

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #2
1st September, 2022



**Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson**

Dear WSS Parents,

Welcome Back to WSS for 2022-2023!

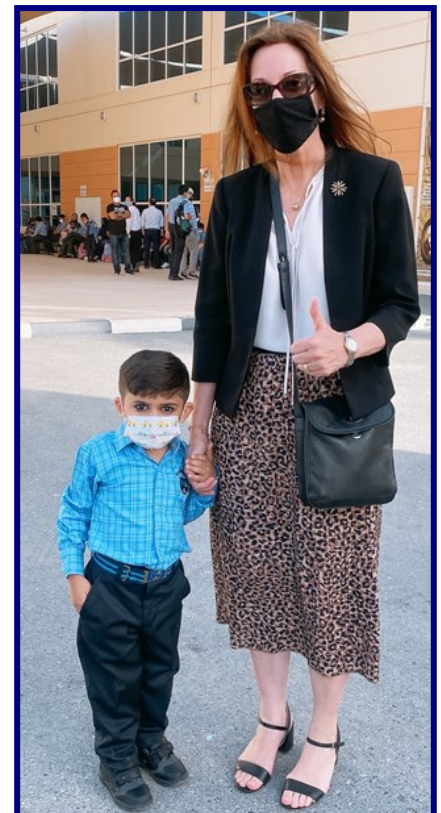
We hope that you & your children enjoyed some happy, fun, quality family time over the summer break, & that our students are now rested & refreshed ready for a busy Term 1 full of learning adventures, hard work & activities! To keep yourself up-to-date, please check through our weekly Newsletter for ongoing important guidance, news & deadlines. Thank you.

Book Sales

Thank you so much for your patience as we manage book sales & late supply. For your convenience, the school will be open **this Friday & Saturday, 8am-1pm for Fee Payment & Book Sales (only)**. Please note that **MOE book purchase is compulsory**. Thanks.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 29/8/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that T1 Fees need to be cleared in full before any student joins. There are no T1 Payment Plans. It takes one working day for a child's name to appear on the Classlist for the Teacher to accept the child into class. Therefore, to avoid delays of admission into class, we recommend that T1 fees are paid in advance.
Mon. 29th August (new students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of new Academic Year 2022-2023 for new students. All Students over age 12 must bring (or email to Class Teacher in advance) a 96-hour valid negative PCR Report Timings 8am-12pm
Tuesday 30th August (returning students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of new Academic Year 2022-2023 for Returning students. All Students over age 12 must bring (or email to Class Teacher in advance) a 96-hour valid negative PCR Report Timings for FS1-Y1; 7:30am-1:15pm Timings for all Y2-Y13 students; 7:30am-3:10pm



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 2
1 سبتمبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

مرحبًا بك مرة أخرى في WSS لعام 2022-
2023!

نأمل أن تكون أنت وأطفالك قد استمتعتم
بفضاء وقت عائلي سعيد وممتع وجيد خلال
العطلة الصيفية ، وأن طلابنا الآن مرتاحون
ومنتعشون جاهزون للفصل (ترم 1) المليء
بالمغامرات التعليمية والعمل الجاد

والأنشطة! لتظل على اطلاع دائم ، يرجى مراجعة هذه النشرة الإخبارية
الأسبوعية للحصول على إرشادات وأخبار ومواعيد نهائية مهمة
ومستمرة.
شكرًا لك.

كتاب بيع

شكرًا جزيلًا على سعة صدرك لأننا ندير مبيعات الكتب والتوريد المتأخر.
لراحتك ، ستفتح المدرسة أبوابها يومي الجمعة والسبت ، من الساعة 8
صباحًا حتى 1 مساءً. يرجى ملاحظة أن شراء كتب وزارة التربية
والتعليم إلزامي. شكرًا.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
يرجى ملاحظة أنه يجب تسوية رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل انضمام أي طالب. لا توجد خطط دفع T1	الاثنين 29/8/22
يستغرق ظهور اسم الطفل في قائمة الفصل يوم عمل واحدًا للمعلم لقبول الطفل في الفصل. لذلك ، لتجنب التأخير في القبول في الفصل ، نوصي بدفع رسوم T1 مقدمًا.	الاثنين 29 أغسطس (الطلاب الجدد)
اليوم الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد 2022-2023 للطلاب الجدد.	الثلاثاء 30 أغسطس (الطلاب العائدين)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> يجب على جميع الطلاب الذين تزيد أعمارهم عن 12 عامًا (إحضار) أو إرسال بريد إلكتروني إلى Class Teacher مسبقًا) تقرير PCR سلبي صالح لمدة 96 ساعة. 	توقيتات FS1-Y1 : 7:30 صباحًا - 1:15 مساءً
المواعيد 8 صباحًا - 12 مساءً	المواعيد لجميع طلاب الصفوف من الصف الثاني إلى العام الثالث



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح للجميع"

WSS Board Examination Superstar Champions!

Below please find some of our Board Examination WOW! stories from the summer of 2022! More details will follow shortly.

