

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #36
22nd June, 2023



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

*Wishing you a very blessed
Eid Al Adha!*



This is the last Newsletter for this academic year! May I take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support, hard work investing in your children's learning, & attendance of our PTM, Assemblies & events. Your positive engagement with us is critical to your child's success. Many thanks!

Please look out for the first Newsletter of the new academic year scheduled for publication around 24th August, that will contain useful joining back information.

Wishing you a wonderful, fun & safe summer. We are looking forward to welcoming you back for another learning-rich year in August. Happy holidays!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 26th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T3 Promotional Reports published online (subject to clearance of all pending fees)
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. 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, unless T1 fees have been cleared in full</u>, even if the seat booking fee has been paid). Books will be sent to your child in class. There are <u>no Payment Plans for Term 1</u>, so please Budget accordingly. Students will only be admitted for the new academic year once T1 fees have been cleared in full. Thank you.
Tuesday 29/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23, 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, unless T1 fees have been cleared in full</u>, even if the re-enrollment fee has been paid). Books will be sent to your child in class. There are <u>no Payment Plans for Term 1</u>, 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 # 36
22 يونيو 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

أتمنى لكم مباركا جدا
عيد الأضحى!



هذه آخر نشرة إخبارية لهذا العام الدراسي! هل لي أن أعتد
هذه الفرصة لأشرك على دعمك المذهل، والعمل الجاد في
الاستثمار في تعلم أطفالك، وحضور PTM والجمعيات
والأحداث. إن تفاعلك الإيجابي معنا أمر بالغ الأهمية لنجاح
طفلك. تشكرات!

يرجى البحث عن النشرة الأولى للعام الدراسي الجديد المقرر
نشرها في 24 أغسطس تقريبا، والتي ستحتوي على
معلومات مفيدة حول الانضمام إلى الخلف.

أتمنى لكم صيفا رائعا وممتعا وآمنا. نتطلع إلى الترحيب بك
مرة أخرى في عام آخر مليء بالتعلم في أغسطس. اجازة
سعيدة!

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الاثنين، 26 يونيو	يتم نشر التقارير الترويجية T3 عبر الإنترنت (تخضع لمقاصة جميع
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 غير. • 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. • 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). • سيتم إرسال الكتب إلى طفلك في الفصل. • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقاً لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. شكراً لك.
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). • سيتم إرسال الكتب إلى طفلك في الفصل. • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقاً لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. شكراً 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; Save on School Fees!



We see **genius**
in every child

SAVE 4.25%

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- 0% easy payment plan for up to 12 months with 0% Processing fees
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- Earn FAB Rewards points per transaction, which can be used towards future tuition fee payments
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*Terms and Conditions Apply

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*Offer provided through Mastercard

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✉ parents@gemseducation.com 🌐 gemseducation.com/talk-to-us



Whole School News; School Fees



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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; Uniform



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academic
year.

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SHARJAH**



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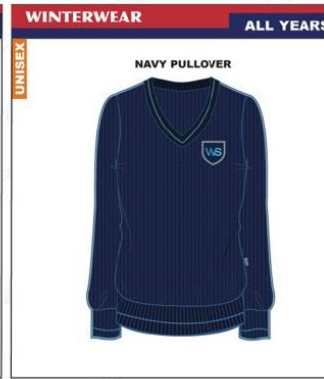
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Whole School News; Uniform



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NO Trolley Bags Safety Policy



For the safety and well-being of our students, **trolley bags will not be allowed in school from the next academic year (2023-2024).**



Pulling heavy trolley bags poses a risk of accidents.

In Junior Section, students will not be expected to carry heavy books to and from school every day, so they will not need huge bags. Instead, the notebooks/ writing books will be kept in the school and the home learning books/practice books will be kept at home to reduce the bags' weight.

Primary-Secondary students will be offered a Locker to store their books.

Whole School News; SPEA Activity!

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

We would like to inform you that the Media Discovery Platform of FUNN Organization is in the process of conducting an intensive three-week course titled (Understanding Filmmaking). The course provides an introduction to cinema and the basics of filmmaking, and it is addressed to beginners. This course is designed to help students establish an understanding of what cinema language is, how it is used as a tool for expression and storytelling, in addition to providing several important information with practical application. The course will be held at Sharjah Youth of Wasit branch on July 3, 2023, to July 24, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for males and females of all nationalities, please circulate to those wishing to participate to communicate via e-

Jameela.a@funn.ae & jameela.a@fannmedia.ae mail:

Note:sha

Workshop cost: AED 630

Age Group : 14 -22 years.

