

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #35

15th June, 2023



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

School Fees for 2023-2024

Please note that this year SPEA have approved a total amount of fees for the new Academic Year that includes both tuition fees,

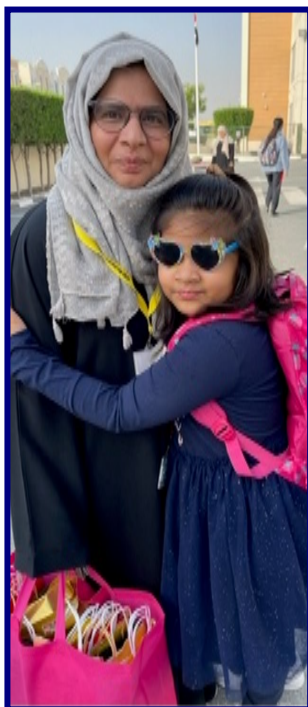
books & most other resources. This is usual practice in UK & common in schools in UAE. As per SPEA fee approval, the system for separate book charges has been discontinued. There will be one fee only.

Just as tuition fees include the amount for teachers' salaries & operational costs, now they include books & general resources. As we move forwards with this new system from the authorities, it may be helpful for parents to consider that they pay school fees only, & that most other items must be provided by school. Class sets will be shared with the students as required, which means parents will no longer have to spend precious time queuing up for books.

Please see p4 for the annual & Termly fees structure. Thank you for your patience & support as always.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 1st- Thurs. 15th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T3 compulsory Promotional Exams until Thursday 15/6/23 (Monday 19/6/23 for Y7, Y9 & Y11 Arab students) Whole School timings 7:30am-12:15pm until end of Term
Mon. 19/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Required IBT Arabic Exam for Y7, Y9 & Y11 Arab Students</u>
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official last day of the academic year (TBC by SPEA) The last day for all T3 Promotional Exams is Thursday 15th June (Monday 19/6/23 for Y7, Y9 & Y11 Arab students). However, students may attend school until Eid, if parents wish.
Thurs. 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to apply on the system for a TC (Transfer Certificate), if leaving WSS. Deadline to apply for any certificate attestation arranged through the GRE Ms. Abir. After this date, we would be unable to guarantee completion of your documents before August 24th due to staff Annual Leave
Monday 28/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New student's first day of the new academic year, subject to full T1 fees being cleared & all required documents submitted.
Tuesday 29/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23</u>, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared in full. Students must return to school within one week from school opening (by latest Monday 4th September). <u>Seats will not be held beyond this date</u>, even if the re-enrollment fee has been paid). There are no Payment Plans for Term 1, so please Budget accordingly. Students will only be admitted for the new academic year once T1 fees have been cleared in full. Thank you.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 35
15 يونيو 2023



رسالة من المدير / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

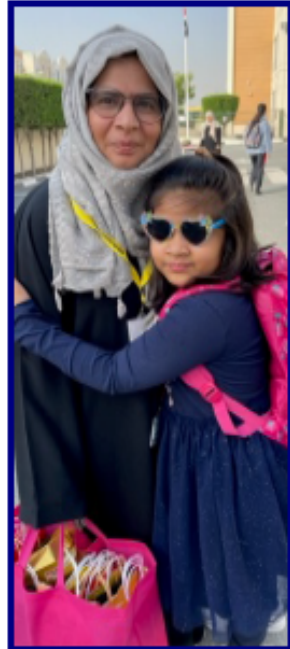
أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الرسوم المدرسية 2024-2023

يرجى ملاحظة أن SPEA وافق هذا العام على مبلغ إجمالي للرسوم للعام الدراسي الجديد يتضمن كلاً من الرسوم الدراسية والكتب ومعظم الموارد الأخرى. هذه ممارسة معتادة في المملكة المتحدة وشائعة في المدارس في الإمارات العربية المتحدة. وفقاً لموافقة رسوم SPEA، تم إيقاف نظام رسوم الكتب المنفصلة. سيكون هناك رسم واحد فقط.

