

OUR REF :

TRN:100483609200003

DATE: Thursday, 1st July 2021

To: Parents of students from Year One to Year Thirteen (END OF YEAR CIRCULAR – JUNE 2021) and PARENTS OF NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL.

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School. It has been a very different year for all the families who belong to our larger Marian Family and we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our children, our parents and our teachers and staff for your extraordinary collaboration and support and your positivity through this year. Please read on for important information and updates. WE REQUEST ALL PARENTS TO CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY AFTER THE 10TH OF AUGUST 2021.

IN MEMORIAM:

As we come to the end of this academic year and we pause to reflect and be grateful for our many blessings, we would like to ask all our Marian families to offer up a special prayer for the eight 'superhero dads' who we sadly lost. Please remember their families as they continue to face these difficult losses and let us pray for God's gift of strength and courage for them.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:

We have been following up on re-registrations over the last two and a half months and would like to thank those parents who have respected these deadlines. Parents who have not re-registered their children for the next Academic Year must now apply for a Leaving Certificate by filling out the form available on the school website.

RE-EXAMINATIONS 24TH AUGUST 2021:

The Re-examinations will be conducted on the 24th of August 2021 at 10:00 am via a Google Form and a Zoom link. These will be sent to the student's official school email ID and students having a re-exam MUST be present and ready for the same at the scheduled time of 10:00 am on the 24th of August 2021.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK PROCEDURES AND SUBMISSION:

The Holiday Homework will be emailed to each child to their official school email ID by the child's class teacher on the 2ND of July 2021. We will not send this if there are outstanding dues. Parents must ensure that the Holiday Homework is done over the holidays and not at the last minute just before submission. Holiday Homework has been given only to those children whose GL scores were found to be exceedingly low and therefore the homework and subsequent practice will help them fill in those critical gaps in learning.

TEXT BOOK ORDERS AND PURCHASE FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:

The Book circular has been attached to this Year End circular for you to read carefully. The Ministry books for Arabic, Social Studies, Islamic Studies and Moral Education have not been included at this time as the MOE has not released pricing or a list of books. These will be available for order at a later stage only once the MOE has made the list available to schools.

RE-OPENING FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:

The Academic Year will begin from the 29th of August 2021 for all students from years One through Thirteen. We understand that as parents you will have concerns with what this re-opening is going to look like. We will be sending all parents a survey TODAY which we would appreciate you filling in at the earliest. Please check the school website and your SIMS PARENT APP(App is for current parents only) for the link. There will be two survey links : One for current students and one for New Admissions. The organisation of schooling next year has not been decided by the regulators. We will follow government/KHDA regulations regarding in-school/ or blended learning protocols, including protocols regarding social-distancing, and class sizes. As per the current protocols and with a view to maintain EQUITY across the entire student body, the school is not in a position to offer 100% face-to-face learning every day. Options will potentially be between FULL DISTANCE or BLENDED LEARNING. Years 1, 2 and 3 will have a regular school day during regular school hours, irrespective of the learning model chosen. Younger students have been using technology very successfully throughout this year and we now encourage parents to spend some time in the summer to help them hone these skills to a more independent use of the technology.

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE:

The school office will be closed from the 6th of July 2021 until the 8th of August 2021 (inclusive). **The timings for 3rd, 4th and 5th of July 2021 will be from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.** We will be having electrical maintenance work carried out on the premises during this closure and so the premises will be completely closed. The office closure includes emails to all members of the school's leadership and administration as well. Emails received until the 5th of July will be replied to. After that, parents are requested to kindly email any queries or concerns after the 9th of August 2021. Please note that those parents who clear outstanding fee dues during the period of office closure will receive receipts and

report cards only once the office resumes. The office will resume working from the 9th of August 2021. **Parents of New Admissions however must continue to email copies of the Leaving/Transfer Certificate as soon as you receive it from your child's school. Email these copies only to** <u>arabicsec-smchs@smgeducation.org</u>

PEARSON EDEXCEL RESULTS FOR YEARS 11, 12 (IAS) AND 13:

Students from Year 13 will receive their results on the 10th of August 2021 and Year 11 students will receive their results on the 12th of August 2021. Parents are advised to kindly follow the school website for further updates on Pearson Edexcel Results.

