Junior Section News; Y1D2 Learning Activities!



#### Junior Section News; Y1F1 Learning Activities!









## Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!

# Y2D1 Class activity Picture TR: Jinitra Rajesh TA: Asma Mohamed **Exploring together** e are learning about fractions! Celebrating World Book Day

#### Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

# Y2F2 -> Trip-Children City Dubai with

Ms.Fauzia and Ms.Benil

















#### Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!













## Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!



## Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



#### Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!



### WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!







#### WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Anshy,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your exceptional work as my daughter's class teacher this year. Your dedication, commitment, and timely communication have played a vital role in her growth and development.

As a parent, I deeply appreciate your efforts in creating a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for the students. Your ability to engage and inspire them, especially during these challenging times, is truly commendable.

Moreover, your strong work ethics have not gone unnoticed. Your professionalism and commitment to your students' success are evident in everything you do. My daughter has grown tremendously under your guidance, and I am grateful for your positive impact on her education.

As the school year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your outstanding work and wish you all the best for the future. Please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

With sincere thanks and best regards,

Hina Mehboob





Respected Ms. Valerie I hope this message finds you well. As a parent I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the exceptional learning environment, you and your team have cultivated at School. Our children are thriving, and it's evident that they are learning a lot under your and your teacher's guidance. From creative projects to critical thinking exercises, the curriculum is engaging and tailored to each student's needs.

The teachers' patience, encouragement, and innovative teaching methods have made a significant impact on our children's educational journey

Once again, thank you for your leadership and for creating an environment where our children can thrive. We look forward to continued growth and success under your guidance.
With warm regards,

M/O Aatika Asim Khan y6GH

Hope this mail finds you well. Writing this to express my sincere gratitude to the remarkable efforts of WSS in providing best learning opportunities to students.

I truly appreciate the efforts of all dedicated teachers and curriculum's focus on introducing new and interesting topics which have greatly developed more interests in learning of my both kids and improving their knowledge in various informations. I really appreciate the Sustainability poster competition and Journey to Mars poster.

Attahced are the pictures of Journey to Mars poster created by Syed Taha.

Regards,

Mother.

# Primary Section News; Y 3-Y4 Welcome Ramadan Islamic Assembly, 7/3/24!

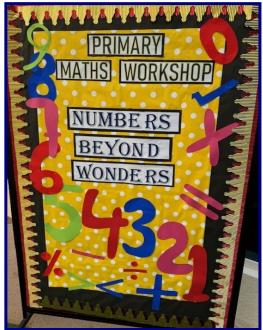








# Primary Section News; Y3 Maths Workshop!













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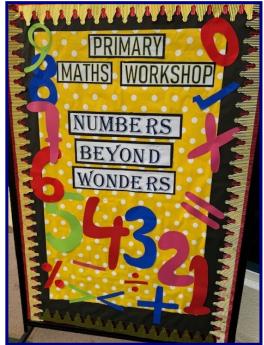








# Primary Section News; Y5-Y6 Maths Workshops!







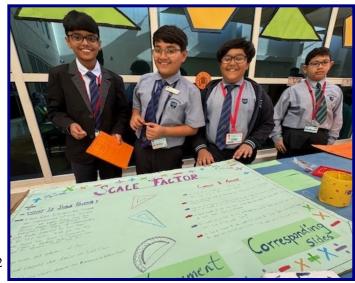
Students presented activities, games & projects that engaged their peers applying key maths skills.

The students had applied many innovative & fun ideas to make the games learning-related, fun & useful.

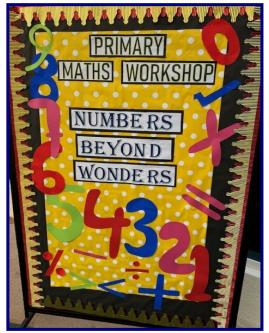
Well done to all involved!



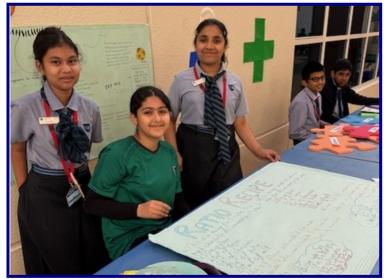




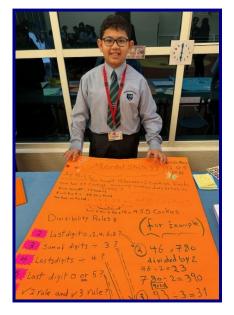
# Primary Section News; Y5-6 Maths Workshop!











