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Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

**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 previous circulars will be referenced from there so that it is not repetitive.

***A Hearty Congratulations to our winning team from Year 12***

(Sabha Dargahi, Mikylla Andrea, Althea Gama Rose & Aryana Perera)

*Congratulations*

***who won first place at the Branding and Advertisement Design Competition organised by Young Vision at Amity University. Many thanks to all the other Year 12 and 13***

***participants and semi-finalists who put in a lot of effort towards the competition. We are proud of your creativity and innovative ideas.***

**ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ALL FIRST TERM FEE PAYMENTS WAS 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022. ANY STUDENT WHOSE FIRST TERM FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE CORRECTED ASSESSMENT PAPERS, OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ETC.**

**NATIONAL BOOK MONTH & CELEBRATING A LOVE OF READING:**  
**All parents from Years 4-10 please see attached circular with this update.**

**1) EDUCATION PERFECT PASSWORD RE-SET MAILS-PLEASE IGNORE:**

It has been brought to our attention that some students have been receiving emails from a platform called EDUCATION PERFECT with a link to change the password. We do not use this platform in our school so we would request you to kindly ignore these emails.

**2) MOBILE PHONES ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY –YEARS 12 AND 13:**

Parents of A-Level students are notified that we have sent students and parents an Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Phones for A-level students. It has also been attached to this circular. Kindly sign the last page and have your child return that sheet only to their class teachers latest by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**3) SAVE THE DATE, 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022-GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021-2022:**

Parents of students in the Graduating Class of 2021-2022 are notified to kindly save the date, **17<sup>th</sup> November 2022** with regards to the Graduation Ceremony. More details will follow next week.



**4) VARSITY JACKET ( ANNUAL INITIATIVE BY THE GRADUATING CLASS ):**

Parents of Year 12 students are informed that every year, students of Year 12 arrange to have Varsity Jackets bearing the school logo that we permit them to wear instead of the regular winter jacket. Please note that this is entirely a student initiative and there is no obligation for any child to purchase the same. It is completely optional.

**5) COLOURED CLOTHES DAY :**

Parents and students please note that Friday , 21<sup>st</sup> October will be a coloured clothes day in celebration of Diwali. Students are reminded to dress modestly . Parents are requested to kindly read the policy on Coloured Clothes Days attached to this circular.

**6) 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER DIWALI HOLIDAY :**

Parents are reminded that 24<sup>th</sup> October is a holiday to mark the occasion of Diwali.



**7) SPORTS MEET 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 (YEARS 5-13 ) TRY OUT SCHEDULE :**

Parents are requested to kindly check the schedule of try outs for the Sports Meet scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Children who are going to take part in the try outs are advised to undertake some basic fitness training in advance so that you do not suffer any sudden impact from running a hundred or two hundred metre sprint after a long period of inactivity.

## **8) FACE MASKS NO LONGER MANDATORY FOR STAFF & STUDENTS:**

Please note that we had sent parents an update on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September about a key change to protocols for masks released by KHDA , effective 28<sup>th</sup> September. Face masks are no longer mandatory for staff and students while on the premises in private schools but must still be worn on the school buses and other public transport like the metro and public buses etc. We still recommend that children who have underlying health issues or are vulnerable , take precautions by using a face mask.

## **9) UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FROM KHDA:**

Parents are requested to kindly view the image below to have a clear picture of the latest Covid-19 protocols released by KHDA. The quarantine period for Covid positive cases is now FIVE days. However students can only return to school on the sixth day if they are symptom-free. If your child still has symptoms at the end of the 5 day quarantine period, kindly email our school doctor for further instructions. ( [dayani-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:dayani-smchs@smgeducation.org) )



## **10) NO SHARP OBJECTS TO BE SENT WITH CHILDREN IN YEARS ONE THROUGH THREE:**

Parents of children in years One through Three must check your children's pouches and bags in the morning to ensure that there are no sharp objects like scissors, compasses, steel rulers , paper cutters, paper clips, etc which can be potentially dangerous to the child and other children in the class. Please do not send any toys with them either unless specified in the class group email as may be required for some lessons.

