

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

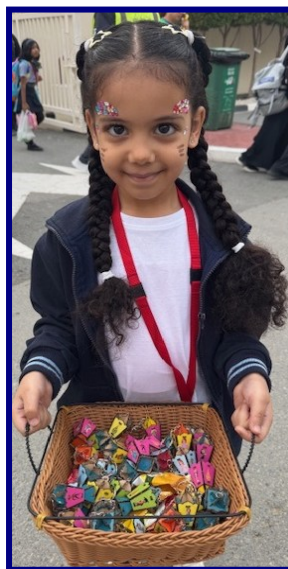
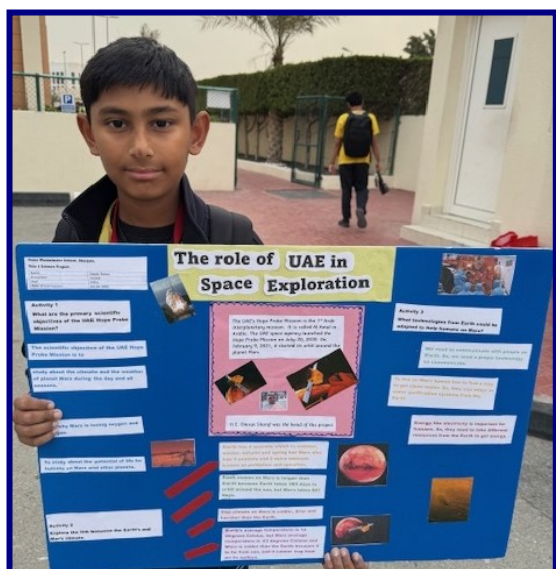
Dear WSS Parents,

We wish all our WS families a peaceful, blessed & special Ramadan Kareem.



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
From Mon. 17/2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reenrollment for next academic year 2025-2026 open, subject to T2 fee payment (regardless of Payment Plan) & a clean discipline record.
Mon. 3/3/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Ramadan timings, 7:50am-1pm (TBC) for whole school
Thurs. 20/3/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of T2. Happy holidays & Eid Mubarak!
Mon. 7/4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of T3. T3 Fees due, thank you. Deadline to re-enroll & pay the seat booking fee if you want seats for September 2025. After this date unenrolled seats would be given to the Waiting List.
Thurs. 10/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FS1-Y9 T2 Reports & PTM (subject to no pending T2 fees)
Thurs. 26th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of compulsory T3 Promotional Exams
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last official day for students for this academic year.



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

☞ 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.



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Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Lifelong learning—Ms. Himaya attended Sharjah Education Summit organised by SPEA on 22/2/25. Ms. Ayesha Aslam attended a session ‘Future-Fit Education and Learning in the coming era of Artificial Intelligence’ with Ms. Lynn at the Sharjah Education Summit 2025 on Sunday 23rd February.

