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OUR REF :

Friday, 29th October 2021

To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13 - WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 (AHEAD OF WEEK TEN)

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. We would like you to read on and familiarize yourselves with all the important news for the upcoming week. (Week Ten)

IF YOUR CHILD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU MUST TELL US WITHOUT ANY DELAY BY FILLING IN THE LINK ON THE WEBSITE AND UPLOADING A COPY OF THE PCR TEST-Many parents are not following this critical step and we only get to know from DHA days later. In this event we will be unable to contact trace and this could lead to multiple infections among children. WE MUST BE RESPONSIBLE IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AS SAFE AS WE CAN.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF THEY SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19. WE WILL HAVE TO CALL YOU TO TAKE THEM HOME AND THEN A NEGATIVE PCR IS NEEDED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL .(As per DHA guidelines - Students and staff who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms should stay home until they produce a negative PCR result and should be free of symptoms to resume.) Even children who are showing symptoms at home will most likely be asked for a negative PCR test to return to school. Our school clinic will assess each case. We can all be responsible in keeping our Marian family safe in this way.

SATURDAY, 30th October - The school office will be open. **THE UNIFORM STORE WILL BE OPEN FOR PARENTS OF SECONDARY CHILDREN ONLY.** Only **ONE** parent will be allowed on the premises and tokens will be distributed from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Gates will close at 10:00 am. Please do not bring children with you and kindly have your vaccination information ready on the **AL HOSN APP** to show our security or a **negative PCR test with 48 hour validity.**

1) KHDA REGULATIONS FOR ONLINE LINKS DURING FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING: Please check circular of 22nd October - All information regarding protocols will not be repeated and can be referred to in last week's circular. (22nd October)

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/WEEKLY-CIRCULAR-21-OCTOBER-AHEAD-OF-WEEK-NINE.pdf>

2) NEW: SCHOOL UNIFORMS: It has been a disappointing experience especially with many of our young lads who are being repeatedly reminded to have a hair cut or trim their long locks and yet see them day after day not paying heed to these simple yet important reminders. We urge parents to kindly set aside some time this weekend to have your son's hair cut or trimmed neatly so that it is more becoming of a well turned out school boy. Kindly refer to our **UNIFORM POLICY** attached to this circular. **BOYS MUST HAVE A NEAT AND SHORT HAIRCUT AND GIRLS MUST NOT HAVE COLOURED OR HIGHLIGHTED HAIR.** Students may wear a wristwatch and girls may wear one pair of simple studs on the lower part of the ear lobe. Multiple ear piercings or nose piercings are not permitted.



PERMITTED.



NOT PERMITTED.

Only school jackets/ hoodies will be permitted from November onwards.

Please check the special uniform note for Parents of secondary children on the first page of this circular.

3) CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED IF ANY STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE, EVEN AT THE WEEKEND: If any child shows symptoms of Covid-19, they must be kept at home and a diagnosis must be sought from an approved medical practitioner. **If a child tests positive, the parent must use the link on the school website and fill out the required details and upload a copy of a PCR test that has been conducted. These are critical DHA requirements and have to be treated with the utmost seriousness.**

The school will then contact the parents of any other child who was in contact with the child in question as well as staff members who will also have to self isolate for 7 days as part of contact tracing requirements. ***A DHA Clearance Certificate for a child who previously tested positive is also required in order for the child to return to school.*** In addition in case a child or a parent, sibling or any family member of a child tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, an email must be sent to Ms. Lise-Ann and Dr. Dayani without delay and the child, by virtue of being a close contact, must be kept at home to self isolate for 7 days.

4) NEW: THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER DIWALI HOLIDAY:

The 4th of November 2021 is a holiday for ALL students and staff in celebration of DIWALI. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families celebrating the festival of lights, a very happy Diwali and may God's abundant blessings be with your families as you celebrate together.



