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Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

**To: The Parents of students in Years 1 - 13**  
**WEEKLY CIRCULAR AHEAD OF WEEK FIVE**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. Please read on for all the latest updates. Information that is still relevant from last week's circular will be referenced from there so that it is not repetitive.

**1) ASSESSMENTS FOR YEARS 1-13:**

Parents are requested to please check the separate attachment on Assessments (issued on 20<sup>th</sup> September) that has been attached to the weekly circular.

**2) IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, PARTICULARLY BY STUDENTS IN YEARS 9-11:**

Parents are requested to carefully read the separate attachment to this circular.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/CYBERBULLYING-BULLYING-SANCTIONS-AND-CONSEQUENCES-REMINDER-CIRCULAR.pdf>

**3) GL CAT-4 TEST FOR YEARS FOUR, SIX, EIGHT AND TEN ONLY:**

Parents of students in Years Four, Six, Eight and Ten are requested to kindly check the separate attachment to this circular regarding the GL CAT4 examination. Please email the skiply receipt indicating payment for the same to your child's class teacher. Please find the schedule below for the GL CAT-4 examinations. **CHILDREN MUST BRING A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE -**

**ONLY A TABLET OR LAPTOP (THE TEST WILL NOT RUN ON A MOBILE PHONE) ON THE DAY THE TEST HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THEIR CLASS.**

Children who have been newly admitted to Saint Mary's this year to years Four to Ten must submit a copy of your CAT-4 results done in your previous school, to your class teachers no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **SCHEDULE FOR CAT-4 EXAMINATIONS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>YEAR 4 A B C D E &amp; F</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>YEAR 6 A B C D E &amp; F</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>YEAR 8 A B C D E &amp; F</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	<b>YEAR 10 A B C D E &amp; F</b>

### **4) UAE UNIVERSITY FAIR @ SMCHS, DUBAI FOR YEARS 11, 12 & 13:**

Parents are requested to kindly check the separate attachment to this circular regarding this event.

### **5) DISCOUNT VOUCHERS FROM IMG WORLD YEARS 5-13:**

Every student from Years 5 to 13 has received a discount coupon that has been provided by IMG world. Please check with your child for the same.

### **6) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS (PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS):**

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly go through the separate circular on A-Level admissions attached to this weekly notice.

### **7) WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS:**

With a view to improving overall student wellbeing and following through with some suggestions from students themselves, the school will champion Wellbeing Wednesdays as the first in a series of initiatives to improve overall student wellbeing. ***We would request that every child bring in ANY ONE FRUIT of their choice and ANY ONE DAIRY (milk, laban, yoghurt, a fruit juice could substitute for those children who are lactose intolerant)*** for breakfast every Wednesday, that they will have together in class first thing in the morning during the morning registration with their class teachers.

### **8) PREFECTURAL ROLES & COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS:**

Parents of Year Thirteen students are required to note that while this cohort was not able to undertake these responsibilities last year owing to the various challenges and restrictions brought on by the pandemic, we as a school recognise the need for students to have the experience of being young leaders and undertaking some community service before they embark upon their university journey. Lise-Ann has been working with the current Year Thirteen cohort to provide them both prefectural as well as community service opportunities and your children will be able to share more with you at home.

### **9) PREFECTURAL ROLES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS:**

Parents of Year Twelve students must please note that they will ALL be given the opportunity to serve as School Prefects as well as undertake compulsory Community Service in preparation for university life. Being a leader calls for both maturity and responsibility and we will be taking them

through the process in the coming weeks. Community service forms have been sent to students this weekend and they must be returned as a hard copy to their class teachers on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September without fail.

### **10) PREDICTED GRADES POLICY FOR YEARS 12 & 13:**

We would like to remind all parents and students to carefully go through this Policy that is available on our school website. 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. This will also help them to achieve better predicted grades as every assessment and examination counts towards the calculation of the same.