## **11) FOURTH SUBJECT DROP FORM FOR YEAR 12 AND 13:**

Parents please note that the subject drop form for those students of Years 12 and 13 who may wish to drop the fourth subject is available on the school website.

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

Parents are requested to carefully read the separate circular issued in this regard on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **13) 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 circular regarding the GL CAT4 examination issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. 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 after this weekend without fail.

### **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>

### **14) 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 issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **15) 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.

### **16) 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.

### **17) 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 is available in the Parents' Info section of the school website.

### **18) 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 sent earlier and complete the necessary formalities at the earliest. **Please email the skiply receipt indicating payment of AED 35/- to the class teacher.**

### **19) 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 sent earlier and complete the necessary formalities at the earliest. **Please email the skiply receipt indicating payment of AED 35/- to the class teacher.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **23) 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.

### **24) 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.

### **25) 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.

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

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

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

Please refer to our circular dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September. **Please do not use the class group email to communicate with teachers. Kindly email teachers directly on their school email ID.**

## **28) GOOGLE CLASSROOM:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **32) 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.

## **33) 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.

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

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.

## **35) 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.

### **36) 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>

### **37) 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.

### **38) 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.

### **39) 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 )



### **Links :**

#### **Subject Drop Application Form:**

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/SUBJECT-DROP-APPLICATION.pdf>

#### **Circular dated 2-Sep-2022 :**

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

#### **Circular dated 16-Sep-2022 :**

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

#### **Admission to A-Level:**

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ADMISSION-TO-A-LEVELS-for-the-ACADEMIC-YEAR-2023-2024.pdf>

#### **Subject Change Policy:**

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Subject-Change-Policy-2022.pdf>

#### **IBT Arabic Exam for Arabic A:**

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/IBT-LETTER-ARABIC-A.pdf>

#### **IBT Arabic Exam for Arabic B:**

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/IBT-LETTER-ARABIC-B.pdf>





**ST. MARVS Catholic High School, Dubai**

## **A LETTER TO PARENTS IN SUPPORT OF READING AND A LIST OF POPULAR FICTION PROVIDED**

**To : Parents of students from Year Four – Year Ten :  
'CELEBRATING A LOVE OF READING'**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. *"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*-Dr. Seuss

To read well and become well read- and to be ready for future challenges in college and the workplace - reading experts advise students to dedicate time and effort to practicing the skill. Practice is important for all skills and it is critically important for reading.

We would like you as parents to be supportive of our aim to involve children in reading such that they become life-long readers. We would like you to send with your children **ONE BOOK** ( please have their name clearly affixed on the inside) with your child **by 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022** Please respect the said date as we will be logging each book against the child's name. Children will be reading that book during their library lesson as well as during other 'free time' and will be required to write up a BOOK REVIEW to be submitted in January 2023 ( more details will be given to each class by their English Teachers ).

**Please use the list below to select a book for children who study in years EIGHT, NINE and TEN.**

With your support, we encourage our teens to self-select a Fiction or Non-Fiction book and make reading a form of self-guided practice.

***For students in Years 4-7 we would request you to send with them any FICTION or NON-FICTION that is age appropriate. This is to be sent by 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022***

We look forward to your support as parents in working together with us in creating in each child a sincere love for the written word. Please find below some useful links to encourage reading.

<http://www.educationandcareernews.com/learning-tools/6-ways-to-create-a-love-for-reading>

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/instill-the-love-of-reading-levar-burton>

<https://www.ahaparenting.com/parenting-tools/intelligent-creative-child/child-loves-read>

## ***Celebrating a love of reading***

To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries.

*(A. C. Grayling)*

St. Mary's High School community views reading as a significant and enjoyable activity. Becoming a lifetime reader is predicted on developing a love of reading.

