

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #4
15th September, 2022



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Your Child's Safety; COVID Masks

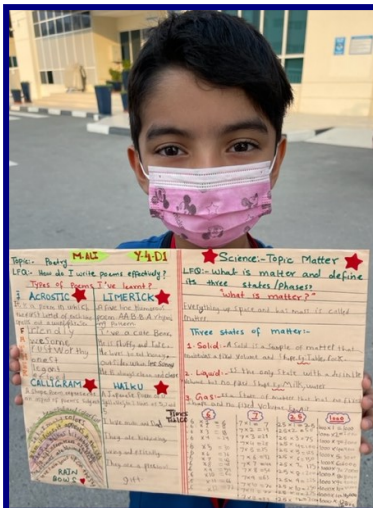
It is a requirement that your children come to school wearing their COVID Mask. Please also put a spare mask in their bag in case they forget or lose one. Please note that it is a disciplinary issue to come to school without a COVID face mask. School Masks will be charged at AED1/- per peice. Thank you for your support to help the children stay safe.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 26th Oct & Thurs. 27th Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Mid-Term Break. School resumes on Monday 31st Oct. as usual
Mon. 12th Dec. to Sunday 1st Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Winter Break. School resumes for T2 on Monday 2nd January, 2023. Please note that T2 school fees are due. Thanks you.

Requesting School Follow-up

We are here to help resolve your queries & concerns as smoothly as possible. To support our follow-up, do please **always share your child's full name, Class & ID**. When we have this information we are more able to resolve your issues quickly. Thank you.

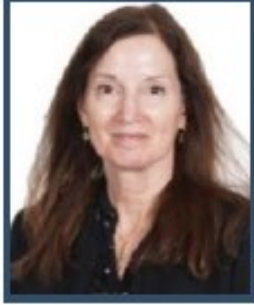


Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 4
5 سبتمبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

لسلامة طفلك ؛ (أقتعة COVID)

من الضروري أن يأتي أطفالك إلى
المدرسة مرتدين قناع COVID الخاص
بهم. يرجى أيضا وضع قناع احتياطي في
حقيبتك في حالة نسيانه أو فقده. يرجى ملاحظة أن القوم إلى المدرسة
بدون قناع الوجه COVID يعد مسألة تأديبية.

شكرا لك على دعمك لمساعدة الأطفال على البقاء بأمان

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي. تستأنف المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 أكتوبر كالمعتاد 	<p>الأربعاء. 26 أكتوبر والخميس 27 أكتوبر</p>
<p>المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء.</p> <p>تستأنف المدرسة T2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023.</p> <p>يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة. شكرا لك.</p>	<p>الاثنين. 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023</p>

طلب متابعة مدرسية

نحن هنا للمساعدة في حل استفساراتك ومخاوفك بأكثر قدر ممكن من السلاسة. لدعم متابعتنا ،

يرجى دائما مشاركة الاسم الكامل لطفلك ، والفئة والهوية المدرسية.

عندما تكون لدينا هذه المعلومات ، تكون أكثر قدرة على حل مشاكلك بسرعة.



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

Whole School News; Change of Primary Contacts!



Date: _____

Dear Parents,

Subject: Updating Mobile/SMS and Email Contacts

For your child's wellbeing, it is very important that we can contact you in case of any emergency, as well as using digital communication for all our important parent updates. Please complete this form & return it to school at the earliest (email or hardcopy, as you wish) so we can update our records whenever there is any change to the Primary Contact given by you to school for our system. Thank you.

Parents, please note that any request for change to your official school system Primary Contacts must come from you in writing. Requests from students would not be entertained.

Parents, if you need to update your school system Primary Contacts at any time, please email us, or complete & submit this form to the PRE at aiysha.kwss@gemsedu.com Thanks.

<i>Children's names as in their Emirates ID/Passport</i>	<i>WSS ID:</i>	<i>Class:</i>

<i>Contacts</i>
Father's mobile:
Father's email:
Mother's mobile:
Mother's email:
Guardian's mobile <i>(if applicable)</i> :
Guardian's email <i>(if applicable)</i> :
Home landline:
Driver's mobile <i>(if applicable)</i> :
LSA's mobile <i>(if applicable)</i> :

Regards,
 Ms. Valerie Thompson
 WSS Principal/CEO

“ 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

Lost and Found



Our **Lost & Found** cupboards, located in the Boys' side East Lobby, are already full of misplaced items. If your child has misplaced a personal belonging, please encourage them to check the Lost & Found cupboards.

