



OUR REF : .....

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DATE : Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-3 – DISTANCE and BLENDED LEARNING UPDATE**

**Dear Parents,**

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** As we reach the end of what has been a very surreal 2020 we would like to wish you all a safe, blessed and peaceful Winter Break. We pray that the spirit of the season fills your hearts and homes with love, joy, happiness and the special warmth of family. Knowing that many of you might not opt to travel at the moment, we hope that you will find the much needed time to connect virtually with family at this festive time of the year.

**WINTER BREAK :**

The school will be closed for the Winter Break from ***Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December until Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and we return to lessons on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.*** The school office will also be closed on all these days. The school office will be open on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and we would encourage you to use this time to collect any documents that you need to collect .



**TRAVEL DECLARATION:**

In order for the school to be compliant with the UAE Covid-19 travel requirements, please click on the official DHA link ( available on website ) and answer the relevant questions even if your child is not travelling. We appreciate if you are not travelling that you complete it as soon as possible. If you are travelling, please complete it prior to your child's return to lessons on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES EXAM FROM MOE FOR YEARS 2 TO 13:**

We were informed yesterday that ALL students from years two through thirteen are required to do a centralised Social Studies Exam mandated by the Ministry of Education ( MOE ) tomorrow, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Our class teachers are meeting with their classes today at the end of the day to give children further information on the steps to login and do the exam. They will also email each child his/her unique password for this purpose. The MOE has strongly advised against the use of tabs as additional software has to be downloaded and so we would request your help to have you child complete it on your laptop before 7:00 pm tomorrow as the link expires at 8:00 pm. Children with access to a desktop or a laptop will be doing it together between 4:00 and 5:00 pm tomorrow evening. **Children who have any Wifi issues can do it anytime of the day before 8:00 pm.**

### **SURVEY FOR DISTANCE OR BLENDED LEARNING FOR TERM TWO FROM 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021:**

We will be sending you'll a reminder of the protocols to read through on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and once you are all reminded of the same, we will require every parent to fill out a form with your choice for the mode of learning for your child for the second term and you will need to sign the form, scan it and email it as an attachment to your child's class teacher. Please read the protocols very carefully so that you can make an informed decision. ***The deadline for sending this form back to your child's class teacher is 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.***

### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021:**

We have uploaded the First Term Examination Time Table to the school website and have attached the same to this circular. Please read on about further information related to examinations.

**Years 1-3:** For English Reading, Writing, Math, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Social Studies and Science we will use Google Forms and papers will be out of 50 marks and 1 hour or 1 hour and 30 minutes duration. For History, Computing, Moral Education, French, papers will be out of 25 marks and will be converted to 100. For Geography, Music, Bible, Citizenship and PSHE, there will be a project-based task for 25 marks that will be converted to 100. Art – a themed piece will be given for 25 marks and this will be converted to 100. (The Art and Music assignment and guidelines will be given before the winter break) Project tasks will not include videos and will be based on what

children can achieve on their own with minimal assistance from parents. Please ensure that your child has a digital device ( laptop/ desktop/ tablet ) that is in good working condition for the exams.

**Portions for the First Term Exams:** All portions for the First Term examinations have been uploaded under the relevant Department section of the school website.

**Revision for the First Term Exams:**

Although some revision might be put into Google Classroom, there is no expectation that it has to be done in the Winter Break and teachers will go through this revision in January. We are providing it earlier for those parents who might wish to do some revision work during the break.

**Guided Reading books assigned in Active Learn Bug Club:**

Two books will be assigned for children to read during the Winter Break and a quiz on these will be conducted after the exams and the marks will be integrated into the examination for English Reading. Reading is the most valuable skill and we would like every child to develop this skill at an early age so your support in encouraging them to read these books with interest will be greatly appreciated.

**ADMISSION FORMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:**

We would like to inform all parents that admissions to the Academic Year 2021-2022 are now open. There will be NO ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR ELEVEN. Kindly check the school website [www.stmarysdubai.com](http://www.stmarysdubai.com) for the admissions notice ( **will be posted on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020**) for further information related to admissions.

**ART GRADE BOUNDARIES FOR FIRST REPORT:**

We would like to inform you that we have adjusted the grade boundaries for Art and reports will be republished with appropriate changes for Art. These will be available on your SIMS PARENT APP.

**SECOND TERM FEES & TIME FRAME FOR MAKING FEE PAYMENTS:**

Please note that Second term fees must be paid between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2021. All fees must be paid on time and via the SKIPLY APP.

**GL CAT4 REPORT:**

Please be informed that the GLCAT4 report for your child in Year Two will be sent to the SIMS PARENT APP.

### **COMPETITION AND PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION UNDER DL SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE:**

We would like to invite you to please check this new section we have added for many interesting programmes and competitions that the children can participate in.

### **REFUND FOR ARABIC/ ISLAMIC STUDIES/ MORAL EDUCATION BOOKS AND COLLECTION OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEXT BOOKS **UPDATED LINK:****

We have uploaded a refreshed link on the school website for the purpose of booking an appointment with Iris International for refunds.

