GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH







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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Ties, Scarves & ID Cards

we are training our students to become successful business people, with smart, professional dress. Please help your child to remember to wear their tie/scarf/ID to

school daily. If you need to buy one, please send AED27 (tie)/AED31.50 (scarf)/AED25 (ID) with your child to buy from the school Bookstore/BBT Office. Many thanks for your support.

Chewing Gum

Many of us love gum, but it's too sticky for school. Please remind your children to avoid bringing gum to school. Thank you.

Birthday Treats

Our children love cake, sweets, chips & chocolate, however these are hyper foods & are not healthy. If you wish to send a Birthday treat to school for your child to share with friends, please send a healthy fruit basket or fruit kebabs. Let's help our children to make healthy choices!

















Date	Details
Week of 25th-28th September	• Meet your child's Teacher; home-school Teacher 'Meet-&-Greet meetings. Details to follow.
Wed. 18th- Thurs. 19th Oct	 Mid-Term Break. School closed for students. School opens on Monday 23rd October
Mon. 18th Dec— Monday 1st January	 School closed for Winter Break. School opens on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. T2 Fees due by 2/1/24. Thank you.

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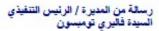






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تعرف على معلم طفاك؛ لقاءات "لقاء وترحيب" مع معلم المدرسة المنزلية, تفاصيل للمتابعة,	الأسبوع من 25 إلى 28 سبتمبر
استراحة منتصف المدة. المدرسة معلقة أمام الطلاب. تفتح المدرسة يوم الاثنين 23 أكتوبر	الأربعاء. 18- الخميس. 19 أكتوبر
 المدرسة مظفة لحلنة الشتاء. نفتح المدرسة يوم الثلاثاء 2 يناير 2024. رسوم T2مستحقة بطول 2/1/24. شكرًا لك. 	الاثنين. 18 ديسمبر - الاثنين 1 يناير



أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس يه الشارقة الأعزاء،

العلاقات والأوشحة وبطاقات

إذا كنت بحاجة لشراء واحدة، يرجى إرسال 27 درهمًا إماراتيًا (ربطة عنق) / 31.50 درهمًا إماراتيًا (وشاخًا) / 25 درهمًا إماراتيًا (بطاقة هوية) مع طفلك للشراء من مكتبة المدرسة / مكتب BBT.



الكثير منا يحب العلكة، لكنها لزجة جدًّا بالنا



طفالنا يحبون الكعك والحلويات ورقائق البطاطس رسة لطفك لمشاركتها مع الأصدقاء، فيرجى ال سلة فواكه صحية أو كباب فواكه. دعونا اعد أطفالنا على اتخاذ خيارات صحية!











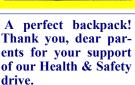




The most important gifts you can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey







Beautifully labeled personal items, thank you. Now, if something gets misplaced, we can send it back to the owner.

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



Whole School News

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Whole School News; SPEA's 'Donate to Learn' Initiative

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

In collaboration with the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates, the Digital School launched a campaign titled "Donate your device" under the slogan "Donate to learn".

Therefore, please circulate to members of the society who are willing to contribute by donating used devices.

For those who are willing to donate, please visit the donation link below:

https://www.donateyourowndevice.org/

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best Regards,

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

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، و بالتعاون مع هيئة الهلال الأحمر الإماراتي أطلقت المدرسة الرقمية حملة "تبرع بجهازك" تحت شعار "تبرع لتُعلم". وعليه يرجى التعميم على الراغبين من افراد المجتمع باللمساهمة بالتبرع بالأجهزة المستعملة زبارة الرابط أدناه.

/https://www.donateyourowndevice.org

شاكرين لكم حسن تعاونكم وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

للتواصل والاستفسار:

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Independent Exit

As parents are aware, our Security team works very hard on the Gate at pick-up time to ensure that our children are safe & do not exit the school without a designated adult.

However, in some special circumstances parents need their child to exit independently unsupervised. In this case the parent signs an approval & disclaimer form, which states that they take full responsibility for this arrangement, then their child is allowed by Security to exit school independently.

