GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









Newsletter Issue #39 26th June, 2025



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents.

WSS Primary Magazine
We are happy to invite you
to read the Primary Magazine. Find it at: https://heyzine.com/flip-book/831d126844.html

SPEA Tala Benchmarking Assessment Payment for Arabic First Language Students

Most parents have already cleared the required TALA exam payment—many thanks. However, if your Tala payment is pending, please clear this urgently to avoid Report blocking. Thank you.

Annual SPEA-Required Compulsory Assessment Charges for 2025-2026 (see p4)

Please note p4 for the coming year's SPEA-Required Compulsory external Benchmarking Assessment costs for the coming academic year. These are added to Term 1 fees. Thank you.

pates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 23/6/25 to Thurs. 3/7/25 in- clusive	 Student timings; 7:15am-12:15pm (12:30pm bus departure Activity programme for students in school from 23/6/25 to 3/7/25 inclusive.
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	• The last official day for students for this academic year.
Monday 25th August	 First day of T1 for new joiners. T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.
Tuesday 26th August	 First day of T1 for returning students. T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.







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

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التفاصيل	التاريخ
مواعيد الطلاب؛ 7:15 صباحًا ـ 12:15 ظهرًا (مغادرة الحافلة 12:30 ظهرًا) برنامج الأنشطة للطلاب في المدرسة من 23/6/25 إلى 7/3/25 شامل.	من الاثنين 23/6/25 إلى الخميس الخميس 3/7/25 شاملًا
آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.	الخميس 3 يوليو 2025
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رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويــ الشارقة الأعزاء،





دفع تقييم معايير SPEA Tala للطلاب الناطقين اللغة العربية كلغة أولى

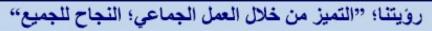
لقد قام معظم الآباء بالفعل بسداد رسوم امتحان TALA المطلوبة . شكرًا جزيلاً, مع ذلك، إذا كانت دفعة تالا الخاصة بك معلقة، يُرجى إتمامها فورًا لتجنب حظر الإبلاغ. شكرًا لك.

رسوم التقييم الإلزامي المنوية المطلوبة من SPEA لعامي 2026-2025 (انظر الصفحة 4)

يرجى الاطلاع على الصفحة ٤ لمعرفة تكاليف تقييم المعايير الخارجية الإنزامي المطلوب من SPEA للعام الدراسي القادم. تُضاف هذه التكاليف إلى رسوم الفصل الدراسي الأول. شكرًا لكم.







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; Book Distribution Arrangements for August 2025

Updated 26/6/25

WSS Book & Digital Resource Delivery			August 2025
Section	Dates	Arrangements	Comments
Junior Section (FS1- Y2)	From Monday 25 th August	Books will <u>distributed</u> to the children in class by the class teacher as per the T1 paid class list. Parents wishing to cover books can take them from the class teacher from Monday August 25th	Textbooks & Digital Resources will be provided subject to clearance of full T1 fees for all year groups. Any required digital resource access will be provided from 26/8/25
Primary (Y3-6)	Monday 18th August to Thursday 21st August (time 8am to 2pm)	Parents to collect from the East Lobby (Boys' Waiting Area) Only Primary books will be available Please show your T1 fee payment receipt In case of late fee payment or books not collected on 18th-21st August, the books will be handed to the Form Tutor for direct distribution once T1 fees have been paid.	Any required digital resource access will be provided from 26/8/25
Secondary Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13	Tuesday 26 th August to Thursday 28 th August	Books will be handed over to the Form Tutor for direct distribution to paid T1 class list children.	Textbooks & digital resources already provided last year for a 2- year course will not be provided again Any required digital resource access will be provided from 26/8/25
Secondary Y10 & Y12	Starting from Tuesday 26 th August	Students on the T1 paid class list will collect their individual options books from the book store	Any required digital resource access will be provided from 26/8/25

Whole School News; SPEA-Required External Benchmarking Assessment—Cost to Parents for 2025-2026

(assessments are subject to SPEA change)

SPEA-Required Compulsory External Benchmarking Assessments 2025-2026						
	CAT4	PTE	PTM	PTS	Etqaan	Total Cost
Year 1					√	90
Year 2					$\sqrt{}$	90
Year 3					$\sqrt{}$	90
Year 4	√	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	200
Year 5	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	200
Year 6	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	200
Year 7	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	200
Year 8	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	200
Year 9	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	200
Year 10		$\sqrt{}$				200
Year 11						150
Year 12						90

TC Extraction Directly From Daleel 2

Please note that this message is intended only for parents who have submitted a Transfer Certificate (TC) request.

