

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## 'BUILDING BRIDGES OF TOLERANCE'

DATE : 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

To : Parents of Native Arabic speaking students in Years Five through Ten

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. You will be pleased to learn that our school has been invited to participate in **International Benchmark Tests for Improving Learning, 2019**. The Australian Council for Educational Research, one of the leading research organizations in the world, develops this test and provides a range of Assessment services in many countries and works in close tandem with the KHDA here in Dubai. The **International Benchmark Test in Arabic** will be held on the following day.

Sunday	17 <sup>TH</sup> November 2019	ARABIC	YEARS 5-10
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The entry fee is AED 45/- for this exam, the exact amount of which must be attached ( NOT STAPLED ) to the slip below. The International Benchmark Tests are designed to give an International benchmark of your child's performance vis-à-vis the participating countries in the world and in the region. Students will be able to see their intrinsic abilities and potential for learning, identifying their strengths and weaknesses on skills and concepts related to their class level and helps clarify concepts, making them very valuable as a remedial instrument. Questions are interesting and thought provoking, and encourage students to develop the skills related to problem solving, data interpretation, reasoning and critical thinking in the global context.

THE INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS ( IBT ) PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH :

- A comprehensive assessment of student performance and ability
- High quality test items that engage students across all ability levels;
- Individual reports that highlight skills, strengths and weaknesses;
- Reports that include a clear description of skills and concepts that have been mastered;
- A Scale Score to measure their progress over time
- Students and schools with high quality feedback that can be used to improve learning
- School, regional and international percentiles to compare and benchmark student performance;
- Recognition of student performance

*Please turn overleaf*







## International Benchmark Tests, 2019 for Improving Learning

Dear Parent,

We are pleased to let you know that our school has been invited to participate in the **ACER Assessments, 2019**. The Assessments under this Program are designed and conducted by The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), leading research organization that provides a number of assessment services across the world.

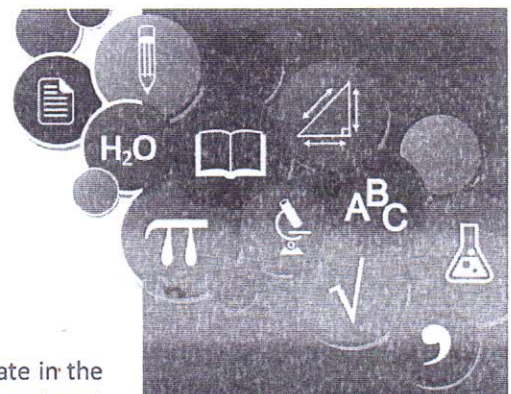
### Test Dates: November 2019

Sunday, 17 November, 2019 : Arabic Language Assessment – A and B  
Monday, 18 November, 2019 : English  
Tuesday, 19 November, 2019 : Mathematics  
Wednesday, 20 November, 2019 : Science  
Thursday, 21 November, 2019 : Reasoning Skills Assessment (RSA), Hindi Language

### Features and Benefits for Students and Parents:

- Comprehensive assessment of student performance and ability;
- High quality test items that are challenging and engaging across all ability levels;
- Reports that include clear descriptions of skills and concepts been mastered;
- Reports that highlight strengths and weaknesses in different skills areas and can be used as remedial intervention to improve learning;
- A **Scale score** to monitor growth and track progress over time;
- School, Regional and International percentiles to compare and benchmark Student performance
- Provide students with clear descriptions of the next level of achievement that they need to strive towards and help them set clear goals for themselves.
- Recognize and celebrate student achievement with Individual Student Certificates and awards for top students

Please complete the acknowledgement slip and have this returned to the Class Teacher, along with the required fees, to enable the school to enrol your child.



### Registration Fee:

#### English, Mathematics & Science:

AED 35/- for 1 subject  
AED 60/- for 2 subjects  
AED 75/- for 3 subjects

### Registration Fee:

#### Reasoning Skills Assessment:

AED 45/- student  
Arabic A : AED 45/- student  
Arabic B : AED 45/- student  
Hindi : AED 45/- student

### Students will receive:

Customized Individual Student Report  
Certificate of Recognition  
Special awards for High Achievers

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_