We have designated a special gold ID card with an orange lanyard for Independent Exit students, so that they can be easily identified & supported by Security on the gate.

If you require this facility for your child as a special case, please meet us for a form & lanyard (AED25/-). Thank you.

Whole School News; SPEA's Reading Survey

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

Due to the UAE's keenness to ensure that reading is a way of life in the UAE society by 2026, to promote the importance of early reading for human development, and to foster the culture of reading and its practices among children, the Ministry of Culture and Youth invites you to participate in the "Early Reading" survey.

Therefore, please circulate to <u>parents</u>, <u>teachers</u>, <u>or</u> <u>specialists</u> who are willing to participate in the survey while noting that the period for implementing the survey is the beginning of the new academic year 2023-2024 in September 2023.

Survey link:

https://webmaydanee.fcsc.gov.ae/unlimited/c9d8bcb1-4b83-4e60-895e-583166fbcdf3/28a6ce91-0e90-477f-af39-d60e34c5f06f

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

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، يسر وزارة الثقافة والشباب دعوتكم للمشاركة في مسح " القراءة المبكرة" والذي يكتسب أهمية خاصة لحرص دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة على أن تكون القراءة أسلوب حياة في المجتمع الإماراتي بحلول عام 2026، والارتقاء بالقراءة المبكرة لأهميتها في التنمية البشرية، من أجل تعزيز ثقافة القراءة ومهاراتها وممارساتها لدى الأطفال.

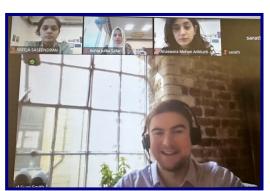
لذا يرجى التعميم على الراغبين في المشاركة بالمسح من أولياء الأمور، المعلمين أو المتخصصين علماً بأن الفترة الزمنية لتنفيذ المسح بداية العام الدراسي الجديد 2023-2024 في شهر سبتمبر 2023م. رابط المسح:

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***يرجى نسخ الرابط المتوفر في البريد الالكتروني فقط وعدم نسخه من أي متصفح لضمان عدم وجود إشكاليات في البيانات المدخلة ***

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام





In our quest to personalise each student's learning experience to meet individual needs, we are introducing a new App, Century Tech. to Primary-Secondary students. Century Tech adapts questioning & tasks according to the individual level & skills of each user, enabling students to learn at their own pace, close learning gaps & consolidate critical skills. Here the Science teachers are undergoing training to be able to get the most from this new IT resource.



Whole School News; SPEA Principals' Meeting, 11/9/23!







The Principal Ms. Valerie attended a SPEA Sharjah Principals' meeting on 11/9/23. The Director of SPEA HE Mr. Ali Al Hosani, Manager School Improvement Mr. Ziad & SPEA Chairperson HE Dr. Muhadditha and other dignitaries addressed the Principals to share an in-depth SPR Report and vision for next steps.

Whole School News; Teacher Continuing Professional Development (CPD)!

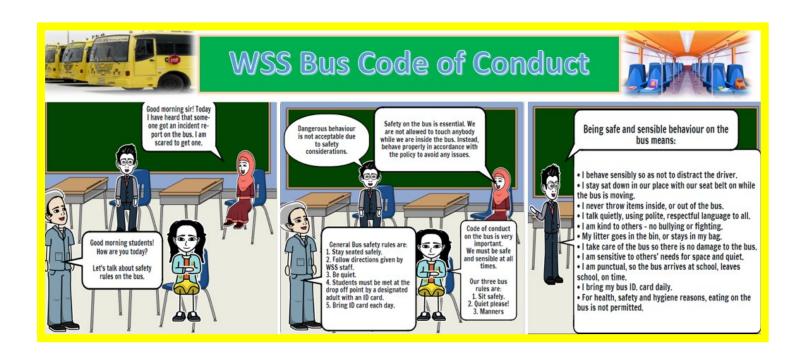
Lesson observations are an ongoing feature of our CPD programme to support the continuing professional development of our dedicated teachers. The principle that learning is lifelong for all, is part of our school vision.

