

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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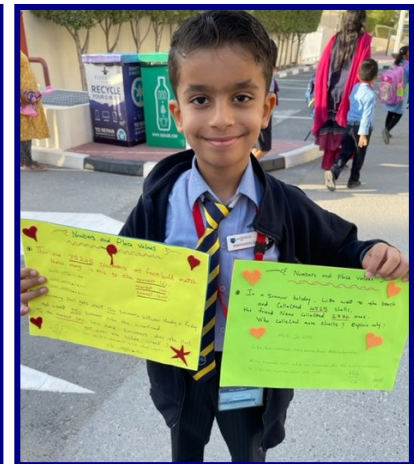
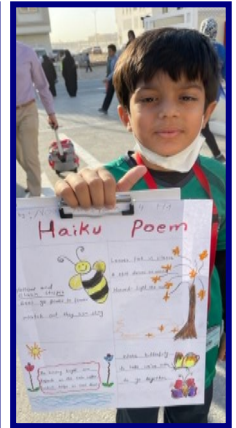
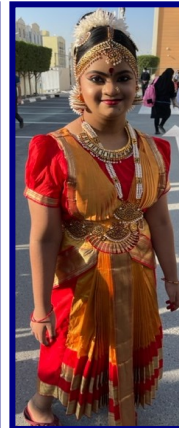
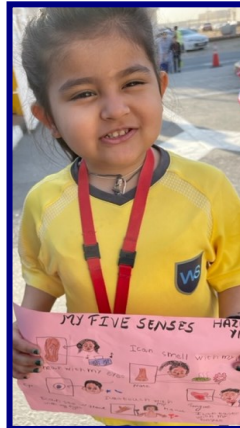
**Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson**

Dear WSS Parents,  
Happy 10th Birthday to all the WSS family & thank you for all the kind wishes, congratulations & treats! We are proud that you are a part of our Team; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for all!'. Here's to 10 more fantastic years of success!



## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
<b>Friday 14th Oct, 3pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for parents to please complete the SPEA Inspection Survey. Many thanks for your positive support.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Parents Link</p> <p><a href="https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/s0CN6z">https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/s0CN6z</a></p> </div>
<b>Wed. 26th Oct &amp; Thurs. 27th Oct.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Mid-Term Break.</li> <li>School resumes on Monday 31st Oct. as usual</li> </ul>
<b>Tues. 29th Nov.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>National Day Celebrations.</b> Students may come dressed in UAE National flag colours &amp; bring traditional food.</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 12th Dec. to Sunday 1st Jan. 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Winter Break.</li> <li>School resumes for T2 on Monday 2nd January, 2023. Please note that T2 school fees are due. Thanks you.</li> </ul>



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



# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 8  
13 أكتوبر 2022



رسالة من  
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

عيد الميلاد العاشر لكل عائلة WSS وشكرا  
لكل الأممي الطيبة والتهاني والتعامل.

نحن فخورون بأنك جزء من فريقنا .  
"التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي : النجاح  
للجميع!



المواعيد	
التفاصيل	التاريخ
الموعد النهائي للوالدين لإكمال استبيان فحص SPEA. شكرا جزيلا لدعمك الإيجابي.	الجمعة 14 أكتوبر ، 3 مساءً
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المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي. متسأنف المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 أكتوبر كالمعتاد	الأربعاء، 26 أكتوبر والخميس 27 أكتوبر
احتفالات اليوم الوطني. يمكن للطلاب القوم مرتدين ألوان العلم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإحضار الطعام التقليدي.	يوم الثلاثاء، 29 نوفمبر.
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. متسأنف المدرسة 2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية 2 مستحقة. شكرا لك.	الاثنين، من 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023



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



# Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!

Congratulations to the 42 students & 16 staff who have been an integral part of WSS growth & development since 2012!



Congratulations to the entire team of WSS!

10 years! A meaningful milestone, marking your dedication, hard work, care, and love! May the special day be filled with warm memories and bright hopes for the future!

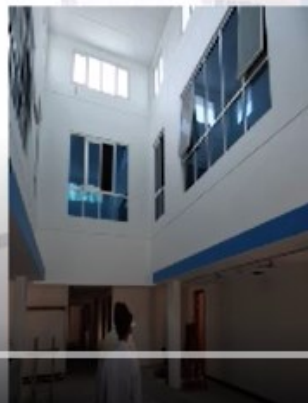
## HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY!

Best wishes from Mohammed Rafi, F/O Ahmed M Rafi (Year 13/Grade12)

## A.Y. 2012-2013



## WSS Beginning and Construction





*Whole School News; 2012-2022; Then And Now!*

# WSS Faculty – 2012-13

The original WSS Team in 2012!



The original WSS Team in 2022!



*Whole School News; Tree-Planting Ceremony, 12/10/22!*



Tree-planting ceremony with parents who joined WSS in 2012





# Whole School News; Then & Now—10 years with WSS!

Respected Principal,  
 One the 10th birth celebration of WSS, I want to congratulate you and all family of WSS . Furthermore, i would like to share my son's collage showing his journey in the school from FS1 till year 9.  
 This is with regards that you have mentioned in the newsletter to share the picture of students who joined the school from very beginning till now.  
 I wish this could make it to school newsletter regarding school birthday celebrations.  
 Please accept my gratitude for providing my kids with excellent opportunities to learn and guiding them to a successful future.  
 Regards,  
 Qazi Saad Siddiqui  
 F/o  
 Qazi Hamza Ali Siddiqui ( 1199 )  
 Y9-bf

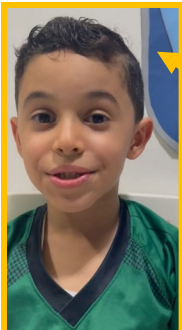
**Then & Now - Qazi Hamza Siddiqui (Y10BF)**



**Then & Now -Mahad Nawaz (Y10BD).**



**Thank you to Ms. Sera, Mr. Arvie, Ms. Glory, Ms. Roshana & all the SS team for working together to prepare WSS for our party day on 12/10/22!**