### **11) EMIRATES LITERATURE FESTIVAL OF READING (LITFEST):**

We would like to remind ALL parents about the flyers that we had sent out on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September that has all the information about various competitions that are a part of the Emirates Litfest. Please note that team events will require a great deal of commitment and preparation after school hours (virtually) as well as individual preparation and those who wish to take part must keep this in mind and not pull out at the last minute which compromises the work of other children in the team and hugely disadvantages them.

### **12) SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY, YEARS 9 TO 13:**

We would like to request all parents of children in these year groups to please go through the Subject Change Policy which will be available over the weekend in the Parents' Info section of the school website.

### **13) IBT ARABIC EXAM FOR ARABIC A- ARAB SPEAKERS FROM YEARS FIVE THROUGH TEN:**

Parents of native Arabic speakers in Years Five through Ten are requested to check the separate circular attached to this weekly circular and complete the necessary formalities at the earliest.

**Please email the skiply receipt indicating payment of AED 35/- to the class teacher.**

### **14) IBT ARABIC EXAM FOR ARABIC B- NON-ARAB SPEAKERS FROM YEARS FIVE, SEVEN and NINE ONLY:**

Parents of non-native speakers in Years Five, Seven and Nine are requested to check the separate circular attached to this weekly circular and complete the necessary formalities at the earliest.

**Please email the skiply receipt indicating payment of AED 35/- to the class teacher.**

## **15) YEAR 11 STUDENTS REQUIRED TO HAND IN THEIR PHONES DURING MORNING REGISTRATION:**

Please refer to our circular of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/To-The-Parents-of-students-in-Year-1-%E2%80%93-13-WEEKLY-CIRCULAR-AHEAD-OF-WEEK-FOUR-1.pdf>

## **16) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER PRIMARY CHILDREN:**

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## **17) PARENT ACCESS TO THE CAMPUS IN THE MORNING:**

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## **18) PARENT ACCESS TO THE CAMPUS AT HOMETIME:**

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## **19) NO DISTRIBUTION OF ANY ITEMS (cakes/ candies/ chocolate/ and even non-edible items) FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:**

Parents are reminded that while the class would be happy to sing for your child on his/her birthday, there should be STRICTLY NO DISTRIBUTION of any food/ sweets or even non-edible items like small toys etc on your child's birthday.

## **20) PARENT'S APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS:**

Parents are requested to kindly email a particular teacher that you wish to meet for any urgent reason. Please specify if you would like a telephone call, a zoom meeting, or a face-to-face meeting. Please include your telephone number in the email. Teachers will get back to you.

## **21) EXISTING KHDA PROTOCOLS FOR FACE-TO -FACE LEARNING AT DUBAI PRIVATE SCHOOLS:**

There have been no major changes to existing protocols from KHDA.

**USE OF MASKS INDOORS IS MANDATORY AND MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO by all staff and students.**

We had a compliance inspection from KHDA today and they want us to reiterate to ALL parents that students must constantly be reminded about the critical importance of the correct usage of masks indoors. We are doing our best to remind them in school and your support in speaking to them at home will help us immensely.

## **22) IMPORTANCE OF HYGIENE KIT FOR ALL STUDENTS IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE:**

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/WEEKLY-CIRCULAR-2-SEPTEMBER-2022.pdf>

## **23) CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED IF ANY STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE, EVEN AT THE WEEKEND:**

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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## **24) ONLINE LESSONS ONLY FOR ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES/ SYMPTOMATIC CLOSE CONTACTS:**

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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## **25) STUDENT SCHOOL EMAIL ID:**

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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## **26) GOOGLE CLASSROOM:**

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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## **27) NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR STUDENTS OF YEARS 1-8 (EXCEPT FOR MOBILE PHONE):**

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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## **28) PARENTS' WHATSAPP GROUPS:**

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## **29) OWN TRANSPORT DROP OFF AND PICK UP GATE:**

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### **30) SCHOOL OFFICE WEEKEND SCHEDULES:**

The school office will work on Second and Fourth Saturdays from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. The school office will remain CLOSED on First and Third Saturdays and ALL Sundays.