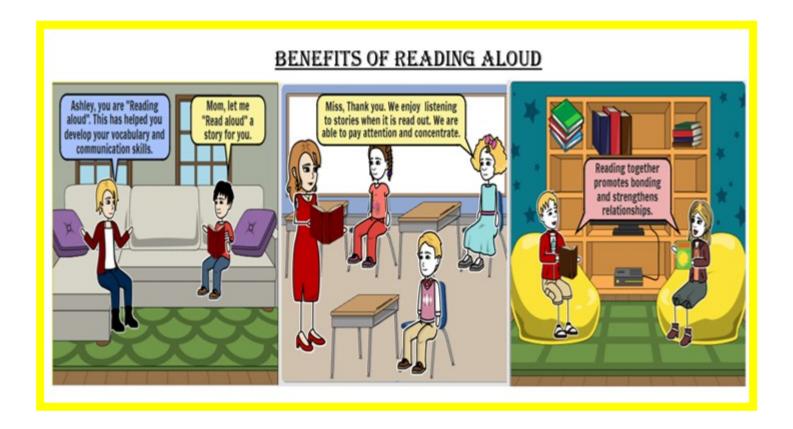
Here we have the Learning Coach Ms. Christine, along with the Principal Ms. Valerie, dropping in to classes to monitor student learning, engagement & learning behaviours.





Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!





WSS Superstar Champions!



ID Badges

Please remind your children to wear their school ID badge daily.

This is a critical Health & Safety Audit expectation & allows us t monitor who is in school., as well as being a required part of the uniform.

If your child does not have an ID please contact the BBT office for a new one. Thank you.

Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!



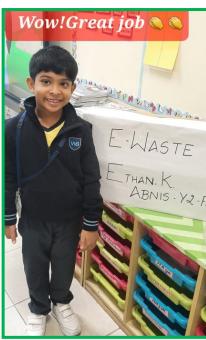
In alignment with the UAE's Sustainability Vision of 2023, Sharaf DG has undertaken a momentous initiative – 'The Largest E-Waste Collection Drive' – that aims to foster responsible electronic waste management across the nation. We are delighted to highlight the remarkable contribution made by Muhammed Haris (Y12BH), who has played a pivotal role in this drive by bringing in a substantial amount of e-waste.

His commitment to sustainability and environmental consciousness is truly commendable and reflects the essence of the UAE's vision for a greener future. Mohammed Haris's contribution serves as a shining example of individual action towards collective sustainability goals. We applied his dedication and look forward to inspiring more such initiatives that contribute to the UAE's vision for a sustainable and environmentally conscious future.



Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions—E-Waste Competition!













Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!









Happy Birthdays!





Healthy Happy Birthday fruit treats (we avoid sugary junk food as much as possible to promote healthy eating & a healthy lifestyle). Thank you dear parents for your support with this.

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!





Y2H1 with Ms. Roomana and Ms. Aqueen

Teddy goes home...















Junior Section News; Learning PE Skills!





PE in the Junior Section with Ms. Sheema. Students are developing stamina & strength, as well as learning essential coordination & balance skills.

Junior Section News









Aahil's (FS2F2) first day at WSS. Welcome to the WSS family!











Bright and flaming red day celebration in FS2 F1



















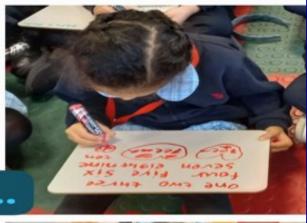
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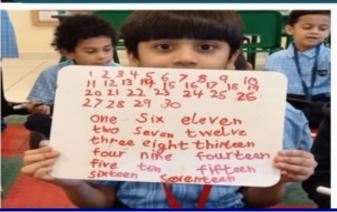