Headlines A Level Results, 2022

165% increase in the number of entries from 2019	In 2019, 123 entries were recorded in AL; in 2022, 203 entries were made.
<u>10% increase in overall attainment (A*-B) compared to 2019.</u>	In 2019, 33% students scored A*-B; in 2022, 43% students scored A*-B overall.
<u>100% increase in Science attainment (A* - B) compared to 2019.</u>	In 2019, 23% students scored A*-B; in 2022, 46% students scored A*-B in Sciences.
<u>More than 100% increase in Mathematics attainment (A*-B) when compared to 2019.</u>	In 2019, 24% students scored A*-B; in 2022, 61% students scored A*-B in Mathematics.
<u>50% increase in Economics (A*-B)</u>	In 2019, 50 % students scored A*-B; in 2022, <u>100 % students scored A*-B in Economics.</u>
<u>14% increase in Business studies in (A*-B) attainment when compared to 2019.</u>	In 2019, 40% students scored A*-B; in 2022, 54 % students scored A*-B in Business studies.

Headlines IGCSE Results, 2022

Computer Studies	78% scored A* - B
English as a First Language	73% scored A* - B
English as a Second Language	72% scored A* - B
Arabic as a First Language	70% scored A* - B
All Sciences	56% scored A* - B

Today, we got the last exam result for my daughter Mariam. It is like a dream come true.

I still remember how worried we were when she joined WSS at grade 9. But today she came to the end of her very successful journey with wonderful grades and she is ready to join her dream university.

I thank you all, I really appreciate your time, help, support and encouragement. It wouldn't be possible without you.

Thanks to all the dedicated subject teachers, thanks to the Arabic and Islamic teachers, thanks to the cooperative form tutors, thanks to the amazing HODs, special thanks to the very cooperative and patient examiner officer, thanks to the school counselor, thanks to the head of the key stage and head of section and thanks to the school management.

I hope you all the best.

Dr. Amany Fathy

Mother of Mariam Ahmed (Class of 2022)

I feel immense gratitude to thank my daughter's class teacher, subject teacher and all related staff who really worked hard in teaching and assisting students.

My daughter Soha Maaz Allhamdulillah got all A*in her results and this is all because of teachers unending efforts and Soha's hard work.

Once again-Thank You 😊

Whole School News; ‘Care to Share’!

‘Care to Share’; How Are You?

Welcome back to a new Academic Year! WSS understands that back-to-school can create stress for both parents and students. There are many changes to navigate, as well as ongoing uncertainty about the persisting global pandemic.

However, you are not alone! The WSS Inclusion Team is here to support with positive mental health and wellness guidance to ease anxiety, fear and concern, as students and families navigate the new school year.

If you would like support, please feel free to reach out to us through our ‘Care to Share’ initiative. Our Inclusion and Counselling team will provide you with a ‘friendly ear’, actionable strategies, tips, counselling and guidance to move forward in this transition period.

Email your request for a ‘Care to Share’ appointment to rema.p_wss@gemsedu.com

include your child’s name, class and ID.

We will get back to you soon with a meeting time (face to face or online).

The WSS Inclusion and Counselling team



**Head of Inclusion
Ms. Rema Premchand**



**Guidance Counselor (Secondary)
Ms. Rejina Georjee**



**Guidance Counselor (Junior-Primary)
Ms. Gincy James**

Whole School News; Useful Parent Handbook!



Updated: 31/8/22

GEMS Westminster School – Sharjah Parent Handbook

The WSS family are committed to our vision 'Excellence Through Teamwork, Success for all!' Parents, Students & WSS staff are all an integral part of this team, & this Handbook aims to help you & your children settle happily & engage successfully with WSS. Do please feel free to meet/contact us if you have any queries. We are here to help!

Please note that our policies and practices are reviewed regularly, and are therefore subject to change.



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



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Assistant Principal	Ms. Sreeja	sreeja.n.wss@gemsedu.com
Parents Liaison Executive (PRE)	Ms. Aiysha Khan	aiysha.k.wss@gemsedu.com
Manager School Operations	Mr. Dhijin Devassy	dhijin.d.wss@gemsedu.com
Registrar	Ms. Stephy	stephy.a.wss@gemsedu.com
BBT Bus Transport Customer Care Executive (CCE)	Mr. Thomas Rajan	thomas@bbt.ae 055 2378382 800 STSS (7877)
Uniform Threads	Located near NMC Hospital, Al Nahda area, Dubai. Store open 10am-7:30pm. Tel: 8008473237 www.threadsmc.com	

Whole School News; Useful Parent Handbook!

WSS Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Principal	Vice Principal	Assistant Principal, Secondary Section	Assistant Principal, Primary Section	Assistant Principal, Junior Section
				
Ms. Valerie Thompson	Mr. Suj. Munir	Mr. Franklin	Ms. Sonia	Ms. Shamail
Learning Coach (LC)	Manager School Operations (MSO)	Assistant Principal	Deputy Head of Primary	Deputy Head of Juniors
				
Dr. Lisa	Ms. Sera	Ms. Sreeja	Ms. Emelia	Ms. Raghi

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Birthdays & Parties (As per our **Healthy Lifestyle Policy**)

- Birthday & Party Food; sugar & chemicals may contribute to hyperactivity – this is not healthy or conducive to learning. Therefore, if parents wish to send a treat to the class, **students may bring healthy fruit treats to share only. Junk food (cake, sweets, chocolate, chips & biscuits) is not allowed at all (unless there is a published 'Junk Food Amnesty' for school events such as International Day or end-of-Term Party). Junk food will be sent back home if brought in to school.**
- **Please avoid sending unwrapped food for sharing, during the COVID pandemic.**
- **No 'Goody Bags'.** Some are unable to afford these, so better to stick to fruit treats.
- Parents must **never send in food items with nuts** in due to severe allergy issues. If nut treats are sent in, Teacher will send back home at the end of the day.
- All students may **wear dress-up clothes** to school on their birthday if they wish (modesty & cultural sensitivities must be considered).
- If your child has his/her **birthday during a holiday, they may come in dress-up clothes & celebrate their birthday on another day** (please write a Planner note accordingly).
- If a parent sends birthday treats to only a select group, the treat will be sent back home at the end of the day.

Junior (FS1-Y2)

- Only FS have class birthday parties. If you want to send in edible treats, please only send healthy fruit baskets/fruit treats (**no cake, sweets, chocolates, fizzy drinks, or other junk food**).
- FS family may attend their child's birthday party in class.
- **Birthday parties** for FS students finishing at 30 minutes before end-of-day only.
- FS birthday parties must be **booked with the class teacher at least one working day before the party.** Parent to email or write a Planner note.

Primary (Y3-6) & Secondary (Y7-13)

- Teaching time should not be disrupted, so if the fruit basket/fruit snack arrives after Break time, it will be distributed during the last 20 minutes of the school day.

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WSS School Calendar for Academic Year 2022/2023

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First Term – Winter		
Notification	Date	Break Duration
Academic authority starting date	22/08/2022	
Students starting date	29/08/2022	
Mid-Term Break	26 & 27 th October 2022	2 days
Students winter break	12/12/2022 – 29/12/2022	3 weeks
Second Term – Spring		
Notification	Date	Break Duration
Starting date	02/01/2023	
Mid-Term Break	15 th & 16 th Feb 2022	2 days
Students spring break	27/03/2023 – 06/04/2023	2 weeks
Third Term – Summer		
Notification	Date	Break Duration
Starting date	10/4/2023	
Mid-Term Break	17 th April 2023	1 day
Students last date	29/06/2023	
Academic authority last date	06/07/2023	
Start of next Academic Year 2023-24		
Students start date	28/08/2023	

Updated 27/6/22

*All dates are subject to MOE SPEA conformation or MOE SPEA change

WSS Student Mid-Term Emergency Leave Application		Formal updated 25/22								
Student name	Class	ID:	Reason for leave:	Leave from (date):	Will return to school on (date):					
<p>Dear WSS Principal,</p> <p>Due to emergency, unavoidable reasons, we request Term-time leave for our child/children as a special case.</p> <p>We understand that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient attendance is a disciplinary issue. Leave during Term time would only be approved for extreme emergencies (eg. medical reason, death in the family, family travel for urgent reasons, etc.). A Medical Certificate/Acceptable Evidence needs to be provided along with the Leave Application. Missed Term exams (except with student's Medical Leave Certificate) would be given '0' marks towards the Term Report, which would therefore be a maximum of a Pass mark only. If the child has a Medical Certificate for missed exams, then a Continuous Assessment mark will be given on the Term Report. As per SPEA, attendance of T3 Promotional exams is compulsory. All pending school fees covering the period of leave must be cleared prior to this leave. <p>Parent sign: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Parent contact: _____</p> <p>Cashier/Accounts Officer sign: _____ Date: _____ <i>(there are no pending fees for the leave period as above):</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: x-small;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>✓ Principal comments:</p> <p>Leave is Approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give continuous assessment mark for Report Grades Assessment not to be rescheduled Assessment may be rescheduled subject to Section SLT approval <p>Medical Leave Certificate attached</p> <p>Other approved Evidence attached</p> </td> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Leave is not Approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student to be given '0' marks for exams & minimum pass grade (50%) for Report Grades Assessments not to be rescheduled This is for information only <p>Not Medical Leave. No MC for student attached</p> <p>No Evidence attached</p> <p>Evidence attached is inadequate.</p> </td> <td style="width: 10%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>To be failed in T3 SPEA & Report data if continuous assessment grades are Fail</p> </td> <td style="width: 10%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Inform Section SLT if absence continues beyond approved date, or if a FD</p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <p> </p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Sign: _____ Date: _____</p>						<p>✓ Principal comments:</p> <p>Leave is Approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give continuous assessment mark for Report Grades Assessment not to be rescheduled Assessment may be rescheduled subject to Section SLT approval <p>Medical Leave Certificate attached</p> <p>Other approved Evidence attached</p>	<p>Leave is not Approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student to be given '0' marks for exams & minimum pass grade (50%) for Report Grades Assessments not to be rescheduled This is for information only <p>Not Medical Leave. No MC for student attached</p> <p>No Evidence attached</p> <p>Evidence attached is inadequate.</p>	<p>To be failed in T3 SPEA & Report data if continuous assessment grades are Fail</p>	<p>Inform Section SLT if absence continues beyond approved date, or if a FD</p>	<p>COMMENTS:</p> <p> </p>
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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