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 has not travelled. This form is **MANDATORY and has to be filled for ALL STAFF** and **STUDENTS TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL.** The email required to be filled in the field on the form is: <u>traveldecl-smchs@smgeducation.org</u>

Payment of Term Fees:

All FIRST TERM FEES MUST be paid via the SKIPLY APP or a direct Bank Transfer between the 25th of August and the 29th of September 2021. First Term fees that are not paid by the 29th of September 2021 will then be considered as OUTSTANDING. Please respect the fee payment deadlines. There are NO CHANGES to the FEE STRUCTURE for the next academic year 2021-2022. There has been no fee increment and the fees for all year groups stand the same as the current year. You can find the fee table on the school website shortly.

The school's RAK Bank account is mentioned below:

Account Name: St.Mary's Catholic High School

Account No: **0182154991001**

IBAN No.: **AE860400000182154991001**

Bank: The National Bank of Ras Al-Khaimah

SWIFT CODE: NRAKAEAKXXX

Once a transfer has been made, please share the transfer details, the student name, Year & section and student's SIMS ID number through email to fee-smchs@smgeducation.org

School Uniform- (THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL UNIFORM):

We will send you further information on school uniforms in the month of August 2021.

BOARD EXAMINATION FEES: We would like you to be informed well in advance that EDEXCEL LONDON BOARD EXAMINATION FEES will be collected in the month of NOVEMBER 2021 for students in years ELEVEN and THIRTEEN. We trust that this will help you to budget accordingly. You can check your KHDA Parent-School contract for the BOARD EXAM FEE AMOUNT for each year group.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:

Parents whose children require recommendation letters from teachers are reminded that these will only be available after the 25th of August 2021.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATES YEARS 1-10 & 12:

While we have already issued Leaving Certificates to parents who had requested for these, please note that additional requests for LEAVING CERTIFICATES must be made latest by 3rd July 2021. Leaving Certificates cannot be issued during the period of office closure.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATES YEARS 11&13:

Parents of students in Year 11 and 13 are reminded that Leaving Certificates must be applied for but can be issued only after Pearson Edexcel Results are issued in August 2021. Please note that the process is not immediate as results have to be approved by KHDA. Students in Year 13 have to apply for a leaving Certificate by filling out the form available on the school website.

APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:

Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2021-2022 that has been attached to this circular for your easy reference. This will help you plan ahead. If the regulators make any changes to the same we will inform you immediately.

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND NEW STUDENTS OF YEARS ONE, TWO THREE & FOUR (This is applicable only to newly admitted students for the next academic vear) :

There will be an Orientation Meeting before the start of the Academic Year and we will post details for the same on the school website later in August 2021. This will be remotely held as we cannot have large gatherings on the premises. You will be given some orientation about the school's expectations from parents. You will also be introduced to your child's class teacher and you will have the opportunity to settle any doubts you might have.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS JOINING OUR SCOOL ARE REQUESTED TO KINDLY SEND THE COPY OF THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT (NO LATER THAN 10TH AUGUST 2021) FROM YOUR CHILD'S CURRENT SCHOOL TO arabicsec-smchs@smgeducation.org Parents of students joining SMCHS for the next Academic Year are requested to kindly keep in touch with all updates on our school website.

Write to Lise-Ann on l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org if there is something particularly urgent.

We take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Safe Summer Holiday ! God Bless you all! We hope that you will all get to spend some restful and meaningful quality time as families. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and love through the year. Your kindness and caring has been deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)











TRN:100483609200003

OUR REF :

DATE: Thursday 1st July 2021

To: Parents of students from Year Two to Year Eleven -2021-2022(currently years1 – 10) ORDERING BOOKS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. We have been working hard over the last many weeks with our local book suppliers as well as International Book suppliers to ensure that books will be shipped from the UK despite the trials of delivery and distribution being experienced due to the Global Pandemic.