### **UPDATED PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION TO SCHOOL & CLASS TEACHERS:**

We have uploaded a link on the school website for you to access and provide us the critical information required without delay. **We are still waiting for a few more parents to fill in this information. THIS IS MOST URGENT!!**

### **DL SECTION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

We would like to remind ALL parents to kindly visit the DL section on our school website as we have been updating it with many useful links , documents, vital information for keeping your children safe online, tips on well-being and mindfulness to name a few. We are sure that you will find these useful and we will keep updating this section as often as we can.

### **EXPO 2020 SECTION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

We would like to invite you and your children to browse this section regularly as we will keep updating it with interesting and relevant resources for the children.

### **DISTANCE LEARNING CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED:**

Even if a child who has opted for Distance Learning has tested positive for Covid-19, parents are requested to please inform Lise-Ann via an email, clearly stating your child's full name, class and section, Emirates ID number, date of birth, home address and parent's mobile number. This is because DHA contacts Ms. Lise-Ann both via telephone and email requesting this information and often it is during late hours in the evening or at night and so this information from you would greatly assist the process with DHA.

## THANK YOU:

Our deepest gratitude to each and every member of the St. Mary's Community – Staff, students and parents. We are always grateful for your support, your warm caring ways and your faith in us.

*We extend Christmas wishes for a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas to all the families celebrating Christmas and to all our students and parents, we wish you a very fulfilling Winter Break and Happy New Year and we pray that the year 2021 ahead shall be filled with God's blessings for each and every one of you. May this festive season find peace and love in every family that makes up the larger family of St. Mary's. Especially this year that has been fraught with so many challenges, let us hold one another closely in prayer and hope for better days ahead. We wish those of you who are travelling, safe and meaningful journeys and for those of you who are staying here, we hope that you will enjoy the pleasant weather and some quality family togetherness. Stay safe and blessed ! Please be assured of our prayers and blessings for our Marian Family*



Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )





## **ST. MARY'S** *Catholic High School, Dubai*

### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

**YEARS 1 - 3 : JANUARY 2021**

DATE	DAY	TIME	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	5:30-7:00 pm	English Writing	English Writing	English Writing
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	5:30-6:30 pm	Computing	Computing	Computing
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	5:30-7:00 pm	Arabic	Arabic	Arabic
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	5:30-7:00 pm	English Reading	English Reading	English Reading
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	5:30-6:30 pm	History	History	History
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	5:30-6:30 pm	No Exam	UAE Social Studies	UAE Social Studies
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	5:30-7:00 pm	Math	No Exam	French
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	5:30-7:00 pm	No Exam	Math	Math
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	5:30-6:30 pm	Islamic Studies	Islamic Studies	Islamic Studies
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	5:30-7:00 pm	Science	Science	Science
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	5:30-6:30 pm	No Exam	Moral Education	Moral Education



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## **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

**YEARS 4 : JANUARY 2021**

DATE	DAY	TIME	YEAR FOUR
<b>Children must join the Zoom link by 7:45 am for attendance</b>			
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	8:00-9:30 am	English Language
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	Computing
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Arabic
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	8:00-9:30 am	English Literature
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	8:00-9:00 am	History
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	UAE Social Studies
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	French
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Math
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	8:00-9:00 am	Islamic Studies
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	8:00-9:30 am	Science
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	Moral Education



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**YEARS 5 & 6 : JANUARY 2021**

DATE	DAY	TIME	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
<b>Children must join the Zoom link by 7:45 am for attendance</b>				
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	8:00-9:30 am	English Language	English Language
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	Computing	Computing
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Arabic	Arabic
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	8:00-9:30 am	English Literature	English Literature
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	8:00-9:00 am	History	Geography
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	UAE Social Studies	UAE Social Studies
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	French	French
24 <sup>th</sup> January Sunday		8:00-9:30 am	Math	Math
		12:00-1:00pm	Geography	History
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	8:00-9:00 am	Islamic Studies/Bible/ Citizenship	Islamic Studies/Bible/Citizenship
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	8:00-9:30 am	Science	Science
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	Moral Education	Moral Education



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### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

**YEARS 7 & 8 : JANUARY 2021**

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	English Language	English Language
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	UAE Social Studies	Islamic Studies/Bible/Citizenship
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	Arabic	Arabic
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	English Literature	English Literature
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	History	Geography
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Computing	UAE Social Studies
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	French	Science
24 <sup>th</sup> January Sunday		Math	Math
		Geography	History
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	Islamic Studies/Bible/ Citizenship	Computing
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Science	French
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Moral Education	Moral Education



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### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

**YEARS 9 & 10 : JANUARY 2021**

DATE	DAY	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	English Language 2 English Language 1	English Language 2 English Language 1
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	Physics/ Business	Chemistry/ Economics
17 <sup>th</sup> January Sunday		Arabic	Psychology
		Moral Education	Moral Education
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	English Literature 1 / History/ Art	Religious Studies
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	ICT/ Computer Science	English Literature 1 / History/ Art
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	Biology /Accounting	Physics/ Business
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	Religious Studies	ICT
24 <sup>th</sup> January Sunday		Math	Math
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	Chemistry/ Economics	Biology /Accounting
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Psychology	Arabic
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	English Lit 2	English Lit 2