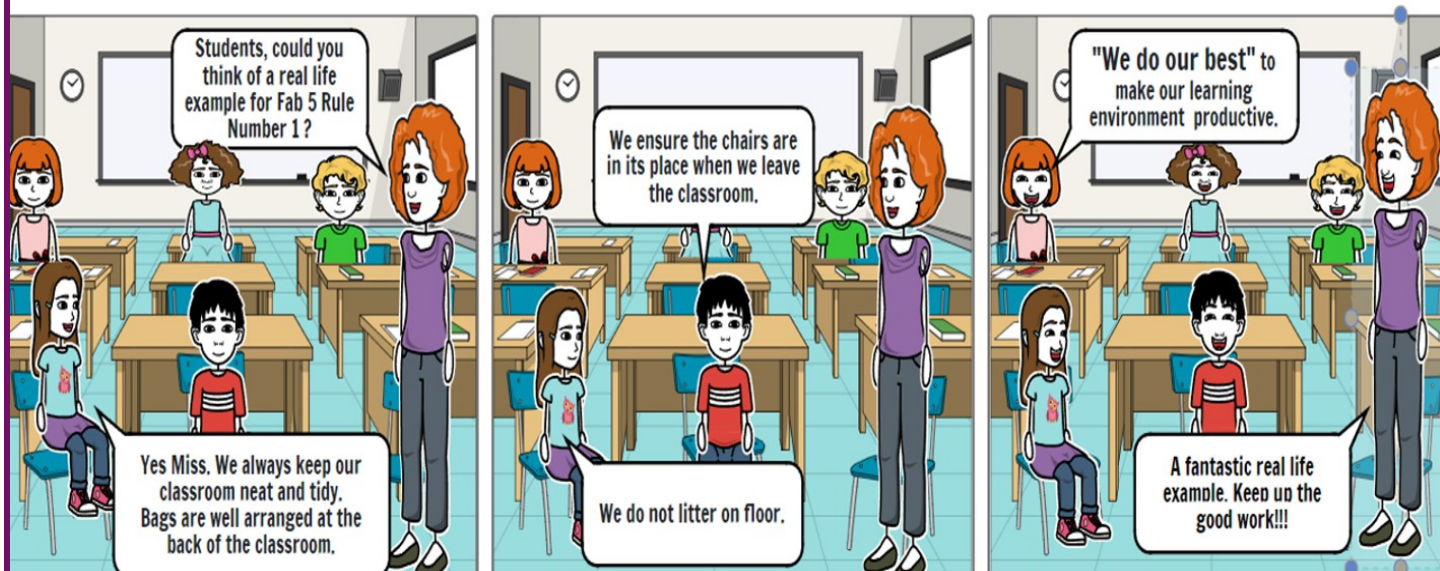


We are proud of Ms. Deepthi Koolath who was a presenter at the Sharjah International Summit on Improvement in Education. She delivered a talk on ‘Education 2030: Preparing Students for Future Jobs That Don’t Yet Exist.’

The summit provided an excellent platform to exchange ideas with experts and educators from diverse backgrounds, all striving for meaningful improvements in education.

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

The Fab 5 – “We do our best”