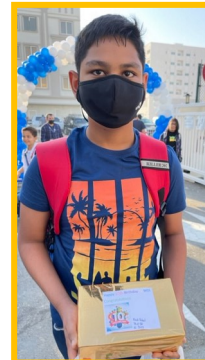
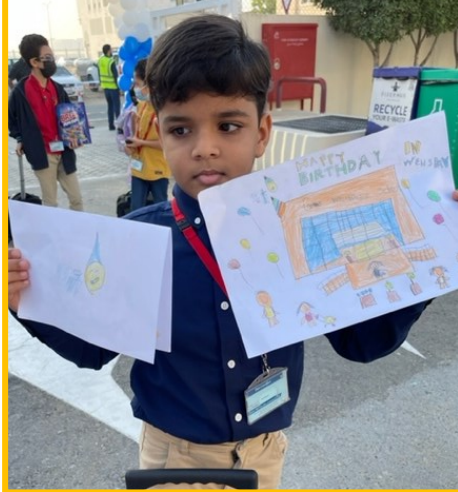
**Thank you for your super cute celebration video,**



**To the WSS school family, you have our sincere wishes for continued success and prosperity. Happy Birthday day**



# Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!





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## TO WSS...

The beige walls,  
the azure windows,  
and the floor below.

Students eagerly crowding the halls everyday,  
as their imaginations overflow.

Their hearts and minds unlock their visions,  
as the gateways of WSS unbar,  
because surely these students have missions,  
and aims that stretch far.

WSS has opened doors for many,  
and has inspired plenty.

And so I say with courtesies,  
congratulations WSS,  
on your 10th anniversary.

By - Fathima  
Aathika Hazmer  
Year II GD



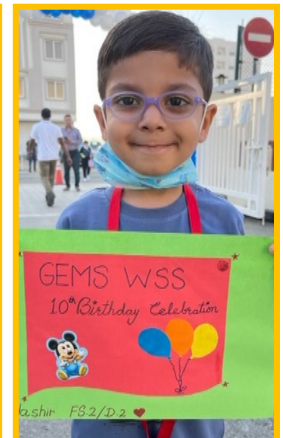
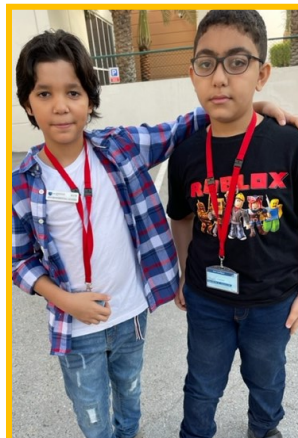
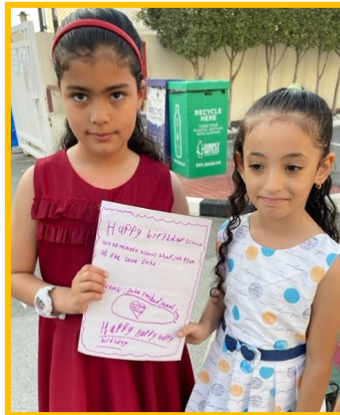
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## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF WSS!

I have been in WSS for almost 9 years and am ready to give my thoughts on this school. I have been able to enhance all my good qualities as a person to help students in this school to make sure we are all in a good learning environment with the help of my peers. I have tried my best to be on my best behaviour, which has helped me a lot to respect and work with others. I hope that I can continue my learning journey in this school as it has made me feel at home with all of the kindness and grit performed in this school.



Aaqib Hazmar Y8BS1

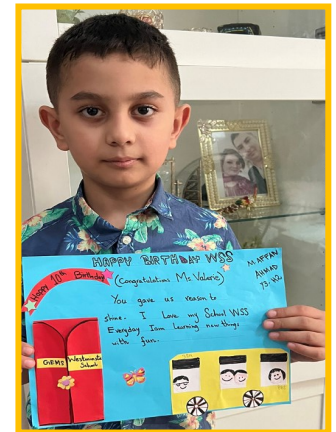




# Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!



Tree-planting ceremony with parents who joined WSS in 2012



Y5 Gratitude Wall. Thanks Ms. Sameena

Dear Ms Himaya, Soumya and WSS team  
 Congratulations!  
 Thank You for all the hard work you put in to make our children have an amazing future.  
 Kaleb made a birthday card with a little help from me. He added lots of stars and said "No one give stars for teachers so I'm giving them a lot of stars."  
 Thanks and Regards  
 Kalhari Paranyapa



# Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!



FS1 Expressing Love for WSS !!



FS1H with Ms. Kishwar



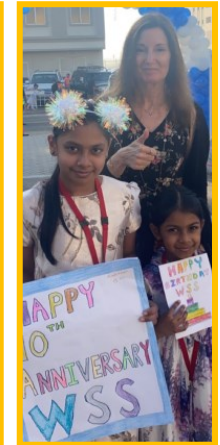
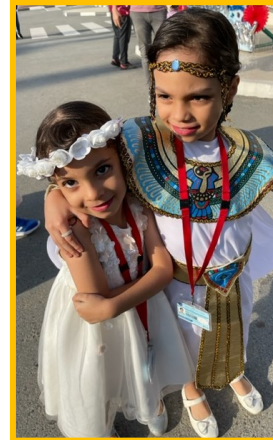
Celebrating WSS 10th anniversary

## Year 5S2 with Mr. Arvie during the Celebration of WSS 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary





# Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!