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### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

#### **YEARS 11 : JANUARY 2021**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SESSION ONE</b>	<b>SESSION TWO</b>
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Physics 1- 1h 15 min</b> <b>Business Studies 1-1h 30 min</b>	<b>Economics 1-1h 30 min</b> <b>Chemistry 1-1h 15 min</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Mathematics ( CAL P2 )- 1h 30 min</b>	<b>Mathematics ( CAL P3 )- 1h 30 min</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	<b>English Language 2-2hrs 05 min</b>	<b>English Language 1-1h 45 min</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>Physics 2-1h 15 min</b> <b>Business Studies 2-1h 30 min</b>	<b>English Literature 1-1h 45 min</b> <b>History-2hrs 15 min</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Psychology 2-1h 20 min</b>	<b>Psychology 1-1h 45 min</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Economics 2-1h 30 min</b> <b>Chemistry 2-1h 15 min</b>	<b>English Literature 2-1h 20 min</b> <b>French 3H -1h&amp; 4H-1h 20 min</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Biology 1-1h 15 min</b> <b>Accounting 1-2hrs</b>	<b>Biology 2-1h 15 min</b> <b>Accounting 2-1h 15 min</b>
24 <sup>TH</sup> January	Sunday	<b>Religious Studies 1- ( Bible/ Islamic A &amp; B )</b>	<b>Religious Studies 2- ( Bible/ Islamic A &amp; B )</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>ICT-1h 30 min</b>	<b>NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min</b>	<b>Arabic ( NA) -2 hrs</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Math ( NC P1) – 1hr 30 min</b>	<b>NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS</b>



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### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

#### **YEARS 11G & 11H : JANUARY 2021**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SESSION ONE</b>	<b>SESSION TWO</b>
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Physics 1- 1h 30 min</b> <b>Business Studies 1-1h 30 min</b>	<b>Economics 1-1h 30 min</b> <b>Chemistry 1-1h 30 min</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Mathematics ( CAL P1 )- 2hrs</b>	<b>Mathematics ( CAL P2 )- 2hrs</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	<b>English Language 1-2hrs 15 min</b>	<b>English Language 2-1h 30 min</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>Physics 2-1h 15 min</b> <b>Business Studies 2-1h 30 min</b>	<b>English Literature 1-1h 20 min</b> <b>History-2hrs 15 min</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Psychology 2-1h 20 min</b>	<b>Psychology 1-1h 45 min</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Economics 2-1h 30 min</b> <b>Chemistry 2-1h 15 min</b>	<b>English Literature 2-1h 30 min</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Biology 1-1h 30 min</b> <b>Accounting 1-2hrs</b>	<b>Biology 2-1h 15 min</b> <b>Accounting 2-1h 15 min</b>
24 <sup>TH</sup> January	Sunday	<b>Religious Studies 1- ( Bible/ Islamic A &amp; B )</b>	<b>Religious Studies 2- ( Bible/ Islamic A &amp; B )</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>ICT-1h 30 min</b>	<b>NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS</b>	<b>NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min</b>	<b>Arabic ( NA) -2 hrs</b>



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### **FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS**

#### **YEARS 12 : JANUARY 2021**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SESSION ONE</b>	<b>SESSION TWO</b>
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Physics 1- 2hrs</b>	-----
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Mathematics ( Pure/Statistics )- 2hrs</b>	-----
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	<b>Biology 1-2hrs</b>	<b>Business Studies 1-2hrs</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>Psychology 1-2hrs</b>	-----
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Economics-2hrs</b>	-----
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>English Literature 1-2hrs</b>	-----
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Accounting 1-3hrs</b>	-----
24 <sup>TH</sup> January	Sunday	<b>English Literature 2-2hrs</b>	-----
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>Chemistry 1-2hrs</b>	-----
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Islamic Studies -2hrs</b>	-----
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Arabic (NA)- 2hrs</b>	-----



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#### **YEARS 13 : JANUARY 2021**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SESSION ONE</b>	<b>SESSION TWO</b>
13 <sup>TH</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Biology 1- 2hrs</b>	<b>Biology 2- 2hrs</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Economics 1-2hrs</b>	<b>Economics 2-2hrs</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	<b>Physics 1-2hrs</b>	<b>Physics 2-2hrs</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>Business 1- 2hrs</b>	<b>Business 2- 2hrs</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Mathematics Pure1-2hrs</b>	<b>Mathematics Pure 2-2hrs</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	<b>Psychology 1- 2hrs</b>	<b>Psychology 2- 2hrs</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	<b>Accounting 2-3hrs</b>	-----
24 <sup>TH</sup> January	Sunday	<b>English Literature 3-2hrs</b>	<b>English Literature 4-2hrs</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	<b>Chemistry 1-2hrs</b>	<b>Chemistry 2-2hrs</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	<b>Mathematics 3-Mechanics &amp; Statistics-2hrs</b>	-----