Best Regards

For contact & query:

Ms.Jameela Ahmed

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نهدىكم أطيب التحيات وأصدق الأمنيات...

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، نحيطكم علماً بأن مؤسسة فن - منصة الاكتشاف الإعلامي بصدد إقامة دورة مكثفة لمدة ثلاث أسابيع بعنوان (فهم السينما) موجهة إلى المبتدئين كمدخل إلى السينما وأساسيات صناعة الأفلام، حيث صممت هذه الدورة لمساعدة الطلبة في تأسيس فهم لمهية لغة السينما، وكيف تستخدم كأداة للتعبير وسرد القصص، والكثير من المعلومات المهمة مع تطبيق عملي، ستقام الدورة في ناشئة الشارقة فرع واسط من تاريخ 3 يوليو 2023 إلى 24 يوليو 2023 من الساعة 10:00 صباحاً إلى 2:00 ظهراً للإناث و الذكور من جميع الجنسيات، وعليه يرجى التعميم على الراغبين بالمشاركة التواصل عبر البريد الإلكتروني:

Jameela.a@funn.ae & jameela.a@fannmedia.ae

ملاحظة:-

تكلفة الورشة 630 درهم

الفئة العمرية : 14-22 سنة

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

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الهاتف: 0549947600



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- Filo has serviced **3.5 million students across 15 countries** and aims to enhance student performance by addressing educational challenges at the grassroots level
- Filo has been **recognised globally and won several awards**, including Google Play's Best of 2022 (Best for Personal Growth), Amazon's Job Creator of the Year, Entrepreneur's Best Education Startup of the Year, and more



My Journey Through WSS

I am Beryl Tom Joseph. My journey through WSS has been an unforgettable period of my life. I joined this school in 2016. I studied in WSS about 8 years. I had many opportunities to develop my skills and talents. In Juniors, they taught me how to read and write. Even more, I learned how to write my name from there. All the teachers and staff encouraged us a lot. When I came to Primary it was a great time of change and growth but I missed two years of school and friends because of COVID-19. It was online lessons, however our teachers still made us feel as we were in a classroom. In year 5, school reopened. Even though the school reopened after a very long time, the teachers were very energetic, and coming to year 6 was a great year of leadership for me. I was very proud when I received the badge as Deputy Head Boy, Primary from Mr. Shujahat. It taught me values of good leadership and today, whoever I am, it is only because of WSS. Thank you Ms. Valerie, Mr. Shujaht, Ms. Shamail, Ms. Raghi, Ms. Sonia, Ms. Emelia, Dr. Lisa and all my teachers. It is time for me to start a new journey.



WSS Superstar Champions; Staff Term 3 Awards!



Just a few of our many Staff or Term 3 Awardees for exceptional service & dedication to our students & school

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Environment Superstar Champions; SCOPE Competition!

BUILD THE PLANET
SCOPE 2023

AWARDS

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

SUBMISSION | JUNIOR



THE WINCHESTER SCHOOL, JEBEL ALI
DUBAI

WINNER

GEMS OUR OWN INDIAN SCHOOL - DUBAI
GEMS MILLENNIUM SCHOOL - SHARJAH
GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL - SHARJAH

1ST RUNNER-UP

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BUDGAM - INDIA

2ND RUNNER-UP

scope>>2023>>

GEMS مدرسة جيمس ليجاسي
LEGACY SCHOOL

GEMS
EDUCATION

Congratulations to Akarsh Ajith Moorkoth (Y9BF1) & Shubhan Rahul Rege (Y9BF1) who participated successfully in the SCOPE 'Build the Planet' 2023 Competition hosted by GEMS Legacy School on 19/6/23.

Y9BF students participated in the Junior category -YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT and won 1st Runner up position!

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!

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TOFU PULSE DELIGHT --- The Harmony of Flavours

The ingredients for this dish emit very low Carbon footprint, thus making it a highly sustainable dish strictly aligning with **SDG-12 Responsible Consumption and Production**.

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



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

FS2D1
Pizza party winners



FS2D1



Happy to get stickers from Ms. Shamail

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Aisha & Ms. Ambreen,

Thank you for all the love, care and dedication that you put into teaching our child! We are beyond grateful for your guidance, support and understanding. To the best teacher, your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed.

Concert and grand finale was the so outstanding Words cannot capture my appreciation!

May Allah bless you.