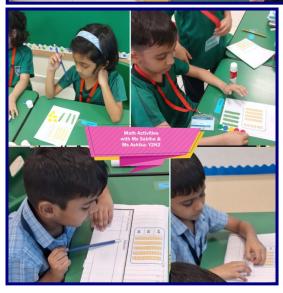












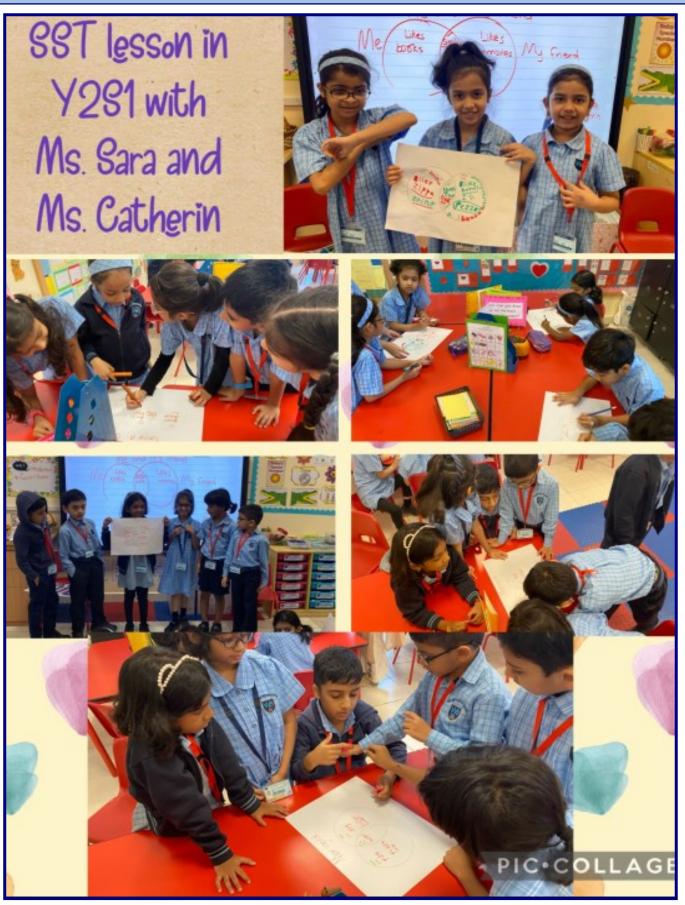












Primary Section News; First Primary Assemblies on 13/9/23!



The first Primary Assembly on 13/9/23 was to introduce key leaders, introduce the Safeguarding Team, the Fab. 5 rules for success, perfect uniform, the importance of reading welcome new students & to celebrate Birthdays.



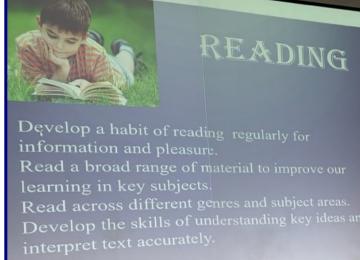






Primary Section News; First Primary Assemblies on 13/9/23!





The first Primary Assembly on 13/9/23 also included a review of perfect uniform & the importance of reading.

Primary Section News; Y5 Radio Broadcast, 14/9/23!



Primary Section News; Literacy Week!









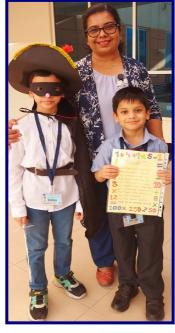












11/9/23 was
Literacy Dressup Day, when
Primary students came
dressed up as
their favourite
book character
& came prepared to talk
about it &
show their projects.



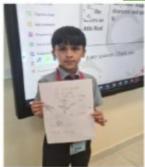
Primary Section News; Literacy Week in Y3!



Ms. Azreen Y3S2

On literacy day students drew their favourite character from a story book and spoke about it. Some students dressed up as their favourite characters for an extra element of fun!



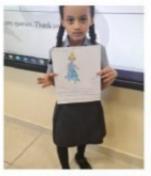


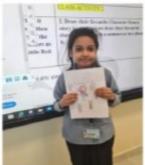




































Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y3!



Primary Section News; Literacy Week in Y5!