مثلما تتضمن الرسوم الدراسية مبلغ رواتب المعلمين والتكاليف التشغيلية، فهي تشمل الآن الكتب والموارد العامة. بينما نمضي قدماً مع هذا النظام الجديد من السلطات، قد يكون من المقيد للآباء التفكير في أنهم يدفعون الرسوم المدرسية فقط، وأن معظم العناصر الأخرى يجب أن توفرها المدرسة. سيتم مشاركة مجموعات الفصول الدراسية مع الطلاب كما هو مطلوب، مما يعني أن الآباء لن يضطروا بعد الآن إلى قضاء وقت تمين في الانتظار للحصول على الكتب.

نحن في انتظار تأكيد مكتب الشركة للرسوم الفصلية وسنعمل والوالدين بمجرد استلامنا التأكيد. شكرًا لك على سعة صدرك ودعمك كالمعتاد.



المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس. 1 - الخميس. 15 يونيو	امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإخبارية حتى الخميس 15/6/23 (الاثنين 19/6/23 للصف السابع والتاسع والحادي عشر للطلاب العرب). مواعيد المدرسة 7:30 صباحاً - 12:15 مساءً
الاثنين. 19/6/23	اختبار اللغة العربية IBT المطلوب لطلاب العرب Y7 و Y9 و Y11
29/6/23	آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي (TBC by SPEA) آخر يوم لجميع امتحانات T3 الترويجية هو الخميس 15 يونيو. (الاثنين 19/6/23 للصف السابع والتاسع والحادي عشر للطلاب العرب). ومع ذلك، يمكن للطلاب الذهاب إلى المدرسة حتى العيد، إذا رغب الآباء في ذلك.
الخميس. 29 يونيو	الموعد النهائي للتقدم إلى النظام للحصول على TC (شهادة النقل)، في حالة مغادرة WSS. • الموعد النهائي لتقديم طلب للحصول على أي شهادة يتم ترتيبها من خلال GRE السيدة عير. • بعد هذا التاريخ، لن تتمكن من ضمان استكمال المستندات الخاصة بك قبل 24 أغسطس بسبب الإجازة السنوية للموظفين.
الاثنين 28/8/23	اليوم الأول للطلاب الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد، يخضع لمداد رسوم T1 كاملة.
الثلاثاء 29/8/23	• عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداء من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة. • يجب أن يعود الطلاب في غضون أسبوع واحد عند افتتاح المدرسة (بحلول آخر يوم اثنين 4 سبتمبر). لن يتم الاحتفاظ بالمقاعد بعد هذا التاريخ، حتى لو تم دفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل. • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقاً لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. شكرًا لك.

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

☞ 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

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



Whole School News; New Fee Structure, wef. 28.8.23



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WSS Fee Structure Academic Year 2023-2024



Please note:

Updated 14/6/23

- All fees are subject to Authority approval & change without notice.
- In case of any Authority-approved revision in fee structure, the difference would 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 have the Student school ID when paying at the School Cashier (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 enrolled. Thank you.

WSS Fee Structure					
Academic Year 2023-2024					
SPEA APPROVED FEE STRUCTURE					
Year (Grade Equivalent)	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Annual	
	Sept- Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	TOTAL	Re-enrollment
Nursery	5,372.00	4,028.00	4,028.00	13,428.00	650.00
Reception (KG1)	5,350.00	4,014.00	4,013.00	13,377.00	650.00
Year 1 (KG2)	5,505.00	4,130.00	4,126.00	13,761.00	800.00
Year 2 (Grade 1)	6,500.00	4,874.00	4,873.00	16,247.00	800.00
Year 3 (Grade 2)	6,458.00	4,843.00	4,843.00	16,144.00	800.00
Year 4 (Grade 3)	6,630.00	4,973.00	4,972.00	16,575.00	800.00
Year 5 (Grade 4)	6,572.00	4,930.00	4,929.00	16,431.00	800.00
Year 6 (Grade 5)	6,645.00	4,983.00	4,983.00	16,611.00	800.00
Year 7 (Grade 6)	6,455.00	4,840.00	4,839.00	16,134.00	900.00
Year 8 (Grade 7)	7,355.00	5,517.00	5,517.00	18,389.00	900.00
Year 9 (Grade 8)	7,340.00	5,507.00	5,506.00	18,353.00	1,000.00
Year 10 (Grade 9)	8,215.00	6,161.00	6,160.00	20,536.00	1,000.00
Year 11 (Grade 10)	9,335.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	23,335.00	1,000.00
Year 12 (Grade 11)	9,815.00	7,359.00	7,355.00	24,529.00	1,000.00
Year 13 (Grade 12)	10,540.00	7,903.00	7,900.00	26,343.00	-

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Whole School News; Need New Uniform?