Do please name all your child's personal belongings (writing with marker pen on the label works well) so that we can return any lost items to them. Thank you.

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



“ You Said,

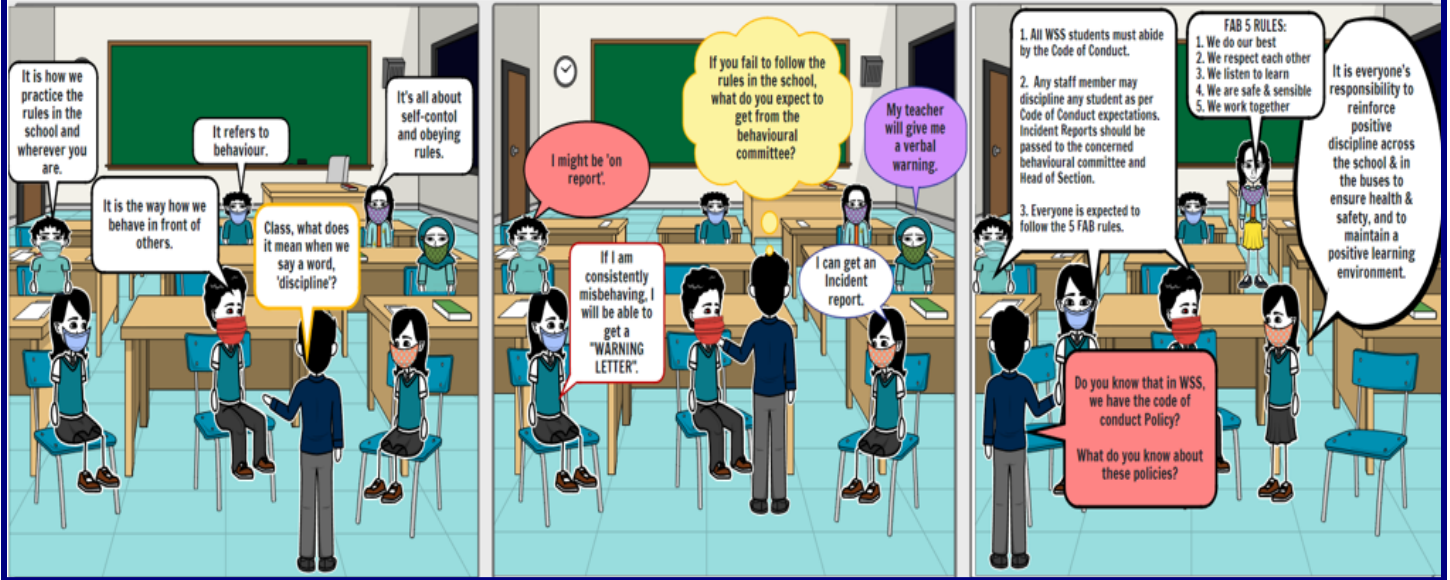
We need extra curricular activities.

We did.