Y5 D1 Students celebrated the "World Literacy Day" on 11.09.2023 with Ms. Anju Kumar



Students dressed-up as their favourite story character & spoke about their character.



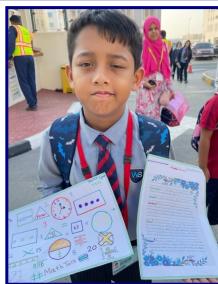
Primary Section News; Learning Activities!

















Perfect uniform!

Primary Section News; Literacy Week in Y5!

Y5F1 Literacy Day Celebration

Students dressed up like their favourite character from a book described the character traits in the class.

With Mr. Arvie



Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All!

	11GH	11GF	11GS	10GD	10GH	10GS	10GF
Class Leader	Manaal Roman	Mithaa Zinelabdin	Kenda El Moussa	Ayesha Khan	Taleen Ashraf	Eashal Ali	Muskaan Muhammad
Character Leader	Menna Ahmed	Syeda Tayyiba	Fathima Shaima	Mariam Rizwan	Lougin	Nabia Ahmed	Mehk Fatima
Environment Leader	Shafana Shahriar	Sali Omar	Maysoon Hammad	Rital Mohamed	Tanisha	Fabeha Sajid	Maha Ziad
Digital Leader	Ayesha Eman	Raghda Ihab	Nimah Al Avva	Maham Sohail	Ardra Sujeev	Drishti Lohana	Anushka Shiju
Reading Leader	Fatima Mustafa	Zanib Noor	Mehek Fatima	Hania Sultan	Rida Zainab	Fatima Waqas	Hana Mohamed
National Agenda Leader	Rameen Iftikhar	Fathima Saleh	Hasti Hamidreza	Tasnim Mejri	Mira A Akjuaidi	Jolie Abdallah	Nada Elnadi
Uniform Leader	Shams Nouman	Fatima Ayub	Zainab Faisal	Khadijah Ayaz	Josna Maria	Joudi Waleed	Farida Sameh
E-Safety Leader	-Safety Leader Amana Faraz Youmna Ossama		Meerab Naeem	Umma Zainab	Sara Osama	Mahnoor Ifran	Nida Gazzali

These students have been selected for Student Leadership roles for this academic year in recognition of their positive behaviour as learning role models & leadership potential. We wish them every success as they diligently perform their responsibilities to support their community to become even more successful.

	Y10 BD1	Y10 BF1	Y10 BF2	10 BH1	Y10 BS1	11 BD1	11 BF1	11 BH1	11 BS1
Class Leader:	Evan Shibu Cheriyekkara	Mohammad Amin Shahzad	Abdallah Sameh Adel	Arjun Sujeev; Ziad Ashraf	Mohamed Haroon Tharig	Aarav Bhandar	Muhammad Jasir Samiullah Khan	Rayan Bilal Khalil	Kailasnath kizhakkekara
Character Leader:	Rayyan Atif Atif Ahmed	Shubhan Rahul Rege	Devdarsh Rahul Vijayan	Ahmed Mohammad Eathi	Azhar Farooq	Omar Fahmy Aly Aboutaleb	Taha Hyder Chohan Afaq Hyder Chohan	Amir Ahmed Shawki Abdelhalim	Marwan Mohamed Gamal
Environment Leader:	Talha Zeeshan Khan	Mohiudeen Zayan Liyakath	Francis Emmanuel	Zabdiel	Zakir Karim Afridi	Ahmed Mohamed Abdoun Osman	Muhammad Mahad Waqas Hamid	Fares Mohd Nasir Uddin	Mohammed Ali Ibrahim
Digital Leader:	Aakif Ahmad Nizamudeen	Qazi Hamza Ali Siddiqui	Rayaan Atig Ur Rehman	Muhammad Butt	Muhammad Shahdal Parvi	Muhammad Rayyan Muhammad Sufyan	Muhammad Ibrahim Nadeem Ishtiaq	Hamza Khabir Ahmed	Ahmed Shahid Shahid
Reading Leader:	Joshua Binosh Zachariah	Ahmed Waleed	Muhammad Nehan Khan	Sherwin	Bilal Roman Khan	Muhammad Azaan Eid Muhammad Kamran	Muhammad Ibrahim Khurram Razzaq	Vihaan Sinha	Muhammad Mojz Farhaj Farhaj Moin
National Agenda Leader:	Shahzaib Ibtsam Khawar Butt	Khalid Emadeldin	Mohammed Maher M Almasri	Ziad Mohammad	Youssef Ahmed	Adam Akmal Mostafa Hassanein Zobeir	Bhipesh Suneel Kumar	Yousef Wagdy Mohamed Abdeldaiem	Muhammed Husham
Uniform Leader:	Celino Meedum Jayasinghe	Zaid Bin Tahir	Kariem Akram Mahmoud	Abdul Mannan/ Sarvesh Gopi	Nisula Yumeth	Rohan Vinod	Muhammad Saad Ahmed Khan	Haider Ahmed Hashim Barghash	Haider Ahmed Hashim Barghas
E-Safety Leader:	Ibrahim Waqar Rana	Jahan Anish	Mohammed Irfan Mohammed	Mohammad Yasin	Hatem Mahmoud	Rohit Vinod	Kashan Numan Numan Naeem	Daniil Shapoya	Daniil Shapoxa