There is also research evidence that reading for pleasure not only impacts on reading achievement but also increases:

- general knowledge (e.g. Cunningham and Stanovich, 1998);
- a better understanding of other cultures (Meek, 1991);
- community participation (e.g. Bus, van Ijzendoorn and Pellegrini, 1995);
- a greater insight into human nature and decision-making (Bruner, 1996)

With your support, we encourage our teens to self-select a Fiction or Non-Fiction book and make reading a form of self-guided practice.

Reading for Pleasure - List of books

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
1.	Humans, Bow Down	James Patterson
2.	Private Delhi	James Patterson
3.	Two from the Heart	James Patterson
4.	Bulls Eye	James Patterson
5.	The Stone	James Patterson
6.	Hunger Games	James Patterson
7.	The Falcon at the Portal	Elizabeth Peters
8.	The Demon in the Freezer	Richard Preston
9.	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
10.	The White Tiger	Aravind Adiga
11.	Dear World	Bana Alabed
12.	Curious Minds	Janet Evanovich

13.	American assassin	Vince Flynn
14.	Truly Madly Guilty	Liane Moriarity
15.	No Man's Land	David Baldacci
16.	The Christmas Train	David Baldacci
17.	Wish you Well	David Baldacci
18.	The Winner	David Baldacci
19.	Absolute power	David Baldacci
20	The Forgotten	David Baldacci
21	Total Control	David Baldacci
22	Last Man Standing	David Baldacci
23	Split second	David Baldacci
24	The Hit	David Baldacci
25	The Camel club	David Baldacci
26	Americanah	Chimanda NGozi Adichie
27	Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimanda NGozi Adichie
28	Empire of the sun	J.G. Ballard
29	Into the Unknown	Edited by Steve Barlow &
30	Taking Off	Edited by Steve Barlow &
31	It's for Real	Edited by Angela Barrs
32	Arthur George	Julia Barnes
33	The Harder They Come	T.C.Boyle
34	Tooth and Claw	T.C.Boyle
35	Rusty and the leopard	Ruskin Bond
36	The Room of Many colours	Ruskin Bond
37	Horror Omnibus	Ruskin Bond
38	The Daffodil Case	Ruskin Bond
39	Red Rising	Pierce Brown
40	Possession	A.S.Byatt
41	I Know why the Caged Bird Sings,	Maya Angelou
42	The Heart of a Woman	Maya Angelou
43	Letter to My Daughter	Maya Angelou
44	The Amazing Story of a Man who Cycled from India to Europe	Per J.Anderson

45	A brief History of Mankind	Cyril Aydon
46	The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood
47	Penelopiad	Margaret Atwood
48	Surfacing	Margaret Atwood
49	Bluebeard's Egg	Margaret Atwood
50	The Zahir	Paul Coelho
51	The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho
52	Like the Flowing River	Paulo Coelho
53	The Witch of Portobello	Paulo Coelho
54	Manual of the Warrior of Light	Paulo Coelho
55	The Devil and Miss Prym	Paulo Coelho
56	The Fifth Mountain	Paulo Coelho
57	Manuscript found in Accra	Paulo Coelho
58	The Valkyries	Paulo Coelho
59	The Winner Stands Alone	Paulo Coelho
60	By the River Pedra I sat down and Wept	Paulo Coelho
61	Veronica Decides to Die	Paulo Coelho
62	The Pilgrimage	Paulo Coelho
63	The Outsiders,	S.E.Hinton
64	The Giver	Lois Lowry
65	The Necklace	Guy de Maupassant
66	The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank
67	The Hunger Games	Suzane Collins
68	Night	Elie Wiesel
69	The Monkey's Paw,	W.W.Jacob
70	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas,	John Boyne
71	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down,	Jeff Kinney
72	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul	Jeff Kinney
73	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck	Jeff Kinney
74	The Maze Runner	James Dashner
75	Thirteen Reasons Why	Jay Asher
76	The lightning Thief	Rick Riordan