### **31) SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP (Boys' uniforms/ sports uniforms for boys and girls and hoodies):**

The Uniform Shop will be open only on Second and Fourth Saturdays from 8:00 until 11:00 am. Students have been accessing the uniform store for the first hour in the mornings after their class registration.

### **32) PAYMENT OF TERM FEES:**

Please check all information related to the same from our WELCOME BACK CIRCULAR dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022. **THE FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE FOR TERM ONE IS 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022. KINDLY RESPECT THIS DEADLINE.**

We would like to remind ALL parents that timely fee payments are important for the sustained functioning of the school. We urge parents not to delay fee payments and ensure that you have paid well within the stipulated fee payment window for each term.

### **33) FINANCE-RELATED EMAILS:**

1) [fee-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:fee-smchs@smgeducation.org)

**ALL FEES Related matters (payments):** Kindly make sure to send the transaction details with the required SUBJECT Header for quick validation of your concerns and attached proof of payment.

(Mode of Payment / Particulars/ Amount / Student ID)

SKIPLY/ TERM 1 FEES/ 4,800 Dhs / 002563 / Kiandra Smith / 11A

SIMS Student Registration Number Request must also be sent to the email above.

2) [finance-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:finance-smchs@smgeducation.org)

**ALL INVOICE, ACCOUNTS RECONCILIATION, TC and other related matters**

Kindly make sure to send the transaction details with the required SUBJECT Header for quick validation of your concerns and attached proof of payment.

(Particulars/ Student Details)

Request for Pro-Forma Invoice / 002536 / Kiandra Smith / 11A

### **34) SCHOOL CANTEEN:**

The school canteen has been operational from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. However, we strongly discourage primary students from buying food at the canteen, rather they would benefit from healthy snacks/ food carried from home. Parents must keep in mind that crowded canteen lines are not viable for younger children and as much as we do try to streamline the queues, it is not always possible to whittle down the crowds.

### **35) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023:**

Please check all information related to the same from our WELCOME BACK CIRCULAR dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The calendar has been attached to this circular. The legend of key dates is below.

#### **THE COLOURED ROW HAS BEEN UPDATED LAST WEEK.**

<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Diwali Holiday</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Government Holidays</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> December (inclusive)</b>	<b>Winter break</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February (inclusive)</b>	<b>First Term examinations in the morning session and regular lessons after break.</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>End of Term Holiday</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (inclusive)</b>	<b>Mock Exams for Years 11 and 13</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>Government Holidays</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>Final exams (Years 1-10 and year 12) in the morning session and regular lessons after break</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>Final exams (Years 1-10 and Year 12 in the morning and students go home after the exam.</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Last day for students and staff</b>

### **36) STUDENT ABSENCES MUST BE INFORMED BY PARENTS:**

All parents are requested to kindly inform the class teacher via email whenever a child is absent, even if it is just for one day. A simple email with the reason for the absence will suffice but is mandatory. Unaccounted for absences will be marked as unjustified and will be reflected on students' progress reports.

**37) 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 2022 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.**

**38) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:**

If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal, Ms. Lise-Ann on [l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org) and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)







OUR REF : .....

TRN : 100259955100003

Date: Tuesday, 20th September 2022

**To : Parents of Students from YEAR ONE to YEAR THIRTEEN****RE: Assessments for the November 2022 Report**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from St. Mary's.** Please read the information carefully with regard to your child's formative Assessments ahead of the November 2022 report.

This is what Assessments will look like .