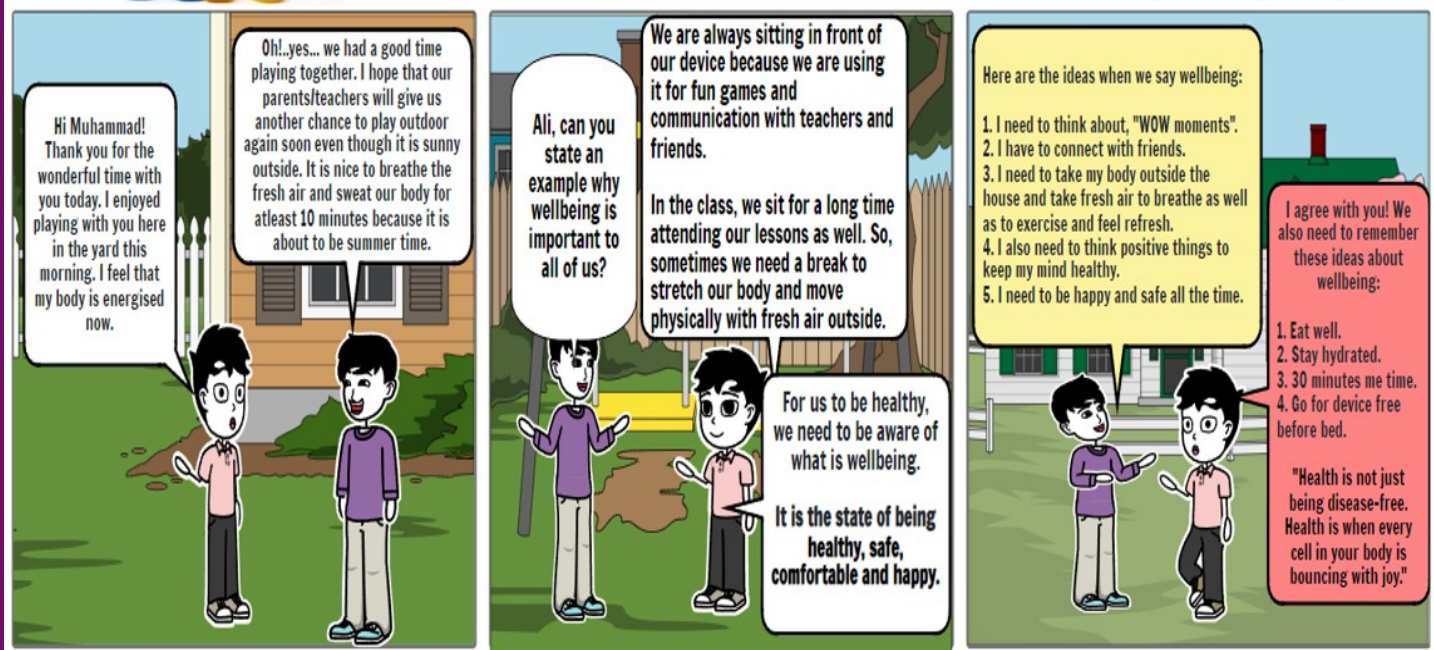
Be with the best people



Student Wellbeing

The best people will bring out the best in you.

Positive, friendly & supportive people will give you energy & strength.



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions; T2 Achievement Assemblies!



Junior Section News; Y1 Sports Day, 26/2/25!



The Y1 Sports Day was a lot of fun, made all the more lively by our enthusiastic parents! Thank you for coming & encouraging the children so well. The Sports Day theme was 'Inspiring Emirati Sports Personalities'. Students spoke confidently about why & how these role models inspired them.



Junior Section News; Y1 Sports Day, 26/2/25!



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Junior Section News; Y1 Sports Day, 26/2/25!



This was so amazing—the coordination & choreography were impressive. Well done students & Ms. Sheema!

Dear lovely Mrs Mariam ,

I want to express my gratitude for all your help during the sports day. It was such an amazing event, and I could see how much effort was put into making it a success. Everyone was happy and proud from the event.

I also want to specifically thank you for helping Youssef with his speech and it really means alot that you had such faith in him to be the host . Your support in guiding him through it and boosting his confidence truly made a difference. He felt much more at ease and delivered his speech with great poise. We really appreciate your kindness and encouragement.

Thank you once again for everything and you are the best teacher ever 🍷❤️

Junior Section News; Sports Day, 27/2/25!



Junior Section News; FS Sports Day, 27/2/25!



Junior Section News; FS & Y2 Sports Day, 27/2/25!



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Junior Section News; Y1D1 Learning Activities!



100 days
at WSS!

Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



Phonics lesson



Y1D2 WITH MS. SADIQA AND MS ASMA



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. AYSHA AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!