Books must be ordered and paid for directly via the portal of our suppliers Periwinkle International and they will be arranging delivery of the same directly to your residence as we cannot have any kind of crowding on the premises keeping in mind the health and safety of one and all.

The class teacher (current year) will send the login credentials (username and Password) by Tuesday, 6th July 2021 to your child's school email ID. Please check this without any delay. The guidelines to follow and place the book order will be sent with the login credentials.

You are not compelled to purchase books through the school and you are free to use the book list to source second hand books as well.

KINDLY ALSO NOTE THAT EVEN IFYOU ARE NOT PURCHASING ANY BOOKS THROUGH THE SCHOOL, THE ACTIVE LEARN DIGITAL PLATFORM and LEARNING LADDERS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DAILY TEACHING AND LEARNING AND PROGRESS TRACKING. (THE ACTIVE LEARN DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR YEARS 1-6 INCLUDES HARD COPIES OF MATH and SCIENCE TEXT BOOKS)

Students who are leaving St. Mary's may ignore the email and relevant book circulars.

For students with outstanding dues, please note that purchasing books does not ensure a seat for next year. All outstanding dues must be paid for in full for re-registration for the next Academic Year 2021-2022.

All stationery and notebooks will also be delivered along with the text books provided payment has been made towards the Active Learn and Learning Ladder Digital Platforms.

ACTIVE LEARN/ ACTIVE TEACH& LEARNING LADDERS

The school uses the Pearson'Active Learn' an E-Learning pedagogy . This is supported by an online platform wherein students will be given a password and download instructions. Students will require a desktop computer or a tablet or a laptop and printing facility at home. Learning Ladders is being used to track student's progress against specific learning objectives and will give both children and parents a clear idea of the progress that children are making. Kindly note that the payable amount for 'Active Learn' and 'Learning Ladders' has also been included on each booklist.

ALL PAYMENTS FOR BOOKS AND THE ACTIVE LEARN ONLINE PLATFORM & LEARNING LADDERS MUST BE MADE BETWEEN THE 7TH AND 14th OF JULY 2021 ONLY. NO ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AFTER THE 14TH OF JULY 2021 AS THIS WILL IMPACT THE DELIVERY OF THE ENTIRE SHIPMENT.

<u>KINDLY BEAR IN MIND THAT BOOKS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT A</u> <u>LATER DATE IF A PAID ORDER HAS NOT BEEN MADE AS THESE</u> <u>BOOKS ARE BEING SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM THE UK, BASED ON THE</u> <u>ORDER MADE BY PARENTS.ALL THE ORDERED BOOKS WILL BE</u> <u>DELIVERED BEFORE 29th OF AUGUST 2021.</u>

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)



Thank you

The year has sped by all of us You didn't grumble or ever fuss We are grateful to you mums and dads For the love and patience you have had You kept your children safe and sound We wish you blessings so profound To our kids we raise our hands in praise For adapting to the 'new normal ways' For upholding the Marian Values high And facing challenges without a sigh We all walked this journey together Braved every storm and the worst kind of weather A prayer for all who have suffered pain May blessings be showered like the soft falling rain Thank you to each and everyone You're wished a safe summer that's filled with fun

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APPROVED CALENDAR

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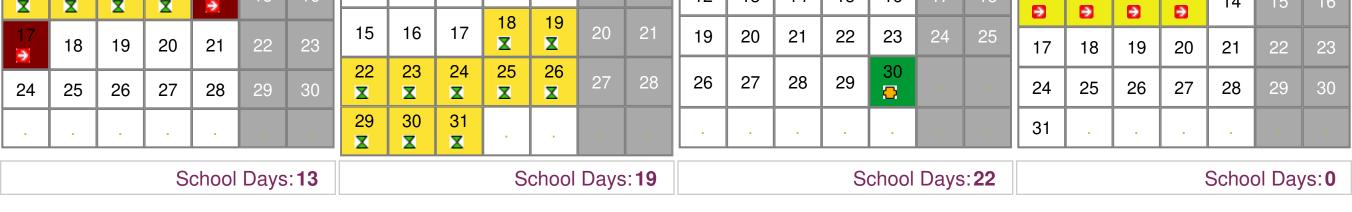
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Academic Year (Total School Days) (Minimum days required to submit the calendar is 182)

The total number of days that students formally attend school and includes instructional days, examinations, academic and non-academic activities.