<p><b>YEARS 11, 12 and 13 – Assessments for the November 2022 report</b></p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT WINDOW : Ongoing until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – NO MORE THAN TWO ASSESSMENTS PER DAY</b></p> <p><b>Internal Assessment marks 100% ( Within set Deadlines )</b></p>
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<p><b>YEARS 4 to 10 – Assessments for the November 2022 report</b></p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT WINDOW : 3<sup>rd</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022- NO MORE THAN TWO ASSESSMENTS PER DAY</b></p> <p><b>( Music, Art &amp; Sport- Continuous AFL )</b></p>		
<p><b>FORMATIVE-ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>TWO TESTS</p> <p><u>visibly evidenced</u></p> <p>15 marks each</p>	<p><b>ASSIGNMENT</b></p> <p>PROJECT WORK/HW</p> <p>PORTFOLIOS / RESEARCH/</p> <p>( ENGLISH –READING TASK )</p> <p>STRICTLY WITHIN SET DEADLINES</p>	<p><b>AFL</b></p> <p>CLASS PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Presentations/ Skits/</p> <p>Oral Role play / Group</p> <p>Work/ Pair work / LEARNING LADDERS</p>
<b>30 MARKS</b>	<b>10 MARKS</b>	<b>10 MARKS</b>

**YEARS 1 to 3 – Assessments for the November 2022 report****ASSESSMENT WINDOW : 3<sup>rd</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022- NO MORE THAN TWO ASSESSMENTS PER DAY****English Reading, Eng. Writing, Maths, Science, Arabic, Social Studies ( year 2 & 3 ), History, Islamic Stu. French ( Year 3 ),**

<b>FORMATIVE-ASSESSMENT</b> TWO TESTS <u>visibly evidenced</u> 15 marks each	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b> PROJECT WORK/HW PORTFOLIOS / RESEARCH/ ( ENGLISH –READING TASK ) STRICTLY WITHIN SET DEADLINES	<b>AFL</b> CLASS PARTICIPATION Presentations/ Skits/ Oral Role play / Group Work/ Pair work / LEARNING LADDERS
<b>30 MARKS</b>	<b>10 MARKS</b>	<b>10 MARKS</b>
<b>PSHE, Geography, Bible, Citizenship, Moral Education, ( Years 2 &amp; 3 ) Computing, ( Music, Art &amp; Sport- Continuous AFL )</b>		
<b>2 marked Tasks (Done in class)</b>	<b>AFL</b> CLASS PARTICIPATION & HW Presentations/ Skits/ Oral Role play / Group Work/ Pair work / LEARNING LADDERS	<b>1 Assignment</b> <b>Posted in GC-Must be turned in to GC PSHE &amp; Bible/Ctz ( 3-7 Oct ) Moral Ed ( 10-14 Oct ) Geography ( 17-21 ) Computing ( 24-28 )</b>
<b>10 marks each</b>	<b>10 MARKS</b>	<b>10 marks</b>

**All Assessments will be paper- based.** Corrected Assessments will be given to students in the first week of November and will only be given to students who have completed all First Term Fee Payments ( 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 is the deadline for all First Term Fee Payments ). We urge parents to respectfully make timely fee payments and respect the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 deadline.

**Assessment Time table** will be different for every class and will be posted in your child's GC by this weekend by your child's class teacher. For years 11, 12 and 13, their subject teachers will let them know about tests.

**ABSENTEES:** If your child is sick , please email the class teacher and inform him/ her if your child is going to or has missed an assessment/s. Some re-assessments might be scheduled over the weekend and you will be informed of the day and time to bring your child in for the same.

**Assessments will not be credited for leave that is not justified** . This will impact children's academic progress and we urge parents not to schedule holidays during this time.

Students must not have any unauthorised material during an assessment – notes, chits of paper with written notes, any written notes concealed in the desk or on the person. If any of these are found with a student during an assessment, they will be given a zero. Students must not resort to any form of malpractice during an assessment , they must not speak to any other students during an assessment. Any form of malpractice will lead to being given a zero for that particular assessment.

We would like our children to understand the importance of developing study habits that are consistent and productive and undertaken on a daily basis and not at the last minute.