WSS is working on being a sustainable, environmentally responsible school! We have a tradition of recycling, so please continue to bring in your clean water bottles & outdated IT Devices for recycling.



Booksales

Parents, kindly note that the following times will be assigned to our students to visit the Book Store. Parents are requested to avoid these times, thank you:

10:15am to 10:44am
12:15pm to 12:44pm



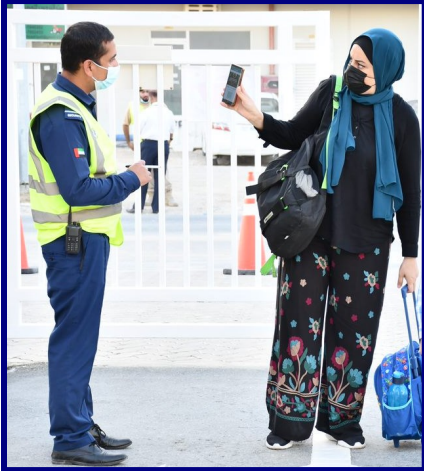
Welcome back to our Recycling, Environmental Champion Superstars!!

Let's keep recycling our bottles!

We are very honoured & grateful to receive the regular support of Emiri Guards, who have been assigned to WSS to help keep the roads & parking around school safe for our children, as well as help students cross the road safely. We thank them for their important help, & request parent cooperation with them. Thank you.



Whole School News; Welcome back to School!



Parents showing the Al Hosn Green Pass. Thank you!



Super smart in school perfect uniform!



It was lovely to see so many smiling faces & families returning together to WSS to share in their children's first day!



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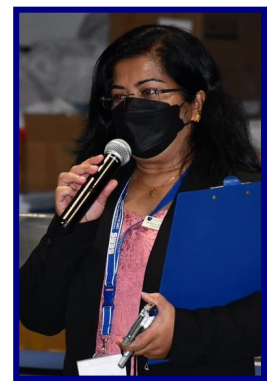
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Welcome to Mr. Suj, our new WSS Vice Principal



Whole School News; Welcome to WSS!



Thanks to Hania and Hooria for their warm welcome to our new Vice Principal, Mr. Suj.

We are committed to ongoing teacher training to raise the professional and academic levels of our team. We thank Mr. Alaaeldin, our Arabic Learning Coach, for his support & commitment in raising standards of teaching and learning across-MOE subject Teachers. A huge 'Thank you' to Ms. Rana Nazzal (SPEA Development Advisor), for accepting our invitation to conduct a special workshop under the title 'Inspection Expectations for the New Academic Year', which was held at GCS School on 25/8/22 for all our MOE subject teachers.



Whole School News; WSS' 10th Birthday, October 2022!

WSS' 10th Birthday, October 2022

We are very excited to share that it is WSS' Birthday in October this year. To celebrate, we will be arranging some fun activities throughout the first Term, & creating a WSS 10th Birthday Book.

If you were a founding family in 2012, we invite you to share pictures & messages/articles for publication in our Newsletter & Birthday Book. Please send your Birthday Book material to the PRE Ms. Aiysha, aiysha.k_wss@gemsedu.com We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Whole School News; OT Pick-up Times

Parent Pick-up Timings for Own Transport Students, From 30th August, 2022	
Year Group	Pick-up Time
FS1, FS2 and Y1	1:15 PM
Y2	3:00 PM
Y3, Y4 & Y6	3:05 PM
Y5	2:55 PM
Y7 to Y13 Girls	3:10 PM
Y7 to Y13 Boys	3:10 PM

Whole School News; Staff Training (CPD)!





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GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH

Your School Needs
You!!

We Are Looking
For **Positive**
Parent Partners!

Get Involved!

WSS believes that positive teamwork between the two greatest institutions in the world, 'school and parents' is critical in preparing our children to be successful in this complex world.

*Motivated
Parents*


*Time to
share*

*Support the
WSS family*

*Spread Best
Practices*

If interested in joining our WSS Positive Parent Partners team, please email your completed PPP application form to PRE aiysha.k.wss@gemsedu.com Thank you!

Whole School News; WSS' Positive Parent Partners!

