

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #34
10th June, 2021



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Thank you to the amazing 40.7% of our dear parents who have completed the Parent Survey so far. If you have not yet completed it, please do so, thank you. The specific suggestions for development are very useful to support school improvement, & the positive scores are motivating us to continue our hard work moving forwards. Please remember to avoid judging us on things that are out of the teacher's hand, such as fees, non-native English speakers & the necessity of the current online programme due to Authority rules for COVID safety. Thank you for your support & positivity!

Useful Information

Please see p2 for the class photography option, p3-4 for the FAB Credit Card deal & p5 for information regarding uniform sales for August-September '21. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Sunday 20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to apply for a TC if leaving WSS is Sunday 20th June. After this date the GRE is not available for late TC processing & there would be delays in processing.
Thurs. 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students' last day of the academic year. Our learning programme will continue after exams right until 1/7/21. Seats will not be held beyond the last day of T3 if T3 fees remain pending. Any paid Seat Booking Fee would be lost. Seats would be given to the Waiting list, & if parents decide later that they want a seat, this would be subject to availability, & not guaranteed. You may change your mind about enrolment at WSS at any time, however the seat booking fee is non-refundable (but deductible from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21).
From Sunday 29th Aug. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of new Academic Year 2021-2022. Students who have travelled must have completed 10 days' quarantine before rejoining school. All students over age 12 years must bring a negative PCR Test (validity 48 hours) to rejoin school.. Full T1 fees must be paid before any student has their class confirmed or admitted for the new academic year. Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1 (no exceptions). Thank you.

Let's recycle all our water bottles!



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

Whole School News; Optional Class Photography!



مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminister School
SHARJAH

Date: 1st June, 2021

Dear Parents,

Subject: Optional Class Group Photography & Individual Portrait Photographs, Academic Year 2020-21

Considering social distancing & other COVID-19 challenges, this year we are offering a virtual, at-home photography session for our students. WSS has enlisted the services of the professional photographic company *Lensman*. The virtual photography facility would be accessed through Lensman Express App. *Details are as follows:*

Process details: WSS students & parents will be able to click their school pictures in the safety & convenience of their own home via their smartphones, and send them to Lensman's backend database for post-production and combining into class group photos.

Package includes: *(set package only)*

1. A Contemporary class group colour photo, size 6"x18"
2. A Self Portrait, size 8"x10" photo
3. A Self Portrait, size 6"x4" photo
4. Fridge magnet with photo

Cost: AED55/- per unframed photo package *(set package only)*

Payment: Lensman will share the link for payment later

Refunds: No refunds given by *Lensman*

Lensman App:

IOS: - <https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/lensman-express/id1533579793>

Android: - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lensman>

How to Order: Order photos through the '[LensmanSchools.com](https://lensmanschools.com) online ordering portal' once photos are ready.

Class groups: While we encourage all parents to upload their child's photo into the class group photo so the class will be complete & look better, please note that this is an optional facility, so **class groups may be incomplete.**

Deadline: If interested, please upload your child's photo by **Sunday 13th June.d 2021.**

Further details: The Lensman Express Technical brochure is attached along with this circular for your reference.

Thank you.

Regards & best wishes,

Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS Principal/CEO

Whole School News; Benefits of a FAB Credit Card!