Heartiest Congratulations to Super Beloved Mam Valerie, Super Awesome Miss Shumail, Miss Raghi, All Super Lovely Teachers, Super WSS Management and Super Kind Staff for completing 10 Super Successful Years. ❤️  
Wishing you bright and happy future ahead! Stay Awesome and Super Cool the UAE Best GEMS Westminster School Sharjah. 🌸  
May WSS Rise and Shine always (Ameen sum Ameen)  
Kashaf loves her school and all of you and so we are! ❤️  
Regards  
Sadia Farhan

Happy Birthday to you and WSS  
We parent are very Lucky that our kids  
Maryam imran Y7H1  
M. Ahmad. Y3 H1  
are growing under your Leadership and professional supervision and become a successful Part of the Society.  
Regards  
Parent  
M. Imran khan  
Urooj imran



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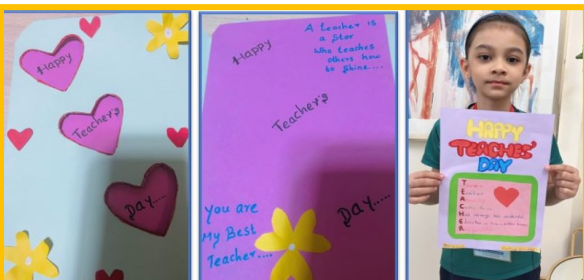
## Celebrating 10 years of WSS: Y4 F1



Y2  
Card for Ms Valerie on 10th Anniversary of WSS

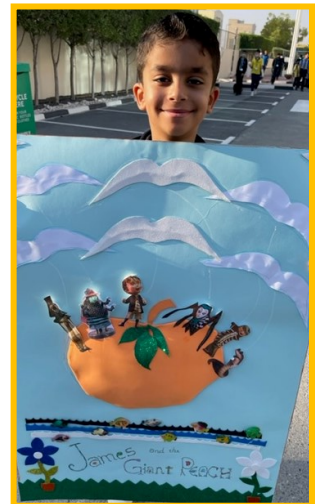


FS2H1 Celebrating WSS 10th Birthday.





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## Making Birthday Cards for WSS-Y4D2

With Ms. Jisha M.

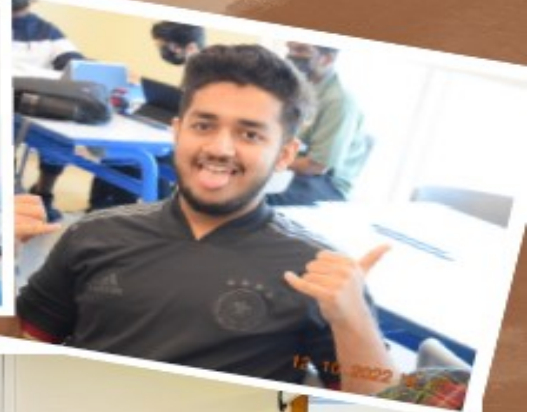


FS1H





# Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!



## WSS 10th Year Anniversary

Gems Westminster Sixth Form Boys





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; Emiratization



### **UAE Government Emiratization Programme**

The UAE Government is promoting Emiratization across Private organisations. For the coming year, there is a requirement for 2% of the skilled workforce to be Emirati by January 2023. Emirati parents, do feel free to encourage family & friends to apply to GEMS through the GEMS Employment website if they are interested in joining our Dynamic family!

The Principal & HR Officer attended the GEMS Emiratization Career Fair held at DAA on Saturday 8/10/22, in order to support this initiative, meet potential employees & network with local university Alumni managers.



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





# Whole School News

## Dear School Principals,

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

The Family Development Department affiliated to the Supreme Council for Family Affairs is pleased to invite the students to participate in filling out the questionnaire concerning the student tolerance scale in order to complete the study on the value of tolerance for male and female students in the secondary school stage in the age group (15-21 years).

Therefore, please circulate to the targeted student groups to participate in filling out the link of the questionnaire below:

<https://forms.gle/Le9FVMMKYHDSb8gW7>

QR Code:



Best Regards

السادة/ مديري المدارس الخاصة المحترمين

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

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، يسر إدارة التنمية الأسرية التابعة للمجلس الأعلى لشؤون الأسرة دعوة طلاب المدارس الخاصة بإمارة الشارقة للمشاركة في تعبئة استبانة مقياس التسامح للطلبة.

وذلك بهدف استكمال الدراسة الخاصة لقيمة التسامح للطلاب والطالبات للفئة العمرية (15 – 21) عام من المرحلة الثانوية.

وعليه يرجى التكرم والتعميم على فئات الطلاب المعنيين للمشاركة في تعبئة رابط الاستبانة أدناه:

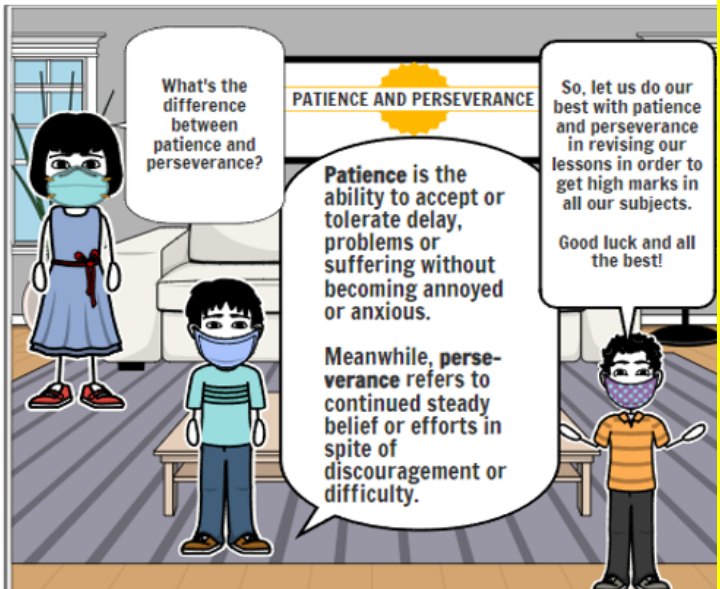
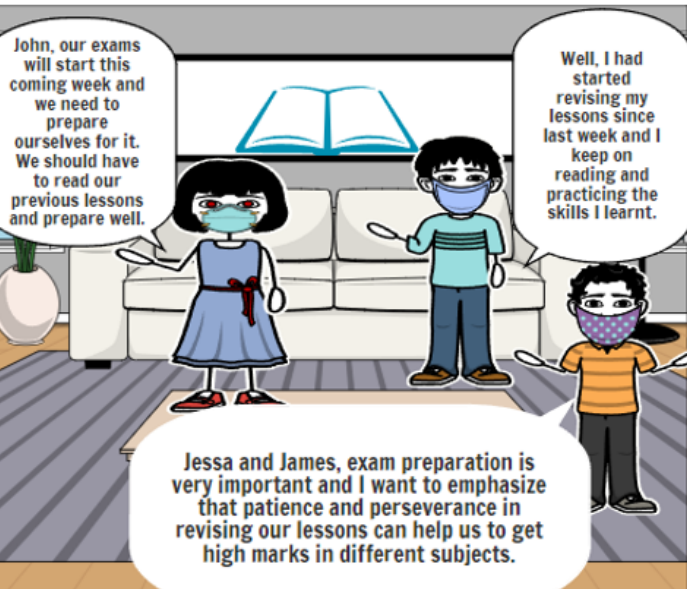
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وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

## PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE





## *Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!*



*Celebrating some of this week's Primary Birthdays during the Assembly on 12/0/22*



# WSS Quran Recitation Superstar Champion!



## INTERSCHOOL QURAN FESTIVAL AT TWS, DUBAI 2022

WSS had 8 highly motivated students participate in in the TWS inter-school festival, and they performed very well.

Congratulations to Anas Rashad (Y6 BD) who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Quran Memorization competition at TWS.

Thank you to the Teachers & parents who trained their students & to Ms. Mukhsana for accompanying the students on her Weekend.



## INTERSCHOOL QURAN FESTIVAL AT TWS, DUBAI 2022



## WSS Superstar Champions!



**Congratulations to Bhipesh Kumar (Y10B-)** who posed some great questions in lesson that enabled him and the rest of the class to think critically and engage actively in the Accounts lesson. Thanks to Ms Asha Joseph for facilitating this student-centered approach.

**Congratulations to Ananya Kumar, Abeeha Zahrah and Mithila Chondo (Y11GD)** for their lively debate and active engagement in Business studies. Thanks to Ms. Charmy Joshi for embracing and enabling collaboration and innovation in the classroom.

**Congratulations to Ahmed Mohammed Rafi (Y12 BH)** who has successfully won himself a prestigious internship opportunity with Al Ansari, via *GEMS for life*.

Hello miss

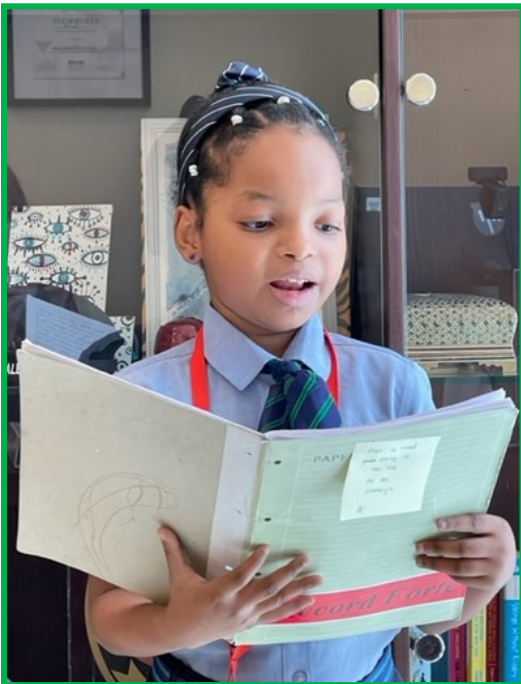
I want to thank u about your efforts with my daughter Almas  
She has rapid development with you

Also I want to thank miss Sidra for her kindness

Thank you so much



**Congratulations to Mr. Jisharmon (HOD PE)** for his new appointment as Assistant Coach, Al Hilal United Football Club, a 2nd Division Club in the UAE Football League. We are very proud of his commitment & drive, & wish him & the Club every continuing success!



**Thank you to Sumaiya (Y5H2)** who read her beautiful creative writing story to the Principal. She had applied idiom use to her story in a very clever way!



Dear ms. Uzma,

Good morning. Hope you are doing great.

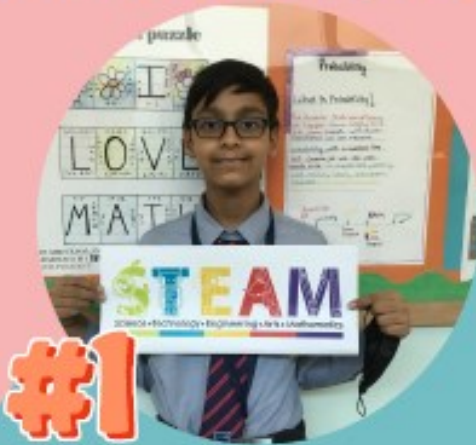
Yes, it was a wonderful happiness day. It's an unforgettable experience to sit beside the children in their classroom and see what and how they do in the class. Thank you for such an opportunity and the feedbacks about yahya's progress. Will work on the subjects we discussed. Thanks alot for your support.

Have a nice weekend.



**WSS STEAM Superstar Champions!**

**SHAYAN FAROOQUI-8BF**



**MOHAMED IHAB-8BF**



OUR WEEK 1

**STEAM  
CHAMPIONS!!**

Congratulations!

OVER  
**120**  
RESPONCES

**#1**



**NAMARIQ - 8GH**

**3**



**DUAA MAJID-8GH**

**2**



**NADA ODEH-8GH**

Stay tuned for a  
Brand new question  
Every week!



## WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!



### Y3D2 – Dojo Champion

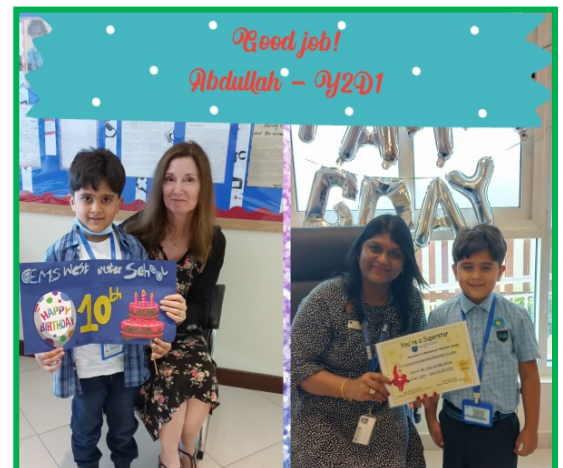


Congratulations to Masha Afzal (Y11 GDH) for innovation in Sociology class. She explored the assigned topic in way that generated interest and a lively in-depth discussion in the lesson. Very imaginative Masha! Thanks to Ms. Ghousia for creating a classroom environment that allows for innovation and collaboration.

Congratulation to Adam Mohamed (Y4H2) for showing great leadership and willingness to collaborate which helped to support creative poetry writing in his English lesson. Thanks to Ms. Anuja Nair for planning and enabling lesson that allowed students to collaboratively and creatively while improving their writing skills.



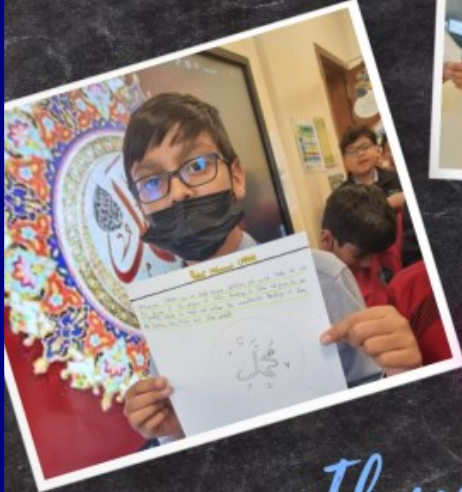
Beautiful traditional dance by talented & dedicated dancer Niranjana (Y9G)





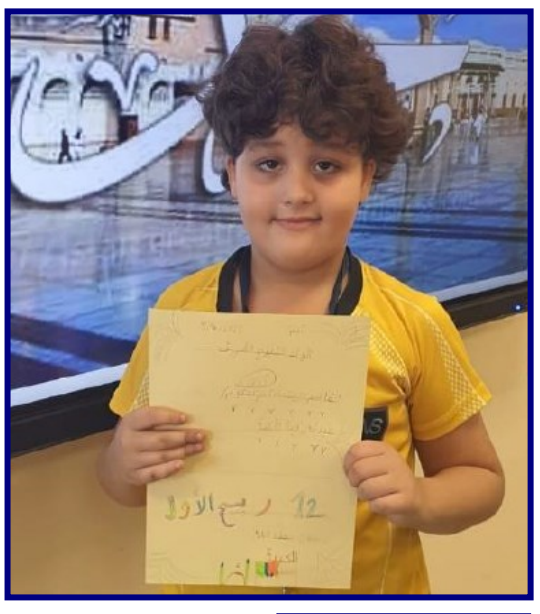
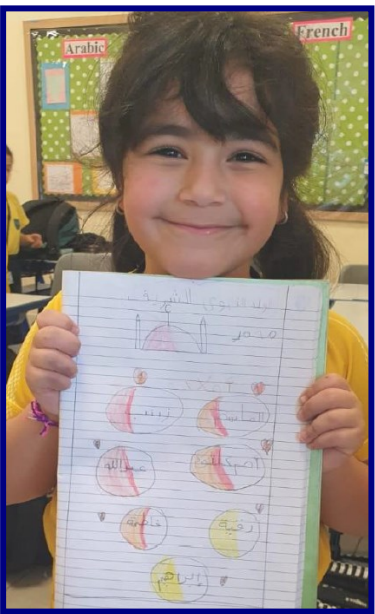
*Islamic Values at WSS; Celebrating the Prophet's (PBUH) Birthday!*

Islamic students of WSS express their love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad S.A.W