Y1H1 WITH MS.
AAFREIN AND
MS. NOORA

A WEEK FULL OF
LEARNING AND FUN
THROUGH SPORTS
DAY AND A TRIP TO
KIDZANIA



Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

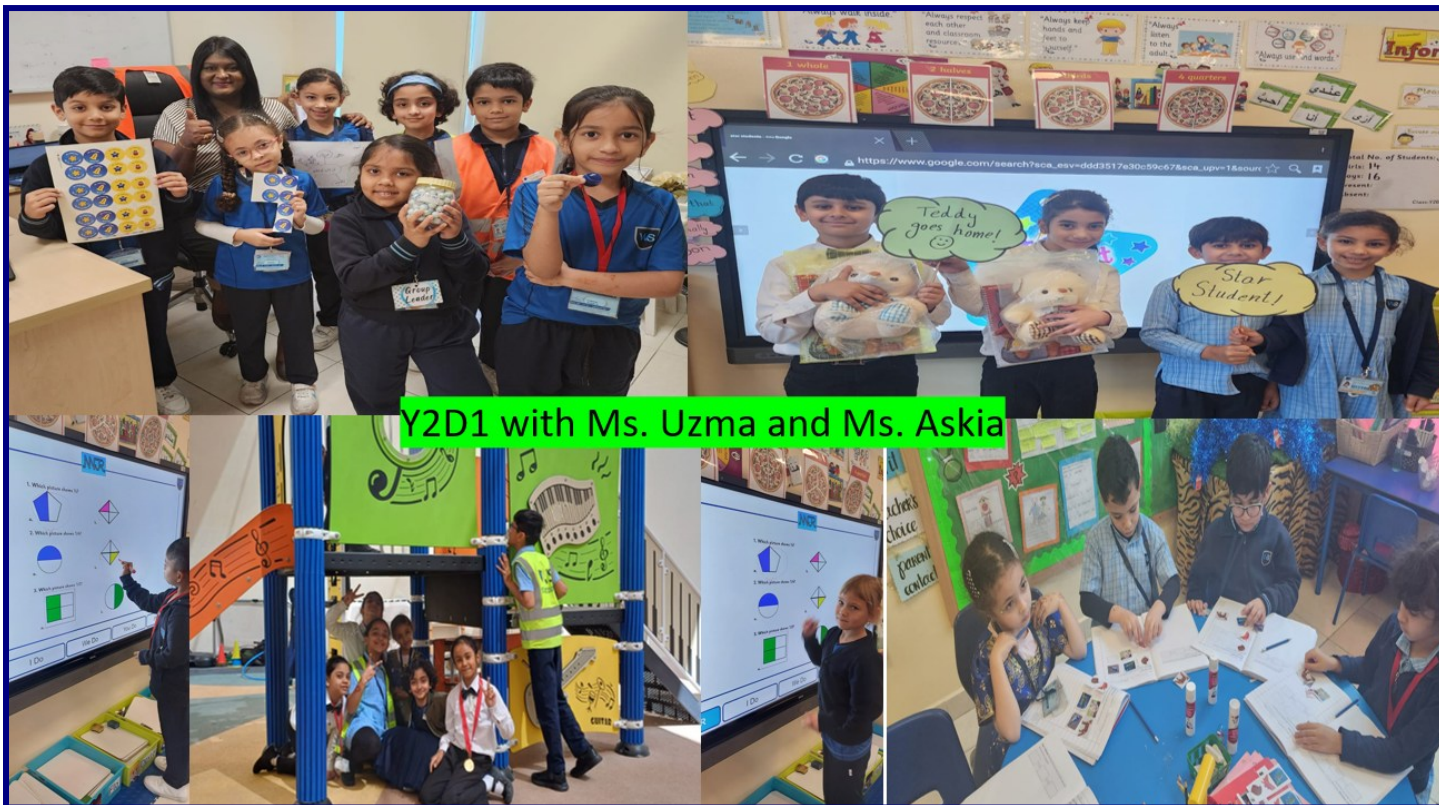
Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Fizza