BENEFITS	GEMS TITANIUM
Exclusive Benefits	
Discount on school fees	Up to 4.25%
Easy instalment plans with no processing fees (Up to 12 months)	0%
Child protection plan (per child, up to four children)	Up to AED 500,000
Loyalty Programme	
Earn FAB Stars for every AED 1 spent on domestic and international purchases (Redeemable against Etihad Guest miles, Emirates Skywards miles, Flydubai overbookers, cashback and more)	1 FAB Star (domestic transactions) 1.75 FAB Stars (international transactions)
Cinema Benefit	
Enjoy movie tickets for AED 15 during weekdays and AED 20 during weekends at Cine Royal, Real Cinemas and Oscar Cinema	Two movie tickets per month (on a minimum monthly retail spend of AED 3,000)
Shop Smart	
Enjoy cashback all year round at leading global online stores	Up to 10%
Mastercard Buy 1 Get 1*	
Download the Mastercard Buy 1 Get 1 App to browse the best offers	600+ offers
Money Transfer	
Enjoy free money transfers to selected countries	Unlimited (on a minimum monthly retail spend of AED 3,000)
Airport Lounge Access*	
Enjoy access to 10+ VIP airport lounges around the UAE, KSA, Jordan, Kuwait and Egypt	Unlimited and complimentary
Careem Rides*	
Enjoy special discounts on rides with Careem	Free first ride for new Careem customers and 20% off three rides in a month
Annual Fees	
Primary card	Free
Supplementary card	Free

*The above benefits are provided by Mastercard and are subject to change from time to time. For latest updates on promotions and offers, please visit mastercard.ae

Terms and conditions apply. For more information on FAB GEMS Titanium credit card, log in to the FAB Mobile Banking app or visit bankfab.ae/cards



Apply Now: Contact school Assigned staff

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Whole School News; Benefits of a FAB Credit Card!



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.



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Whole School News; School Uniform for September '21!



**GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL
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UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION | 2021



I am responsible and committed to follow Covid guidelines so I have decided to purchase my new uniforms early to avoid the last minute rush.

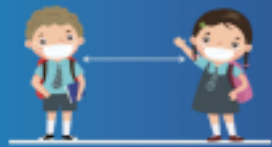
I bought my uniforms for the new academic year and I had a great shopping experience:

Have you bought yours ?



All Uniforms Now Available at Threads Outlet in **Burjuman Mall & Ramez Mall-Sharjah.**

**Pre-book
to stay safe.**



**BOOK NOW
TO SAVE YOUR SLOT**



Step 1:

Pre-book your appointment to visit the store
www.threadsme.com



Step 2:

Present your appointment confirmation (QR code)



Step 3:

Enjoy a safe and socially distant shopping experience

To download the uniform guide/catalogue www.threadsme.com

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Orders will be delivered to your preferred address.

Delivery : 5-8 working days.



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

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News

The WSS organic garden is being developed as a place where our children can experience practical science & the living environment. Some children have had little experience of nature in a garden & seeing where food comes from & how plants grow, so this space will allow them to experience this aspect of their curriculum. Thank you to our enthusiastic Support Staff who are maintaining this living oasis!



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



Positive Reviews

Aoshah Almansoori recommends GEMS Westminister School - Sharjah
1 June at 18:20

WSS the best decision I have made for my daughter. The school is just Amazing the way they teach the students so professional. My daughter is so happy and loves her school. Under the guidance and vision of the Principal Miss Valerie even in the pandemic the school has provided proper online classes and covered the syllabus so beautifully. I have even enrolled my son for the next academic year. Highly recommended

GEMS Westminister School - Sharjah 1 comment

Thank you dear parent so much for this motivating feedback!

Whole School News; Parent Positivity!

Remark of my exciting journey G1/Y2 S2




Never stop learning, for when you stop learning, we stop growing!

Nabia Asif Gr 1 S2

I want to say Thanks to all my teachers, very cooperative hardworking and loving. Yes! I m graduate. Ready to new adventures new destinations. Thank you so much my teachers my school (GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL) given me so much love, power of knowledge and made me creative child. I m not scared with virus I m grateful .soon the virus will run away from our life. We will fight together ❤️ and we'll make our earth 🌍 happier by learning and by getting more knowledge.

Grade 1 was my exciting journey, I learned alot and enjoyed every subject nicely. Teachers taught us perfectly with full of energy and also told us about E Safety which is most important topic nowadays. and very excited to enter my new class. I'll miss my all teachers .I love my teachers my friends who supported and loved me .Thank you all my Friends my parents my teachers and my GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

Love you all
Nabia Asif



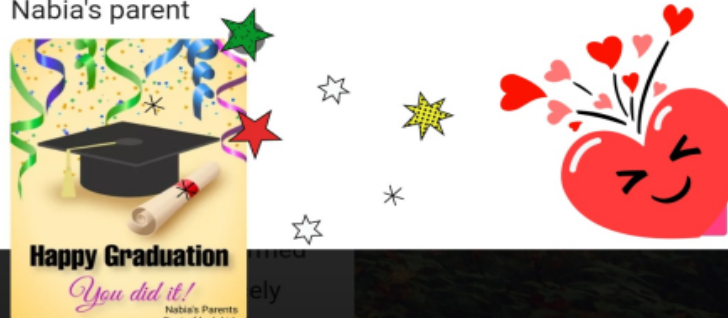
Nabia's parents

This is indeed a very great effort by the management of GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL. We are so proud that my child is part of this wonderful school. Our kid name is Nabia Asif Grade 1 S2 .She loves her school very much. GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL is of the best school in town. We feels so proud that my kid is the part ❤️ of this school. In this pandemic situation really appreciate School teachers and all staff efforts. We are satisfied and lots of love for GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL and for lovely teachers, they performed their duties very nicely honestly and confidently. Teachers of GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL are role model for our kids, very hardworking and superb. Nabia always says my love my school (GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL) my teachers.

Long life GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

Thanks alot to create this platform for parents to express feelings and love.

Nabia's parent



Thank you dear students & parents for sharing such positivity. We are as all on a developmental journey with challenges & targets, but if we support each other & work together, we can achieve GREAT things for our children!



WSS Junior Superstar Champions!



Super-cute appreciation video for Ms. Fauzia by Aarvi (G1/Y2 D1)

The winners of the Leadership Certificate for the Arab Reading Platform in recent weeks



Waad 5gs1



Lara 6gf1

With Ms. Hend



Habiba 6gf1



Sama 5gs1



WSS Junior Superstar Champions!

I highly appreciate Ms. Rejina's effort to help us, senior students, decide which program to join that is going to be helpful for us in the future. I was confused about the admission requirements to enter the program of my choice and the application process.

I have attended 3 Life-Skill sessions conducted by Ms. Rejina along with my classmates. She is dependable, friendly, professional, a great listener, and puts us at ease - a perfect balance of professionalism and friendliness. She was also very understanding of the stress high school students go through now.

Ms. Rejina guided us in going through this challenge and made us able to decide what should be done further and what are the university prerequisites. We had interactive sessions with her where she individually asks students what program they are interested in and which specific country/continents they would like to study. Then she explains the primary admission requirement by each country and recommends websites, like Unifrog, IDP, UCAS, etc., to apply through. She also connects the students with a consultancy or the embassy to clarify the admission requirements of the university/country where the individual student wants to join.

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Thank you, Ms. Rejina!