Kindly be advised that parents are required to wait for an official communication from the school regarding the timing and process for obtaining the Transfer Certificate through the "Daleel" platform.

This is because, following the entry of final grades into the system, the relevant Authority must first review and approve the results, after which students will be officially promoted to the next academic level.

Requesting or downloading the TC before receiving detailed instructions from the school may result in errors on the document. Your cooperation is essential in ensuring the accuracy of student records.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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Whole School News; SEWA Summer Camp for Age 12-14!

Dear School Principals,

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

The Sharjah Electricity, Water and Gas Authority is pleased to invite male and female students aged 12 to 14 to register for the Future Engineer Camp, which will be held from July 7 to 17, 2025, at the Women's Union Association-Sharjah headquarters in the Halwan area.

This camp serves as a comprehensive educational platform aimed at preparing a promising generation of future engineers through:

- 9 specialized educational and awareness workshops.
- · A variety of field and recreational visits.
- · Activities to develop technical and personal skills.
- Activities designed to make productive use of leisure time during the summer vacation.

Registration is available through the following link or by

scanning the QR code below:

Registration Link

QR Code



Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

For contact and query:

Sharjah Electricity, Water and Gas Authority

Contact Number: 600566665

Location:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/23bHUjfNLZ7a4skt8?g st=iw

السادة/ مديري المدارس الخاصة المحترمين

يطيب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن يهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات...

يسر هيئة كهرباء ومياه وغاز الشارقة دعوة الطلاب والطالبات من الفئة العمرية من 12 سنة -14 سنة للتسجيل في مخيم مهندس المستقبل، والذي يُنظم خلال الفترة من 7إلى 17 يوليو 2025، في مقر جمعية الاتحاد النسائية بمنطقة حلوان.

يُعد هذا المخيم منصة تعليمية متكاملة تهدف إلى إعداد جيل واعد من المهندسين، من خلال:

- 9ورش تعليمية وتثقيفية متخصصة
 - زبارات میدانیة وترفیهیة متنوعة
- فعاليات لتنمية المهارات الفنية والشخصية
- أنشطة لاستثمار أوقات الفراغ خلال الإجازة الصيفية

التسجيل عبر الرابط التالي أو من خلال مسح رمز (QR Code) أدناه: رابط التسميل



شاكرين حسن تعاونكم وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

للتواصل والاستقساره

هيئة كهرباء ومياه وغاز الشارقة

رقم التواصل: 600566665

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Whole School News; SPEA Summer Camp for Age 8-16!

Dear School Principals,

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

In line with the Ministry of Education's efforts to strengthen national identity among students, we invite students to register for the Sandooq Al Watan Summer Camp, organized by the Sandooq Al Watan management in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

The enrichment camp aims to reinforce the national identity of students across all educational stages through rich and diverse educational content, presented within four main pillars:

- 1. I am Emirati and I am Proud
- 2. Our Values Come from the Light of Islam.
- 3. The Language of the Holy Quran.
- 4. My Homeland, My Faith, and My Giving

Target Groups:

Students aged 8 to 16, divided into three age groups:

- 8 to 10 years
- 11 to 13 years
- 14 to 16 years

Camp Implementation Dates:

July 7 to July 31, 2025

Implementation Locations:

Center Name	Emirate
Zayed Al Suyoh Complex	Sharjah
Al Andalus School	Sharjah

Registration is available through the link below:

https://tinyurl.com/3a49x2f4

Note: Registration will be closed once the maximum number of participants is reached.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

For contact and query:

Amina.almemari@ese.gov.ae amal.alsayed@ese.gov.ae nadia.mohammad@ese.gov.ae

Attachments

Sandoog Al Watan Summer Program 2025

السادة/ مديري المدارس الخاصة للعترمين

يطيب لبيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات...

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، وفي إطار سعي وزارة التربية والتعليم لتعزيز الهوية الوطنية لدى الطلبة، ندعو الطلبة للتسجيل في معسكر صيف صندوق الوطن الذي ينظمه إدارة صندوق الوطن بالتعاون مع وزارة التربية والتعليم.