5) NEW: EXCAVATION WORK BY DEWA AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF THE SCHOOL OUTSIDE GATE 5: As most parents who drop their children off will be aware, there is large scale work being undertaken by DEWA that covers a vast area on the road that leads to GATE 5 as well as along the full wall of the school on that side. The school was not informed about this work and we have contacted DEWA explaining to them how this has practically paralyzed all access for both our parents and children to the gate as well as highlighting the potential dangers that such work poses to our children. They have responded saying the work will be finished as soon as possible. However in the interim we need the full collaboration of you dear parents to ensure the safety of the children as well as to ensure that we are not posing a safety hazard to the schools around by double parking and blocking access to their gates as was witnessed yesterday. We would like you to follow these few guidelines in light of the fact that DEWA have left only a very narrow path for access to GATE 5

- 1) Please do not drop your children on the road or stop your cars at the traffic lights and have them hurriedly get out of the cars. We do not want any accidents for anybody.
- 2) Please do not cross the road with the children. For the time being only, please allow the school staff to assist them with crossing at the zebra crossing as the path is very narrow and we would like the path to be accessed just by the children so that they are not walking on the road.
- 3) Please do not argue and fight with school staff who are only there to ensure the safety of ALL the children. School staff are going above and beyond their call of duty by assisting on the road and the least we can do is to be courteous and respectful. It has been a very disappointing experience with some parents who have even been verbally abusive and extremely rude with us.
- 4) There are over TEN THOUSAND students who access the schools in the vicinity. All these schools are in such close proximity that we have to be respectful of one another and not block access to their gates when we come to drop off or pick up our children.
- 5) Yesterday one of our parents had completely blocked the road behind DESS and the buses from Rashid Al Saleh were not able to move out. I was also informed yesterday that one of our parents nearly ran over the facilities manager and a staff member of DESS. We have to take a step back and reflect on how we are modeling responsible behaviour for our children as well as how we might be endangering their lives and the lives of others.

WE DO NOT WANT ANY ACCIDENTS TO TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL SO LET US ALL PLEASE BE CAREFUL, DRIVE SLOWLY AND MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT THESE DAYS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE AROUND US.

6) NEW NGRT – NEW GROUP READING TEST FOR YEARS ONE, TWO AND THREE ONLY: We have been informed by GL that the NGRT for Year One will be a paper-based test and so that will be done in school later. Students in YEARS 2 AND 3 will have their NGRT on Saturday, 30th October 2021 from 9:00 am onwards. Class teachers will send the login code as well as the zoom link. We will not be able to send the links or codes for those who have not made the payment for the test.

It is a critical request going out to ALL PARENTS that the utmost of ethics must be maintained while children are doing the test. Parents are only expected to assist with

the set up of the technology required by younger children and **NO MORE**. Please do not help your child with any content of the test. It has been a disappointing experience in a few cases last year and in truth this sets a very confusing example for a child since they look up to their parents as the first models of integrity. Please maintain the highest levels of Academic Integrity so that the results may reflect the true reading levels of the child, thus enabling us to help the child forward or challenge them appropriately. Please do not answer the test for your child or assist them with any of the answers. You will not be doing them any good.

7) IBT ARABIC EXAM FOR ARABIC A - ARAB SPEAKERS FROM YEARS FIVE THROUGH TEN : Parents of students who take Arabic A from years Five through Ten are reminded that children have their IBT ARABIC A exam on the 3rd of November. **THEY MUST BRING A FULLY CHARGED TABLET OR LAPTOP** to complete this exam. If you have not yet paid for the exam , please make the payment immediately via the SKIPLY APP and email a copy of the receipt to the class teacher.

8) IBT ARABIC EXAM FOR ARABIC B- NON-ARAB SPEAKERS FROM YEARS FIVE , SEVEN and NINE ONLY : Parents of students in Years Five , Seven and Nine who have not yet paid for the IBT ARABIC B exam are requested to do so without any further delay. Please email the skiplly receipt indicating payment to the class teacher.

9) NEW: ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2021 REPORT : Keeping in mind that a full return to on-site learning came into effect only from the 3rd of October as well as bearing in mind various gaps in learning for all cohorts, we have decided to use a different approach for Assessments for the November report. Details can be found below.

YEARS ONE THROUGH FOUR

CRITERIA	MARKS
ALL SUBJECTS-AFL (as evidenced across time)	10
ONE MARKED ASSIGNMENT - All assignments will be uploaded to GC and students should turn them in to GC too. Assignments will be posted on the Saturday before the week ahead.	10
SCHEDULE for ASSIGNMENTS ALL SUBMISSIONS LATEST BY SATURDAY OF THAT WEEK. Please turn them in as they are completed.	31 st October to 4 th November – MATH. ENG. READING/ENG. LANGUAGE, RELIGIOUS STUDIES/ CITIZENSHIP;

	7 TH to 11 th November- ENG. LITERATURE, HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES & COMPUTING
	ARABIC & PSHE – 12 TH & 13 TH Nov. – submission 14 th November
	14 th to 18 th –SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY, FRENCH and MORAL EDUCATION
ART	20 marks as evidenced by work done in class over the last few weeks
MUSIC	20 marks as evidenced by AFL and work done.
PE	20 marks as evidenced by AFL and skill development

YEARS FIVE & SIX

CRITERIA	MARKS
CORE SUBJECTS ASSESSMENT IN WRITING AND SCANNED AND UPLOADED TO GC- Students may use a Smart phone or a tablet to scan.	20 MARKS –ONE ASSESSMENT Begin by 3 rd November.
ALL SUBJECTS AFL	10 MARKS
NON-CORE SUBJECTS ONE MARKED ASSIGNMENT- All assignments to be uploaded to GC and students should turn them in to GC too.	20 MARKS
SCHEDULE for ASSIGNMENTS ALL SUBMISSIONS BY SATURDAY OF THAT WEEK. Please turn them in as they are completed.	31 st October to 4 th November – RELIGIOUS STUDIES/ CITIZENSHIP and FRENCH
	7 TH to 11 th November- HISTORY & COMPUTING
	14 th to 18 th – GEOGRAPHY
ART	20 marks as evidenced by work done in class over the last few weeks
MUSIC	20 marks as evidenced by AFL and work done.
PE	20 marks as evidenced by AFL and skill development

YEARS SEVEN THROUGH TEN

CRITERIA	MARKS
ALL SUBJECTS ASSESSMENT IN WRITING AND SCANNED AND UPLOADED TO GC- Students may use a smartphone or a tablet to scan.	30 MARKS –Combination in two assessments. Many have already been done.
ALL SUBJECTS AFL / Presentations	10 MARKS- based on what has already been done
ALL SUBJECTS HW /ASSIGNMENTS- All assignments to be uploaded to GC and students should turn them in to GC too.	10 MARKS- based on what has already been done

YEARS ELEVEN THROUGH THIRTEEN

CRITERIA	MARKS
ALL ASSESSMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS SO FAR COVERED UP UNTIL 10 TH NOVEMBER	Marks out of 100

Academic honesty is a fundamental part of learning and teaching and a core value of Saint Mary's Catholic High School Dubai.

While we understand that children are in your physical space while doing their assignments, we also know and trust that parents are the first teachers of values to their children. We therefore request you to only facilitate or help with the technological aspect if needed but to refrain from assisting in any way with the content of the assignment We know that above all else both parents and teachers want the values of honesty and integrity to be deeply embedded in the children as key drivers for their journey through life. Children watch us very closely and look up to us as role models and we want them to know that they can continue to maintain these values even when they are doing an assessment at home.

We have noticed a few discrepancies from last year and so **we strongly urge ALL parents to maintain the highest standards of INTEGRITY and ETHICS while assignments are being done.**

10) **NEW: FLAG DAY AND COLOURED CLOTHES DAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021 :**

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, called upon citizens, residents, ministries and government institutions to celebrate Flag Day on November 3. We invite ALL our students to bring a small flag to school on that day. We are also inviting all our students to come dressed to school in coloured clothes (ANY ONE COLOUR OF THE UAE FLAG or A COMBINATION OF THE COLOURS OF THE UAE FLAG).



A gentle reminder to our young ladies to remember to dress modestly and observe the cultural decencies and etiquette of the UAE.

We would also like to share some important facts about the UAE Flag and we would appreciate it if you could spend a little time discussing these with your children.

The **UAE Flag Day** is a national campaign that was launched in 2013 by Dubai's Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid to honor the country's past, present, and future. Flag Day is usually celebrated on November 3, which marks the anniversary of Sheikh Khalifa becoming the President of the UAE in 2004.

1. **The four-coloured flag represents meanings of justice, peace, tolerance, power and moderation.**

- The **Red** colour symbolizes the sacrifices of previous generations who had laid the foundations for the Union and the sacrifices of the nation's martyrs to safeguard the UAE, its achievements, and gains.
- The **Green** colour symbolizes growth, prosperity, green environment and cultural renaissance.
- The **White** colour displays the UAE's charitable contributions and the state's approach to supporting the security and peace in the world.
- The **Black** colour reflects the strength of Emirati citizens and the rejection of injustice and extremism.