**PROPHET  
MUHAMMAD S.A.W**

*If you know him, you  
will love him*

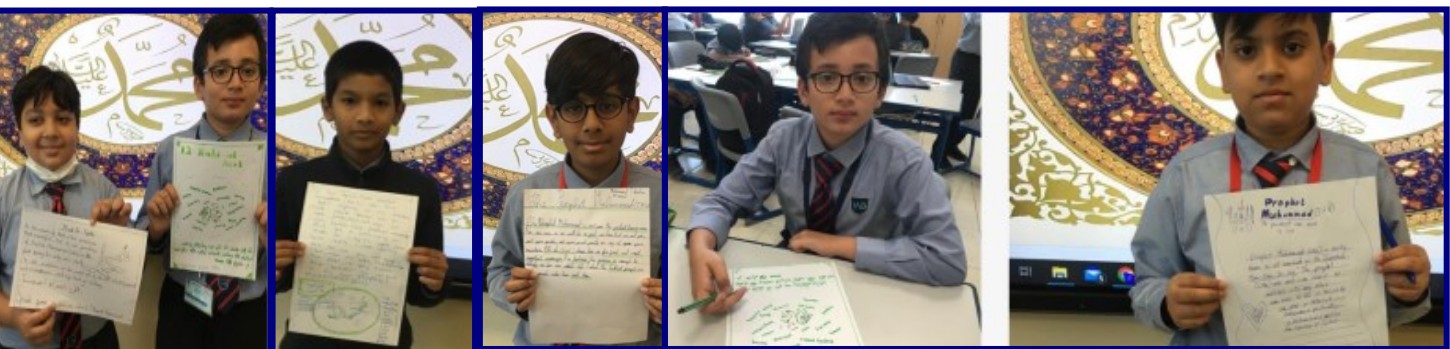




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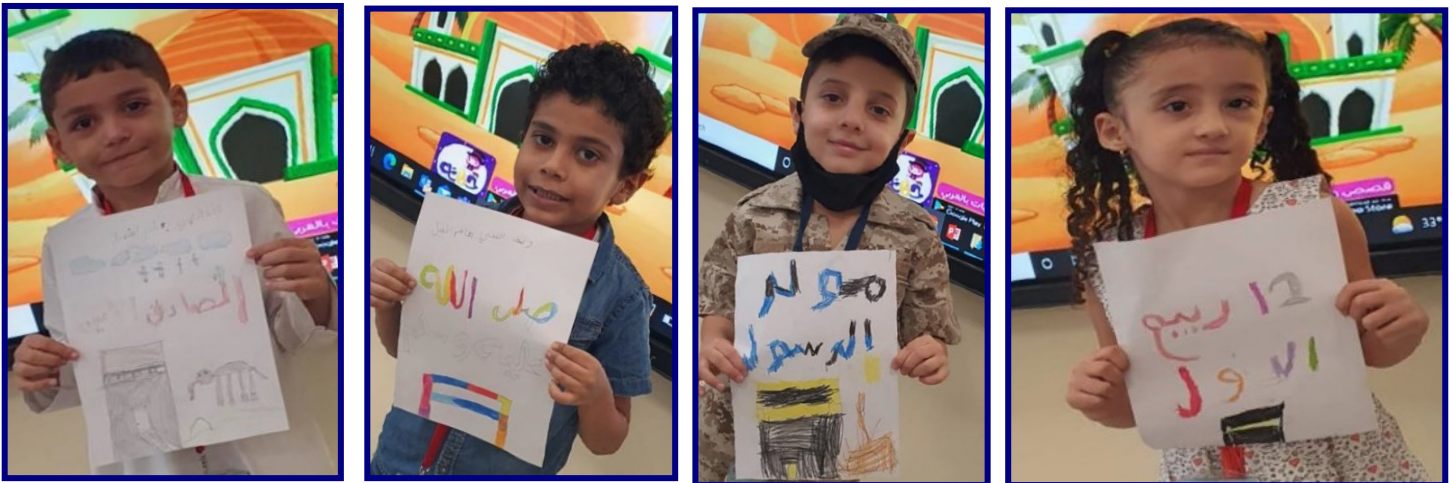


Primary Islamic students of WSS express their love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad S.A.W





*Islamic Values at WSS; Celebrating the Prophet's (PBUH) Birthday!*



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With Ms. Shimaa



# Whole School News; Term 1, Phase 1 ASP!





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# Junior Section News; Assembly Time With Y2F2!



This week's Assembly theme was wellbeing & taking care of ourselves





# Junior Section News



**Y2**  
We are telling our story about teddy goes home



**Y2**  
Teddy goes home



**Y2**  
Our first visit to OLA 3

Y2H1 with Ms. Sonia M.



**Y2**  
We are learning about 2D shapes



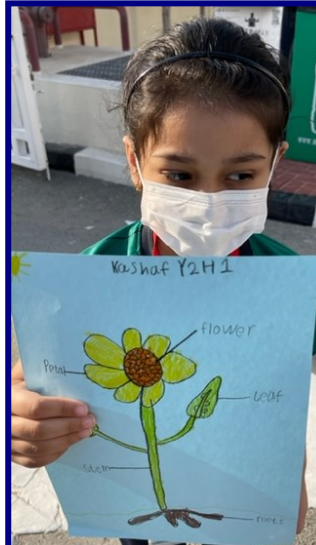
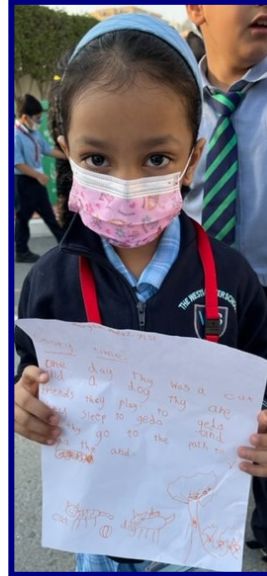
**Y2**  
We can write about the story



**Y2**  
Arabic activity



# Junior Section News





# Junior Section News; Happiness Day, 6/10/22!



Happiness day celebration

Enjoying happiness day art activity

## Year ID2

Enjoying happiness day celebration!

With Ms. Sadiqa



Happiness day celebration



FS2D1

Busy in OLA 2

With Ms. Nikhat

FS2D1

Busy in OLA 2



# Year 1 H2 - Happiness Day!!



**We celebrated Happiness Day!!**



# Junior Section News



With Ms. Sadiqa



## Primary Section News; WSS Radio Station!



This week's Y3 Broadcast theme was Mental Health. We heard tips about managing our physical & mental wellbeing & health, like spending quality time with our loved ones, talking through concerns & taking exercise! It was a super clear & practical talk, thank you Y3!



With Ms. Anju

Y5F2

Students are being given extra attention to the concept of addition – counting and adjusting strategy.



# Ms. Azreen Ashraf, Y3S2

With Ms. Azreen





# Primary Section News; Fantastic Artastic!





## *Primary Section News; Assembly time with Y6GD!*



**The Assembly theme was 'Self-Discipline', an important character trait for success. Let's choose to make smart decisions!**



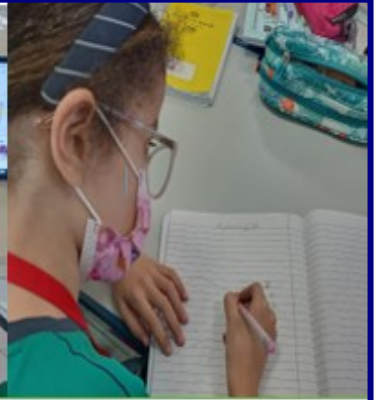
*Primary Section News; Assembly time with Y3D1!*