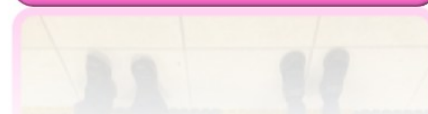


Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza

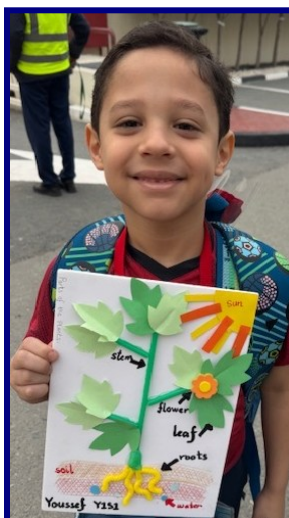
Spell Check

Wellbeing
Champions

Congratulations

Marbles in the Jar

Haq al Lailah Celebration

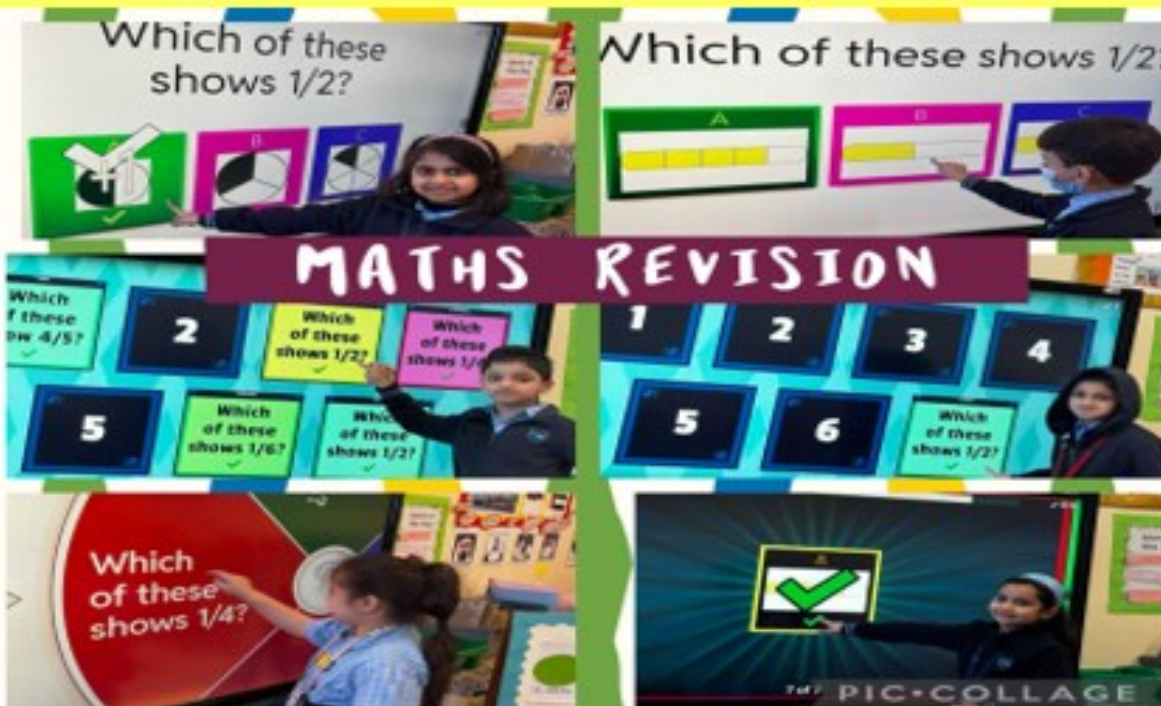


Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



GLAD TO BE IN S S!!
100 DAYS OF HAPPY LEARNING 🥰



Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Year 5 students have been recognised for their hard work and dedication with achievement certificates. These awards celebrate their academic accomplishments, creative talents, and positive contributions to our school community.



Multiplication table competition winners



Creative Writing Excellence Awardees



Positive Character Traits Awardees



Growth and Progress Awardees



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; AUS Open Day Quiz!



This phenomenal achievement is a testament to the passion and brilliance of our students, the unwavering support of our Physics teachers, and the encouragement from parents—all working together to foster a culture of excellence at WSS. A special thank you to Ms. Basitha (Subject Leader for Physics) for coordinating, inspiring, and guiding the students throughout this journey. Huge congratulations to our amazing students! We are so proud of them!

WELCOME TO AUS



At the AUS Physics Open Day celebrating the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQ 2025)—a United Nations observance—our students showcased their excellence in both the quiz competition and project presentations.

In the Quiz Competition WSS students enjoyed great success! Out of 150 participants from schools across the UAE, five of our Year 13 BS students secured places in the top 15, including an unprecedented sweep of the top 3 positions!

1st Place: Elie Bechaalany
2nd Place: Tamim Hijazi
3rd Place: Qusay Rafat
6th Place: Islam Elsayed
9th Place: Yaseen Elgazaverly

In the Project Presentation we had three selected teams representing WSS, and they absolutely shone in their presentations! Their innovative ideas, scientific explanations, and dedication were truly commendable. Each of them put in incredible effort and time to bring their projects to life, and their hard work truly paid off!

Project Participants:

- Zaid Rahmou (13BS)
- Islam Elsayed (13BS)
- Qusay Rafat (13BS)
- Tamim Hijazi (13BS)
- Haider Hassan (13BS)
- Yaseen Elgazaverly (13BS)
- Elie Bechaalany (13BS)
- Youssef Mohamed (13BS)
- Kenzy Ayman (12GH)
- Menna Ahmed (12GH)
- Nejar Nagah (12GH)



Secondary Section News; Student Leaders Wellbeing & Learning Conference, Saturday 22/2/25



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The WSS Wellbeing & Learning Conference on Saturday 22/2/25 was organized & led by our amazing student Leaders, supported by our dynamic teachers & VP. We were treated to an uplifting opening ceremony including songs by the Primary Choir & a Secondary soloist, a beautiful traditional dance & an insightful Panel Discussion on the topic character & skills development linked to engagement with the ECR programme. Students from other Cluster GEMS schools also participated & enjoyed various wellbeing & learning workshops & a social event. It was an impressive event & a grand finale to our Sixth Form students' leadership programme before they head into Board exam season.