- Neha Vinod, G12/Y13 GF

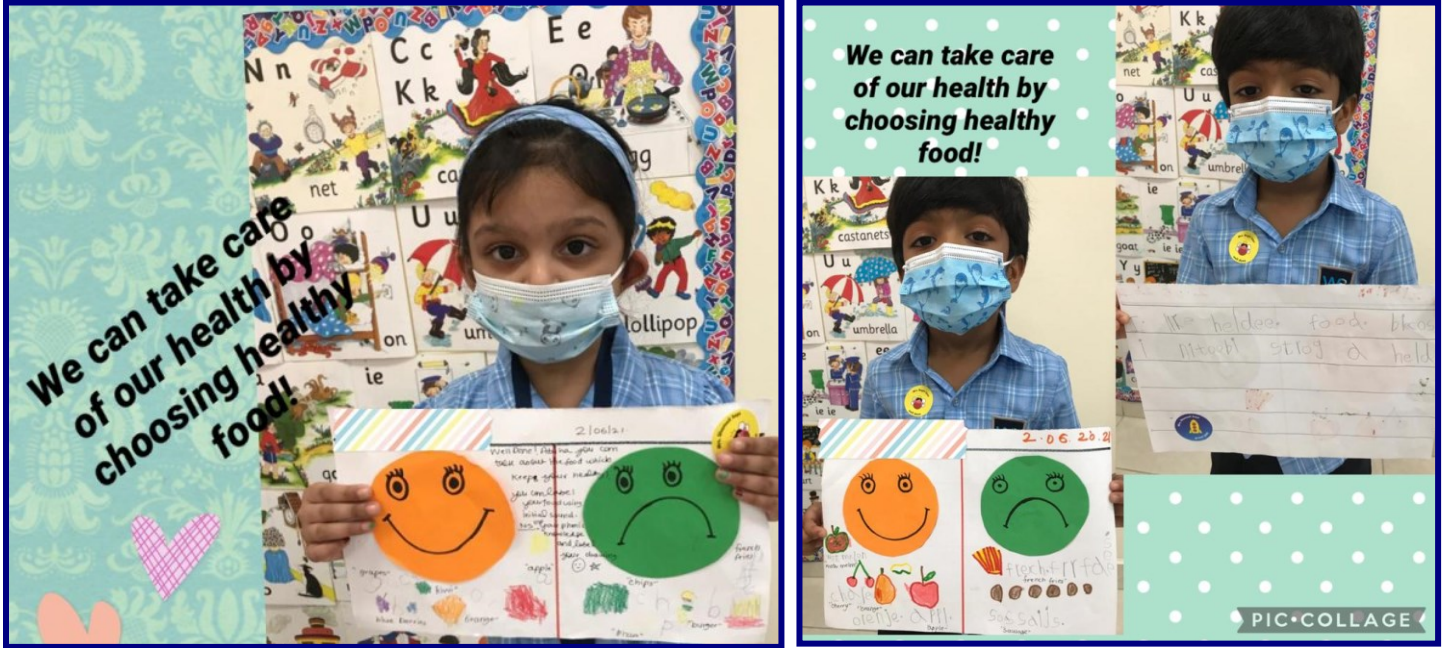
Love the very specific, encouraging feedback! Thank you Neha!

At the end of the year I want to thank the best teacher in the world for me and my son
Thanks a lot miss Azreen for this year
You affect positively to my son and you back his self confidence
Thanks a lot and I wish for you best days in other years
Mohamed Amr mom ❤️