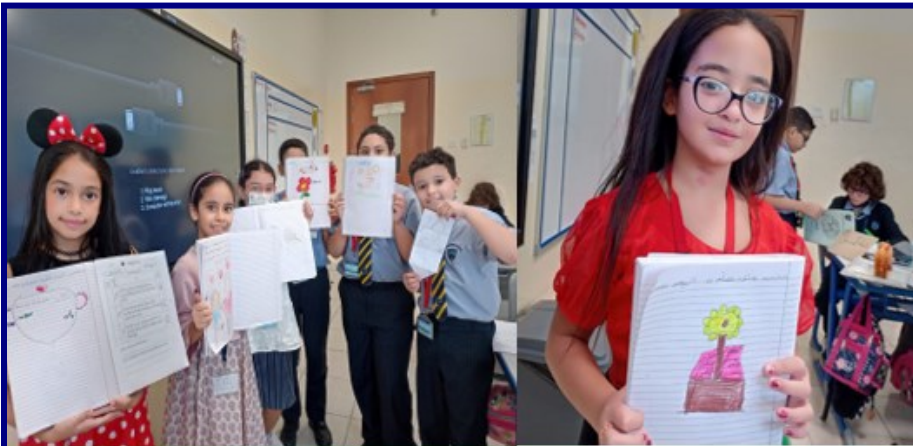


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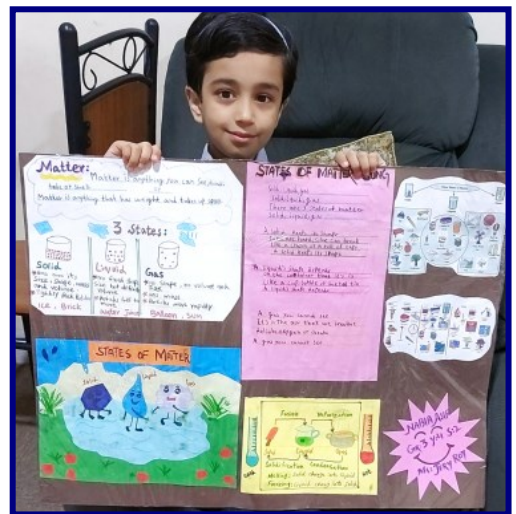
Bouquet of roses, thanks and appreciation for Teacher's Day from student Natalie Y5H1



Some students' work on Teacher's Day / Omar & Natalie Y5H1



Some students' work on Teacher's Day /Y5F2&F3 for Ms. Majedah



Thank you cards from students on Teacher's Day/ Justin Emil Y52/Yamen Ayman Y5S2 / Ammar Y6F1 /Sami Harb Y6f1

Thank you cards from students on Teacher's Day /Omar Haitham Y5H1



Nabia (Y4S2) with her beautiful projects & video about the states of matter



Primary Section News; Welcome Back Wellbeing Activity, 11/10/22!



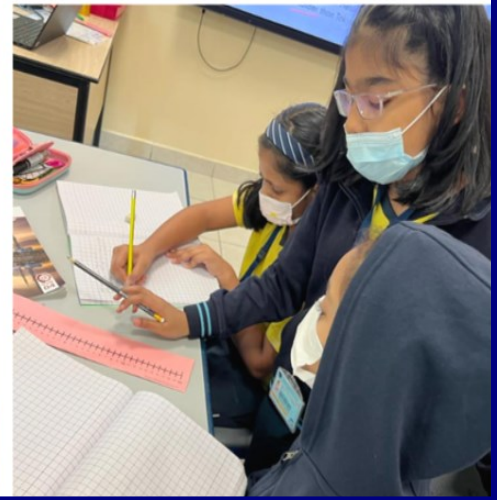
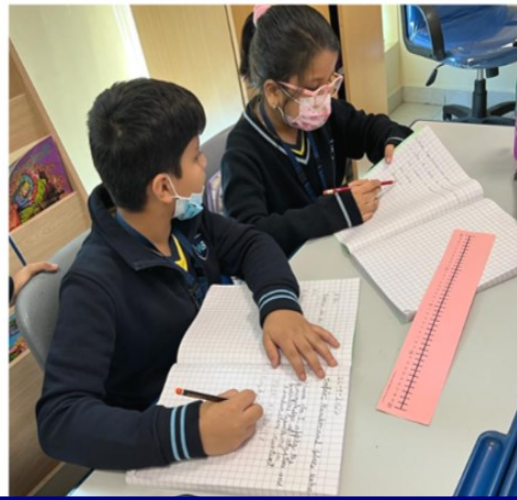
Y3H2 Learning Activities with Ms. Anshy



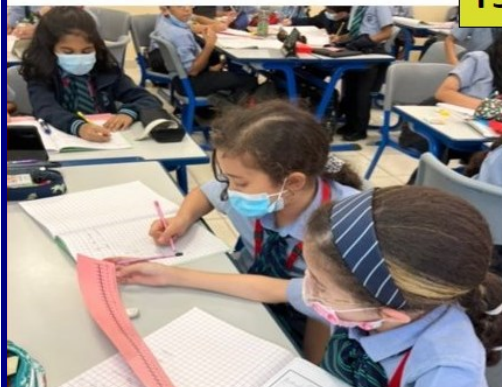
*Primary Section News; Amazing Maths in Y5!*



**Pair activity on Negative Integers using hands - on  
Y5 F2**



**Y5H1**



**Pair  
activity on  
Negative  
Integers  
using  
hands - on**

**With Ms. Anju**



# Primary Section News; Y5!



**Y5H1**  
**Student Leaders on duty.**

## Y5H1 students' observations on the parts of flowers.



With Ms. Anju



# Secondary Section News; The Dream Steam Team!

## Meet the team!!

STEAM CHAMPIONS CO-ORDINATORS



UPINDER KAUR-Y12



SYEDA ZAHRA-Y12



HUMAYRA TASNIM- Y12



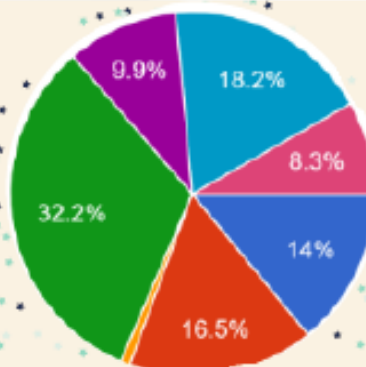
SOHA MAAZ-Y12



NATIELA ALEMU-Y13

"We are extremely excited for the overwhelming response received for this week's "STEAM CHAMPIONS", which is a weekly activity encouraging students to develop their critical thinking and knowledge skills (part of sixth-form passport program). STEAM is the future, with more and more jobs growing in STEAM fields. Preparing students for this future is crucial for their development and growth, and we are proud to have offered a means for this through this activity, as part of our passport program." -Natiela Alemu- YEAR 13