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for the new academic year.**

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new look for the
academic
year.*

**GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL
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Uniforms of GEMS Westminster School Sharjah will
be available at the Threads retail stores in
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PRE-BOOKING IS MANDATORY

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Whole School News; Lifelong Learning—Kognity!



Thank you to our highly motivated team of professionals Ms. Nirmal Josephine, Ms. Ayesha Aslam, Mr. Krishna Subromony, Ms. Indira Variam, Ms. Deepika Bisht, Ms. Deepthi Koolath, Ms. Mural Rodrigues, who took time out on Friday to attend a CPD session at Swiss International Scientific School, Dubai, relating to the Kognity initiative. We are looking forward to even more IT innovation to support personalisation of learning for our children next year!



Happy Holidays!

Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!



WSS Superstar Champions!

Ms. Aiysha,

You are just awesome, quick action, prompt reply, so efficient at what you do, you definitely are an asset to the organization.

Loads of love and respect.

Zeenath

Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for demonstrating Good Character
(Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)



Thank you to Feranmi (Y6B), for his kind & thoughtful token of appreciation for Ms. Aiysha (PRE).



Thank you dear students & parents for your kind tokens of appreciation!



Happy Birthdays!

Y2S2 STUDENTS ALONG
WITH M^S. S^AFAIA AND
M^S. G^AATHERIN WISHES
R^EIM AND E^LIA... H^APPY
H^APPY B^IRTHDAY 🎈



THANK YOU DEARS FOR YOUR DELICIOUS TREATS

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Aysha,

I hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits. As we approach the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for your exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to my child's education.

From the very beginning of the academic year, you have consistently demonstrated a level of passion and expertise that has truly left an indelible mark on my child's educational journey. Your ability to engage and inspire, combined with your immense knowledge and patience, has transformed their learning experience into something truly remarkable.

Throughout the year, I have witnessed my child's growth and development, not only academically but also personally. Your continuous efforts to create a nurturing and inclusive classroom environment have instilled a sense of confidence and self-belief in my child. They have blossomed under your guidance, and it fills my heart with joy to see them thriving and eagerly embracing new challenges. Moreover, I am deeply grateful for the open lines of communication you have maintained throughout the year. Your willingness to promptly address any concerns or questions has reassured me as a parent, allowing me to actively participate in my child's educational journey. Your regular updates and feedback have kept me informed and involved, fostering a strong sense of partnership between home and school.

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible effort you have invested in shaping my child's educational experience. Your passion for teaching, your dedication, and your ability to inspire have made a lasting impact on my child. The progress my child has made under your guidance is a testament to your exceptional skills as an educator.

As we approach the end of this academic year, I want to acknowledge and thank you for your tremendous contributions. You have not only imparted knowledge but have also nurtured a love for learning, instilled important values, and provided a safe and supportive space for growth. Your influence extends far beyond the classroom, and we are truly fortunate to have you as our child's teacher.

Once again, thank you for your extraordinary efforts, your unwavering dedication, and your profound impact on my child's education. Your contributions have made this year an unforgettable and transformative experience. Wishing you a well-deserved summer break.

Best Regards,

Naheed Usman

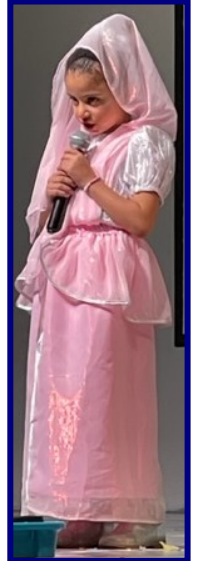


HURRAY! WE ARE THE
PIZZA 🍕 **PARTY**
WINNERS 😋💖 **Y2S2**
WITH **M**s. **S**AFIA AND
Ms. **G**ATHERIN

Junior Section News; Y1 Concert, 14/6/23!