	Events descriptions			
Icon	Event/Definition	Academic / School Days?	Max. No of days	Mandatory/Optional
	Summer break Summer break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory for April start schools.
Ξ	Winter break Winter break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory.
	Spring break Spring break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory for Sept start schools
8	First academic day for pre-primary students The first day of the academic year for pre-primary students (do not use after winter and spring breaks)	Yes	Start date (1 day)	Optional
0	Last academic day for pre-primary students The last day of the academic year for pre-primary students (do not use before winter and spring breaks)	Yes	Last date (1 day)	Optional
8	First academic day for students The first day of the academic year for students	Yes	Start date (1 day)	*Mandatory
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٠	First working day of the year for teachers The first day of the academic year for teachers	N/A	Start date (1 day)	*Mandatory
٠	Last working day of the year for teachers The last day of the academic year for teachers	N/A	Last date (1 day)	*Mandatory
X	External examination days during which there is no formal teaching Examination/assessment days fixed by examination boards (for example, IGCSE, IB, CBSE, A-level etc.). Please specify the grade(s)/year(s)	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
X	Internal examination days during which there is no formal teaching Examination/assessment days organized and conducted by the school. Please specify the grade(s)/year(s)	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
X	Internal examinations occurring in parallel with regular classes A regular school day during which internal examination/assessment takes place. Please specify the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
X	External examinations occurring in parallel with regular classes A regular school day during which external examination/assessment takes place. (e.g. National Agenda assessments, ASSET, GL tests, MAP tests, IELTS etc). Please specify the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
4	Principal/ superintendent unavailability Days when the principal/superintendent of the school is unavailable for any reason (e.g., recruitment days, conferences, training, etc)	N/A	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Unavailability of any grade(s)/year(s) due to educational purposes for students Days when students are away on educational mission or field trips (Please specify the grade(s)/year(s) and the event). Kindly refer to KHDA guidelines for trips and events.	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
•	Other school holidays Any other holiday (not public holiday) in which the school is off and/or students are not in school	No	Range of days	Optional
Ð	Government holidays Any tentative public holiday whose exact dates will be announced by the government of the UAE. These holidays can be communicated to parents on a tentative basis in which the school is off, but must not be confirmed until officially declared by the UAE government.	No	Range of days	Optional
	Other events A regular school day during which other events take place such as celebrations, graduation of a grade(s)/year(s), parent-teacher meeting, sport day etc. Please specify the event(s) and the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Professional Development (Students are in School) Days for continuous professional development and training for staff when students are in school	Yes	Range of days	Optional



Young & talented wordsmiths of St. Mary's, go put pen to paper and let your stories fly free!

Festival Dates: 3 - 12 February 2022

Short Story Writing Competition Launched!

We are delighted to announce that the Short Story Writing competition is now open!

Budding authors can submit their composition on the below link.

The inspiration for 2022 is "Here Comes the Sun". We can't wait to see how our students will interpret this in their stories.

You have until **Wednesday 3rd November 2021** to submit your entries. Click to Register and know more about the competition,

REGISTER

If you have any queries regarding competition, please contact: Renthi Sebastian at <u>renthi.sebsatian-smchs@smgeducation.org</u>





The return of the Emirates LitFest Writing Prize

Emirates LitFest Writing Prize pre-registration now open

Sharpen those pencils, stretch those fingers, and flex your writing muscles

because the Emirates LitFest Writing Prize is back!