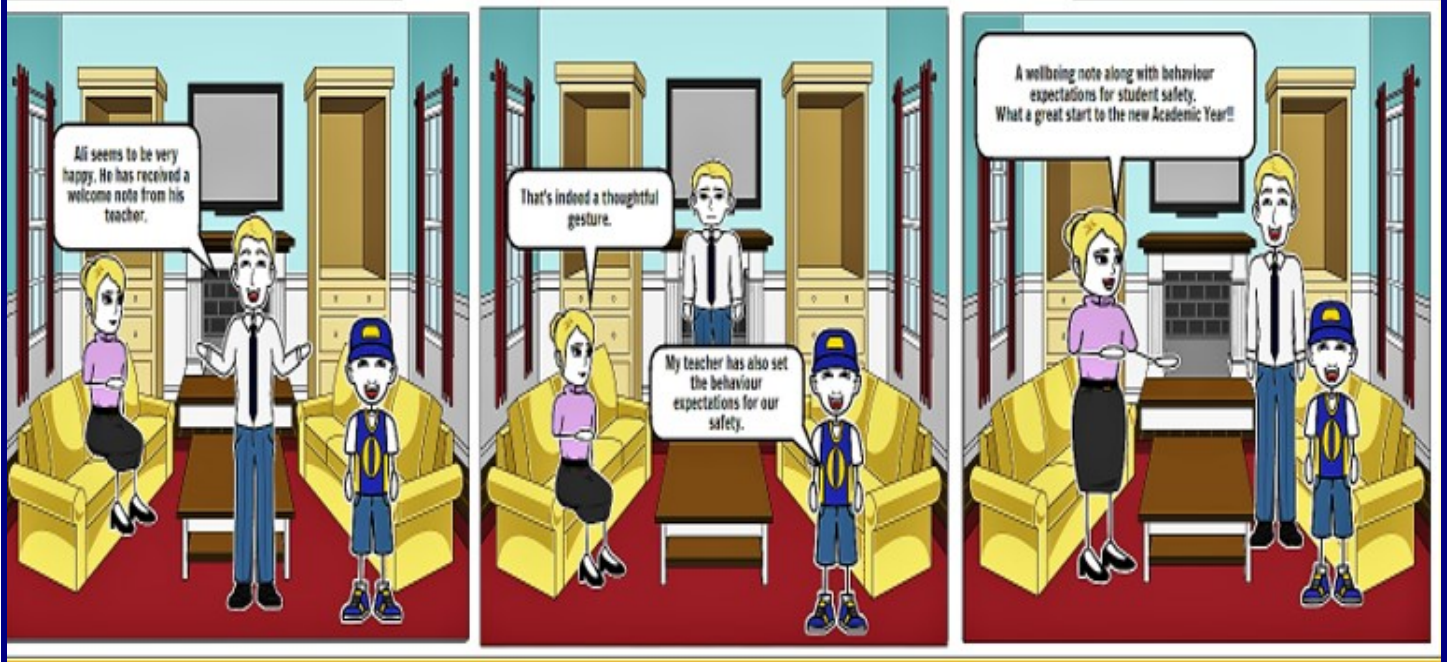
Introduced After School Programmes for Y2 - Y13.

”

DISCIPLINE AND CODE OF CONDUCT



THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



FS2D1 Happy birthday Bilal



PIC•COLLAG



WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done to Malek Khalafalla (Y4S1). In Mathematics she showed great numerical skills using mental maths skills to solve problems.

Well done to OLUWAFERANMI TAWOSE (Y6) for his confident teaching skills during a flipped lesson. Thanks to Mr. Timothy for providing this opportunity.

Well done to DEMA MOHAMED ABOUELMAGD and MARYAM SAJAD (Y4F1) for thier Creative writing in poetry using similes. Thanks to Ms. Susweta for providing this opportunity for the students to express themselves through creative writing.



مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS



1028

GCSE entries received from 181 TWS students

19%

of GCSE entries resulted in grades 9-8 (equivalent to A*)

36%

of GCSE entries resulted in grades 9-7 (A*-A)



I am once again delighted with the performance of our students at A Level. 65% of our grades were A*-B with 40% at A*-A. During a very challenging academic year, our students worked incredibly hard both inside the classroom and at home as well as showing great determination and resilience towards every aspect of school life.

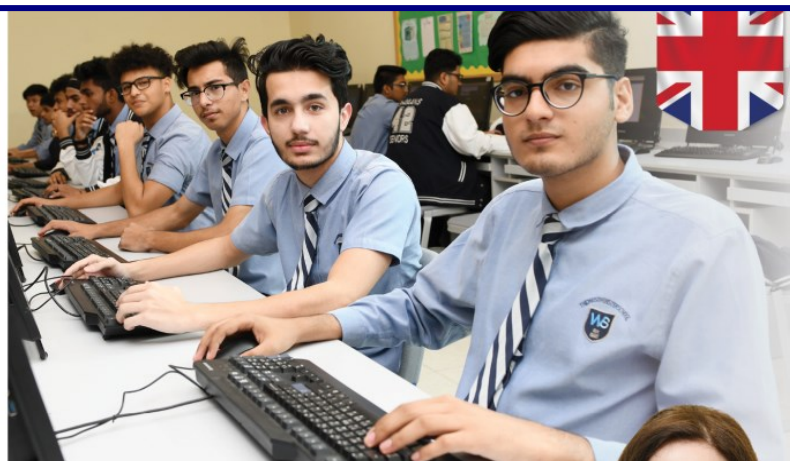
VALERIE THOMPSON

Principal and CEO
GEMS Westminister School - Sharjah



مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminister School
SHARJAH

Top university acceptance following OUTSTANDING 2022 A-LEVEL RESULTS



21%

of 203 entries achieved A*-A grades

43%

of students attained A*-B grades



I am once again delighted with the performance of our students at A Level. 65% of our grades were A*-B with 40% at A*-A. During a very challenging academic year, our students worked incredibly hard both inside the classroom and at home as well as showing great determination and resilience towards every aspect of school life.