	Application for WSS Optional Positive Parent Partners Team (PPP)	Academic Year:
		<i>Format updated: 1/9/22</i>
Parent name:		
Mobile:		
Email:		
Children studying at WSS:		
<i>Name:</i>	<i>ID:</i>	<i>Class:</i>

Applying for the role of (please ✓):			
<input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer		<input type="checkbox"/> PPP Chairperson <i>(leads the PPP & member of LAB)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <i>(takes/publishes meeting minute, etc.)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <i>(generates sponsorship, keeps accounts)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Year Group Representative for Year Group:		<input type="checkbox"/> Class Representative for Class:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify area of responsibility):</i>			

I give my permission for (please ✓):			
My email may be shared with the PPP team:		My mobile number may be shared with the PPP team:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
My email may be shared with other WSS Parents:		My photograph may be published in school publications/documents:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

I agree that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have never been convicted of, or terminated from employment for, a Child Safeguarding issue. I indemnify WSS from all liabilities (civil, criminal, health, legal, property, social etc.) arising from my voluntary participation in WSS & PPP initiatives, events & programmes. I will pay for & submit a copy all required documents to WSS PRE before volunteering with children inside school. I understand that membership of PPP is subject to regular attendance of PPP meetings & positive engagement in PPP activities. I understand that if I do not attend/engage for any Term, my membership of PPP will automatically be terminated & I will be removed from the PPP email list. I will maintain complete confidentiality relating to meeting content, GEMS, WSS & its community. I will follow all WSS policies & procedures as published in the Parent Handbook (on WSS website). I will promote a positive WSS reputation in the community. I will not engage in negative or defamatory social media or other public communication regarding GEMS, WSS or its community. I will refer others' complaints to PRE. If I have any issues involving my own children, I will not visit class & intervene directly, but will follow the usual policy to resolve any issues through PRE. I will maintain appropriate & culturally sensitive professional standards of smart, modest dress, relationships & behavior while in school. My membership of the PPP may be terminated at any time by myself or WSS.

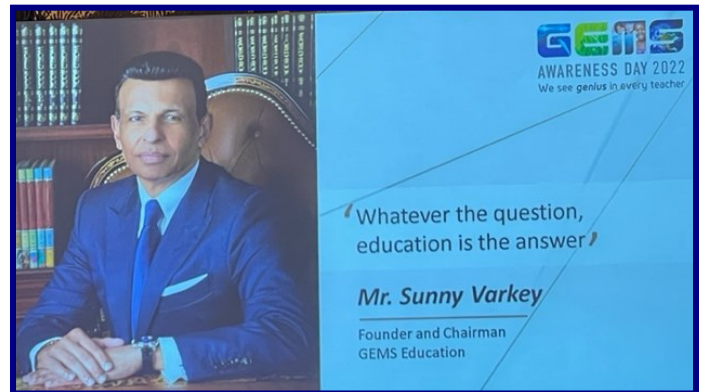
Documents provided to WSS PRE (✓):							
<input type="checkbox"/>	EID	<input type="checkbox"/>	Al Hosn Green Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Clearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	OHC copy
Signed (Parent):						Date:	
Sign WSS PRE (Documents received).						Date:	
Sign WSS HR (Documents received & filed)						Date:	

Whole School News; Parent Induction Sessions!

Y5 & Y6 Parent & student Induction Session, 25/8/22



Welcome back activities for Wellbeing with Ms. Susweta in Y4F1



All our new staff were invited to the GEMS Awareness Day, the Atlantis, the Palm, on 25/8/22 for a welcome note from our Founder & Chairman Mr. Sunny Varkey and a briefing about the GEMS Vision of educational opportunity for all students.



Whole School News; Slices Canteen for Y3-13!



We are happy to share that our canteen, run by Slices, is now open for Years 3-13 (Junior children need to bring lunch & snack as usual). Please see below details of the cashless payment system that is most recommended.

To support health & convenience, we recommend that children still brings a full, recyclable water bottle to school daily. Losing learning time through trips to the canteen mid-lesson will not be allowed.

Grab & Go - Lunch



Sandwiches & Wraps	AED	Drinks	AED
Cream Cheese Bagel	08.00	Flavored Juices (Orange, Apple, Mango)	03.00
Paneer Toasty	08.00	Milk Low Fat	03.00
Chicken Tikka Wrap	10.00	Flavored Milk (Strawberry, Chocolate)	04.00
Chicken Burger	10.00	Laban	02.00
Potato Frankie	06.00	Water	01.00
Falafel Hummus Wrap	13.00		
Salads & Hot Lunch	AED	Desserts, Pots, Fruits & Crisp	AED
Chicken Caesar	12.00	Fresh Fruit (Apple Banana)	02.00
Tomato Pasta	08.00	Watermelon Pot 10oz/16oz	6 / 8
Chaat Cup	08.00	Fruit Salad Pot 10oz/16oz	7 / 10
		Pineapple Cup 10oz	07.00
Hot Lunch	11.00	Fruit Yoghurts (Strawberry, Apricot, Red Cherry)	04.00
		Dubai Pop Corn (Salt & Cheese)	03.00

- All GEMS school children are automatically enrolled for the Slices Catering Fee Payment system upon school enrollment
- Student details are updated upon enrolment
- Parents can access the Catering Fee Payment system via the GEMS Parent Portal using the existing login details at www.gems.ae
- The Parent Portal enables parents to:
 - Top-up online using a debit or credit card, cash top-ups can also be completed in school at any of the Slices counters
 - Review their balances and top-up history
 - Monitor their child's usage
- The Catering Fee Payment system is accessible from the drop-down option of Fees
- Students will access the fund by using their student ID / STS card at the Point of Sale
- The cashier will swipe their card for each transaction and their balance will be adjusted accordingly and updated on the GEMS Parent Portal

Whole School News; Slices Canteen for Y3-13!