Junior Section News; Y1 Concert, 14/6/23!



The theme of Y1's amazing, colourful & entertaining concert was 'Tolerance'. The children visited many different & amazing countries & learnt about some of their traditions & culture.

Junior Section News; Y1 Concert, 14/6/23!



Junior Section News; Y1 Concert, 14/6/23!



Junior Section News; Y1 Concert, 14/6/23!



I attended the concert yesterday after some time. My wife has been attending all concerts for all children and she was delighted to share with me that this was THE BEST concert to date.

I wish to thank you and your team for the event, it goes a long way in helping children rid of their stage fright which improves their public speaking and presence. Plus the song selections really encouraged parent participation. The song that was played at the end was "Heal the World"; that is a tableau I remember participating in myself when I was my son's age :).

Hoping to great events in the future as well.

Your partners in our children's education.

Usman Y1D2's parents

Junior Section News; FS Concert, 15/6/23!



Junior Section News; FS Concert, 15/6/23!



Junior Section News; FS Concert, 15/6/23!



Your children were absolute superstars! Thank you to all the dear parents for supporting with costumes & attending the show. It was a super, joyful event & your attendance made it even more amazing. We are looking forward to welcoming you back (from Tuesday 29/6/23 for returning students) for the new academic year.



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!

Thank you Ma'am for providing such a positive learning environment.

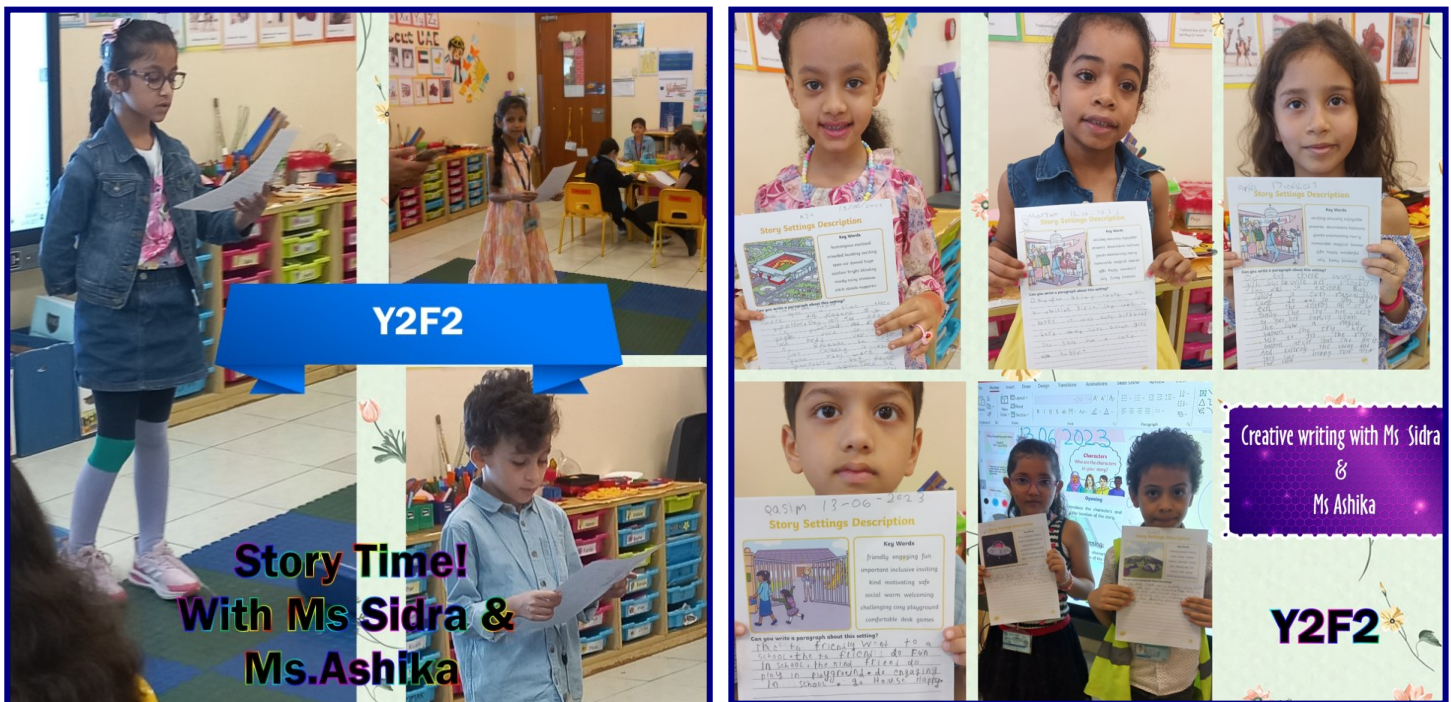
We parents can't thank you enough for all the support, love and guidance my son got throughout the academic journey under the supervision of devoted team leads and hardworking teachers in Junior section.