VALERIE THOMPSON

Principal and CEO
GEMS Westminister School - Sharjah



WSS Superstar Champions!



Superstar Staff Champions of the Week receiving their well-deserved prize from Dr. Lisa, our dedicated Learning Coach!

With all my respect and appreciation to you, many thanks and appreciation for your good cooperation with us, and I appreciate all their efforts. This is not new to your school. It has always been supportive of us and our children.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the teacher, Shabana, for her support, effort and good cooperation with all of our children, the best teacher and the best mother too for our children.

I appreciate your effort in teaching our children the best education, and I also appreciate your kind cooperation with Maryam. Thank you from all my heart ❤️❤️❤️

Dalia hassan

A competition between students by giving them a question and answering it completely without any error. There was a desire and motivation from the students for this competition.

The real challenge has begun. Here is Bara doing a competition for his class students. He asked Ms. Majedah to do this work alone without any help, and was able to achieve what he wanted. He wrote alone correctly, so it was a great joy for him and us.



With Ms. Majedah

WSS Superstar Champions!



Ms. Majedah receiving her special certificate from SPEA Arabic SIA Ms. Rana



Good Morning Ma'am (Ms. Shabana):

Trust this email finds you well.

I have been meaning to email you for a long time.

I wanted to let you know that since the first day Abhishek walked into your class (Grade 4 | 2018-2019) and until today, he always speaks of you fondly. To this day, he thinks of you as his favorite teacher.

You may not be aware of the impact you have on your students, so it is my duty to tell you that you do.

Thank you for being such an incredible role model for my child. Your students are lucky to have you.

Our best wishes to you and your family for a very Happy and Prosperous Onam!

Sincerely,
Kishore and Asha Nair

WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



Junior Section News; Meaningful Learning in FS1!



Learning to write my name...!!



With Ms. Kishwar

Junior Section News; Fun Activities in Y1!



Y1-S2



School is fun 🥰

Y1-S2



Sequencing and working on our alphabetical formation



We love to do different activities



Giving our little brains a break.



Y1-S2



Y1-S2

Arabic Activity 🥰

Teacher was super proud. 🥰



Junior Section News



Enjoying Phonic activities
Y1 D2

With Ms. Sadiqa



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!



FS2 H1 enjoying in West Play Ground.



FS2H1 busy in different class activities



FS2D1 Arabic homelearning

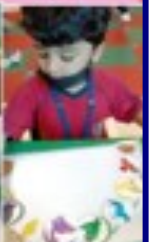


Learning about Patterns.

Junior Section News



Hurray! Fun time



Enacting the story



Sequencing the story



Big listening ears



Home learning



Having so much fun at West playground



Exploring the colours



We prepare a healthy platter

FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss

Junior & Primary Section News!



Y6 Art fun with Ms. Surbhi



Primary Section News; It's Assembly Time, 14/9/22!

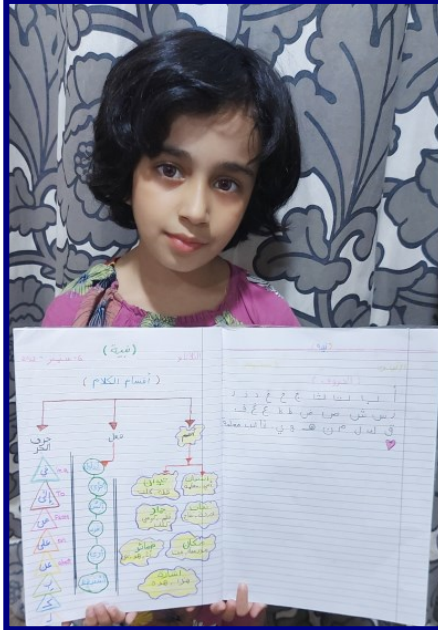


Assemblies are the time to gather to share inspiring messages, celebrate the week's Birthdays, celebrate success, reflect on key learning & show off class talent! We are looking forward to the coming weeks when classes will get to perform on topics related to their wellbeing, curriculum and special events.