2) *The UAE flag was designed by an Emirati named Abdullah Mohammed Al Maainah. His Excellency Abdullah Mohammed Al Maainah intended the four colors to reflect Arab unity, the theme of which appears in two verses of the Arab poet Safi-u-ddin Al Hali where he describes deeds of benevolence, goodness, and kindness.*

3) *The UAE national flag came into existence on December 2, 1971. **On December 2, 1971, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan raised the UAE flag for the first time, marking the beginning of a new era.***

4) **The emblem of the UAE was officially adopted in 1973 and later modified in 2008.** It is similar to the coat of arms and emblems of other Arab states in the region. The emblem was designed by an Emirati girl named Dhabiya Khamis from Abu Dhabi.

It consists of a golden falcon (Hawk of Quraish) with a disk in the middle, which shows the barrel-distorted UAE flag and 7 stars representing the 7 Emirates of the federation. The falcon has 7 feathers which represent the 7 Emirates.

5) According to the [Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development](#), the UAE flag law states: "Any person who publicly drops, damages or in any way insults the Union flag, the flag of any member emirate in the Union on the flag of any other country as a result of disgust or contempt of the powers of the Union, the Emirates or the relevant countries, shall be punished by prison for a period of no more than six months and a fine of no more than 1,000 dirhams."

11) NEW: COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL GCSE/ IGCSE CERTIFICATES (SUMMER 2021 SERIES) : Please see attachment ONE of this circular.

12) NEW: DUBAI STUDENT WELL-BEING CENSUS –YEARS 7 - 13 : The Dubai student well-being census is back this year. Please check attachment TWO of this circular. Should you wish your child not to participate in the census, then kindly send an email to your child's class teacher. We will be conducting the census virtually later in the month. More details will follow next week.

13) PAYMENT OF FIRST TERM FEES :
Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

14) BOARD EXAMINATION FEES:
Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

15) SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN CLASSROOMS :
Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

16) MINI WHITEBOARDS FOR YEARS 1-4 :

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

17) ISSUES WITH SOME PRIMARY CHILDREN NOT BRINGING STATIONERY/HYGIENE KIT ITEMS –CHECK CLEANLINESS OF FACE SHIELD:

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

18) SPARE SET OF CLOTHES FOR YEAR 1 CHILDREN :

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

19) PARENTS' WHATSAPP GROUPS :

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

20) SOCIAL MEDIA NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN :

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

21) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY CHILDREN :

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

22) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:

If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal, Ms. Lise-Ann on l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you. For subject –related concerns , kindly send an email to the subject teacher. For minor class-related concerns and absences , kindly send an email to both class teachers. Concerns will be addressed by a return email or a phone call from school depending upon the nature of the concern.

23) FULL UNIFORM FROM NOVEMBER 2021:

We have provided adequate slots and time right from September 2021 for parents to purchase their children's uniforms and we expect that from the month of November 2021, **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE WEARING THE CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

24) USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES:

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

25) BULLYING (PARTICULARLY FOR LOWER PRIMARY):

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

26) STS TRANSPORT CONCERNS:

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

27) PARENTS WHO HAD NOT BOOKED ACTIVE LEARN EARLIER:

Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy weekend .