FAQ's

9. How does my child use the Catering System?

Your child's available balance is accessed using the School ID / STS Card, they will present to the cashier for any purchases and this will be swiped for each transaction

10. I would prefer my child to use cash, is this still an option?

Yes, cash can still be used at all our Slices counters

11. My child has lost his card, what should I do?

As this is the School ID / STS Card this should be reported to the school, once a replacement is issued the card will automatically be updated for use in the canteen

12. Will I receive a notification when my balance is low?

We are currently adding this feature to our system and will be rolling out in the coming weeks.

Whole School News; MOH Vaccination Programme!



Dear School Principals,

Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its warmest greetings to you.

We would like to inform you that the Ministry of Education is launching a child vaccination follow-up project for children under the age of 15, with the start of the new Academic Year.

The project targets school students to guarantee a healthy, safe, and disease-free life.

Therefore, please ensure the availability of the vaccination card in the school's health file for all students in all stages by the medical and educational staff in each school with the start of the new Academic Year.

Furthermore, please assure that the student has completed all of the national vaccination programs, especially the polio vaccination.

For contact and queries,

Learnners Affairs Section

Best Regards,

سادة/ مديري المدارس الخاصة المحترمين

تليب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق
تُمنيات...

لإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، نحيطكم علماً بأن وزارة التربية والتعليم، بصدد
ملاق مشروع متابعة حالة تطعيم الأطفال دون سن 15 عام مع بداية العام
دراسي والتي تستهدف طلاب المدارس لضمان حياة صحية آمنة خالية من
أمراض، وعليه يرجى منكم التأكد من وجود بطاقة التطعيمات في الملف الصحي
درسي للطلاب بجميع المراحل من قبل الطاقم الطبي والتعليمي في كل مدرسة
مع بداية العام الدراسي والتأكد من الطالب قد أكمل برنامج التطعيم جميعاً
الأخص شلل الأطفال

تواصل والاستفسار: قسم شؤون المتعلمين

فضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام...

Whole School News; School Fees

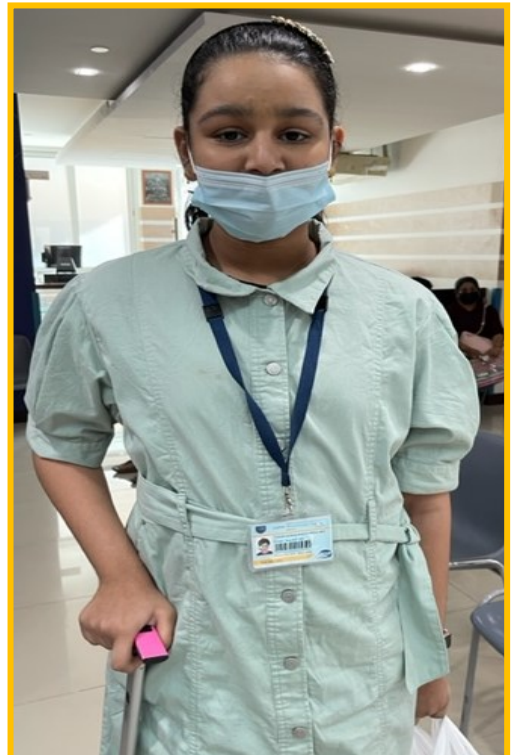
	<h2 style="margin: 0;">WSS Fee Structure</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Academic Year 2022-2023</h3>	 <p style="font-size: small;">مدرسة ويستمنستر الجميلة GEMS Westminster School SHARJAH</p>
		

- Please note:** *Updated 6/7/22*
- All fees are subject to Authority approval & change without notice.
 - In case of any Authority-approved revision in fee structure, the difference will be payable, backdated as per Authority approval.
 - The seat Booking fee is non-refundable for any reason, but deductible against first Term fees.
 - School fees are due by latest the first day of each Term (as per MOE Bilo Article 52). First Term fees are due in full before any child is admitted.
 - In case of pending fees, there would be no discussion on progress, achievement or results of any assessment (external or internal), & no official school document would be given.
 - Please bring the Student school ID Number when paying at the School Fee counter (cash credit card or cheque).
 - Cheques should be made out to 'GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARJAH'.
 - An online Fee payment facility is available & highly recommended, once your child has been Registered. Thank you.

GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah Fee Structure					
Academic Year 2022-2023					
Year (Grade Equivalent)	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Annual	Re-enrollment Fee
	Sept- Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	TOTAL	
Nursery	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Reception (KG1)	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Year 1 (KG2)	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Year 2 (Grade 1)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 3 (Grade 2)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 4 (Grade 3)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 5 (Grade 4)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 6 (Grade 5)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 7 (Grade 6)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 8 (Grade 7)	6,720.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	16,800.00	800.00
Year 9 (Grade 8)	6,720.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	16,800.00	800.00
Year 10 (Grade 9)	7,560.00	5,670.00	5,670.00	18,900.00	900.00
Year 11 (Grade 10)	8,400.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	21,000.00	1,000.00
Year 12 (Grade 11)	8,840.00	6,630.00	6,630.00	22,100.00	1,000.00
Year 13 (Grade 12)	9,680.00	7,260.00	7,260.00	24,200.00	1,000.00

<p>Contacts: Registrar: Ms. Stephy Email: registrar_wss@gemsedu.com Landline: 00971 (0)6 5426323 School website: gemswestminsterschool-sharjah.com</p>	<p>Principal/CEO: Ms. Valerie Thompson Email: valerie.t_wss@gemsedu.com Landline: 00971 (0)6 5426323 School website: gemswestminsterschool-sharjah.com</p>
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Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Whole School News; Superstar Champions!!



FS2D1

Happy to get stickers from Ms. Raghi



Well done to superstar students N. Hirushnitha, Aadam Naji and Muhammad Zayyan (Y3D1) for their good use of their imagination in their English creative writing activity.

Thank you Ms. Ringamphi for giving the students the opportunity to express themselves so well in writing.

Junior Section News; Week 1, from 29/8/22!



With Ms. Uzma



learning about story 'Teddy's first day at school.FS2 H1



With Ms. Uzma



With Ms. Maria

FS2H1

Junior Section News; Week 1, from 29/8/22!



Junior Section News; Week 1, from 29/8/22!



FIRST
WEEK



With Ms. Christine

Junior Section News; Week 1, from 29/8/22!

Fs2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika



Having so much fun at West play area



FS2S1



We are tracing our name



FS2S1



We are making our own pattern



FS2 S1



We are making our own pattern

FS2S1



Exploring colours with FS2 S1



Happy Birthday



Junior Section News; Week 1, from 29/8/22!



Year 1 H2

New Joiners....Our first Day in School!



With Ms. Beena



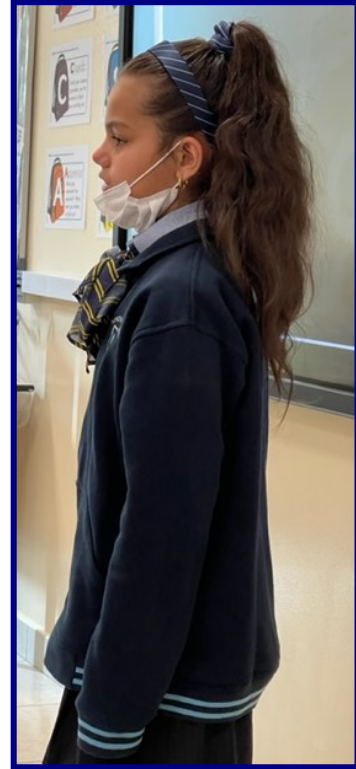
We use our ears for listening!

Primary Section News; Week 1, from 29/8/22!

Y4 F1 students engaged in induction activities on the first day of the academic year.



With Ms. Susweta



Hala & Mustafa (Y4F3) translated the special message for their class that SPEA had asked schools to share with all students from the country's leadership. The message related to achievement through hard work!

Junior Section News; Day 1, 29/8/22!

Year 1 D2



First day at school

With Ms. Sadiqa

Day1 and Day2 Activities of New Academic year 2022-23



Primary Section News; Day 1, 29/8/22!

Y5H1 (2022-2023) with the New Students.

Welcome to WSS
my dear students.
❤️

With Ms. Anju



First Day At WSS

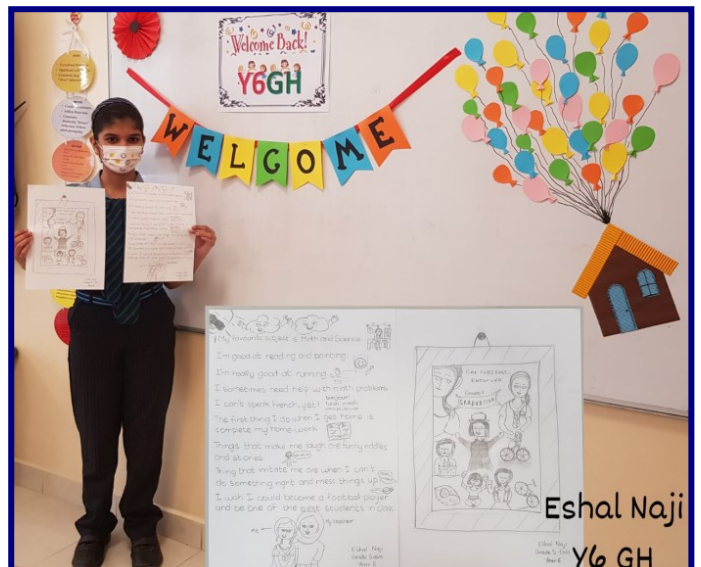
Y5D2 with Ms. Anjukrishna



Secondary Section News; Day 1, 29/8/22!