77	Divergent	Veronica Roth
78	The Fault in Our Stars	John Green
79	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck
80	Lord of the Flies	William Golding
81	My Family and Other Animals	
82	The Most Dangerous Game	Richard Connell
83	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury
84	The Tell-Tale Heart.	Edgar Allen Poe
85	The Cask of Amontillado	Edgar Allen Poe
86	The Gift of the Magi	O Henry
87	Looking for Alaska	John Green
88	Smile	Raina Telgemeier
89	Sisters	Raina Telgemeier
90	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	James L.Swanson
91	Basketball	Morgan Hughes
92	I am Malala	Malala Yousafzai
93	Football	Cynthia Klingel
94	The Blind side: Evolution of a Game	Michael Lewis
95	The Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls
96	A Long Way Gone	Ishmael Beah
97	A Child called It	Dave Pelzer
98	The Lost Boy	Dave Pelzer
99	Tuesdays with Morris	Mitch Albom
100	Paper Towns	John green
101	Wonder R.J.palacio	R.J.palacio
102	The Call of the Wild	Jack London
103	Harry potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J.K.Rowling
104	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	J.K.Rowling
105	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer'S Stone	J.K.Rowling
106	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	J.K.Rowling
107	Boy	Roald Dahl
108	Going Solo	Roald Dahl

109	The Best of Roald Dahl	Roald Dahl
110	A Roald Dahl Selection	Roald Dahl
111	D is for Dahl	Roald Dahl
112	The Great automatic Grammatizer and Other stories	Roald Dahl
113	The Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai
114	Skellig	David Almond
115	Kit's Wilderness	David Almond
116	My Name is Mina	David Almond
117	Heaven Eyes	David Almond
118	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Arthur Conan Doyle
119	The Lost world and other Stories	Arthur Conan Doyle
120	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
121	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
122	Gangsta Rap	Benjamin Zephaniah





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

**MOBILE DEVICE**  
**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**  
**FOR A – LEVEL STUDENTS**

**2022-2023**

Reviewed: September 2022



## **St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai**

At St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai, we believe that every child has the right to learn in a safe and caring environment without fear of being bullied. By having a written policy outlining the definition of Cyber- Bullying in all its forms, we believe that we are taking the first and most essential steps to tackling bullying and ensuring the school creates a safe learning environment where risk of harm is minimized and students feel socially and emotionally secure.

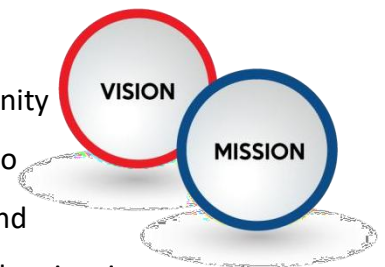
As with all the policies of the school, we believe that our stated mission and vision for the next five years underlies the ethos of the school and underpins everything that the school stands for,

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We serve with compassion to develop a deep sense of integrity, mutual respect and tolerance within the Marian family so that the uniqueness of each person is celebrated, allowing them to holistically develop as successful learners and responsible citizens.

### **VISION:**

Within the next 5 years, we envision ourselves as a school community that consistently strives to develop highly independent learners who confidently showcase innovation through meaningful reflection and purposeful collaboration. We aim to achieve this by ensuring every teacher inspires students through effective questioning and feedback to reach their highest potential in a culturally diverse society.



### **Objectives:**

This policy has been developed in order to ensure that all stake holders including the students, teachers, senior leadership team and other members are well versed and aware of how to report cyber-bullying and what to do in the event that cyber- bullying is reported. The school also makes it clear that cyber-bullying is not tolerated and when dealing with cyber-bullying there is a clear message that the offender will be firmly dealt with.