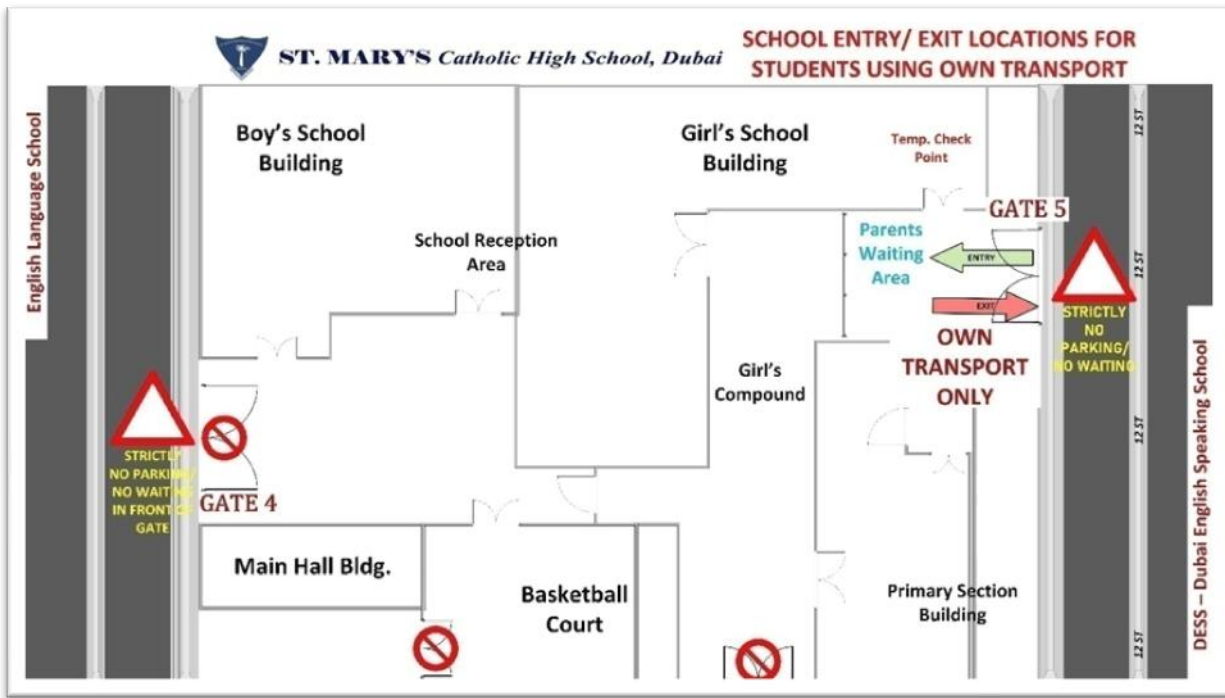
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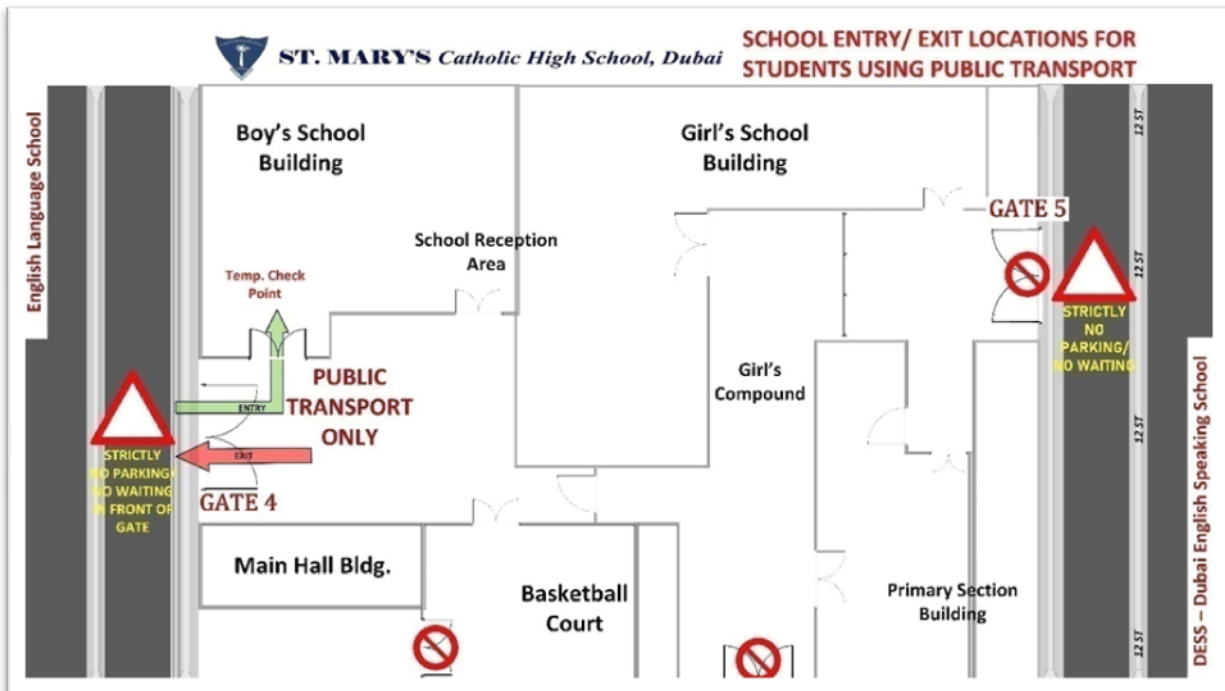
Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