Regards,
Parents of Anaya Bilal

Greetings to all, I am the mother of the student Ruaa Abouelmagd Hassan y1 f2. at the end of the school year, I would like to thank everyone who contributed, even if in a small way. I would like to thank the principal of the school, and I would like to thank the director of the kindergarten department. How much I thank the class teacher for the effort she made with the children and her good dealings with them and for the speedy response to any inquiry. Thank you for your love, support and effort. I extend my thanks and love to the assistant teacher, Ambrine, because she was the first person to embrace my daughter when she was new to school in the second term. She provided psychological support to my daughter so that she would not feel the change of school. Thank you from the heart. I wish you a happy life and I wish you a happy holiday.

Regards
Nashwa Attia

Dear Ms. Uzma,

I hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits. As the academic year 2022-2023 comes to an end, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest appreciation for all your efforts in nurturing and guiding Yusha throughout the year. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to his education have left a lasting impact on him.

Ms. Uzma, your sweetness is unparalleled, and the positive energy emanating from you is indescribable. Your round-the-clock availability for all our queries is truly appreciable.

Your ability to connect with each child individually, understanding their unique strengths and challenges, is truly commendable. You have shown incredible patience, compassion, and dedication in supporting Yusha. It's evident that you genuinely care about their well-being, and I am incredibly grateful for the positive impact you've had on our son's educational journey.

Also, I would like to congratulate you on the success of the concert. Truly it was a remarkable experience for us. Seeing our little ones perform with so much confidence and excitement, definitely made a memory to be cherished for a very long time. It was truly a remarkable showcase of the talent, enthusiasm, and hard work of each child, all the teachers, and the team involved in organizing and preparing kids for the concert.

As the academic year draws to a close, I am filled with mixed emotions. On one hand, I am very excited to see Yusha embark on new adventures, but on the other hand, I know that he will miss your nurturing presence and the inspiring environment you have created. Your classroom has been a place of learning, growth, and happiness, and I will forever cherish the memories Yusha has made under your guidance.

I wish you all the best for the future and hope that your next batch of students is as fortunate as we have been.

Thank you once again for everything you have done. We will miss you dearly.

Thanks and regards
Ayesha Farrukh
Mother of Yusha Farrukh
Y1 H1

Dear miss Mariam and miss Aneeza,

Hope this email finds you well.

I'm writing you today to show my immense gratitude for helping my child shine and grow. You have impacted him in very positive ways, he has learned so much. You both have been so kind to me and my child. As the year ends I can see my child progress and your hard work over him.

Thanks a million for your support, exceptional teaching skills, your empathy and kindness means a lot to me. Teachers like you are the best thing that can happen to any child in their learning environment. I'm short of words to praise amazing teachers like you.

Thank you so much!

Regards,
Abdul haadi's mom
Palwasha iqbal.

Dear Ma'am Valerie,
Greetings!

This is a token of appreciation. Heartiest Congratulations for completing another successful and fun filled year. 🥰

A heartfelt thank you to all the GEMS team including all the staff from Higher Management to Cleaning Staff, especially to you, Miss Shamail, Miss Raghi and Miss Liza for the countless efforts, love, care and kind support.

A big thank you to Miss Fauzia, Miss Benil, Miss Heba, Miss Sana, Miss Asma, Mr. Jowie, Miss Jaspreet, Miss Shema and all other teachers.

You all have really worked hard throughout the year with love and dedication. Indeed, you have done great job for making Kashaf more independent and more confident. Her progress is evident of your hard work and dedication. 🥰

Hats off to all of you! 😊
Stay happy and blessed always! ❤️

Regards
Sadia Farhan

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Kishwar,

I hope you're doing well and staying healthy. As the school year draws to a close, I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your exceptional commitment and unwavering guidance as my daughter's FS1 teacher.

From the very first day of school, you created an environment where my daughter felt safe, nurtured, and eager to learn. Your passion for teaching shone through in every lesson, and your dedication to each child's development was evident in the progress I witnessed in my daughter throughout the year.

Your ability to make learning fun and engaging is truly remarkable. The creative activities, stimulating projects, and interactive lessons you implemented not only captured my daughter's attention but also instilled a genuine love for learning in her. Please accept this heartfelt thank you as a small token of appreciation for everything you have done. Your tireless efforts have laid a solid foundation for my daughter's future academic journey, and we will forever be grateful for the positive impact you have had on her life.

Wishing you a well-deserved break during the summer holidays, filled with rest, rejuvenation, and cherished moments with loved ones. May the new academic year bring you joy, fulfillment, and continued success in shaping the lives of young learners.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Iftikhar Ahmad

Dear Miss Rajina Armudi,

I hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits. As the school year for Year One comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the outstanding job you have done as my son's teacher.

