

OUR REF :

Thursday, 25th November 2021

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To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13 – WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022 (AHEAD OF WEEK FOURTEEN)

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. We would like you to read on and familiarize yourselves with all the important news for the upcoming week. (Week Fourteen)

IF YOUR CHILD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU MUST TELL US WITHOUT ANY DELAY BY FILLING IN THE LINK ON THE WEBSITE AND UPLOADING A COPY OF THE PCR TEST-Many parents are not following this critical step and we only get to know from DHA days later. In this event we will be unable to contact trace and this could lead to multiple infections among children. WE MUST BE RESPONSIBLE IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AS SAFE AS WE CAN.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF THEY SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19. WE WILL HAVE TO CALL YOU TO TAKE THEM HOME AND THEN A NEGATIVE PCR IS NEEDED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL .(As per DHA guidelines - Students and staff who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms should stay home until they produce a <u>negative PCR result</u> and should be free of symptoms to resume.) Even children who are showing symptoms at home will most likely be asked for a negative PCR test to return to school. Our school clinic will assess each case. We can all be responsible in keeping our Marian family safe in this way.

1) NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAYS:

The school and the school office will be closed for the National Day Break from Wednesday 1st December until Saturday 4th December (inclusive). Staff and students will return to school on Sunday, 5th December. The Marian family offers special prayers for this milestone National Day in the Year of the Fiftieth for the UAE and its rulers.



2) KHDA REGULATIONS FOR ONLINE LINKS DURING FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING: All information regarding protocols will not be repeated and can be referred to in the circular of 21ST October

Link : WEEKLY-CIRCULAR-21-OCTOBER-AHEAD-OF-WEEK-NINE

3) THE YEAR OF THE FIFTIETH- A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UAE:

We will be celebrating the year of the Fiftieth through the week of $23^{\rm rd}$ through $29^{\rm th}$ November .

- a) **These will** be **coloured clothes** days **for all** children **in the** school –Students are reminded to come dressed decently and modestly in keeping with the cultural values of the UAE.
- b) <u>https://www.uaeyearof.ae/school/</u>
 Students from years 3-6 must download the kit using this link and complete the posters.
- c) Students from years 4, 5, and 6 are invited to take part in an art competition YOUR FAVOURITE MONUMENT IN THE UAE- Students are invited to use an A4 canvas and paintings must be submitted to the class teacher by the 28th of November. Prizes include tickets to Motiongate and Ski Dubai and cinema tickets. Get your creative juices flowing and get painting.
- d) Students from years 7 and 8 are invited to take part in an art competition titled THE YEAR OF THE FIFTIETH-Students must use an A3 canvas and paintings must be submitted to the class teacher by the 28th of November. Prizes include tickets to Motiongate and Ski Dubai and cinema tickets. Get your creative juices flowing and get painting.



- e) Students from years 9 through 11 are invited to take part in an art competition titled THE UAE OF THE FUTURE- Students must use an A3 canvas and paintings must be submitted to the class teacher by the 28th of November. Prizes include tickets to Motiongate and Ski Dubai and cinema tickets. Get your creative juices flowing and get painting.
- f) Students from years 12 and 13 are invited to take part in a photography / cupcake decoration competition. Photographs must be your originals and must not include people but must depict your favourite scene/ monument / moment of the UAE and a 100 word write up describing its significance. Submit the picture as a JPEG file with

the write up to your class teacher by the 28th of November. Prizes include tickets to Motiongate and Ski Dubai and cinema tickets. Those taking part in the cupcake decoration competition must bring in your cupcakes in a disposable box with your name clearly labeled on Sunday, 28th November and submit to the admin office. We will distribute the cupcakes to those who work to keep the school clean and ready for work each day.



h) ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION: All secondary students are invited to participate in an Arabic Calligraphy competition. A4 SIZE ART PAPER/ Any medium of colour- watercolours/ oil pastels etc. Choose ANY ONE of these words in Arabic and let your calligraphic genius shine through- PEACE / TOLERANCE / RESPECT / LOVE / KINDNESS / COMPASSION/

4) EXCITING EXPO 2020 COMPETITIONS:

All parents are asked to check the competition flyers attached to this circular and encourage children to take part in these very inspiring

competitions.

Link : <u>EXPO-Competition on-Short-Film</u> Link : <u>EXPO-Competition-Feature-Story</u>



5) WINTER BREAK :

We had shared our KHDA approved calendar with all parents on the 1st of July 2021 in our end of year circular and the calendar is also available on the school website. A reminder that the winter break runs from the 10th of December 2021 to 1st January 2022 (inclusive). School resumes on 2nd January 2022. School ends at 10:30 am for ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF on Thursday, 9th December 2021.





6) ADMISSION TO THE TWO YEAR GCE A-LEVEL PROGRAMME- for parents of year 11 students:

All parents of students in Year 11 are requested to kindly go through attachment ONE of this circular.

7) BOARD EXAMINATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 11 AND 13 :

We would like to remind all parents and students that the winter break will be a key opportunity for students sitting board exams to review the work done in years 9 and 10 and use this time to their best advantage.

The situation that unfolded over the last two years made many children realise, albeit too late the true value of being consistent with their study habits and not waiting until the last minute before exams to prepare and study. It is always best for every child to be **CONSISTENT AND HIGHLY REGULAR** with their study and ensure that they maintain a good level of attainment across all their assessment opportunities and prepare as well as they can for their Board Examinations.

8) FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS :

We would like to remind ALL PARENTS of students from YEARS 1-13 that the first term examinations will run **from the 16th to the 31st of January 2022**. All examinations will

be **handwritten** and only students from years 5 to 10 will need to carry their devices or smart phones to scan the answer sheets. Parents of students in lower primary are reminded to kindly use this time to have children practice some handwriting as we are still encountering many children who are struggling with even the most basic writing.

9) READING QUIZ BASED ON A BOOK FOR ALL CLASSES YEARS 1-10 :

One book will be assigned for children to read during the Winter Break and a quiz on these will be conducted after the break and the marks will be part of the first term English Language Examination . Reading is the most valuable skill and we would like to embed this skill in every child, so your support in encouraging them to read with interest will be greatly appreciated.

10) FIRST REPORT DAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2021 FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS FROM YEARS 1-13:

All parents are asked to check ATTACHMENT TWO of this circular for details about timings for the virtual parent-teacher meetings.

11) SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

It has been a disappointing experience especially with many of our young lads who are being repeatedly reminded to have a hair cut or trim their long locks and yet see them day after day not paying heed to these simple yet important reminders. We urge parents to kindly set aside some time this weekend to have your son's hair cut or trimmed neatly so that it is more becoming of a well turned out school boy. Kindly refer to our **UNIFORM POLICY** attached to this circular. **BOYS MUST HAVE A NEAT AND SHORT HAIRCUT AND GIRLS MUST NOT HAVE COLOURED OR HIGHLIGHTED HAIR**. Students may wear a wristwatch and girls may wear one pair of simple studs on the lower part of the ear lobe. Multiple ear piercings or nose piercings are not permitted.



PERMITTED.





Only school jackets/ hoodies will be permitted from November onwards.

12) CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED IF ANY STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE, EVEN AT THE WEEKEND: If any child shows symptoms of Covid-19, they must be kept at home and a diagnosis must be sought from an approved medical practitioner. If a child tests positive, the parent must use the link on the school website and fill out the required details and upload a copy of a PCR test that has been conducted. These are critical DHA requirements and have to be treated with the utmost seriousness. The school will then contact the parents of any other child who was in contact with the child in question as well as staff members who will also have to self isolate for 7 days as part of contact tracing requirements. A DHA Clearance Certificate for a child who previously tested positive is also required in order for the child to return to school. In addition in case a child or a parent, sibling or any family member of a child tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, an email must be sent to Ms. Lise-Ann and Dr. Dayani without delay and the child, by virtue of being a close contact, must be kept at home to self isolate for 7 days. 13) PAYMENT OF FIRST TERM FEES : Please refer to the circular of 22nd October 2021. In addition, we would like parents to be aware that we will not be able to issue any documents for students who still have outstanding fees. Kindly settle all outstanding dues at the earliest.

14) SIMS PARENT APP :

SIMS PARENT APP is live and you might have already received the invitations to the registered school email account of your child.

Kindly follow the steps exactly as mentioned in SIMS PARENT GUIDE (Attachment THREE) for smooth registration to SIMS PARENT APP.

15) PARENTS' WHATSAPP GROUPS :

While a whatsapp group maybe very useful for sharing important information that can be very helpful - sometimes essential - for busy parents, it has increasingly been noticed that these groups seem to have become breeding grounds for gossip, Chinese whispers and criticism. We are noticing more and more that a personal experience of a child or a staff member has become fodder for public comment and this has extended to even the very private medical information of children being openly discussed on parent groups. There's a broader societal issue here. This is all very new to us adults. We must reflect on the example we're setting. We talk about what our children are doing online, but we don't reflect on our own behaviour; we don't have an agreed etiquette. We would like all parents , especially those in primary school to do some reflection on the unchecked chatter and quite often the vilifying of staff members in the parents' whatsapp groups and ask yourself if that is truly helping you or rather creating unwanted stress. As a school, we would like you to reach out to the teachers or to Ms. Lise-Ann (in more urgent cases) rather than allow what could be one parent's opinion or perspective or misinterpretation in many cases, cloud the perspectives of all the rest. Let us try not to micromanage the children but have more faith in their capacity for resilience and courage.

While we continue to encourage you to use emails as the official channels for communication, we would like to offer some useful guidelines for the ethical use of whatsapp groups should parents still feel the need for them.

Groups can be used to share :

- Reminders about deadlines, school activities, and events.
- Questions about school activities or special events e.g. what date the science project is due in, uniform or non-uniform day, when the deadline to pay for something is, etc.
- Sharing important information already posted in a circular to help reach more parents e.g. alerts about sickness, school policies, etc.

- Sharing information which can be useful to the other parents in the group e.g. where to buy costumes for dressing up days, ideas for projects, etc.
- Foster a sense of community
- Sharing relevant community notices e.g. road closures or new traffic lights in the local area, etc.

We **STRONGLY discourage** the use of the groups to:

- Gossip.
- Voice grievances.
- Share personal problems.
- Point out another child's behaviour.
- Discuss the work of teachers: if a parent has a concern regarding the teacher, that parent should speak with him or her directly.
- Raise individual concerns or complaints: if a parent has a particular concern or complaint regarding the School or any member of the Staff, that issue should be raised directly with the School .
- Share political or religious posts or discussions.

16) SOCIAL MEDIA NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN :

Please refer to the circular of 21^{st} October 2021.

17) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY CHILDREN:

Please refer to the circular of 21st October 2021.

18) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:

If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal, Ms. Lise-Ann on <u>l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org</u> and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you. For subject –related concerns, kindly send an email to the subject teacher. For minor class-related concerns and absences, kindly send an email to both class teachers. Concerns will be addressed by a return email or a phone call from school depending upon the nature of the concern.

19) USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES:

Please refer to the circular of 21^{st} October 2021.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and productive week ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)





OUR REF :

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DATE: Saturday, 20TH November 2021

To: Parents of Year Eleven Students – ADMISSION TO TWO YEAR A-LEVEL GCE PROGRAMME

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School Dubai. We invite you to read this circular very clearly as it has important information for parents regarding admission to the two year A-Level GCE Programme.

We would like to point out very clearly, that admission to A-Level is not automatic and is a completely new process.

The conditions for a student to be considered for a place in A-Levels are as follows.

- SHOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR RECORD
- 4 SUBJECTS TO BE OPTED FOR and a high grade average in the same.
- Admissions will be MERIT-BASED.
- Hold a high grade **average** in all subjects (Internal Exams) in Year Eleven.
- Should have not had any serious or repeated disciplinary issues over Years Nine through Eleven.
- Should not have engaged in activities, in or out of school, which tarnish the reputation of the school.
- Hold a minimum attendance record of 95%
- Be prepared for an entrance exam in the subject opted for that has not been taken at O-Level

We would also like to bring to your attention that under the British system, a student completes high school with the completion of his/her O-Level. Hence the admission to A-Level is then a process of a 'NEW ADMISSION'.

<u>Those students who take Arabic as a First language and Islamic Studies in A-Level will have to</u> <u>maintain a minimum aggregate attendance percentage of 95% for Arabic and / or Islamic</u> <u>Studies lessons, FAILING WHICH STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED A SCHOOL LEAVING</u> <u>CERTIFICATE/ATTESTED CERTIFICATES OR RECOMMENDATION LETTERS. Students who do not</u> <u>reflect this 95%aggregate attendance after the first month of enrollment might not be allowed to</u> <u>continue the A-Level programme.</u>

Please note that St. Mary's Catholic High School offers the GCE Advanced Levels Linear Programme which means that we DO NOT OFFER **AS LEVEL CERTIFICATION** at the end of Year 12. This is a standalone qualification and results are declared only at the end of Year 13.

The whole two year Programme has to be completed for any equivalency certification.

Please consider all the criteria above while planning ahead with the next phase in your child's educational journey. Parents should also be aware that even if all criteria are met, **competition** for places remains very stiff as seats are limited and therefore, we strongly recommend that all parents should ensure that their children have a back-up plan. This would include applying to other institutions besides St. Mary's.

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)





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OUR REF :

Saturday, 20th November 2021

To: Parents (Year One to Year Thirteen): First Parent-Teacher Meeting / First Report Day

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Marys. The first Parent-Teacher Meeting / Report Day of the academic year will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your children's class teachers to share insightful information about them. The first Parent –Teacher Meeting has been SCHEDULED for Saturday, 27th November 2021 from 8:00 am until 11:00 pm. (Years 1-8) 8:00 am until 12:30 pm (Years 9-13) All parents are not compelled to attend the meeting and only those parents who wish to meet their children's class teachers may attend. Report cards will be made available via the SIMS Parent app.

We regret that we will not be able to publish report cards if there are **outstanding first**

term fees for your child. If fees are paid this week, reports will be processed a week from the school receiving the confirmation of payment from SKIPLY, so kindly be patient with the process.

Parents are asked to kindly jot down important points you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher and to not spend more than the ten minutes assigned with the teacher as a courtesy to other parents. Teachers will have to end the meeting after 10 minutes as there will be parents waiting for their assigned time slot.

Class teachers will send a zoom link for the purpose of the meeting. Each class teacher will meet with parents of 15 children. One teacher will handle students with an Even Roll number and the other teacher will handle students with an Odd Roll number.

TIMINGS FOR YEARS 1-8

- 8:00 to 9:00 am parents of students 1-10 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).
- 9:00-10:00 am parents of students 11-20 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).
- 10:00-11:00 am parents of students 21-30 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).

For years 9-11 since we have only ONE class teacher per class we will have slightly shorter time slots of 7 minutes for each parent.

- 8:00 to 9:00 am parents of students 1-7 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).
- 9:00-10:00 am parents of students 8- 14 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).
- 10:00-11:00 am parents of students 15-21 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm parents of students 22-28 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).
- 12:00 12:15 pm parents of students 29& 30 (Parents will be held in the waiting room and will be admitted according to your time slot).

YEARS 12 AND 13- Class teachers will send a separate set of timings to students as class numbers vary.

Class teachers will send a zoom link for the purpose of the meeting.

Parents are asked to kindly jot down important points you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher and to not spend more than the seven minutes assigned with the teacher as a courtesy to other parents. Teachers will have to end the meeting after 7 minutes as there will be parents waiting for their assigned time slot.

We have asked the subject teachers to communicate any relevant and vital concerns to the class teachers so that they may share it with you. However if you wish to speak to a Subject teacher for any serious concerns or queries, you are requested to kindly send an email to the concerned subject teacher with your child's name and your contact number. Teachers will contact you during the week or reply to your queries via email.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)





SIMS PARENT APP GUIDE

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LOGGING INTO SIMS PARENT APP:

New Admission: Students newly admitted to SMCHS will have to do the registration for SIMS Parent App. (Steps for registration in next slides).

Existing Students: Parents who already have SIMS Parent APP account registered previously have to register once again with their child's school email account wherein you will be receiving new invitation for registering Sims Parent App for the current academic year.

For any support on SIMS Parent App, kindly send an email with student details to sims.support-smchs@smgeducation.org



SIMS PARENT APP allows schools to easily communicate with Parents. Whether it's sharing information such as:

- Important Circulars
- Attendance
- School Report Cards
- Data Collection

For SIMS Parent App registration, IT Support would be sending a registration email that contains a unique registration link and an invitation code to your child's school email account.

This email will be sent from Capita SIMS (noreply@sims.co.uk). If you cannot find this email, please check your junk mail and ensure it has not been marked as SPAM.

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Click "Accept Invitation" to start the registration.

If you had to select the web address in the email, you will need to copy the invite code from the email and paste it into the space provided.

Once the invitation is accepted, a new window will open & you will be asked to log in



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Activate Your Account

So that we can confirm your identity, please enter your email address and personal invitation code.

Username

Email address

Invitation Code

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Next

Alternatively you may complete the registration using an External Account.

Register with an External Account

Secured by SIMS ID ESS Hosted Services: Check Service Status Once your click accept Invitation, a new window **"Activate your Account"** will open up as shown on the RHS.

Kindly select and copy the Invitation code (Marked in red rectangle).

Once the invitation code is copied, please click "Register with an External Account".

Note : It is very important you are logged in to the same school email account of your child wherein you have received the invitation invite.



Select option – Sign in with Google

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	Sign in with Microsoft
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ś	Sign in with Apple ID



Once you are logged in with the school email account of your child, you will see the below screen.

Paste the Invitation Code and Click Register.



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You will have received a new service invite code from either Capita SIMS or from your school administrator.

Please enter the code below and tap or click Register.

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Invitation Code				
	Register			



Enter the date of birth of your children attending the school. This is for security purposes only.

Kindly enter the date of birth in **DD/MM/YYYY** format OR the date format set in your PC/Laptop.

Click Verify to complete the registration process.





Once registration is completed and your account is created., you will see the SIMS Parent site screen as below.





Click on the Student to see the menu for :

- Attendance
- Messages
- Reports





DOWNLOAD SIMS PARENT APP

The SIMS Parent app can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store (iOS) or the Play Store (Android).

- 1. Open the Play Store or Apple Store on your device.
- 2. Using the Search facility, enter **SIMS Parent**.
- 3. Select SIMS Parent by Capita from the search results.
- 4. Tap READ MORE for more information or INSTALL to download the app.
- 5. Once the app has downloaded successfully, tap Open to register and start using the app.





6. If you have access to a tablet device, laptop, desktop computer you can sign in via the following website https://www.sims-parent.co.uk



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What devices can I use to access SIMS Parent?

SIMS Parent can be accessed via any desktop PC or laptop. The SIMS Parent app can be accessed on Apple or Android devices.

How do I download the app?

The SIMS Parent app can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store or the Play Store. Please refer to the guide above.

How do I log in for the first time?

Full instructions for registering a SIMS Parent account can be found in the guide above.

I can't find my account registration email. What should I do?

If you cannot find the account registration email, please check your junk mail and ensure it has not been marked as SPAM. If you still have not received your account registration email, please send email to School IT Support Team <u>sims.support</u>smchs@smgeducation.org



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

How do I log in?

You will have received an email invitation from your school directing you to complete the registration process for SIMS Parent. Parents can access the SIMS Parent website by going to https://www.sims-parent.co.uk or via the SIMS Parent app. Once the SIMS Parent app is downloaded onto a mobile device, an icon will be available on the device menu that will take you directly to the app.