School Entry | Exit Location for Student Using Own Transport



School Entry | Exit Location for Student Using Public Transport





OUR REF :

TRN: 100483609200003

Date : 29th October 2021

COLLECTION OF O-LEVEL GCSE / IGCSE CERTIFICATES SUMMER 2021

DATE FOR COLLECTION : 30th October 2021 onwards, strictly between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm - ORIGINAL O-LEVEL CERTIFICATES for PARENTS' OF GCSE AND IGCSE CANDIDATES

TIME: 9:00 am-12:00 PM .
Please anticipate some waiting time.

**THE PERSON COMING FOR COLLECTION MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED (BOTH DOSES) EVIDENCED READY TO SHOW VIA THE AL HOSN APP or IF NOT VACCINATED , PRODUCE A NEGATIVE PCR TAKEN WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS.
PLEASE HAVE YOUR EMIRATES ID HANDY TO FILL IN THE VISITOR BOOK**

WHO CAN COLLECT? - ONLY A PARENT OR AN AUTHORIZED ADULT OVER THE AGE OF 25 (When authorizing another person to collect the certificates, kindly send a signed authorization letter clearly stating the person's EMIRATES ID NUMBER and the person must be able to produce the Emirates ID to validate. ***** Please note that the CERTIFICATES will not be handed over to students.**

WHICH ENTRANCE? ONLY BOYS GATE NUMBER 4

- Please note that temperature checks will be conducted at the entrance and anyone with a temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or higher will not be permitted entry on the premises.
- Please ensure that masks are worn at ALL times and that they are worn properly completely covering the nose and mouth.
- We recommend wearing disposable gloves as well.
- Kindly carry your own pen to sign for documentation. For hygiene and safety reasons, we will not be providing any stationery items.
- EMIRATES ID

The 5th Dubai Student Wellbeing Census

The wellbeing of your children is important and KHDA is working with schools to measure their wellbeing so that schools can take action to help them learn about their own wellbeing and improve it. When children add their voice to the Dubai Student Wellbeing Census, they become part of an initiative that will help them to succeed at school and in life.

ABOUT THE 2021 DUBAI STUDENT WELLBEING CENSUS

WHO	WHEN	WHAT	HOW
Grades 6 - 12 (Years 7 - 13) students including some students in Years 5 and 6 at UK curriculum schools.	October 31st to November 30th 2021.	Students will respond to a variety of wellbeing questions including happiness, relationships with friends & teachers and physical health.	Students participate in the Census online either in school or at home, depending on the arrangements that individual schools make.

HOW CAN I HELP?

If your child completes the Census at home, provide him/her with a quiet space without interruption for 30 minutes. In most cases, particularly with younger children, your child's teacher will be online to oversee the process and answer any questions your child may have. It is important that you do not influence their responses.

The Dubai Student Wellbeing Census is 100% confidential

If you don't want your child to take part, please let your child's class teacher know.

Further information about the Dubai Student Wellbeing Census is available at

www.khda.gov.ae/en/dswc

For further questions or concerns, please email
wellbeingcensus@khda.gov.ae or call 04 3640000

الدورة الخامسة من المسح الشامل لجودة حياة الطلبة بدبي

جودة حياة أبنائكم في مقدّمة أولوياتنا، ولهذا نعمل مع جميع مدارس دبي على قياس جودة حياة الطلبة حتى تتمكن من تعزيزها والارتقاء بها. وعليه فإنّ مشاركة أبنائك في المسح الشامل لجودة حياة الطلبة بدبي هي خطوة مهمّة في هذه المبادرة التي من شأنها تعزيز فرص نجاحهم في المدرسة خصوصاً وفي الحياة عموماً.