Primary Section News



Library time with Ms. Tincy & Ms. Rapunzel



Back to school, back to work, Nabia, well done for the care & focus you put into your work!



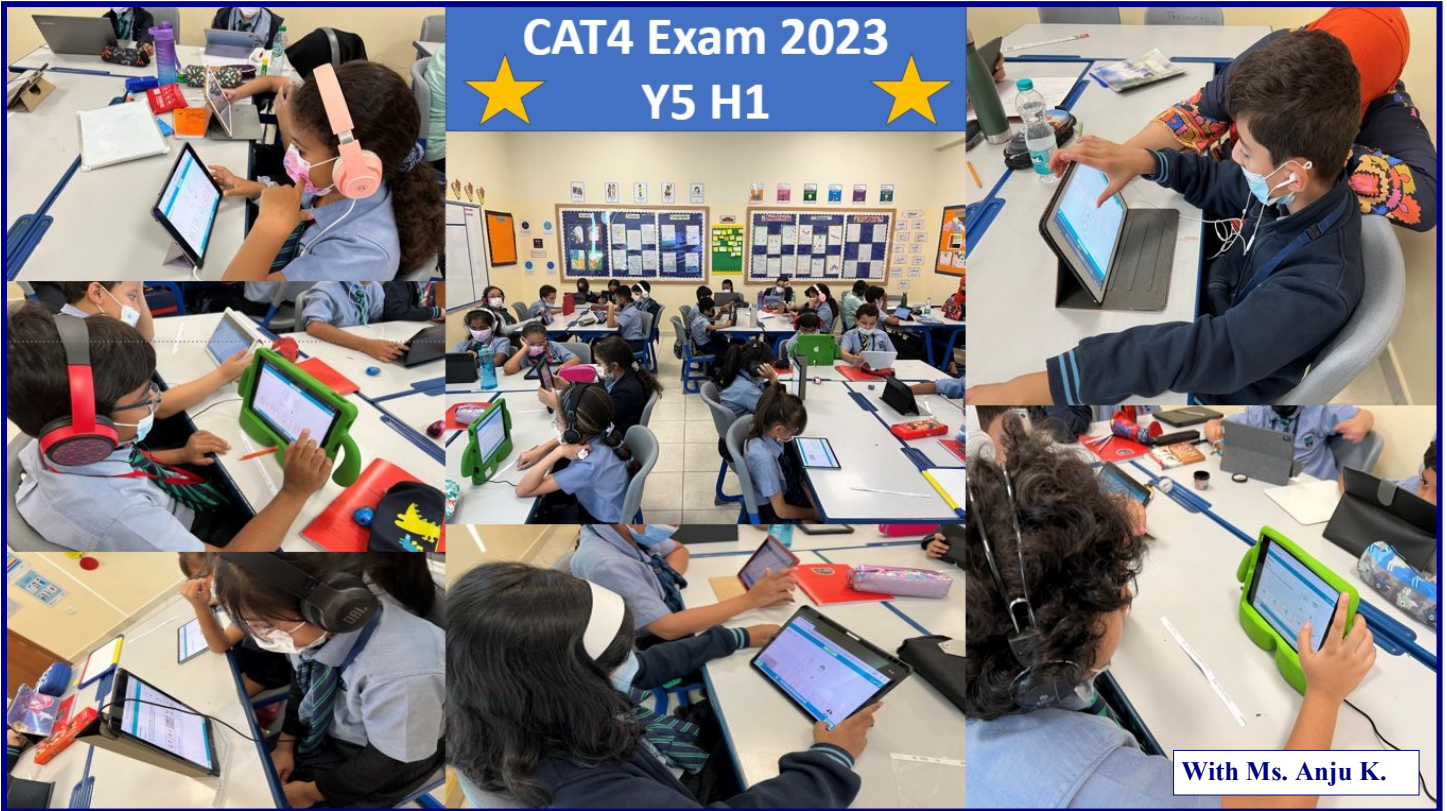
I Love so much my GEMS
School! ♥

Thank you for the cute & beautiful card!

★ Math Flip lesson by Y5F2 students ★



Primary Section News; International Benchmarking!



CAT4 (Cognitive abilities Test) is an international Benchmarking assessment that measures how a child learns best & what their academic potential may be. The results allow the teachers to plan a range of learning activities for their class to promote the most effective learning. Performance in the thinking areas of Quantitative, Verbal, Non-verbal and Special Reasoning is measured to provide important data to support learning provision. We thank parents for their support by providing their child with a device for this important assessment.