#### Primary Section News; Y5-6 Maths Workshop!



Well done to participating students for their impressive projects & confidence in leading their activities. Many thanks to the parents for the wonderful support in preparing their children for this learning-rich event. Great teamwork, super!



# Primary Section News; Primary Reading Initiative!

#### PRIMARY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Reading Sessions With Ms. Maleeha (Library Volunteer)









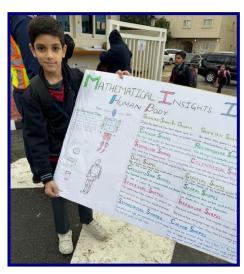
# Primary Section News; Learning Activities!

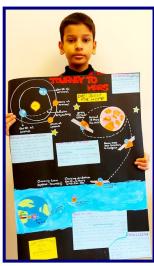
























# Primary Section News; Y3F2 Learning Activities!





#### WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



Winners of the TWS Wasteless Wonderland competition, held last weekend. Many thanks to Ms. Laneetha & Ms. Indira for supporting & attending over their weekend. This enthusiastic & innovative Sustainability team have been invited to participate in the international Dubai Food Safety Conference to be held in October 2024.

Rifah Sadiaa-Y10	Participant
Kritika Suneel Kumar-Y10	Participant
Eshal Khan Y9	Participant
Alisha Bhatia Y9	Participant
Amna Faisal Y9	Participant



### WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; TWS Arabic League (Speaking) Competition, 7/3/24!

Congratulations to superstar Arabic speakers Amir Ahmad Shawky (Y11BH), Nejar Anajah (Y11GF) & Insharah Bint Waqas (Y10GF), who won overall 2nd place in the TWS Arabic League (speaking) Competition on 7/2/24! We are immensely proud of their achievement & of their dedicated Teachers.

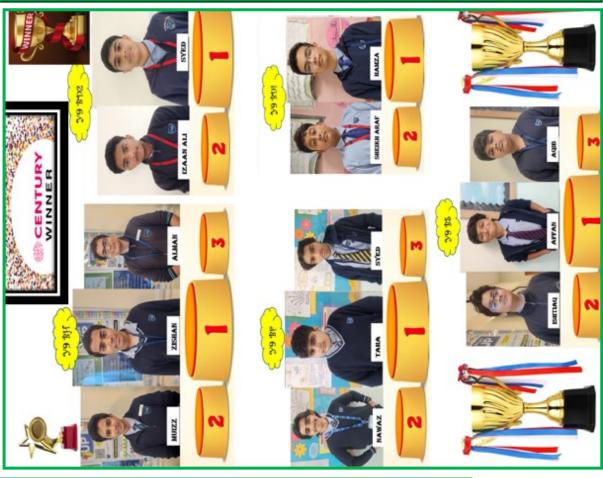








# WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!





# WSS Secondary Section KS4 Student Leaders Superstar Champions!



KS4 STUDENT LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAR STUDENTS WITH THEIR TERM END AWARDS



## WSS Secondary Section KS4 Student Leaders Superstar Champions!



KS4 GIRLS END OF TERM AWARD - LEADERSHIP, STAR STUDENTDS AND VOLUNTEERS



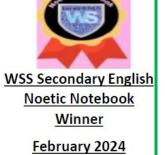
## WSS Secondary Section Noetic Notebook Superstar Champions!





