One of the most effective ways for new writers in the GCC to get noticed,

find an agent, and get published, this is a competition you do not want to miss.

To pre-register, just sign up below and you'll be notified when the competition

opens for 2022.

PRE-REGISTER

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Recycling begins at HCME

Join The Neighbourhood Recycling Programme 2021 1st June to 30th September

Collect one or all of the below recyclable materials as per the respective amounts.

EEG Student Membe	ers
Paper	kg 350
Mobile Phones (any brand)	pieces 35
Aluminium Cans	kg 25
Plastic	kg 30
Toner	pieces 30
E-waste	kg 350

	Non Members	
Paper		kg 550
Mobile	Phones (any brand)	pieces 50
Alumir	ium Cans	kg 45
Plastic		kg 55
Toner		pieces 50
E-wast	e	kg 550

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For details email us on wastemanagement@eeg.ae

Register Now!





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Non Member Rules, Regulations and Procedures

- The project will be held from 1st June 2021 30th September 2021.
- We encourage you (our student members) to run a small Recycling Collection Campaign during the summer months to involve yourself in "Local Action for Global Change."
- As part of this unique programme participants are supposed to complete three separate tasks:
 - 1) Prepare a flyer
 - 2) Engage your community
 - 3) Meet the targets
- Every participant needs to follow these 4 steps:

<u>Step 1</u>

Click on the link provided on the email to register yourself as part of the programme. Fill out your details and mention which items you will be recycling.

<u>Step 2</u>

Once you have registered, prepare a poster that you will use to engage your community and motivate them to recycle. The poster **must be prepared on PowerPoint** and it should be sent to EEG for approval and after which we will place the logo of EEG and send it back to you to enable you to circulate and distribute amongst your neighbours.

<u>Step 3</u>

You can now start collecting your material by engaging your neighbours and community to support your cause! You will have **a 2 week period** from the date of your first submission to complete your target. An excel form will be provided to each student to log the quantity and contact information of every family you wish to engage. Please note that every participant <u>must contact 20 families</u> and have their signatures filled in as per the form provided (Mandatory to fill).

<u>Step 4</u>

Ensure that you collect the materials and meet the targets of whichever material/s you have chosen as per the table below and deposit them at the EEG office during working hours.

Recyclable Material	Amount to be Collected
Paper	550 kg
Mobile Phones (and tablets)	50 pcs
Aluminium Cans	45 kg (75 pcs/kg)
Plastic	55 kg
Toner	50 pcs
E-waste	550 kg





- Students who are able to collect the targeted amount, submit their flyer and complete the form will be issued a Certificate of Participation stating that the student has participated in EEG's Neighbourhood Recycling Project and a tree/(s) will be also be planted under the student's name at the Annual tree planting activity in December.
- Should you be able to surpass the targets, you would become eligible to plant multiple trees under your name e.g. 550 kg paper = 1 tree; 1,100 kg of paper = 2 trees and so on.
- The student who is able to collect the highest amounts in the individual categories will be awarded a special mounted certificate after the project for time by EEG.
- Students who are able to fulfil the required amounts will also be required to write a testimonial (50 words) about their experience during the summer.
- EEG will include a write up on the Neighbourhood Recycling Project, taking into account the testimonials submitted by its students, and will choose from the highest performing students on its social media handles.

<u>Students must comply with government protocols and wear Facemasks and</u> <u>Gloves while reaching out to their neighbours.</u>



ADNOC STEM FOR LIFE 2021 SUMMER CAMPS ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE

Explore a world of energy and develop future skills this summer with our two exciting STEM camps!



شركة بترول أبوظبي الوطنية Abu Dhabi National Oil Company

STRETCH YOUR MIND THIS SUMMER WHILE ENGAGING IN EXCITING CHALLENGES THAT PREPARE YOU FOR THE FUTURE

Join our STEM for Life camps this summer to explore a world of energy! Learn about industry trends, coding, geology, sustainability and much more. You will also get the chance to meet experts from ADNOC and learn about their work. Both camps are free, require easily accessible materials and can be completed from home.