Throughout the year, I have witnessed remarkable growth in my son, both academically and personally, and I attribute a significant part of his development to your dedication, expertise, and unwavering support. Your passion for teaching and commitment to nurturing each child's potential have truly made a lasting impact.

From the moment we first met, it was evident that you possess a special talent for connecting with your students. Your warm and welcoming demeanor created a positive and inclusive classroom environment, allowing my son to thrive and develop a love for learning. Your ability to tailor your teaching methods to suit individual needs is commendable, and I am amazed at the progress my son has made under your guidance.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your hard work, patience, and the genuine care you have shown. You have not only made a difference in my son's life but also in the lives of all the children fortunate enough to have been in your class. I wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, filled with joy and happiness.

With the sincerest appreciation,

Dear Ms Jintra,

Hope this email finds you well!

I just want to say thank you to you for everything you are the one who build confidence in mubashir . You are the one who develop habit in mubashir to face challenges and put effort to complete the challenge .

You are the one who build strong feelings in mubashir to love to go to school where he feels so happy and enjoy a lot as I told you before he is really sensitive child so today I want to say thank you so much from the core of my heart to love mubashir and take care of him and make him special . I know in this term 3 he didn't perform best as I was literally busy in igcse exams but mam you know him that he has ability to do much better .

Regards

Mahrukh Madni

Dear Teachers & All supporting members

I hope you all are doing well. As a parent, we'd like to express my sincere gratitude to you and all the teachers & support members who have contributed to my both sons Hanzala's & Khuzaima's growth and curiosity for their learning.

You are the best early-childhood education teachers we've ever known! We really appreciated for all your patience, hard work, and dedication; and for being passionate about both education.

Thank you for making it easy and fun for them to learn basic vocabulary and numeracy and developed physical and emotional skills as well.

Thank you so much for providing us your observations and positive statements about their progress throughout the year. And also want to make sure you, they are continuous practice to improve their writing and reading skill by providing more books to further enhance their vocabulary, spelling and grammar skill and also doing colouring books, words searching puzzle books and practices maths exercises. We hope this will support them for the next step.

Once again great thanks to all of you.

Thanks & Regards

Parents

Dear Ms. Uzma,

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your unwavering support and guidance towards Yahya. Your dedication and assistance have played a significant role in his growth and development.

When Yahya initially joined the school, he struggled with holding a pencil properly, but with your continuous support, he has made remarkable progress and is now able to write stories. Your commitment to his education and your guidance have not only benefitted him but have also been invaluable to us as parents.

We are immensely grateful for your consistent communication with us, keeping us informed about his progress and offering suggestions on how we can further enhance Yahya's abilities. Your dedication to ensuring his success is truly commendable.

Once again, thank you for your exceptional efforts and commitment to Yahya's education. We are truly fortunate to have you as his teacher.

Warm regards

Thank you.

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms Anju,

Thank you so much for your email. I greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication to educating Aizah this year. It has been a pleasure to see her grow and learn so much under your guidance. I am incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful teacher for my daughter. Thank you again for everything you do.

I wish you a wonderful summer full of relaxation and rejuvenation. You deserve it! Aizah and I have truly enjoyed our time in your class, and we will carry the lessons learned with us for years to come.

Wishing you all the best as you enjoy your well-deserved summer break. Thank you again for everything.

Best regards,

Hina

Dear Ms. Anju,

I will take this opportunity to gratefully thanking you for all support you have shown to our student for the full year and assistance you have provided as of the last moment, we appreciate your efforts and leading them for such stage of improvement.

Thank you so much to you and your team.

WSS FAMILY The message of love ♥:

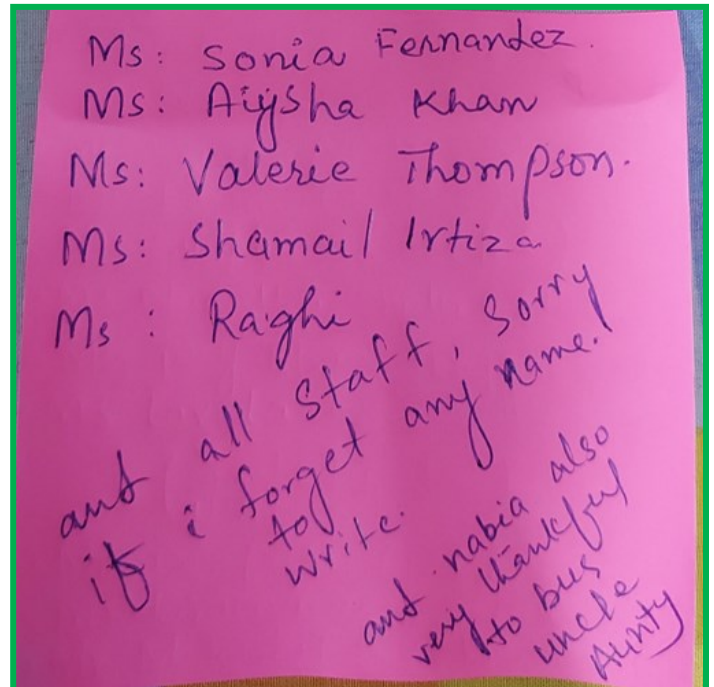
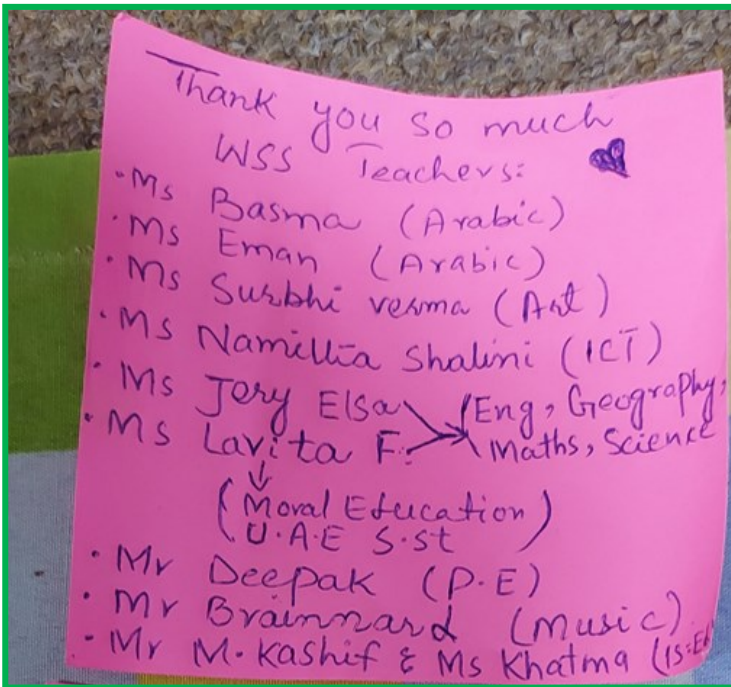
Thank you for all the love, care, and dedication that you put into teaching our child! We are beyond grateful for your guidance and support. Thank you for creating such a fun and educational environment for our kids. We really appreciate it. "We appreciate all the work you've put into teaching our child this year. Thanks for keeping the communication open, and for creating a positive learning environment. You are all fantastic teachers. Gems Westminster school one of the best school in UAE A.E. My Family very thankful to all grade 3 y4 s2 teachers and staff ♥.

Glad to see that this time again also Nabia's attendance is 100/100.

Next class Next level New adventures Teamwork New CREATIVITIES Fresh dreams.

Best regards

Nabia and Nabia's Family



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Blog Winner!

Immerse Education and Competition My Personal Experience – by Haya Mutasim Year12 GF

Details:

Immerse Education was founded in 2012 to provide students aged 13-18 with unparalleled educational experiences. They have educated thousands of students through exceptional academic enrichment programmes in the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge University, University College London and the University of Sydney. The Immerse Education Blog Competition allows students aged 13-18 to write a blog about a pre-set topic. Topics included were:

- Is morality related to the level of education of a person?
- What has been the biggest impact of technology to date, and why?
- What tips and advice would you give to younger students studying for exams?

Winners are awarded the Blog Prize Award, which is a scholarship to study their chosen subject led by professors from Oxford, Cambridge, and Ivy League Universities with Immerse in one of their Online Insights or Online Research Programme (Intensive, Classic or Extensive). The blog article must have a 500-word limit.

Motivation for Joining:

I've always had a keen eye for writing; the word choices, the tone of the text, and the overall delivery. I intended to challenge my writing skills by entering this international blog writing competition, and the sole reason why I was captivated was the topic, 'What tips and advice would you give to younger students studying for exams?' I believe that this topic must be under discussion due to many of our fellow students' numerous misconceptions about achieving success. Their perception of what hard work means is primarily the cause of their burnout; hence, I intended to challenge that misconception and argue that hard work is more than that in my blog. I had to learn the hard way, enduring a gruesome routine of doing past papers daily with minimal breaks. It affected my mental health tremendously. And with that, I found myself lying in bed with no motivation or drive to study, even though I had an important board exam that week. This isn't a unique experience; instead, it is a common theme amongst high school students to expose themselves to the manifestation of burnout.