معلومات حول المسح الشامل لجودة حياة الطلبة بدبي لعام 2021

ما طريقة إجراء المسح؟	ما هذا المسح؟	متى؟	من المُستهدف؟
في السنوات السابقة، أجاب الطلبة عن أسئلة المسح الشامل عبر الإنترنت من داخل المدرسة. أما هذه السنة، فسُجِّب العديد من الطلبة عن أسئلة المسح من المنزل.	يجيب الطلبة في هذا المسح عن مجموعة من الأسئلة حول جودة الحياة، كمستوى السعادة، والعلاقات مع الأصدقاء والمعلّمين، والصحة البدنية وغيرها.	من 31 أكتوبر إلى 30 نوفمبر 2021	طلبة الصفوف الدراسية من 6 إلى 12 (أو السنوات الدراسية من 7 إلى 13 في المنهاج البريطاني) بالإضافة إلى بعض طلبة السنوات 5 و 6 في المنهاج البريطاني.

كيف يمكنني المساعدة؟

إذا كان ابنك/ابنتك يجيبون عن الأسئلة من المنزل، بإمكانك أن توفّر لهم مكاناً هادئاً دون مقاطعة لمدة 30 دقيقة. وعلى الأغلب، سيكون معلّم الصفّ معهم في الحصة عن بُعد، ليرشدهم ويجب عن أسئلتهم، ولا سيّما مع الطلبة الصغار. ومن المهمّ ألا تؤثر بآرائك على إجابات أبنائك. وبعد انتهاء ابنك/ابنتك من الإجابة عن أسئلة المسح، يمكنك أن تتحدث معهم عن مشاعرهم، وعمّا بإمكانك فعله لتحسين جودة حياتهم.

نحرص في المسح الشامل على الحفاظ على السرية التامة لإجابات الطلبة

وفي حال عدم رغبتك بمشاركة ابنك/ابنتك في المسح الشامل، يرجى إعلام معلّم الصفّ بذلك. لمزيد من المعلومات حول المسح الشامل، يمكنك زيارة الموقع

<https://www.khda.gov.ae/ar/dswc>

وفي حال كانت لديك أية أسئلة أو استفسارات، يُرجى مراسلتنا على العنوان

wellbeingcensus@khda.gov.ae أو الاتصال بنا على الرقم 04 3640000



OUR REF :

TRN : 100483609200003

Date : September 24, 2021.

To: Parents of STUDENTS FROM YEAR ONE TO YEAR THIRTEEN

Re: CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING UNIFORM POLICY FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

Dear Parents,

Please read through the Uniform Policy carefully.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Girls' Shirt:

All girls will continue to wear the light blue blouse with the school logo. **We request parents to kindly make sure that the size selected for your daughter is appropriate with a slightly looser fit for a more modest appearance.**

Girls' Skirt :

Girls will also continue to wear the existing grey skirt, but we would appeal to all parents to make sure that the skirts purchased for your daughter, are worn modestly and are of appropriate length. (must cover the knees while seated). **It has been an unpleasant experience to have to constantly correct our young ladies for the often immodest length of their skirts and we strongly urge all parents to take strict cognizance of the same and to ensure that your daughters' skirts are well below the knee. Do take into account sudden gains in height when you purchase the skirts.**

Boys' Uniform :

Boys will also continue to wear the white T-Shirt with the school logo and navy blue trousers.

Boys' and Girls' Sports Uniform :

Boys in Primary School (Years 1 through 6) will wear dark navy blue shorts or long tracks and a T-shirt in their respective house colours with the house logo on the back and the school logo in front. Primary school girls will wear dark navy blue track pants and a T-shirt in their respective house colours with the house logo on the back and the school logo in front. Students in Secondary school (Years 7 through 13) will wear dark navy blue track pants and a T-shirt in their respective house colours with the house logo on the back and the school logo in front.

SHOES (GIRLS)

GIRLS will be allowed to wear sports shoes (ONLY FULL WHITE) on the days they have sports and / or co-curricular activities. On other days, all girls MUST wear BLACK FORMAL LEATHER SHOES with GREY SOCKS.

School Formal Leather Shoes must be fully black. Sports shoes must be regular white. No additional colours, whatsoever will be accepted. If the shoes have laces, the laces must be the same plain colour as the shoes. **No converse or canvas shoes or boots or pumps will be allowed. We would ask you also not to allow your daughter to wear boys' shoes.**

SHOES (BOYS)

BOYS will be allowed to wear sports shoes (ONLY FULL WHITE) on the days they have sports and / or co-curricular activities. On other days, all boys MUST wear BLACK FORMAL LEATHER SHOES with NAVY BLUE SOCKS.