ويعدف المعسكر الإثرائي إلى تعزيز الهوية الوطنية لدى الطلبة في جميع المراحل الدراسية، من خلال معتوى تربوي ثري ومنتوع يُقدم ضمن أربعة معاور رئيسية:

- أنا إماراتي وأفتخر
- قيمنا من نور الإسلام
 - لغة القرآن الكريم
- 4. وطني إيماني وعطائي

الفئات المستيدفة

الطلبة من الفئة العمرية 3 – 16عامًا، مقسمين إلى 3 فئات عمرية:

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- . 14 16مامًا

<u>تاريخ تنفيذ المسكر:</u>

37 – 31 يوليو 2025

موراقع التتفيذن

الإمارة	اسم المركز
الشارقة	مجمع زايد السيوح
الشارقة	مدرسة الأندلس

التسعيل عن طريق الرابط أدناد: https://tinyurl.com/3a49x2f4

ملاحظة : سبتم إغلاق باب التسحيل عند اكتمال تسحيل العدد

شاكرين حسن تعاونكم

وتفضلوا بقبول فاثق التقديروالاحترام

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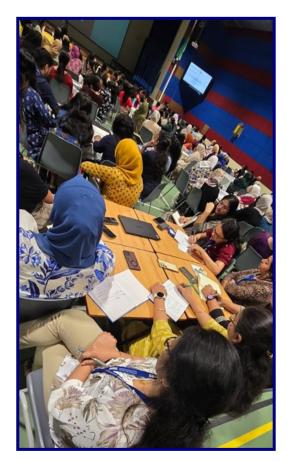
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اللرفقات: برنامج للمسكر الصيفي 2025 - صندوق الوطن

Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Around 200 WSS teachers joined SLT & our Learning Coach Ms. Christine on 25/6/25 for a training session aimed at harnessing the power of the science behind how children learn best. We are super excited about implementing this a new teaching & learning model moving forwards next academic year.





Whole School News; Staff CPD!



خُنُكُوَمْكَ الشَّكَارِفَكَ دَائرة الخدمات الاجتماعية GOVERNMENT OF SHARJAH Social Services Department



ترخیص مهني -Professional SSSD-LIC



انيشا جاياكومار كالاتيل جاياجوبال جاياكومار

ANISHA JAYAKUMAR KALATHIL JAYAGOPAL JAYAKUMAR

مرشد نفسي

Counseling Psychologist

دائرة الخدمات الإجتماعية Sharjah Social Services Department

الترخيص ساري حتي تاريخ: 2026-06-16 تفاصيل الرخصة Junior, Primary & Secondary SLT attended a GEMS-wide CPD to support school Safeguarding, wellbeing & improving the learning environment for all.

Congratulations Ms. Anisha for achieving the challenging SSSD Licensing Exam!

Happy Birthdays!



WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Teacher Heba,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

I hope you are in the best of health and Iman. I am writing to sincerely thank you for your remarkable dedication and support in guiding Muhammad through his Arabic learning journey during this academic year.

Your patience, understanding, and encouragement have made a meaningful difference in his progress. You truly recognized the challenges he faced with the Arabic language and supported him with compassion and care, always assuring him that he can do it. That belief meant a lot to him—and to us as parents.

You consistently looked after his well-being and created a positive, respectful, and nurturing environment where he could grow in confidence. Your communication with us was always respectful and thoughtful, which we greatly appreciated.

You are not only an amazing teacher but also a wonderful role model and a good Muslima, embodying kindness, wisdom, and integrity in your teaching.

May Allah (SWT) reward you for your sincere efforts and bless you with continued success in both dunya and akhirah.

Warmest regards,

Faran Dilshad

(Father of Muhammad)

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms jinitra and Ms maryam

Greetings

From our heart, we appreciate all your efforts and support and what you make for sila to improve her skills, and how be more confident by herself and not be shy

It's from honour to treat with both of you.

And thanks for management to choose perfectly teachers

Thanks and appreciate

Best Regards

Dear Teacher (Ms. Beena),

Thank you so much for your kind message and for all the dedication, patience, and care you've shown throughout the academic year. We are truly grateful for the positive impact you've had on Muhammad Ali's growth—both academically and personally.

It's been heartwarming to witness his enthusiasm for learning, and we know that much of it stems from the nurturing and inspiring environment you've created in class. We deeply appreciate the time and effort you've invested in each child, and we feel fortunate that Ali had such a wonderful teacher in Year 1.