# **ACCEPTABLE USE MOBILE POLICY**

## **1. Purpose**

- Students, their parents or carers must read the policy and understand the acceptable use policy as a condition upon which permission is given to bring mobile phones to school. The home school agreement should be signed to acknowledge recognition of this policy.
- The acceptable use policy for mobile phones also applies to students during school excursions, educational visits and extra-curricular activities on the school site and on external visits



## **2. Responsibility**

- The decision to provide a mobile phone to their children should be made by parents or carers. It is incumbent upon parents to understand the capabilities of the phone and the potential use/misuse of those capabilities.
- Parents/Carers should be aware that if their child takes a mobile phone to school, the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or costs incurred due to its use.
- Parents/Carers are reminded that in case of emergency, the school office remains the first point of contact and can ensure your child is contacted quickly and assisted in the relevant way. Distractions to the educational process due to phone calls or text to and from home or from friends should be avoided. During school hours, student phone calls should take place in the school office. Phones will be turned on only with teacher permission for educational purposes.



## **3. Acceptable Uses**

- The school recognises the importance of emerging technologies present in modern mobile phones. Teachers may wish to utilise these functions to aid teaching and learning and students will have the opportunity to use these at the direct instruction of the teacher. The use of mobile phones in one lesson for specific purposes does not mean blanket usage is then acceptable.

- Mobile phones should be switched off and kept out of sight once the student enters the perimeter gates at the start of the day (all paraphernalia including headphones and associated items should be put away so that it is out of sight in the building).



- Mobile phones and associated paraphernalia e.g. Headphones, chargers etc. should not be seen whilst moving between lessons, at break time, free time, during lessons ( unless asked by a teacher to be used for the lesson), community service time etc.
- Please see the table below for directed times that mobile phones can/cannot be acceptably used.

	ON ENTRY TO SCHOOL	IN THE MAIN HALL OR LIBRARY	BREAK TIME	Lesson	MOVEMENT	STUDY PERIOD	END OF THE DAY
A-Level	X	X	X	Only to support learning and with instructions from the teacher.	X	X	While leaving the premises.

- Key for above; X = not acceptable to be seen at any time with phone or peripherals

#### 4. Unacceptable Uses

- Students should not use mobile phones to check their timetable 'the time', this should be done with planner usage or on a watch.
- Using mobiles to bully and threaten is unacceptable. The school has a zero tolerance policy for Cyber bullying.
- Unless express permission is granted, mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send messages, internet usage, take photos or any other associated application.
- Listening to music through headphones will not be allowed at any time during the day.
- Mobile phones are banned from all examinations. The use of any smart devices during an examination amounts to malpractice



## 8. Sanctions

- Students who infringe the rules will have their phone confiscated and the phone will only be returned the next day. If the phone is confiscated on a Friday, the phone will be returned on Monday. Phones will be kept secure and will be locked away.
- On the first infringement, the mobile phone will be confiscated. The student will be able to collect their mobile phone the next day.
- Persistent Offenders: parents will be contacted and asked to collect the phone at their earliest convenience.
- Students arguing with any member of staff over a mobile phone infringement will be dealt with very seriously. Members of staff have been asked to implement the policy consistently and therefore there should be no cause for argument.



**Next Review : June 2023**

# **ACCEPTABLE USE MOBILE POLICY**

**Effective: October 2022**

## **Parent/Guardian Permission for BYOD**

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile devices at SMCHS and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and that the details may be used (and shared with a third party, if necessary) to assist identify a phone should the need arise (e.g. if lost, or if the phone is being used inappropriately). I give my child permission to carry a mobile device to school and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the mobile phone is used appropriately and correctly while under the school's supervision, as outlined in this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year Group / Section

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Mobile Details

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Mobile Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **COLOURED CLOTHES DAY DRESS CODE**

Together with the School's Senior Student Council, we have arrived at a **Coloured Clothes Day Dress Code** as a ready reference for both Parents and Teachers to have a clear idea of what is not acceptable for any student of the school to wear whenever the school invites students' to wear coloured clothes or on days like 'Ethnic Day', 'Talent Show' etc. We have worked with the Students Council following suggestions from parents, students, teachers and our experiences with some instances of inappropriate clothing on 'Coloured Clothes Days.' We would like our students to enjoy these days in a responsible manner.