S/N	YEAR& SEC	NAME	TEACHER
1	7BH	Daud Sikandar	Mr. Pratik
2	7BF	Ghudai Ghassan Hasan Al Zubaidi	Ms. Teena
3	7BS	Ward Ayman Hasan	Ms. Arya
4	7GF	Ajjer Asad Aziz	Ms. Arya
5	7GD	Sophia Ali Waraich Piayar Ali Waraich	Ms. Ambika
6	7GH	Hana Ahmed Mohamed Mohamed Hasan Awad	Ms. Ambika
7	7GS	Sheren Fadi Hesham Esmail	Ms. Arya
8	8BF	Daniyal Habib Habibullah	Mr. Shoaib
9	8BS	Muhammad Shaheer Obaidullah Khan Masroor	Ms. Kalyani
10	8BH	Fares Emad Abdelazim Ahmed Hamouda	Ms. Ambika
11	8GH	Alisha Asad Aziz	Ms. Arya
12	8GF	Komal Sarfaraz	Ms. Ajitha
13	8GD	Kainat Ahmed Rana	Ms. Ajitha
14	9BH	Ali Hasan Khan	Ms. Arya
15	9BF	SYED HASAN RAZA SYED MUHAMMAD IQBAL	Ms. Renisha
16	9BS	Tayem Sherif Sobhy	Ms. Ambika
17	9GD	Akshara Pari Ashok Kumar	Ms. Ajitha
18	9BD1	MD RAID RUHUL	Ms. Ajitha
19	9BD2	Tamer Ahmad Shawqi Albubu	Ms. Kalyani
20	9GS	Samia Islam Kazi Bacchu	Ms. Teena
21	9GF	Adeena Khan	Ms. Nimisha
22	9GH	Karmena Hany Gamil Naguib	Ms. Teena

23	10GESL	Tehreem Fatima Qaiser Qaiser Abbas	Ms. Kalyani
24	10GESL	RANIA AZIZ MUHAMMAD TAYYAB AZIZ	Ms. Nimisha
25	10GFLE	Rija Shafqat Shafqat Iqbal	Ms. Anju
26	10GESL	Umma Zainab Suryia	Mr. Shoaib
27	10GESL	Hidaya Imran/ Mohammad Imran Khan	Ms. Renisha
28	10BFLE	Yousuf Altaf	Ms. Nimisha
29	10BESL	Akarsh Ajit Moorkoth	Mr. Shoaib
30	10B ESL	Muhammad Butt Ihtizaz Latif Butt	Ms. Anju
31	10BESL	Devdarsh Rahul Vijayan	Ms. Kalyani
32	10BESL	Kevin Austin Dawood Dawood Shahzad	Ms. Teena
33	10BESL	Muhammad Ashaz Farhaj Farhaj Moin	Ms. Renisha
34	11BESL	Vihaan Sinha	Ms. Anju
35	11BESL	Muhammad Jareer Abdullah Muhammad	Ms. Renisha
36	11BESL	Mohamed Fayad Nazeer	Ms. Nimisha
37	11GESL	Hasti Hamidreza Negahdari	Ms. Anju
38	11GFLE	Leen Nael Abdel Latif Suleiman	Ms. Renisha

## WSS Secondary Section Breakbusters Superstar Champions!



Well done to our superstar Sixth Form student leaders, who organized & led this season's highly anticipated & successful Breakbusters Tournament. Their teamwork & organisation skills were impressive. Thank you!

#### WSS Secondary Section Y7-Y8 Breakbusters Superstar Champions!









## WSS Secondary Section Y11-Y12 Breakbusters Superstar Champions!







# Secondary Section News; WSS Islamic Council Ramadan Assembly, 4/3/24!











This super Assembly addressed student concerns about how they will manage Fasting with exams. The link to real life was much appreciated by the audience.

The skit reflected the need to practice time management skills, having a study & prayer schedule, & the importance of spirituality in our daily lives.





# Secondary Section News; WSS Islamic Council Ramadan Assembly, 5/3/24!







This super Assembly taught us about the values of Ramadan that we should all implement whether fasting or not, such as family values, charity, kindness & generosity.













#### Secondary Section News; ASIES MUN Participation!



#### ASIES MUN' 24 (February 23rd to 25th)

Participating in Model United Nations (MUN) events provides a unique and immersive learning experience for both students and attendees alike. As students engage in researching, debating, and drafting resolutions on global issues, they not only enhance their understanding of diplomacy and international relations but also cultivate essential skills such as critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork.

For attendees, such as myself, the learning journey is equally enriching. By observing the students' discussions and negotiations, I gain valuable insights into various perspectives on global challenges. Whether it's witnessing the passionate arguments for a particular policy stance or observing the complexities of diplomatic negotiations, every moment offers an opportunity for personal growth and learning.



### Secondary Section News; IGCSE Mock Speaking Exam!

#### Year 11 Mock 2 IGCSE English as a Second Language - P3 Speaking Exam - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

The Speaking Exam of IGCSE English as a Second Language was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. We have conducted the Mock 2 as per CIE requirements so our students should feel confident about the requirement of the final exam.



#### Secondary Section News; KS3 Y9 Learning Activities!