School Formal leather shoes must be fully black. Sports shoes must be regular white. No additional colours whatsoever will be accepted. If the shoes have laces, the laces must be the same plain colour as the shoes. **No converse or canvas shoes will be allowed.**

We would advise parents to buy simple school footwear for their children. This will be more economical for you and will also ensure that the shoes are in keeping with the school regulations.

WINTER HOODIE :

The winter hoodie also continues to be the same.

Kindly note that on those days when students have sports and / or co-curricular activities they MUST wear the complete PE uniform and no excuses will be entertained. However, on all other days, students are not permitted to wear the PE uniform or even a combination of it with the regular school uniform. On days when students do not have sports and / or activities, they MUST wear the regular school uniform.

All boys MUST wear an under- shirt or vest. Kindly note that it **MUST be ONLY WHITE in colour.** Similarly, all girls MUST wear a vest or camisole that **MUST be ONLY WHITE in colour.**

We would also like all parents and students to be aware that uniform infractions will be dealt with very strictly . Students will receive a diary note for a breach of uniform regulations (this includes the use of accessories, nail polish, hair highlights, tints or colour etc. which is not permitted). Upon the receipt of three notes for uniform infractions, students will be asked to spend a day home under suspension which will also be reflected in their personal student record.

We appeal to parents to co-operate with us in ensuring that children leave for school in the morning in a uniform which is clean, orderly and worn with dignity. The way the children dress says much about the image of the school, and, quite frankly, the attitude of the children and their level of co-operation, in some cases, has been very disappointing and at times very frustrating. We also appeal to parents to make sure that all students maintain a good sense of personal hygiene and are particular about daily hygiene routines. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT NO HAIR COLOUR / TINTING / HIGHLIGHTING IS DONE OVER ANY HOLIDAY BREAKS FOR YOUR CHILD'S HAIR. WE WILL ASK YOU TO HAVE IT REMOVED if this is the case.**

Hair and Jewellery : BOYS

- **Hair should be kept short, combed neat and tidy.**
- No spiked hairstyles allowed; no gel and no tints.
- Boys are not allowed to wear jewellery; except for a simple wristwatch any other item will be confiscated.
- No piercings or tattoos are allowed.

Hair and Jewellery : GIRLS

- Hair must be neatly tied back with a white, navy or black hair-band.
- No coloured tints / or even full hair colour will be allowed. Kindly do not even allow your daughter to tint her hair for festive occasions and / or holidays as she will return to school with the same and that will not be permitted. Artificial hair colour takes a number of months to completely wash out and hence **NO EXCUSES WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO THIS EFFECT.**
- Besides stud earrings and a simple wristwatch, no other jewellery or accessory is allowed.
- No piercings or tattoos are allowed.
- **Students should show respect for their uniform and they are also asked to keep their uniform and their shoes clean and tidy at all times.**

PERSONAL HYGIENE :

Personal hygiene is to be strictly maintained by ALL students and we encourage you dear parents to ensure that students follow a daily routine of bathing and coming to school with their hair neatly combed, their uniform ironed and their appearance fresh and ready to start the school day. Keeping in mind the hot and humid weather conditions prevalent for a major part of the school year, it is advisable for older students to use a light deodorant after sports or outdoor lessons. **It must be noted here that students must not spray these in the classroom as it is often detrimental to some of their classmates who suffer from allergies or asthma.**

‘Coloured Clothes ‘ Days

On occasion, permission is given to students to dress down and wear coloured clothes to school.

Students are asked to observe the following guidelines :

- Headgear of any kind (i.e. hats, caps, do-rags, bandanas, sweatbands etc.) may not be worn. Halter, low cut, off-the-shoulder and transparent tops, those with spaghetti straps plus tank tops and muscle (sleeveless) shirts are not considered appropriate clothing for the school environment and **MUST NOT BE WORN ON ‘COLOURED CLOTHES’ DAYS.**
- Tops must be long enough to cover a student’s midriff.
- Any clothing displaying an inflammatory slogan, defamatory, suggestive or offensive language, or those promoting illegal activities or products (i.e. tobacco, drugs or alcohol) is prohibited.
- **Students who fail to observe these guidelines will not be allowed to attend classes and parents will be called to school to either bring in appropriate clothing or to take the child home.**