Secondary Section News; Assemblies are Back!!

Happy Birthday!



Students led the first Secondary girls' assembly on 12/9/22. We were super happy to be back to Assemblies, as the girls showcased their leadership skills.



Secondary Section News; Preparing Students for their Future!



Careers Counseling Assembly with Counsellor Ms. Rejina on 13/9/22.



Sixth Form Students were engaged with their younger peers on 13/9/22, giving advice on how to be successful in their IGCSE Board Examinations. We love the peer-peer support & teamwork!



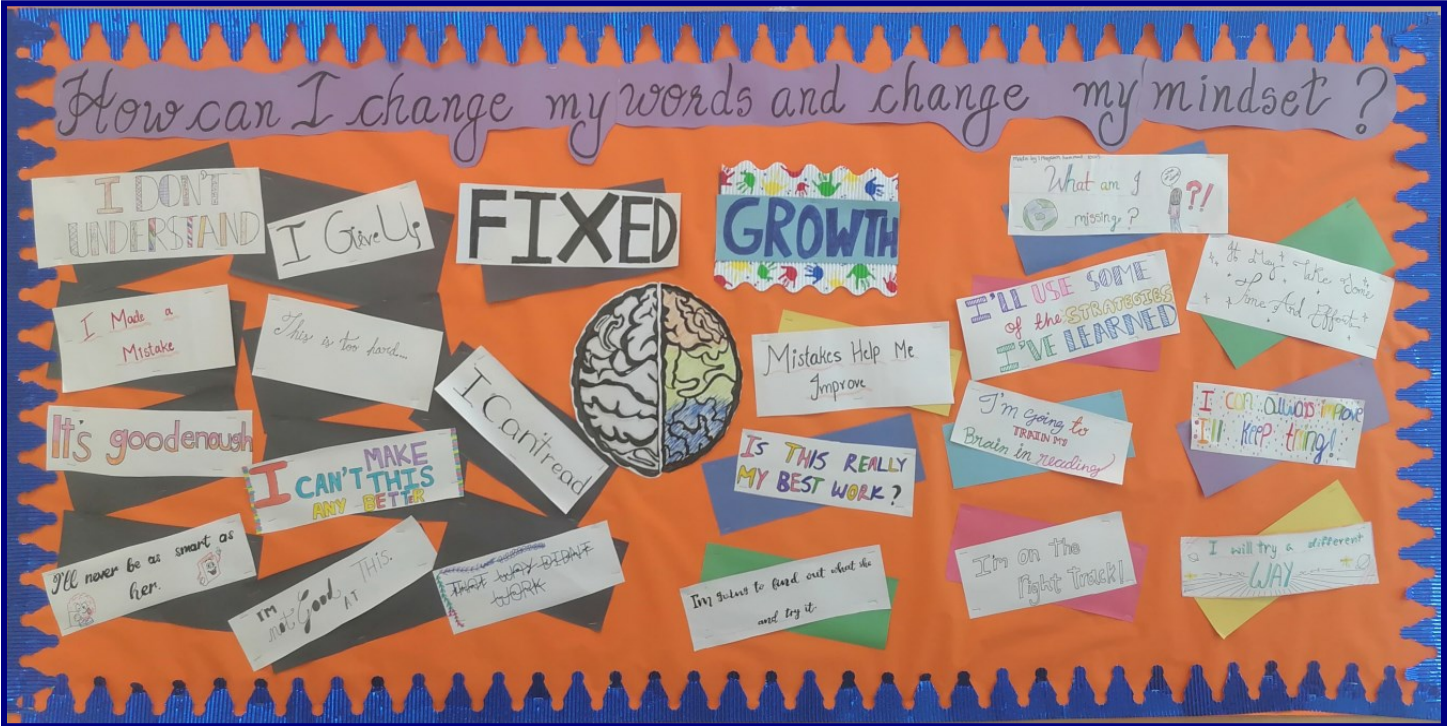
Secondary Section News; Preparing Students for their Future!

READING AND 3 MINUTES G.K. TIME IN SECONDARY LIBRARY



Preparing students for their future; Improving reading skills enables access to greater learning! Library activity with Ms. Siji.

Secondary Section News



Y10GS have been working with Ms. Asha on the thought of the week, 'Change your words and change your mindset' Our words have the power to change the way we think—use positive words & expressions, to feel more confident & motivated.