ABOUT THE CAMPS

Mission Digital Energy Camp (25 July - 5 August 2021)

Why settle for a one-world experience when you can also build your own virtual world and showcase it?

Mission Digital Energy is a two-week virtual summer camp that will take place in a Minecraft world built by you and your friends.

You will be challenged to explore, design, build and code as you work to unlock the challenges of Mission Digital Energy. Are you up for the challenge?

At the end of this camp, you will create a cinematic production that tells the story of your virtual world. We can't wait to see what you create!

Energy Camp (8-19 August 2021)

Energy is all around and within us! The sounds you hear, the colors you see, the motion of things - did you know that this is all energy in action?

Energy Camp is a two-week hands-on exploration of how we harness different forms of energy to get things done in the world.

Energy is an important concept in every field: physics, chemistry, biology, math, computer science, cryptography and more. In this camp, you will explore energy in all its forms.

Where does your energy come from? Join us to stretch your mind while enjoying the exciting activities that we have in store for you!

Energy Camp (8-19 August 2021)

Students will get a participation certificate from ADNOC for every camp that they successfully complete on time. Exciting prizes will be awarded, and we can't wait to reveal them! Stay tuned for more details.contact us at :

REGISTER BY 30 JUNE 2021

<u>Click To Register</u>

CONTACT

If you have questions, please email us at: support@adnocstem.ae, and join our portal adnocstem.ae to stay tuned for the upcoming announcements.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Ages: 8-16

Location: Camps completed at home Cost: Free

Technology Requirements:

Mission Digital Energy Camp requires access to a computer or tablet. Minecraft Windows 10 or Education Editions are preferred for coding projects. Java or Mobile Editions can be used as well. Students must purchase their own copies of Minecraft.

Energy Camp requires access to a computer or tablet.

STEM FOR LIFE 2021 SUMMER CAMPS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the STEM for Life 2021 Summer Camps?

The STEM for Life 2021 Summer Camps are two camps that run over four weeks for middle and high school students in the UAE and abroad. Students will learn about exciting STEM career paths, including engineering, geology, computer science, sustainability and design. They will also develop their coding, collaboration, problem solving, communication and critical thinking skills.

What are the dates?

Mission Digital Energy Camp runs 25 July - 5 August 2021

Energy Camp runs 8-19 August 2021

Where do the summer camps take place?

The camps take place at your home. Students can share their work and engage with other participants through **adnocstem.ae**.

How much does the program cost?

All ADNOC STEM for Life programming is free.

Can students participate in both camps?

Students are welcome to participate in one or both camps.

My kids are different ages. Can they all participate?

The camps' activities are for youth aged 8-16. Most activities can be leveled up or down to accommodate the ability and skill levels of different ages.

How much time do students need to allocate to each camp?

The camps take place Sunday through Thursday. Students should allocate 2-4 hours per day to complete the activities. Students can complete these activities at whatever time of day is most convenient for them.

How do students access the camps?

The camps' content will be posted on adnocstem.ae.

Who are the instructors?

The ADNOC STEM for Life team will hold office hours three times per week on Zoom to introduce the camps' challenges and keep students on track.

How will students know what to do?

Each camp comes with an activity booklet that includes easy-to-follow directions that tell students exactly what to do.

Will students get certificates for participation?

Students will get a participation certificate from ADNOC for every camp that they successfully complete on time.

Exciting prizes will be awarded, and we can't wait to reveal them! Stay tuned for more details.

What materials do I need to acquire in advance?

Mission Digital Energy Camp requires access to a computer or tablet. Minecraft Windows 10 or Education Editions are preferred for coding projects. Java or Mobile Editions can be used as well. Students must purchase their own copies of Minecraft. Energy Camp requires access to a computer or tablet. It will contain activities that can be completed with basic office supplies and materials that you likely already have at home.

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CONTACT

If you have questions, please email us at: support@adnocstem.ae, and join our portal adnocstem.ae to stay tuned for the upcoming announcements.