Vice Principal's special Award Y1 KG2 S1

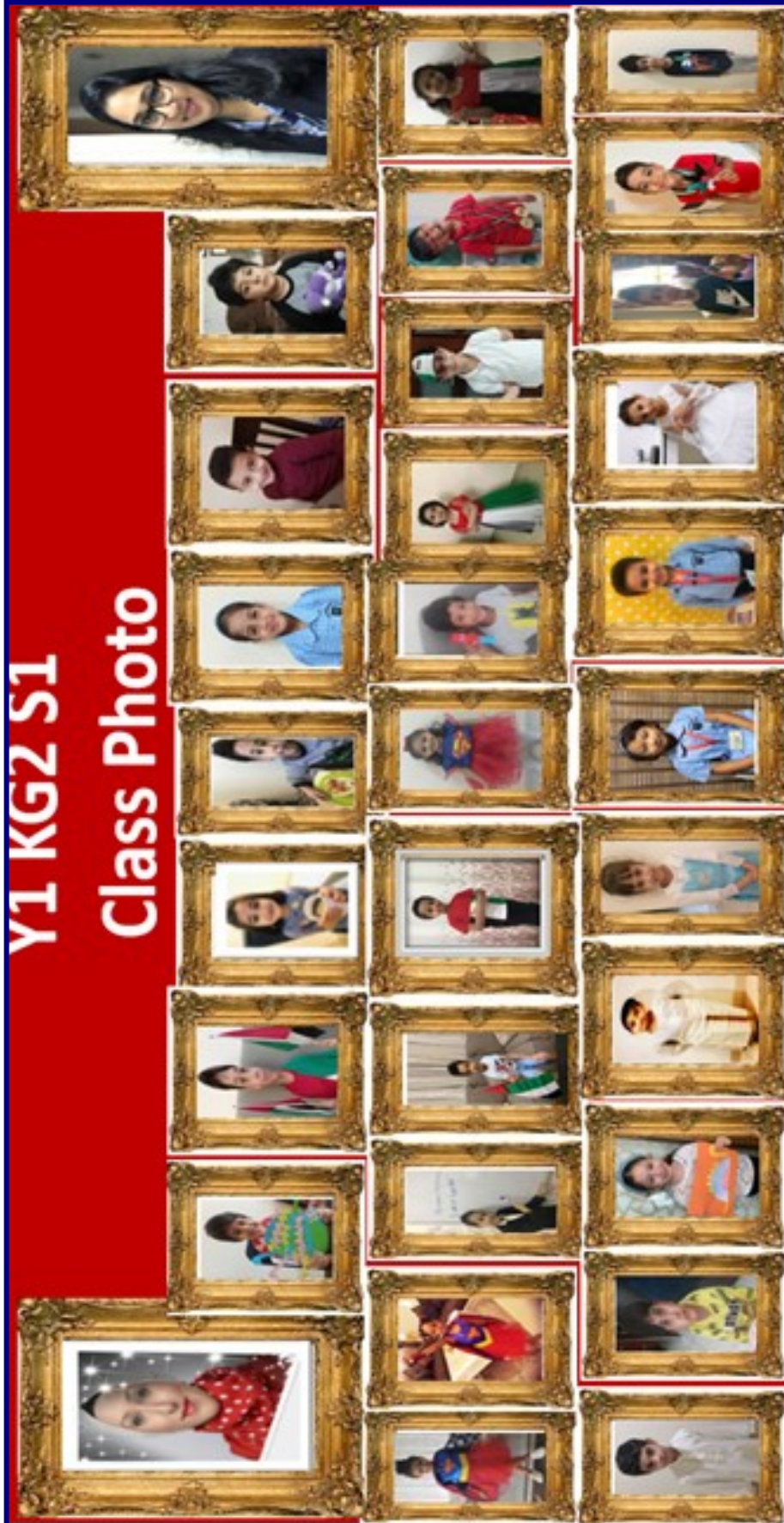


Junior Section News



KG1/FS2 S1 with Ms. Sonia Marshall



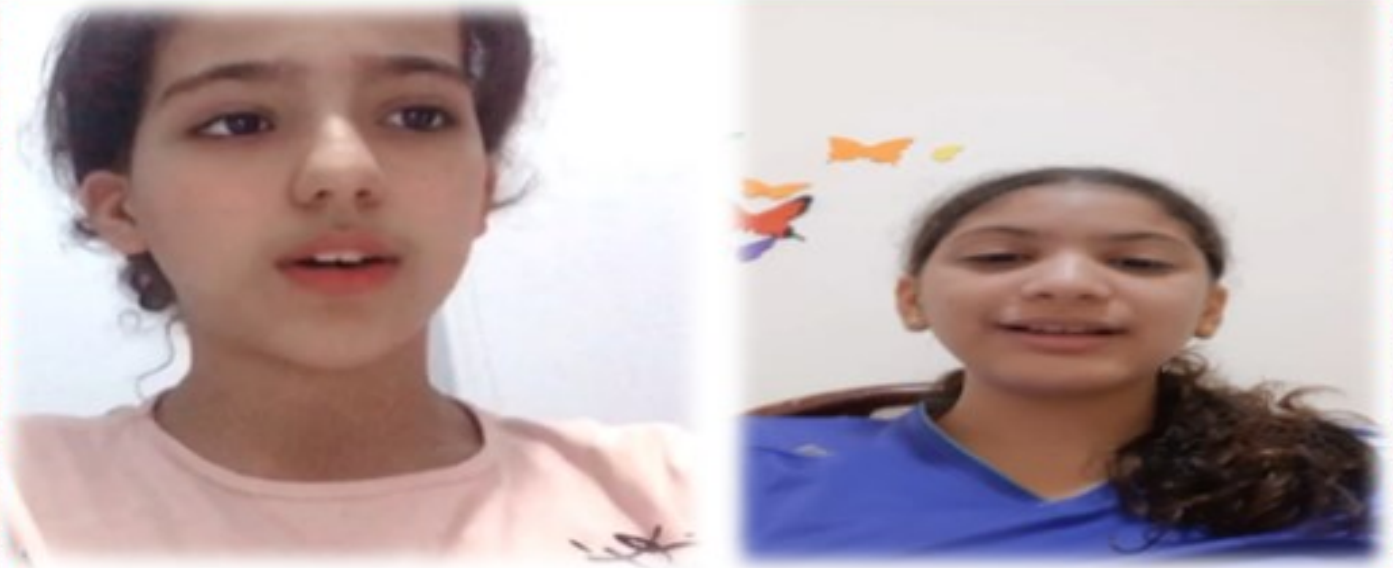


With Ms. Sadiqa

Primary Section News

The activities of the students in the lesson of (إن وأخواتها)

With Ms. Hend



Acting of the Arabic language play "إن وأخواتها" Starring Retaj (5^{gs}1) and Sara (5^{gs}1)



Acting of the Arabic language play "إن وأخواتها" Starring Farida (5^{gs}1)



Acting of the Arabic language play "إن وأخواتها" Starring Sama (5^{gs}1) and her Sister Sohaila

LIFE-SKILLS SESSION FEEDBACK

GC Ms. Rejina is leading Life Skills sessions for G12/Y13 students. Here is one student's feedback:



Preparing students for their future

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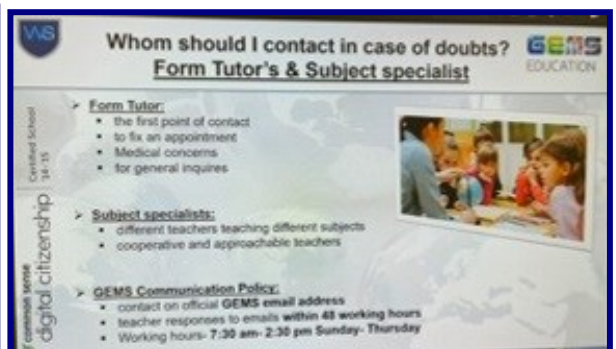
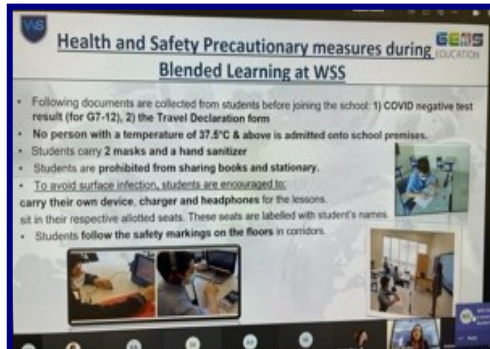
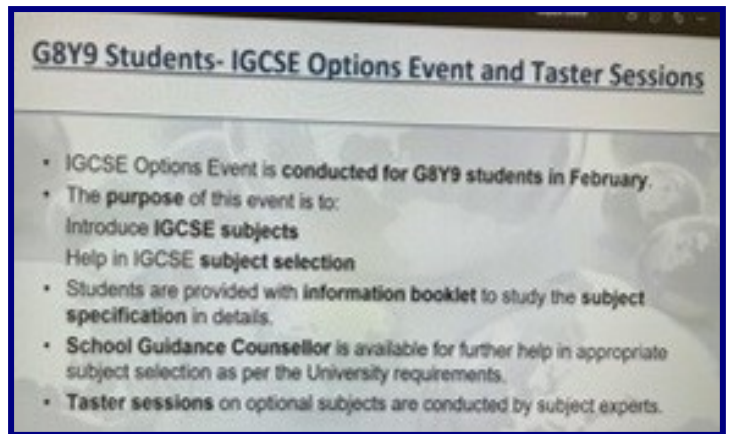
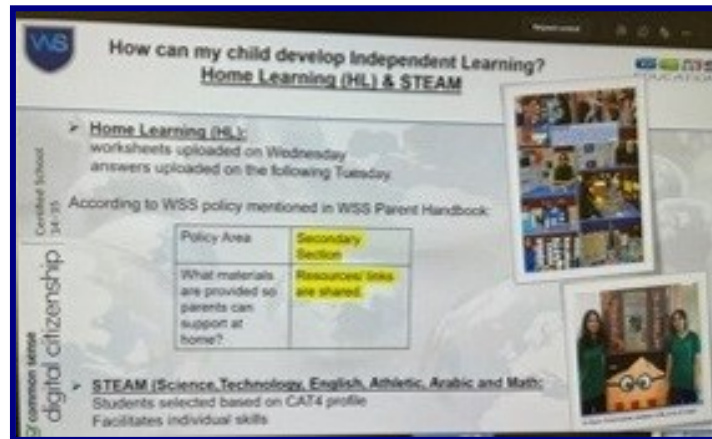
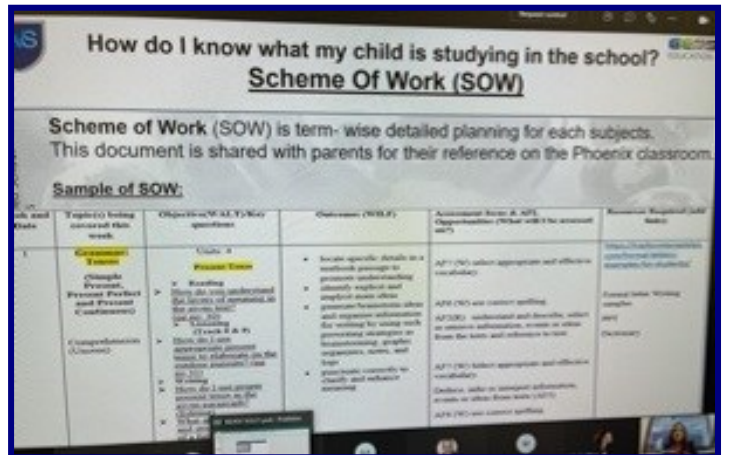
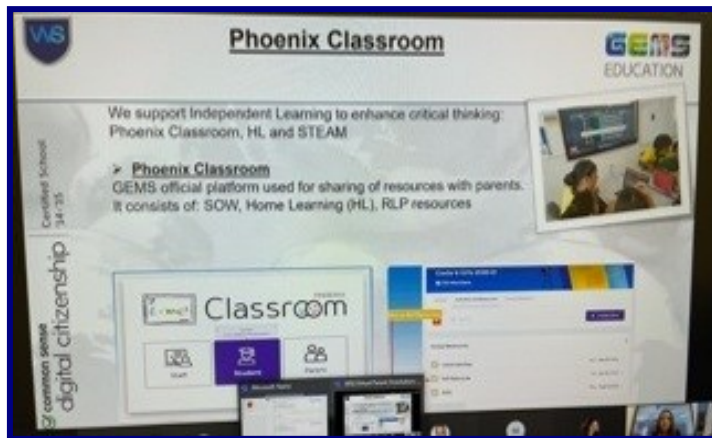
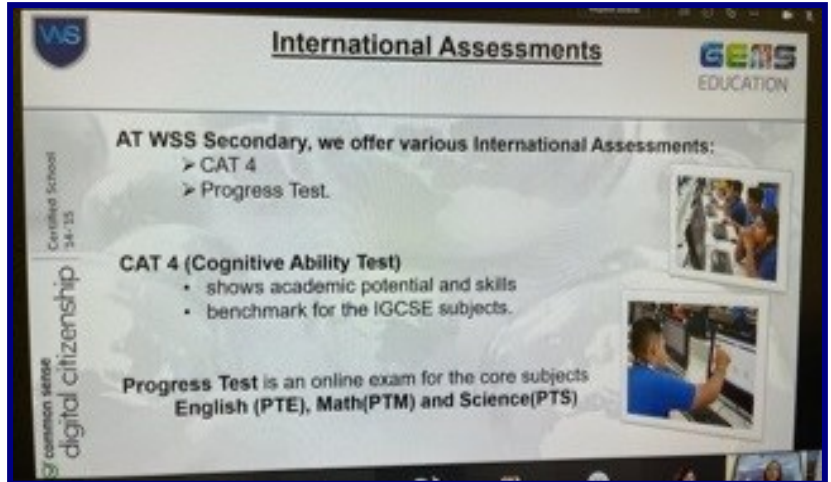
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- Neha Vinod, G12/ Y13

