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'BUILDING BRIDGES OF TOLERANCE'

DATE : 4th September 2019

To : Parents of Non Native Arabic speaking students in Years Five, Seven and Nine

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 th November 2019	ARABIC	YEARS 5, 7 and 9
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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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

Name of student: _____ Grade: _____ Section: _____

Subjects: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Signature of Parent: _____

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