Registration for SIMS Parent is completed via sign in with GOOGLE option and using the school email account of the child.

I can't remember my password. What should I do? Please send email to itsupport-smchs@smgeducation.org for resetting your password.

I have signed into SIMS Parent before but I can't sign in now. What should I do?

Ensure you are logged in with the correct account (i.e. the account you used during the SIMS Parent registration process). Please sign out of all accounts from the browser and close the browser completely. Open a new browser window and log in to SIMS Parent, using the account details you used during the registration process. If you still cannot sign in to SIMS Parent, please contact your school directly for assistance





Thank you

FOR ANY MORE QUERIES SEND EMAIL TO

sims.support-smchs@smgeducation.org

THE SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Inspired by Expo 2020 Dubai, a perspective on the cultural diversity in the UAE and how it impacts our lives

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication at The American University in Dubai in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the

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Sultan Bin Ali Al Owais Cultural Foundation

Present

THE SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Inspired by Expo 2020 Dubai, a perspective on the cultural diversity in the UAE and how it affects our lives.

a high school competition Short Film in English or Arabic for Grade 12 students nationwide, in public and private schools (citizens and residents)

The winner will receive a Full Scholarship at AUD-MBRSC The next three winners will receive other awards prizes

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication is pleased to announce a revamped short film competition open for all students (citizens and residents) attending public and private high schools in the UAE.

The competition guidelines are as follows:

- Students must submit a one to three-minute original short film (fully shot and edited by the student) based on the following theme: Inspired by Expo 2020 Dubai, a perspective on the cultural diversity in the UAE and how it affects our lives.
- A brief text describing the rationale behind the creative treatment of the short film (no more than 250 words).
- 3. Students must shoot the film on their mobile phone and share it in MP4 H264 format on a social media platform of their choice, including the hashtag #expo2020_MBRSC. The file should be named as follows: Contestant full name film title_MBRSC_HSC2022.
- Deadline for submissions is 1st February 2022. Winners to be announced 1st March 2022.

The film can be fictional, documentary, or any other free form, so long as it portrays the theme creatively.

Projects will be evaluated based on the originality of the idea, concept, creativity, technique (high-quality sound and video), and relevance to the theme of "our lives in multi-cultural Dubai."

We advise students to conduct research to enrich their project with facts. Students should send the link of their submission, with their full name, school name, phone number and email address to: <u>nmakansi@aud.edu</u>.

The competition is sponsored by EmiratesNBD.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.aud.edu/all-news/the-short-film-competition/

THE FEATURE STORY COMPETITION

Highlighting the elements that make Expo 2020 Dubai distinct

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication at The American University in Dubai in collaboration with The Ministry of Education, the Dubai Press Club, and the Culture and Science Symposium in Dubai

Present

FEATURE STORY

Highlighting the elements that make Expo 2020

a competition for high school students in English or Arabic for Grade 12 students nationwide, in public and private schools (citizens and residents)

The first winner will receive a Scholarship at The Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication

The next three winners will receive other valuable awards

The Feature Story is a press report that begins with an introduction to the story, followed by the presentation of the subject and a conclusion. It should be objective and should not include the author's personal opinion.

"Feature Story" competition for high school students.

The competition aims to support the upcoming generation in discovering their writing talents and honing their skills in journalism.

Competition details:

- The Feature Story should highlight the elements that make Expo 2020 Dubai distinct/special
- The Feature Story may be written in English or Arabic
- Submissions should be between 500 and 800 words
- All submissions should include three interviews, with interviewees from both genders (male and female)
- High-quality photos of the interviewees should be included with the Feature Story
- Submissions should be mindful of word choice and written using correct grammar and punctuation. Sentences should be short and include relevant background information
- Direct quotes and references must be placed in quotation marks
- Submissions must include the student's full name, school name, phone number, and email address
- The submission deadline is 1, February 2022. Results will be announced on 1, March 2022

Please send submissions to the following email: nmakansi@aud.edu The competition is sponsored by EmiratesNBD.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.aud.edu/all-news/the-feature-story-competition/