We also appreciate the thoughtful gesture of sending a Summer Pack and books through Active Learn to help the children stay engaged. We will definitely support Ali in continuing his learning over the break.

Wishing you a restful and joyful holiday! May the coming year bring even more success and happiness to you and your students.

Kind regards,

Muhammad Noman Asghar

Dear MS. Himaya & MS. Mahrukh

Greetings,,

We need take this opportunity to say thank you from our heart, we appreciate all your efforts to treat with tamara attitude and to make her character better and teach her follow instructions, we respect your hones to choose the difficult way to build correct character for her future.

We are very happy to see how tamara improve her skills in reading & math , it was happy learning journey.

Thanks & appreciate

Dear Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz,

I hope this message finds you well.

As we come to the end of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to both of you for the incredible care, dedication, and support you have given my daughter Zainab Khurram throughout her time in FS2D1.

Your patience, encouragement, and engaging teaching methods have made a lasting impact on her. We have seen her grow in confidence, curiosity, and love for learning—all thanks to the nurturing environment you've created in the classroom.

Thank you for being such wonderful educators and for playing such an important role in her early learning journey. We truly appreciate everything you've done and wish you continued success and happiness.

Have a wonderful summer vacation and all the best for the upcoming academic year.

Warm Regards,

Erum FARRAKH

Mother of Zainah khurram

Junior Section News; Activity Week!





Junior Section News; Y1 Activity Week!



Creative writing





Junior Section News; Y1 Activity Week!







Junior Section News; Y2D1 Activity Week!





Junior Section News; Y2D1 Activity Week!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Susweta

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for the incredible effort and dedication you have shown in teaching and supporting my son Mohamed Yaser, throughout this school year.

You have been more than just a teacher — you've been a guide, a mentor, and a source of encouragement. Your patience, kindness, and commitment have made a lasting impact on his academic growth and personal development.

Thank you for believing in him, motivating him, and always creating a positive and inspiring learning environment. Your role in his journey means more to us than words can express.

Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in your noble profession. May you always be rewarded for the difference you make in the lives of your students.

With sincere appreciation,

Engr. Yaser Mohamed Yousef Shabana Father of Mohamed

Primary Section News; Activity Week!















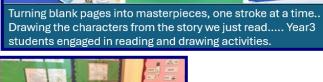
Primary Section News; Summer Activity Programme!







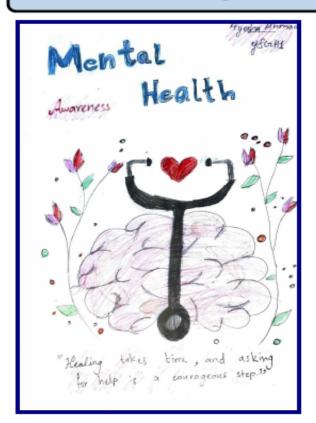


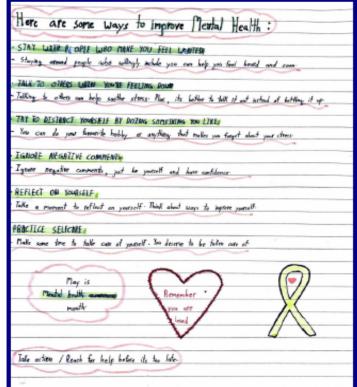




Secondary Section News; Activity Week!

KS3 Girls Mental Health & Wellbeing Week "Stronger Minds, Brighter Futures"







Join us as we explore ways to care for our minds, support each other, and build a culture of kindness and resilience.

Small steps make a big difference — let's take them together!

Secondary Section News; Activity Week!

KS3 Boys Mental Health & Wellbeing Week "Stronger Minds, Brighter Futures"



Fun and focused secondary chess lessons for boys. learning the basics, build thinking skills, and enjoy friendly competitions to boost confidence and strategy. Perfect for beginners.

Secondary Section News

KS3 Parent Praise Corner: Because Kind Words Go a Long Way

Dear Ms. Huda,

Good morning and hope you are well.

Thank you for your kind words and most of all your presence and able guidance to our children throughout the year to grow beyond academics.

Your encouraging attitude and the friendly atmosphere you are able to create have made the classroom a happy place.

Zahra is fangirt and even tries to find your resemblances in random faces or that of movie stars. You have played an important part in making her feel comfortable and confident.

Special thank you to all the teachers who have been the guiding lights, we are so grateful for your dedication and passion!