I want to remind my fellow peers and future students that achieving success is possible without sacrificing their health and well-being. I'm passionate about relieving them of this misconception and broadening their perspective of hard work. Through personal trials and errors, I crafted this blog to inspire students to develop a healthy relationship with learning.

Thought Process in Crafting the Blog:

The concept I focused on throughout my blog is the corrupted learning mindset we grew up with. The mindset that tells us that the only way to get perfect scores is to spend hours on end studying and solving past papers whilst sacrificing our sleep and meals. In my introductory paragraph, I provided an example such as 'waking up at 4 a.m. and solving past papers for the next 10 hours with little rest daily,' which is essentially implying that students tend to misinterpret 'no sacrifice, no success' as an indication that it's okay to risk their emotional well-being and physical health for the sake of scoring an A*. I argued in my blog that the sacrifices we must make are associated with distractions that stray us from effectively learning. These distractions include social media platforms such as Instagram and Tik Tok that target young audiences to feed on their content for hours without perceiving wasted time.

I proceed with my body paragraph by highlighting the importance of targeting one's weakest points, as students tend to set aside the topics they find the most challenging and focus on the ones they find the most manageable and most enjoyable, which is a mechanism student frequently use to prevent demotivation. And to target those weak points, I mentioned various initiatives that students could take, such as incorporating practical study sessions, targeting their mistakes and learning from them, and actively recalling their topics. I then kept my concluding paragraph short and direct by highlighting the correct perception of productivity that students must realize to prevent burnout.

I incorporated numerous linguistic features to make my blog impactful such as quotes by Mark Twain and Brianna West, as well as rhetorical questions in my introductory paragraph, inclusive words such as "I" and "you" to provide a sense of interaction with the audience, word choices such as "beats" which reflects a semi-formal tone to resonate with the young audience, and sequencing discourse markers such as "to start" to organize my ideas.

Thoughts on Winning:

By the will of Allah, I was able to win this international award along with other passionate writers across the globe, and it makes me proud to know that my blog is one of the highest calibers of entries of the year 2023.

I intend to continue reflecting on my values and teaching the future batch of students the open-minded meaning of hard work to enable them to achieve their desired grades without sacrificing their happiness.

And I'm extremely grateful for my English teacher Ms. Ayesha Aslam for teaching me the elements of blog writing, including the structure and the various linguistic features incorporated to make it as influential and effectual as possible!

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Blog Winner!

The Blog: How to Beat the Corrupted Learning Mindset

When studying for exams, many students believe that the key to getting perfect scores is to exceed the limits of their psychological and physiological well-being—waking up at 4 a.m. and solving past papers for the next 10 hours with little rest daily. It's unfathomable to think that this is what students perceive as "hard work," yet simultaneously try to mask their exhaustion by assuring themselves that it'll all be worth it. However, is this truly the most effective approach for achieving academic success? Or is there a more innovative way to study that leads to better outcomes and overall well-being? In this blog, I intend to challenge the misconception that hard work means sacrificing your well-being and personal life. Instead, I argue that genuine hard work moreover involves determination and consistency whilst also knowing when to take breaks and employing practical study sessions; it's also taking care of yourself, allowing yourself to breathe fresh air and doing something you love in between to remind you that life isn't all about grades. So how would one achieve the correct perception of 'hard work' I speak of? Well, you've come to the right place if you'd like to find out.



To start, I'd like to shed light on a quote by Mark Twain; he mentions: "If it's your job to eat two frogs, it's best to eat the biggest one first," which is essentially telling us to focus on the complex topics first, no need to waste time repeating topics you already know, instead, focus on the most challenging tasks to make time your friend. More often, students push those topics aside and concentrate on what they're good at to prevent demotivation. Yet, students are invariably struck with a reality check once they see the question in the exam paper. Hence, it's always good to ask yourself, "If the exam were tomorrow, what topic would I feel the least happy about coming up in the exam?" This is a rather revealing question to find transparency within yourself; it allows you to target your weak points and eliminate them, thus leading to my next point; practical study sessions, which, according to Newport (2007), will enable the student to accomplish more when studying intensively for shorter periods with minimal wasted efforts. An effective formula for success involves solving past papers, focusing on your mistakes, actively recalling concepts by testing yourself, and mastering the ability to eliminate all distractions, including numerous social platforms, for extended periods. This beats spending hours reading through past papers and ineffectively reviewing them.