Secondary Section News; Student Leaders Wellbeing & Learning Conference, Saturday 22/2/25

Well-being & Learning Conference Cultural and Social events



Secondary Section News; Student Leaders Wellbeing & Learning Conference, Saturday 22/2/25

Well-being & Learning Conference Student workshops



Secondary Section News; Student Leaders Wellbeing & Learning Conference, Saturday 22/2/25

Well-being & Learning Conference Closing ceremony



140 WSS and external students participation



Secondary Section News; KS3 Ramadan Assembly, 25/2/25!



Secondary Section News; KS3 Ramadan Assembly, 25/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Football Friendly Match with Brilliant School, 26/2/25



WSS beat Brilliant School 4-) in a football friendly match on 26/2/26

Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Football Friendly Match with GCS, 25/2/25



The WSS Sixth Form Football Team beat GCS 4-2 in a Football Friendly Match on 25/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Basketball Friendly Match with GCS, 25/2/25



The WSS Sixth Form Basketball Team played GCS in a Friendly Match on 25/2/25!



Secondary Wellbeing Report—Mental Health Week!

Westminster School Sharjah Celebrates Mental Health Week in the Secondary Department

At Westminster School Sharjah, we believe that mental well-being is just as important as academic success. In line with this, the Secondary Department enthusiastically participated in Mental Health Week, engaging students in a series of activities designed to promote awareness, encourage open conversations, and advocate for positive mental health.

A Digital Campaign for Positive Mental Health

One of the highlights of the week was the Digital Campaign to Advocate Positive Mental Health. Under the guidance of ICT and Computer Science teachers, students utilized their creativity and technological skills to design digital posters, social media posts, and short videos emphasizing the importance of mental well-being. This initiative not only raised awareness but also allowed students to develop valuable digital communication skills.



Start a Conversation – The Power of Words

To encourage open discussions about mental health, the English Department integrated activities into their lessons aimed at fostering meaningful conversations. Through guided discussions, creative writing tasks, and role-playing exercises, students explored themes of empathy, resilience, and emotional well-being. These sessions helped break the stigma around mental health and encouraged students to support one another.

Wear a Bright Colour Wednesday

Midweek brought a splash of color as students and staff participated in Wear a Bright Colour Wednesday. This simple yet powerful activity symbolized optimism, positivity, and the importance of spreading joy. The school was filled with vibrant hues, reinforcing the message that even small actions can uplift and inspire those around us.

The sixth form students organized the Well-being Conference 2.0 and had invited students from our cluster schools. 6 student-led sessions were conducted which focused on the following areas:

- "Money, Smart Choices" - Financial Planning for Personal Growth
- "Building Your Personal Brand" - Career Identity & Self-Presentation
- "Leadership with Empathy" - Managing Teams & People Skills
- "The Art of Public Speaking" - Communicating with Confidence
- "Mindful Productivity" - Balancing Work, Rest & Reflection
- "The Power of Giving" - Purpose-Driven Careers & Social Impact
- "Tech & AI in Careers" - Preparing for the Future of Work
- "Crisis Management & Decision-Making" - Thinking on Your Feet



Secondary Section News; KS4 Goals!



Secondary Section News; KS4 Food & Nutrition Activity!



Secondary Section News; Y11 Mock 2 Speaking Exams, Saturday 22/2/25!