Best regards,

Sarah

Parent of Zahra

P/o Zahra Murtuza, Y7G\$

Dear Ms. Teena

Greetings

hope you are fine and doing good.

Once again Thank You so much!

First of all I would like to say "THANK YOU" to you from the bottom of my heart for all your hard work and putting lots of efforts to teach my daughter Sara in a very effective manner and always supported her with encouragement throughout the year.

I am really grateful to have a loving , caring, motivational and supportive teacher like you .

We always appreciate your dedications and hardwork!

Regards, Salma Mohaji It was an honor for Talyah to have you as a homeroom teacher, she was always mentioned how you are supportive and cooperative with them all

Really appreciate your support. Wishing for you all the best

P/o Talyah Mohamed, Y7GS

Dear Ms. Ajitha,

Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful message. It truly means a lot to hear such positive feedback about Hana. We're incredibly proud of her, and your words have filled us with joy and gratitude.

I deeply appreciate the support, encouragement, and guidance you've provided her throughout the year. It's clear that your care have had a significant impact on her growth and confidence.

We will certainly continue to encourage her to stay committed and motivated. Thank you again for everything you do, it's a privilege to have Hana in your class.

Warm regards,

Waleed Abdulaziz

P/o Sara Y7GD

P/o Hana, Y9GF

rar maan ,

mank you so much for your kind words and for recognizing Hamd's efforts and growth this year. Your thoughtful message truly means a lot to us as srents.

s are incredibly grateful for the dedication, trust, patience, and care you have shown to Band throughout the academic year. It's clear that your accuragement and support have played a big role in helping her develop not just academically, but also personally.

and has thoroughly enjoyed being in your class. She often shares stories about how engaging and fun your lessons are, and it's clear that your smitive influence has helped shape her confidence and love for learning. Your understanding nature and open communication have also given us great amfort as parents.

mank you once again for everything you've done. We deeply appreciate your hard work and the lasting impact you've made in Hand's life. Wishing on a restful and rewarding break-you truly deserve it!

iankyou.

areem Mirzo

P/o Hamd, Y9GF

From the Heart of Our Parents: Notes That Made Our Day!

Secondary Section News

Tiny Notes, Big Impact: What Our KS3 Parents Are Saying

Dear Ms. [Geethu Gangakrishnan],

Good evening, and warm greetings to you!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the vital role you have played in shaping **Mahmoud's** character both academically and morally.

You have been a true inspiration throughout his journey in your class. Your dedication, kindness, and genuine encouragement have had a profound impact on him. We've witnessed him grow in confidence and character in ways we never imagined possible.

Thank you for motivating him, for your patience, and for your unwavering efforts to help him excel both in studies and in values. A teacher like you is not only a source of knowledge but a role model for the next generation, and we feel truly fortunate that Mahmoud had the privilege of being one of your students.

May your passion for teaching continue to inspire others, and may your contributions be as appreciated as the fragrance of a timeless blessing—words alone cannot express how thankful we are.

With sincere appreciation and warm regards,

P/o Mahmoud, Y9BF

Subject: Thank you

Dear Mrs Geethu,

I trust this email finds you well.

I would like to thank you very much for this opportunity and this amazing time with you and kids. Thanks a lot for your kindness and your beautiful smile. You made my day today, I wish to you all the best and happiness in your life.

Regards,

Marwa Ragab

P/o Fahad, Y9BF

Cheers from Home: Parents Speak, and We're Smiling!

Secondary Section News

Sealed with Praise: Notes from KS3 Parents

Dear Ms. Jini,

Greetings!

I hope you are fine and doing good.

First of all I would like to say "THANK YOU" to you from the bottom of my heart for all your hard work and putting lots of efforts to teach my son Ashhar in a very effective manner and always supported him with encouragement throughout the year.

I am really grateful to have a loving , caring, motivational and supportive teacher like you .

We always appreciate your dedications and hardwork I

Once again Thank You so much!

Regards,

Salma Mohajir

P/o Ashhad, Y9BD

Dear Ms. Jini,

Thank you so much for your kind words about Muhammad Hassan. We are very happy to hear that he is doing well in class.

We really appreciate your support and the way you encourage him. It means a lot to us to know that his efforts and good behavior are being noticed.

We will keep supporting him at home so he continues to do his best. Thank you again for being such a caring and helpful teacher.

Regards

Parent

Muhammad Hassan

P/o Mohamed Hassan, Y9BD

Straight from the Source: Parental Applause!