With this in mind, I want you to stop limiting yourself to believing that you must sacrifice your happiness to become successful. Drop the false perception of productivity because, as Brianna West once said, "Some days, you'll get it all done. Some days, you need rest. Some days, just getting one thing checked off the list is reason enough to feel proud of yourself." Doing so can build a healthy relationship with learning, as you should.

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By Haya Mutasim – Year 12 GF1

Congratulations to Superstar writer Haya Mutasim (Y12GF), one of Ms. Ayesha Aslam's English students, who has won 'The scholarship of enrichment programme' through her participating in a Blog writing competition by Immerse Education. The topic of Blog Writing is part of our AS Level course too.

Check out her report on writing up her personal experience to support other students who may wish to participate next year. This competition comes every year by Immerse Education and registration is now open to register for 2024.

The Website link is: [Blog Competition - Immerse Education](https://www.immerseeducation.com/blog-competition)

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

We are excited to inform you that our son (Arshaq Ahamed - Deputy Head Boy) received admission at the University of Alberta (Canada) under the faculty of science (Immunology and Infection), but his target is to pursue an MD degree, however as Canada requires an undergraduate degree prior to joining a medical school, he will be first doing a 4 years bachelor's programme.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the WSS teachers and staff for the wonderful support rendered throughout his WSS journey since 2013.

We wish WSS all the best for all its future endeavours and produce more productive students to outshine the school's name globally.

Sincerely,
Parents



Classcraft Moral Education Champion – Chigozie Emmanuel Uzomba -Y(12 BF)

السلام عليكم ورحمه الله وبركاته ،
كيف الحال مستر محمد ان شالله دائما بأحسن حال ،

اتقدم بجزيل الشكر والاحترام لحضرتك على جهدك الرائع وتعبك مع الطلاب طوال العام ،
صديقا محمد من المحظوظين بأنه كان معك هذه السنة بوركك جهودك وجزاك الله الف خير ،
محمد بحبك جدا ويحترمك ودائما يتحدث عن اسلوبك الرائع والاخوي مع الطلاب وتعاملك الجميل ،
اتمنى لك مزيدا من التقدم والنجاح واجازه سعيدة وكل عام وانتم بألف خير .

May the peace, blessings, and mercy of God be upon you ,
How are you, Mr. Mohamed? God willing, you will always be fine.

I extend my sincere thanks and respect to you for your wonderful effort and hard work with the students throughout the year.
Muhammad is truly one of the lucky ones that he was with you this year. May your efforts be blessed and may God reward you a thousand good.
Muhammad loves you very much and respects you and always talks about your wonderful and fraternal style with the students and your beautiful dealings.
I wish you more progress and success, and a happy holiday, and every year and you are well.

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

This is to bring your attention towards the excellent service provided by the form tutor of Y8GS Ms. Priya Prasad during the academic year 2022-23. My child has shown tremendous progress in terms of knowledge and communication skills, I can see that Emaan's confidence has had a huge boost, and I noticed huge improvement in her social skills. She told me that Ms. Priya has been an enormous help in building basic concepts of Maths specially Algebra. Emaan tells me that Ms. Priya is very understanding. Emaan has shown improvement in mathematics and that is due to Ms. Priya's diligence.

Dear Ms. Sabiha,

I wanted to write to you to let you know how greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication to educating Aleena this year. It has been a pleasure to see her grow and learn so much under your guidance. I am incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful teacher for my daughter. Thank you again for everything you do.

I wish you a wonderful summer full of relaxation and rejuvenation. You deserve it! Aleena and I have truly enjoyed our time in your class, and we will carry the lessons learned with us for years to come.

Wishing you all the best as you enjoy your well-deserved summer break. Thank you again for everything.