Secondary Section News; New KS3 Parent Induction Session!



Induction sessions for new Year 7-9 Secondary parents on 3/6/21. KS4 & KS5 sessions are scheduled for later this month.



Secondary Section News; New KS3 Parent Induction Session!

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES- STEAM!

Arabic Steam

English Steam Grade 6
SUDHANA RISSUF APR 18, 2020 04:00PM

Alli Tabish - 6BS1 (DAY-2)

Alli Tabish - 6BS1 (DAY-1)

Alli Tabish - 6BS1 (DAY-2)

Alli Tabish - 6BS1 (DAY-1)

Alli Tabish - 6BS1 (DAY-1)

grade 6 Math STEAM
MathematicsK12s
SMITHA JOHN MAR 21, 2020 07:29PM

BHJPESH PPT
FIELDS MEDAL PPT
STEAM MATHS
BHJPESH SUNEEL KUMAR

Maths STEAM BHJPESH ppt
Powerpoint presentation
PINKET DRAKE

Ishal Fatima's Work (class 6GF1)
grade 6 Math STEAM
Ishal Fatima

Week 7 day 1 work bhjpesh

Week 7 Day 2

PROCEDURE: Science Steam
Take a spoon and insert it in a glass filled with water and observe.

OBSERVATION:

The spoon gets refracted and bends in the water.

Conclusion:
The light rays must have entered from a medium with low density to a medium with a higher density, so it refracts.

Arabic Steam

النفاذ الجيدة في الطاقة

أمل يدك جيداً بالصابون والماء لمدة 20 ثانية على الأقل لمن نقل الجراثيم جف يدك
مما يمكنك المساعدة فيه إبقاءه الانتشار والتهاب بخصمته جيداً.

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES- PE!

pe lesson 6BD1 10.15 to 10.50 am
Made with a little mischief
SUMOSH LNCPE APR 14, 2020 03:14AM

Hi good morning all

naif fahad
I feel tired but also fresh

mikayeel raza
it was very good and it was very fresh and nice

it was so fun i felt so energetic but the worst exercise was the pushups
alimed mohamed

its burning inside my body like calorie burning by sameh

PE LESSON 6 BF1
Made with a wish on a star
SUMOSH LNCPE APR 01, 2020 03:49AM

hi good afternoon all

THANKS!
(Mahad Sohaib) Sir I feel really good,energetic and fresh, kindly can you next time add more and exiting excersizes

Muhammad Ibrahim 6BF1

wassent very hard though it gave me a good workout as well as the breathing exercise is nice also suggestion we can do Plank or cruches it is hard will add a nice edition to the lesson Thanks for the lesson!

Sultan
I feel Comfortable

I felt breathless and relaxed at the same time by the way add plank,sit ups
Yuvraj dhanjani

Mohammad hakam
I'm tired but it really helps it's a really good workout

Aarav Bhandari
I felt tired ,relaxed and stretched also it helped me feel good

Shazil
I felt relaxed and stressed but fun

Ali H
I feel hot but cold and fresh at the same time

omar
i felt so relaxed and good when i did the excercises

I feel tired and relax
Mohammed nashwan

Alfarooq
Really good excercises,it was fantastic and i felt relaxed and recharged

AmmarAli
well i had a good experience doing excercises but i will like to have plank