Thankyou for boosting his confidence and learning skills. In next session he will be in Primary, we will surely miss Junior section.

Attached are some memorable glimpse of Syed Talha with JS devoted team leads, dedicated teachers and lovely friends.

Thanking you ❤️

Regards,
Mother.



Dear Jinitra and Kavitha ma'am!

This email I am writing to you both for your appreciation and support throughout the grade 1.

Especially miss jinitra you have been so kind, loving and supportive for the students as per my child's experience. I can see so much improvement in him as a good human being too.

We have discussed so many things and queries being a parent with you and you have been so nice n patient in answering. That's why I want to thank you for everything that you have done throughout this journey.

Best of luck for your future endeavors.

Best regards and love

Mohid's mom!

Junior Section News



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Alhamdulillah...loved to see in GEMS CONECT NABIA'S over all attendance 100/100 AGAIN THIS YEARSUPERB.....NEW CLASS NEW ADVENTURES NEW CREATIVITIES WITH HARDWORKING TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF....REALLY ENJOYED EVERY YEAR IN MY BEST SCHOOL...WILL APPRECIATE EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL,

All this would not have been possible without your encouragement support and guidance. Me and my daughter very thankful to all of you.

Thank you so much

And Good luck everyone

BEST REGARDS

NABIA AND NABIA'S MOTHER SYEDA

Dear Ms. Ringamphi
Good Morning!

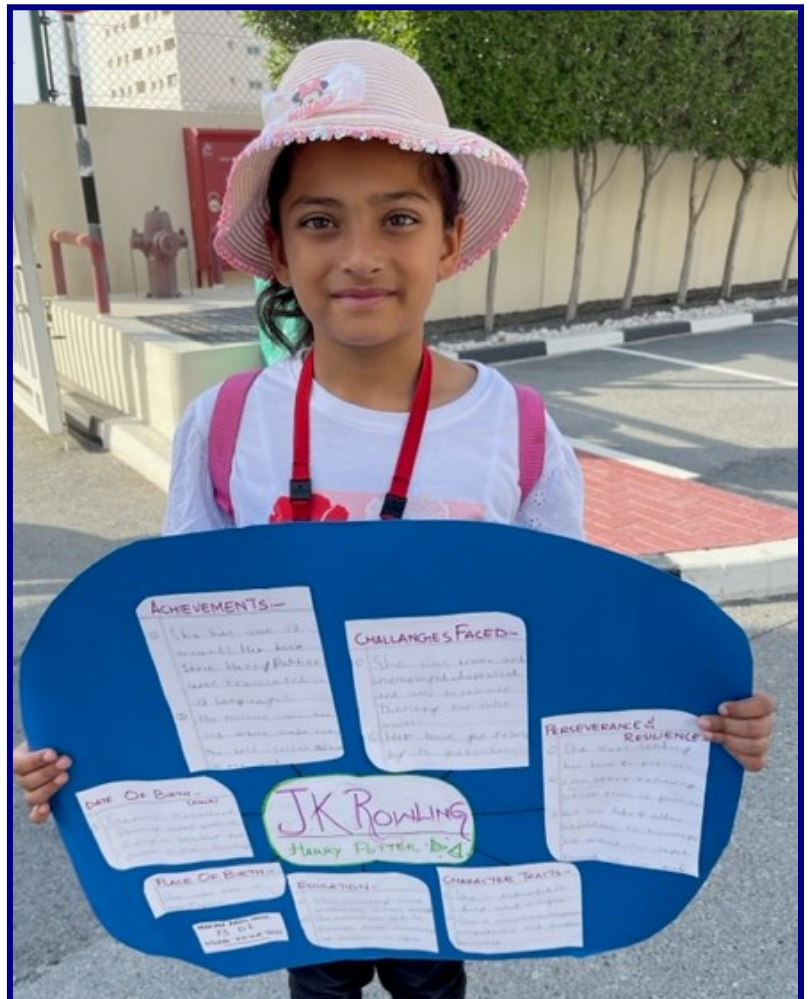
Hope this email finds you in the best of your health. I would like to pay my gratitude for relentless effort you render in the learning journey of my child. Although, I'm sceptical towards the overall performance and contribution from school side for my other two children but undeniably, throughout the year, your hard work, commitment and professionalism compelled me to jot down this appreciation.