## IT IS NOT PERMITTED FOR ANY STUDENT TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING:

### GIRLS

Any shorts, dress, skirt that is above the knee (All clothing must be below the knee)

No Jeans/ trousers that are RIPPED/ DISTRESSED above the knee

No RIPPED/ DISTRESSED Tights

No see-through/ transparent blouses/ t-shirts / dresses

No fish net / lace stockings ( SIMPLE OPAQUE COLOURED STOCKINGS ONLY )

No off-shoulder tops/ blouses/ dresses/ any upper body wear

No low necklines

No upper body wear/ blouses/ tops/ t-shirts that are midriff revealing

No strappy/ spaghetti strapped tops/ blouses/ vests/ t-shirts/ dresses

No backless or strapped 'cholis' ( worn with a sari )

No tattoos and extra piercings ( other than earrings )

### BOYS

No tank t-shirts (sleeveless t-shirts that are deeply cut in)

No inappropriate signs or slogans on clothing

No piercings and tattoos

No shorts above the knee (Short Pants must be below the knee)

Any student found not complying with the above will be kept in a private office area until a parent (who will be contacted) brings in some appropriate clothing.



**EVENTS FOR GIRLS**

<b>YR.5 &amp; 6 Sub-Junior</b>	Born on or After 1-1-2011	100mts	200mts	400mts	Long Jump	Shot Put	4x100m Relay	
<b>YR.7 &amp; 8 Junior</b>	Born on or After 1-1-2009	100mts	200mts	400mts	800mts	Long Jump	Shot Put	4x100m Relay
<b>YR.9 &amp; 10 Senior</b>	Born on or After 1-1-2007	100mts	200mts	400mts	800mts	Long Jump	Shot Put	4 x 100 m Relay
<b>YR 11, 12 &amp; 13 Super Senior</b>	Born on or Before 31-12-2003	100mts	200mts	400mts	800mts	Long Jump	Shot Put	4 x 100 m Relay

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Each student can participate in maximum of 3 events excluding relay. (Either two track & one field or one track & two field events)
- Relay team would be selected from the result of 100m heats. Those students who get the first four positions will be selected for relay team to represent their houses.
- All heats / events will be done during the activity period or the sports period.
- Any over age students shall be shifted to the next higher appropriate division.

**Awards and Points Details**

- All winners will be awarded First(Gold), Second(Silver) & Third (Bronze)
  - ❖ Points will be awarded as follows
    - First Place - 05
    - Second Place - 03
    - Third Place - 01
  - ❖ For the relay Event
    - First Place - 10
    - Second Place - 06
    - Third Place - 02
- ✓ Those who secure maximum points will be awarded individual championship trophy in their respective categories. (excluding relay)
- ✓ The championship trophy will be awarded to the house securing maximum points.
- ✓ A special Trophy will be awarded to the best house in March Past.