Year 11 Mock 2 IGCSE English as a Second Language - P3 Speaking Exam – 22nd February 2025

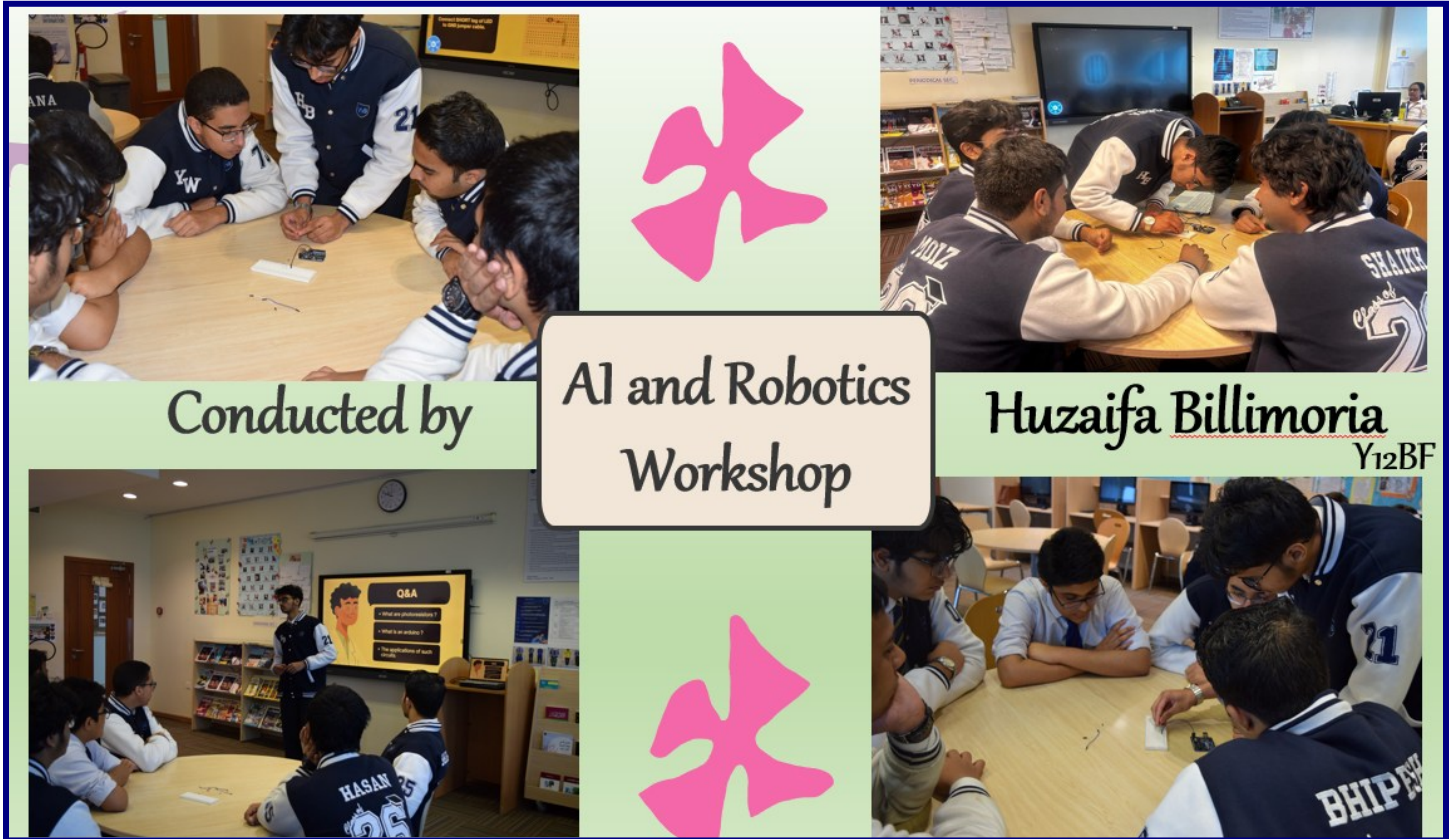
The Speaking Exam of IGCSE English as a Second Language was held on 22nd February 2025. We have conducted the Mock 2 as per CIE requirements so our students should feel confident about the requirement of the final exam.



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Learning & Leadership!



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Learning & Leadership!



Conducted by

AI and Robotics Workshop

Huzaiifa Billimoria
Y12BF

CYBER TANK- CONDUCTED BY CYBER CLUB & COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