Congratulations dear, you're successfully able to sustain the bar which you elevated for yourself in the previous years. Feeling blessed to send my child under your supreme guidance.

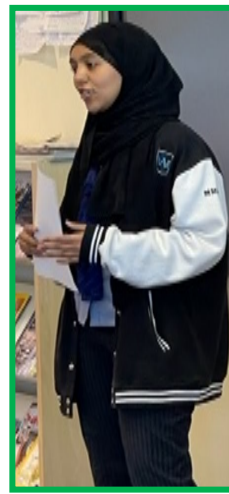
THANK YOU, TEACHER!

Stay blessed ALWAYS. Lots of prayers for your future endeavours.

Warm Regards
Samreen Ahmed
MUM Haseeb Ahmed Y3 D1



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Sociology Club & Digital Citizenship Awards Ceremony, 13/6/23!



Dear Teachers,

I would like to thank you all for your efforts with supporting and taking care of my daughter Nada this school year in such a tough time in her life she could not have done it without you all

And a special thanks to Ms *Ayesha Aslam and Ms *Rema for helping her in her studies and improving her personality in such a short time Really it was an amazing year and I'm sure it will positively affect her in the future , God bless you All, and thank you

Regards,
Enas Almaz

*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions -
Classcraft Champions, 14/6/23!*



*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions -
Science Week Champions, 14/6/23!*



*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions -
Year 10 Special Awards & Leadership Awards, 15/6/23!*



Secondary Section News; Success Beyond WSS!

Dear Miss.Valerie,

Dr.Razia, Mother of Razim Mohamad,Student ID 1285, Year 13 BH writing to you.

Happy to inform you that Razim is joining in 6 years MD Medicine program at Gulf Medical University in Sep 2023.

He completed 2 years as Research participant under Dr.Rania at TRIPM Thumbay Research Institute for Precision Medicine.He was greatly inspired by this program and decided to pursue Medicine as his future career pathway.

Greatly appreciate all that Gems WSS has given him, You as his Principal and all his teachers who has given him the guidance, values, motivation, encouragement to grow as a good human being, ready to pursue further in studies and do his bit for the society and the world.

A Special mention for few of his teachers, Miss.Ghousia, Miss.Leena, Miss.Bennith, who have all been a great support for Razim throughout his secondary years.

Special mention for Mr.Francis who has responded promptly for every email I sent him.

Special mention for Miss.Sreeja too who has done a great job for the secondary students as well.

Thank you to all the admin staff, ground staff,bus staff,security staff who are all doing a great job for our children.

Thank you all once again.

God bless!

Attaching herein few photos from his research program and the certificate receiving ceremony pics as well.

Congratulations to Razim Mohamad (Y13BH) for his super hard work & focus to achieve a place on a 6-year MD Medicine program at Gulf Medical University, from September 2023. We wish him every continuing success!