Yours sincerely,



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### To: **Parents of students in Years FOUR, SIX EIGHT & TEN ONLY - GL CAT4 EXAMINATION-NOVEMBER 2022**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai.** It is that time of the year for our students to complete the GL Cognitive Ability Test CAT4 which is mandated by KHDA for the year groups mentioned above. As part of our commitment to the National Agenda targets, and with a view to tracking progress and identify gaps in learning, our school will participate compulsorily in the GLS-CAT4 exams. GL Education, 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. These are mandatory assessments by KHDA and feature in your Parent-School Contract as well.

***The entry fee is AED 65/- for the test, the exact amount of which must be paid ONLY VIA THE SKIPLY APP NO LATER THAN 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022. Please email a copy of the SKIPLY receipt to your child's class teacher. This amount has been included in the Parent Contract as well. CAT4 is designed to assess the four main abilities that underpin intellectual development and influence attainment. It measures four areas of reasoning:***

- Quantitative
- Verbal
- Non-verbal and
- Spatial, a skill important for success in STEM subjects and an ability that is not measured by any other reasoning test for schools.

**CAT4 is an assessment of reasoning that helps identify pupils' developed abilities and likely academic potential.** CAT4 is not about knowledge recall and requires no preparation, offering all students the same opportunity to show their underlying ability.

## **What is CAT4?**

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning.

While many tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, CAT4 is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).

CAT4 is based on years of research and development. The current edition took five years to develop and the involvement of 25,000 students across the UK. It is a well-known assessment in schools; teachers value its ability to provide an understanding of what a child is capable of rather than defining them by their understanding of a body of knowledge in particular subjects.

## **How are CAT4 Results used?**

CAT4 provides teachers with information that can form the basis for discussions about how best a student can learn and reach his or her potential in school.

Teachers are provided with an individual profile of learning preference along with a range of indicators of likely future performance. Used with other information (such as results from Key Stage 2 SATs, for example), these data can support teaching and learning for all children.

## **Can students practice for CAT4?**

GL strongly advises against any kind of practice ahead of a CAT4 test as this will alter the reliability of test scores. The point of CAT4 is that it is not a test of learnt knowledge and it needs to be as unaffected as possible by any external factors, such as practice. Think of it like an eye test; if you practice ahead of an eye test and memorise the card, your diagnosis may not be correct and valuable information may be missed.

CAT4 is a timed assessment and is administered under formal conditions. However, each section of the assessment includes introductory information with practice examples, and these will familiarise the children with the style and format of the questions. These sections are not timed and may be repeated.

## **Is additional time allowed for children with SEND ?**

CAT4 is a timed assessment and additional time is not permitted as this will affect the reliability of the results. CAT4 is not just about what and how it tests but how the questions are answered within a set timeframe. The timed element makes it diagnostically very powerful.

CAT4 subtests are generously timed, and most children reach the final questions, however there may have been a minority of students during the standardisation process who would have obtained higher scores if they had been given more time. Therefore, giving extra time to a particular student could give an inflated view of their relative ability when comparing their results with the CAT4 norms.

## **SAMPLE QUESTIONS TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF QUESTION TYPES**

<https://www.tests.com/practice/cognitive-abilities-practice-test>

**ALL NEW ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR FROM YEARS 4 TO 10 MUST SUBMIT A HARD COPY OF YOUR CAT-4 RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR (Done in your previous school) TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER NO LATER THAN 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022.**

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**To: The Parents of students in YEARS 11, 12 AND 13 :  
UAE UNIVERSITY FAIR @ SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, DUBAI**

Dear parents

**Greetings to you from St. Mary's Catholic High School!**

It is a pleasure to be able to once again invite you to join us in the Main Hall for the UAE University Fair on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. . We have several top quality universities from the UAE attending our UAE university Fair. We encourage you to come and take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet with all the top universities from the UAE and speak to their representatives personally. Students from years 11, 12 and 13 will be visiting the universities at specific time slots. The details of the fair are as follows:

**Date : Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Venue: Main Hall, SMCHS**

**Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

**THE USE OF PROPERLY WORN FACE MASKS IS  
MANDATORY FOR ATTENDANCE**

Please find the list of Universities that will be represented overleaf.

We look forward to your presence at both the fairs.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )



1. **Abu Dhabi University**
2. **ACCA**
3. **Ajman University**
4. **American University of Sharjah**
5. **Amity University Dubai**
6. **British University in Dubai**
7. **Curtin Dubai**
8. **DeMont Institute of Management and Technology Dubai**
9. **Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation DiDi**
10. **Emirates Academy of Hospitality**
11. **Emirates Aviation University**
12. **ESMOD Dubai**
13. **Fatima College of Health Sciences**
14. **Glinks International**
15. **Gulf Medical University**
16. **Heriot Watt University**
17. **HTMi Switzerland Dubai**
18. **Hult International Business School**
19. **IDP**
20. **Lincoln University of Business and Management**
21. **Manipal Academy of Higher Education**
22. **Middlesex University**
23. **Murdoch University Dubai**
24. **New York University Abu Dhabi**
25. **Rochester Institute of Technology RIT Dubai**
26. **SHL Schweizerische Hotelfachschule Luzern SHL**
27. **SP Jain School of Global Management**
28. **St. Joseph University Dubai**
29. **University of Wollongong**





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**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 carefully 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'.**

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

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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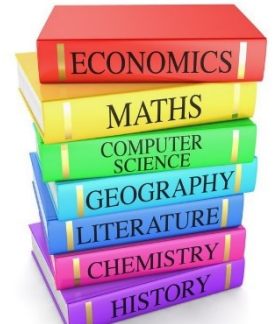
# **Subject Change Policy**

**2022-2023**



## SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY

Students at Saint Mary's Catholic High School choose their optional subjects at the end of Year Eight. These are effective once they begin Year Nine. These are the options that students are offered at the end of Year Eight.



### SUBJECTS FOR YEAR NINE

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE
2. MATHEMATICS
3. RELIGIOUS STUDIES
4. PSYCHOLOGY
5. ARABIC
6. ICT / COMPUTER SCIENCE\*
7. BIOLOGY OR ACCOUNTS
8. CHEMISTRY OR ECONOMICS
9. PHYSICS **OR** BUSINESS STUDIES
10. ART, ENGLISH LITERATURE, HISTORY, OR PSYCHOLOGY- (only 1)

### YOUR CHOICE

- COMPULSORY
- COMPULSORY
- COMPULSORY for students who take Bible and Islamic Studies
- COMPULSORY for students who don't take Bible or Islamic Studies
- COMPULSORY
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### EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPULSORILY CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THEIR OVERALL SELECTION.

Please note that students who do not take Bible or Islamic studies will have Psychology instead of the Religious studies component and therefore these students must choose another subject other than Psychology in OPTION 10.

Islamic Studies and Bible are compulsory for students who take these subjects.

Students are encouraged to make informed subject selections based on information from subject orientation session. Once students have made their subject selections by the end of Year 8, in conjunction with their parents and in consultation with subject counsellors and subject teachers, any subsequent change to these subjects must follow an arranged process to ensure that all parties are kept informed

Subject changes may only be effected once the school has received the written consent of parents and is also subject to the availability of seats. Parents are requested to send an email to Ms. Vichitra on [vichitra.gabriella-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:vichitra.gabriella-smchs@smgeducation.org)

When parents opt for their children to change subjects it must be well noted that the responsibility with regard to books, preparation for the entrance and covering the content lies with the students and parents.

**The student must continue with the current subject until the change has been approved by email.**

### **Year 9**

Subject changes are considered without an entrance examination in the month of September subject to availability of seats. Subject changes will be considered in the month of February with an entrance examination and subject to availability of seats. Students must pass the entrance examination for the school to effect any change.

If a student wishes to change a subject for Year 10, this request must be made in the month of June before the school closes for the summer break. Students will be required to prepare over the summer for an entrance examination in the new subject in the month of August. The portion will be the entire content covered in YEAR NINE. This is also subject to the availability of seats.

### **Year 10**

Please refer above. No subject change will be permitted once the student has begun Year Ten and did not request for this change in the month of June of the same calendar year. Students will fall short of the required curricular hours. **Students will not be allowed to opt for Art and Design at this stage.**

### **Year 11**

No subject change is permitted in Year 11.

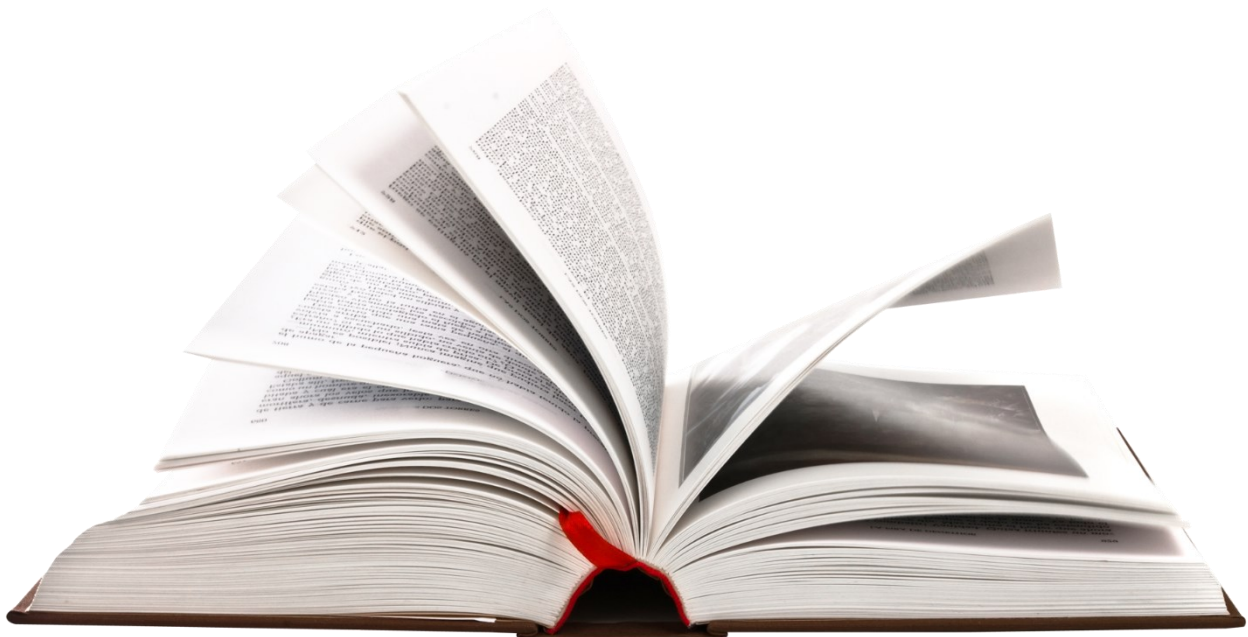
Arabic B is not compulsory for Non Arab students in Year Eleven and they may drop Arabic B in Year 11 should they wish to do so. However, if a student intends to study in any Educational Institution in the U.A.E. after leaving St. Mary's, then entry requirements of that institution should be checked to see whether the student will require Arabic or not. It is also important that parents understand that a certificate indicating completion of Ministry Arabic is usually essential for consideration for certain government jobs in the UAE. Please be aware that the school will not be responsible for any governmental requirements for Arabic that might present themselves at any later stage to students who have chosen to drop Arabic in year eleven at school. Therefore, if you choose to approve your child's choice to drop Arabic then you do so at your own discretion.

## **Year 12**

Subjects are finalised at the time of the interview. No subject change is allowed later. Students may drop the fourth subject if adequate evidence is provided from potential universities where the student wishes to pursue his/ her further studies.

## **Year 13**

No subject changes are permitted. Students may drop the fourth subject if adequate evidence is provided from potential universities where the student wishes to pursue his/ her further studies.



**September 2022**

**Date for Review : June 2023**