Mr. Christopher Chandra  
HOD - P E



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
Principal



## GIRLS EVENTS SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	EVENT	PERIOD	YEAR
TUESDAY	25/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	7th	YR 6 A,D,E
WEDNESDAY	26/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	5th	YR 7 A,D,E
THURSDAY	27/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
THURSDAY	27/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	7th	YR 9 A,D,E
THURSDAY	27/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	3rd	YR 5 A,D,E
FRIDAY	28/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	6th	YR 8 A,D,E
MONDAY	31/10/2022	100M,SHOPUT	2nd	YR 10 A,D,E
TUESDAY	1/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	7th	YR 6 A,D,E
WEDNESDAY	2/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
WEDNESDAY	2/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	5th	YR 7 A,D,E
THURSDAY	3/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	3rd	YR 5 A,D,E
THURSDAY	3/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	7th	YR 9 A,D,E
FRIDAY	4/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	6th	YR 8 A,D,E
MONDAY	7/11/2022	400M	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
MONDAY	7/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	2nd	YR 10 A,D,E
TUESDAY	8/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	7th	YR 6 A,D,E
WEDNESDAY	9/11/2022	400M	5th	YR 7 A,D,E
THURSDAY	10/11/2022	800M	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
THURSDAY	10/11/2022	400M	3rd	YR 5 A,D,E
THURSDAY	10/11/2022	400M	7th	YR 9 A,D,E
FRIDAY	11/11/2022	400M	6th	YR 8 A,D,E
MONDAY	14/11/2022	400M	2nd	YR 10 A,D,E
TUESDAY	15/11/2022	400M	7th	YR 6 A,D,E
WEDNESDAY	16/11/2022	800M	BREAK	YR 7 & 8 A,D,E
THURSDAY	17/11/2022	800M	BREAK	YR 9 & 10 A,D,E





**EVENTS FOR BOYS**

<b>YR.5 &amp; 6 Sub- Junior</b>	Born on or After 1-1-2008	100m	200m	400m	Long Jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay		
<b>YR.7 &amp; 8 Junior</b>	Born on or After 1-1-2006	100m	200m	400m	800m	Long Jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay	
<b>YR.9 &amp; 10 Senior</b>	Born on or After 1-1-2004	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m	Long jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay
<b>YR 11,12&amp;13 Super Senior</b>	Born on or Before 31-12-2000	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m	Long Jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay

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TUESDAY	25-10-2022	100M,SHOTPUT	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
WEDNESDAY	26-10-2022	100M,SHOTPUT	7th	YR 9 B,C,F
WEDNESDAY	26-10-2022	100M,SHOTPUT	BREAK	YR 9&10 B,C,F
THURSDAY	27-10-2022	100M,SHOTPUT	5th	YR 7 B,C,F
FRIDAY	28-10-2022	200M, LONG JUMP	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
MONDAY	31-10-2022	100M,SHOTPUT	5th	YR 5 B,C,F
MONDAY	31-10-2022	100M,SHOTPUT	7th	YR 8 B,C,F
TUESDAY	1/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	BREAK	YR 9&10 B,C,F
TUESDAY	1/11/2022	400M, LONG JUMP	5th	YR6 B,C,F
TUESDAY	1/11/2022	200M, LONG JUMP	BREAK	YR 9&10 B,C,F
WEDNESDAY	2/11/2022	400M, LONG JUMP	7th	YR 9 B,C,F
THURSDAY	3/11/2022	800M	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
THURSDAY	3/11/2022	400M, LONG JUMP	5th	YR 7 B,C,F
FRIDAY	4/11/2022	800M	BREAK	YR 9&10 B,C,F
MONDAY	7/11/2022	400M, LONG JUMP	5th	YR 5 B,C,F
MONDAY	7/11/2022	400M, LONG JUMP	7th	YR 8 B,C,F
TUESDAY	8/11/2022	400M	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
TUESDAY	8/11/2022	200M	5th	YR 6 B,C,F
WEDNESDAY	9/11/2022	400M	BREAK	YR 9&10 B,C,F
WEDNESDAY	9/11/2022	200M	7th	YR 9 B,C,F
WEDNESDAY	9/11/2022	200M	5th	YR 7 B,C,F
FRIDAY	11/11/2022	1500M	BREAK	YR 11,12,13
MONDAY	14/11/2022	1500M	BREAK	YR 9&10 B,C,F
MONDAY	14/11/2022	200M	5th	YR 5 B,C,F
MONDAY	14/11/2022	200M	7th	YR 8 B,C,F
TUESDAY	15/11/2022	800M	BREAK	YR7&8 B,C,F