Class  
121 responses



- 7-GF
- 7-GH
- 7-GS
- 7-BD
- 7-BH
- 7-BF
- 7-BS



# HAPPY INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day declared by the United Nations; it is also called the Day of Girls and the International Day of the Girl. October 11, 2012, was the first Day of the Girl Child



The celebration of the day also "reflects the successful emergence of girls and young women as a distinct cohort in development policy, programming, campaigning and research

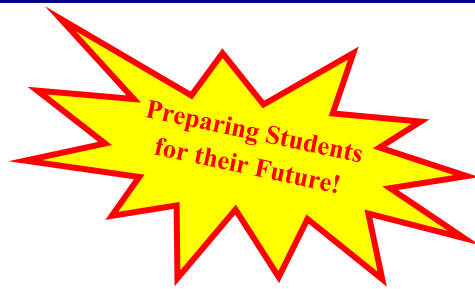


The observation supports more opportunity for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide based upon their gender. This inequality includes areas such as access to education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, and protection from discrimination, violence against women and forced child marriage





# Secondary Section News; WSS Career Fair, 10/10/22!





## Secondary Section News; WSS Eco Warriors!

### WSS ECO WARRIORS#Greenfingers@at work

The ECO WARRIORS of WSS have embarked on their journey of Go Green @WSS.

On 12<sup>th</sup> October Wednesday the Environmental leaders decided to make their hands

Dirty as they prepared the pots and sowed the seeds in the plot of allotted to the

Secondary school. Students sowed chilly and red spinach under the guidance of the team.

They will be looking after the plot and nurture them on a regular basis and wait for the

veggies to grow .SDG 2@ ZERO HUNGER.





# Secondary Section News; Fantastic Artastic!



Nameer Y11



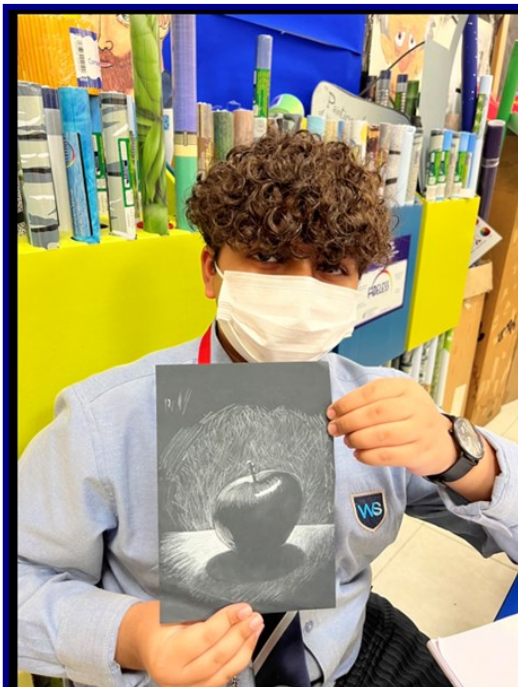
Jasreal Y10



Kenzy Y10



Meerab Y10



• Anis Y10



Daniel Y10



# SIXTH FORM NEWS

NEW

12 OCT, 2022



MARYAM RAFAT IN YEAR 12 GF HAD WON A 8 WEEKS INTERSHIP WITH JBM STUDIOS TO RECORD AND RELEASE HER OWM PODCAST ON SPOTIFY AND ANGHAMI!

i was extremely excited and shocked when i received i had won this internship. it had opened many opportunities i never imagined before, like meeting personally actors, radio hosts and owners of companies to help me with my podcast. and now its my third week and i cant imagine what surprises are head of me.





# World Smile Day @WSS



*It's a  
good day  
to have a  
good day*



**THERE'S SOMETHING GOOD IN EVERYDAY**

**Boost your Endorphins by a Smile :)**

**A smile is Charity**

**A smile describes your Beauty**

**A smile is a Pride**



# Secondary Section News; Wellbeing & PERMAH at WSS!



With Ms. Sony



## Secondary Section News; Health & Safety in the Labs!



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GEMS Westminster School  
SHARJAH



GEMS  
EDUCATION

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

Dear Parent,

### **Subject: Lab Coats**

Greetings from WSS.

The Science Laboratory is the place at WSS where scientists are born! We believe that, although theory creates a strong foundation, with proper guidance and support from our lab technicians, hands-on-experience for students builds more effectively on students' practical knowledge to make them future-ready.

With health and safety as our priority, **all students of Years 9 and 10 and students who study Sciences in Years 11, 12, and 13** will be required to wear their lab coats before entering the Science labs.

### **Why is it mandatory to wear lab coats?**

Lab coats are mandatory in Science Labs to avoid the spread of pathogenic microbes through cross-contamination. It also acts as protective gear to help students stay safe from any accidents and chemicals they work with. Lab coats protect the students' arms and clothes from chemicals and extremes like fire.

With safety in mind, our Educational Authority also mandates that it is compulsory to wear lab coats in the labs.

Please note that lab coats are not meant to be worn outside the lab.

We request you send **a lab coat** with your ward on the scheduled days of practical lessons. The respective Science teachers will inform the practical days in the Timetable.

Many thanks for your support to promote safety at WSS!

Regards,

Assistant Principals,  
WSS | Secondary Section