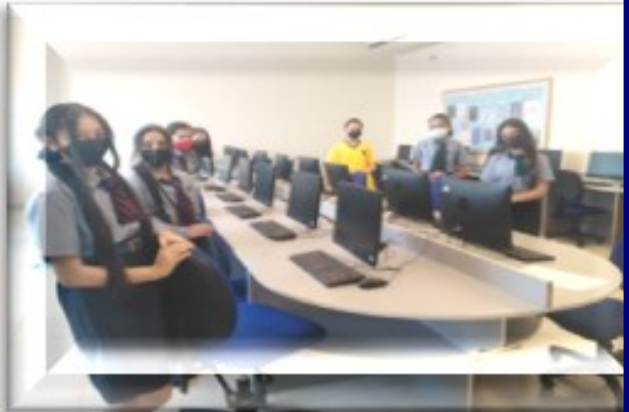
Welcome & Induction on 29/8/22 with Mr. Franklin & Ms. Sreeja, Secondary SLT (Assistant Principals, Secondary).



Secondary Section News; Day 1, 29/8/22!

KS3 New Student Induction day and School Tour

#StudentWellBeing



Secondary Section News; GEMS For Life!



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PODCAST PROGRAM INTERNSHIP

Hybrid

Deadline to Apply: 7 September 2022, Wednesday



Program Structure:



Week 1 & 2

Workshops on Creative
Conceptualisation, Storytelling
and Getting Started.



Week 3

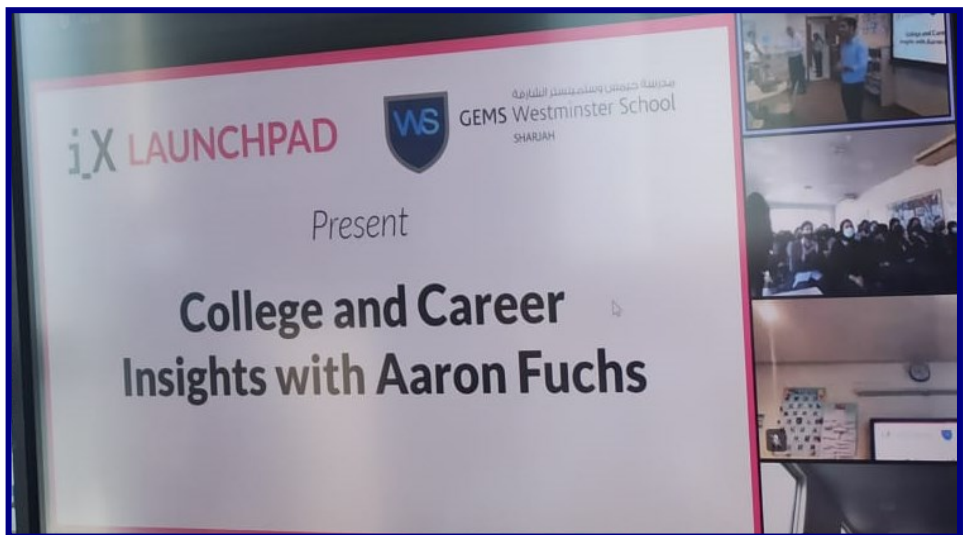
Introduction to Podcast
Production process



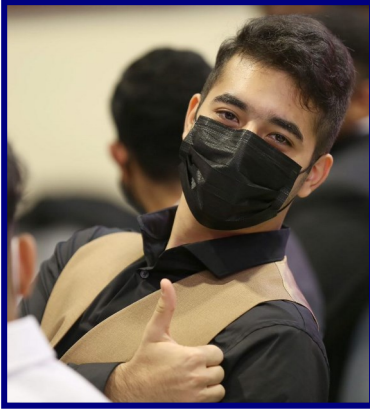
Week 4 & 5

Podcast Pre-production

As part of our Careers Counseling programme to help prepare our students for their future in the work place, WSS hosted guest speakers on 1/9/22 to update our Sixth Form about 'GEMS for Life', alumni opportunities, scholarships and internship programmes.



Secondary Section News; Y13 Graduation, 22/6/22!



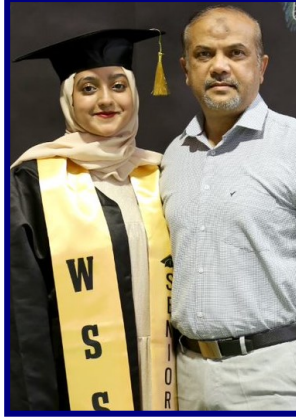
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