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Secondary Section News; Food & Nutrition!





Food & Nutrition students made butter cookies, nuffins/cupcakes and cakes using the Creaming Method of baking. Our guest Principal Mr. Manny from sister school GEMS Westminster School, Fujairah, (visiting WSS for a Principals' meeting with SVP Ms. Ranju) was very impressed!

Secondary Section News; First Assembly, 11/9/23!





Our first KS3 Assembly was run by Sixth Form students. The theme was equality of education & opportunity for all, with details of a COP 28 initiative coming soon.







Secondary Section News; First Y9 Boys' Assembly, 12/9/23!

The Assembly was led by Sixth Form student leaders. The Agenda; Planning for Your Career.









Secondary Section News; World First Aid Day, 12/9/23!



A 'WORLD FIRST AID DAY' session for KS5 students was conducted by the Sociology club on 12/9/23. The session aim was to promote a sense of safety and well-being amongst students..



Secondary Section News; Community Service!



How are you Contributing to Your Community?

Dynamic & forward-thinking student Maryam Abu Saleh (Y13GD) is supporting a local NGO called Stepping Stones Foundation, that works to improve the general well-being and mental health of the community it serves by offering support, resources, and services to people who are dealing with mental health issues. It also works to reduce stigma surrounding mental illness.

Through comprehensive services, advocacy, and community involvement, our aim is to empower people, promote mental health, and build a compassionate society that welcomes and supports mental health.

By 2024, we want to increase the number of programs we offer to better serve the various needs of people and communities. This entails creating targeted support groups, creating specialized counseling programs, and putting preventative measures into practice in workplaces and educational settings.

The National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031 was approved by the UAE Cabinet, which was presided over by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. Its goal is to realize His Highness's vision.

Instagram username: stepping_stones_foundation

The foundation's website can be located at 64a0d09667564.site123.me.

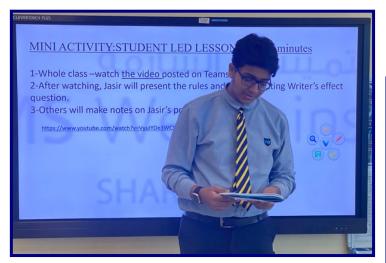


Thank you to these 3 Year 13 students who presented a reenactment of the AS journey during break time for Year 12 students. The purpose was to educate Year 12 students about independent learning and how to deal with challenges at this phase.



Well done to our engaged & ambitious Sixth Form students who volunteering to support the student council interviews. This experience will help them to further develop their leadership skills & prepare themselves for their own future interviews!

Secondary Section News; Community Service & Leadership!



Student leadership; teaching & learning demonstration in in a student-led lesson, creating a happiness corner, and a Y9 student helping Y7 & Y8 boys learn to tie a tie, & A/SL girls prepping KS3 students for student council interviews.