Best regards,

Hina M

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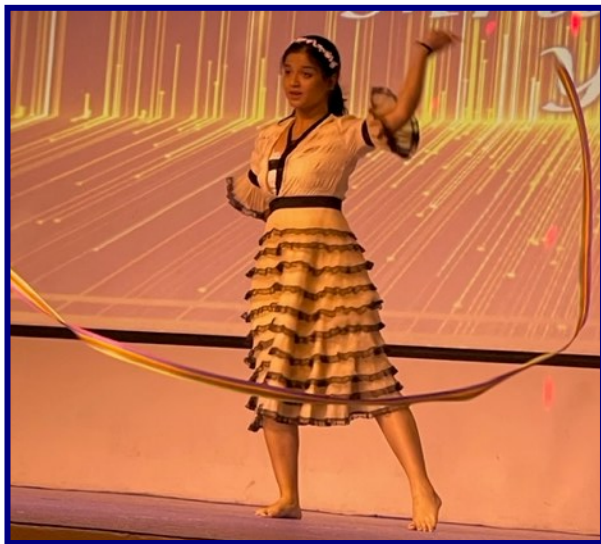
Many thanks to Ms. Ranju Anand, our Cluster Senior Vice President Schools, for gracing our Graduation with your presence & for addressing us with your motivational & inspirational words.



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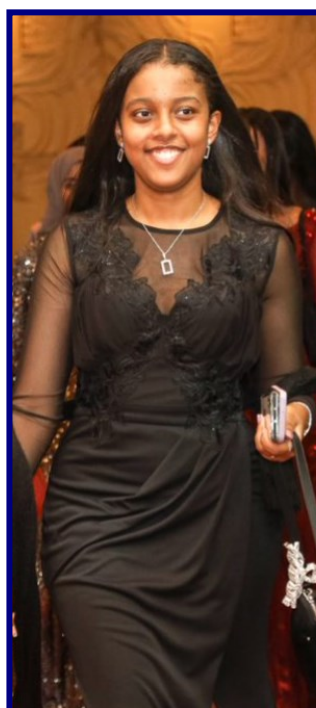
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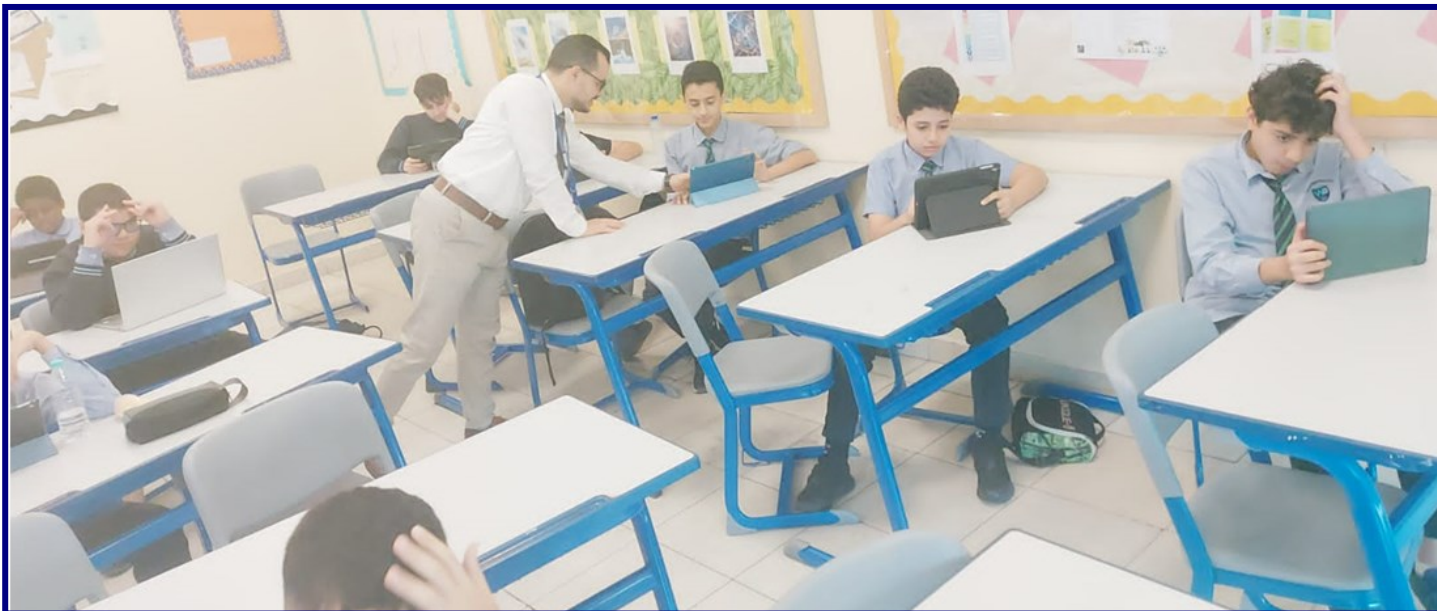
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Secondary Section News; IBT Arabic Exam on 19/6/23!



SPEA requested that we participate in the IBT international examinations for Arabic First Language.

Thank you parents & students for your cooperation.

