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### To : Parents of students from Year 1 to Year 10 and Year 12 - GL EXAMS, FINAL ASSESSMENTS , FINAL EXAMINATIONS & OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

Greetings from St. Mary's. We would like to share some important points regarding examination schedules and other important news with you and we invite you to kindly read on.

We have uploaded the Final Exam timetable, GL Examination timetable and the Final Assessments Time table to the school website. Please make a very careful note of these dates. Regular lessons will follow final assessments that are scheduled for the month of May but during examinations from 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019, students will go home after their examinations. The portions for all subjects will be uploaded to the school website in the coming weeks.

**RAMADAN TIMINGS : Our school timings during the Holy Month of Ramadan will be from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm including Thursdays during Ramadan. All students must be in their respective quadrangles by 8:00 am sharp. THE SCHOOL GATES WILL BE OPEN ONLY FROM 7:00 AM ONWARDS. Kindly make sure that children are not dropped off before that. The administration office will be operational from 8:00 am until 12:45pm during the Holy Month of Ramadan.** We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families of our school community who will be observing Ramadan -A very Holy and Fulfilling Ramadan and may this beautiful month of fasting and sacrifice fill your hearts and homes with God's peace and special blessings. **RAMADAN KAREEM !**

**FINAL ASSESSMENTS:** A schedule of Final assessments for English Language, Math, and Biology, Chemistry and Physics has also been uploaded to the school website.

**GL EXAMINATIONS YEARS 4-10 :** All parents are asked to kindly note that the GL Examinations that are compulsory examinations that are part of National Agenda requirements and mandated by KHDA will be conducted during the months of May and June 2019 and the schedule for the same has been uploaded to the school website.. **Please make sure that your children are present in school on the days set aside for their GL examinations as these are their FINAL EXAMINATIONS in English Language, Math and Science.**

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS:** Parents are requested to kindly check the school website for the Final Examination timetables and kindly note that **from the 9<sup>th</sup> of June until the 20<sup>th</sup> of June the timings will be from 7:10 am until 10:40 am. Children must stay at home on days when they do not have an examination.**

## **REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS AFTER THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2019 ( 7:10 AM UNTIL 1:30 PM )**

: All parents are asked to kindly observe the regular school days after the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. Many of you might wonder what the school has planned for these days post-exams. There will be some educational day trips planned for certain year groups. Moreover all those year groups sitting GL CAT4 tests next year will be given intensive work to prepare them for these important examinations. Year 10 and 12 students will be continuing immediately with the Next Year's programme of study. Attendance will be counted as these are regular school days and parents are reminded that leave will not be granted to any student unless it is for medical or emergency reasons. Kindly collaborate with the school as we are committed to maintaining an outstanding attendance record as per KHDA stipulation.

**NO SPORTS UNIFORM from the 12<sup>th</sup> of May until the end of this Academic Year** : We would like to request all parents to kindly be informed that as we do annually due to increasing temperatures, we will suspend all sports and other outdoor activities from the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. All children **MUST** come to school from that date only in their regular school uniform right until the end of the academic year. **NO STUDENT MUST WEAR THE SPORTS UNIFORM AFTER THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY UNTIL THE END OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.**

**SUN PROTECTION** : All parents are strongly advised to ensure that children are using a good sunscreen applied before they leave for school and are wearing a sun hat/ cap when outdoors, even when walking to the metro station. Please ensure that you send enough water or juices with them, now that the temperatures are on the rise.

**THIRD REPORT TO PARENTS** : Parents will soon receive the third report ( second assessment report) based on internal assessments that the children have had over the last few months. We will not be able to issue this report to students who still have outstanding fees for this Academic Year 2018-2019.

**SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:** We have very recently had to get some students to clean up their social media accounts and we would like you as parents to spend some time with your children and reflect with them that their accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram etc are later going to impact their entry to university and even at a later stage with job interviews. It has also come to our attention that many parents are unaware that their children have accounts on Twitter etc and these are being highly inappropriately used which could have a legal impact on the families of children who are minors as well within the legal framework of the UAE. Please discuss these implications with your children and invite them to carefully reflect on the choices they are making especially those behind a screen. We would like all our students to act responsibly and be safe both in their daily lives as well as when they are online.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )

