



OUR REF :

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Friday, 20th January 2023

To: The Parents of students in Years 1 - 13

WEEKLY CIRCULAR AHEAD OF WEEK EIGHTEEN

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.

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WINDOW FOR PAYMENT OF THE SECOND TERM FEES IS BETWEEN THE 1ST OF DECEMBER 2022 AND THE 31ST OF JANUARY 2023. We REQUEST ALL PARENTS TO RESPECT THIS TIME FRAME. ANY STUDENT WHOSE FIRST TERM FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ETC.

1) AUTHOR'S VISIT TO SAINT MAR'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI:

We are proud to present Onjali Q. Rauf to years 4, 5, 6 and 7 on 2nd February 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity as part of the Emirates Literature Festival and we urge you to read the attached flyer.

2) NGRT STANDARDISED LITERACY TEST YEARS 2-10:

We have issued a separate circular for this and have attached it to this weekly circular.

3) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023:

Please check all information related to the same from our WELCOME BACK CIRCULAR dated 26th August 2022. The legend of key dates is below.

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

4) EXAMINATION RULES AND REGULATIONS YEARS 1-10:

Please go through these carefully and read them with your children.

- a) If your child is ill and unable to attend school please send an email to the class teacher informing them of the absence. We will re-schedule exams that have been missed for this reason. Re-scheduled exams might be scheduled for a Saturday and/ or Sunday depending on how many exams have been missed.
- b) Students must carry their stationery in a transparent plastic case or pouch. No borrowing will be permitted so please ensure that you have the required pens, pencils, erasers and geometry items as needed.
- c) **NO SMARTWATCHES ALLOWED DURING EXAMINATIONS**
- d) Students must not have in their possession any electronic devices to include but not limited to mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, laptops, Bluetooth devices, ipods, mp3/4 players etc. If any of these items are found with a student during an exam , they will be given a zero.

- e) Students must not have any unauthorised material during an examination – 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 examination, they will be given a zero.
- f) Students must not resort to any form of malpractice during an examination , they must not speak to any other students during an examination. Any form of malpractice will lead to being given a zero for that particular examination.
- g) Students writing with pen **MUST ONLY USE A BLACK BALL POINT PEN.**
- h) NO ink erasers, correcting fluid or ink killers are permitted for examinations.
- i) Students must be on time for exams, no extra time will be given to late comers.

5) EXAMINATION RULES AND REGULATIONS YEARS 11, 12 and 13:

These rules are more detailed and so will be sent to the class group email. Please go through these carefully and read them with your children.

6) IN CASE OF NO EXAMS ON A PARTICULAR DAY YEARS 1-10:

Students from years 1-10 must be in school even on a day when no exam has been scheduled.

7) DHA EYE TEST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE COHORTS SELECTED BY DHA:

Parents are notified that ALL students from the chosen year groups MUST BE PRESENT for the DHA EYE TEST on the slotted days.

We would like all the children to take their exams seriously and prepare for each day with focus and organised study.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



St. Mary's Catholic Highschool

proudly welcomes



Onjali Q. Rauf MBE Author

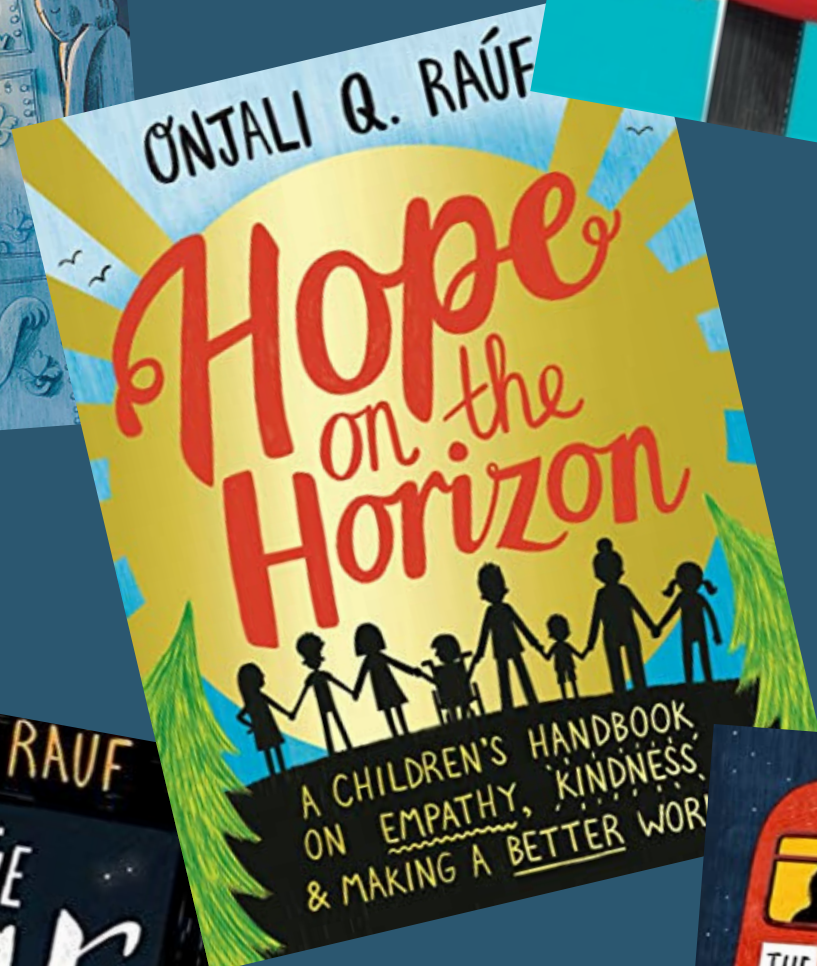
Interactive session with
the award winning author
of the international
bestseller

**"The Boy at the Back
of the Class"**

2 February, 2023

Students will have a
chance to get their
personal copies of her
books signed by the
author!

Ask your teachers how to
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and her works [click here](#).



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To **Parents of students in Years TWO to TEN:**

NGRT – NEW GROUP READING TEST YEARS TWO TO TEN

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings. Our school as mandated by KHDA has to undertake the NGRT for students in Years Two to Ten. The government of Dubai has mandated that all students from ages 6 - 16 undertake a standardized reading literacy test thrice a year. This year we will be undertaking the test twice but from the next Academic Year students will do the test three times in the year. We invite you to read on for further information.

NGRT is a fully adaptive, standardised, termly reading assessment. As it's adaptive, it offers a personalised experience for each student, ensuring it's accessible for those who are struggling and challenging for those who need to be stretched, so you can get to the root of any problems identified precisely and quickly.

There is no more crucial skill for success in any subject than reading, so being able to accurately assess and monitor this is essential. NGRT is proven to deliver a reliable assessment of reading comprehension, set against national benchmarks. Using it regularly helps to quickly spot problems that will hold back a child's progress, with customised practical classroom solutions for each student and the ability to demonstrate the impact of the interventions you put in place.

The amount to be paid for the NGRT is **AED 70/- ONLY**. Next year with three cycles of the test it will be AED 105, keeping in mind that the charges stay the same. This amount must be paid only via the **SKIPLY APP** and a soft copy of the receipt must be emailed to the class teacher. **The deadline for payment is 31st January 2023.**

The schedule is as follows

YEAR 2	1 st February 2023	In the Computer labs
YEAR 3	25 th January 2023	In the Computer labs
YEAR 4	26 TH January 2023	In the Computer labs
YEAR 5	1 st February 2023	ON THEIR OWN DEVICES tablet or laptop only
YEAR 6	26 th January 2023	ON THEIR OWN DEVICES tablet or laptop only
YEAR 7	26 th January 2023	ON THEIR OWN DEVICES tablet or laptop only
YEAR 8	30 th January 2023	ON THEIR OWN DEVICES tablet or laptop only
YEAR 9	27 th January 2023	ON THEIR OWN DEVICES tablet or laptop only
YEAR 10	31 st January 2023	ON THEIR OWN DEVICES tablet or laptop only

Yours sincerely



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Wednesday, 7th December 2022

To: **Parents of students from Year 1 – Year 13 –**

FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS 17TH JANUARY TO 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents,

DATES FOR THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS :

As indicated in our approved KHDA calendar, the first term examinations have been scheduled from the **17th of January until the 2nd of February 2023.**

Please note that we had shared our approved KHDA calendar on the 1st of July 2022 before the start of this Academic Year. This is always done to help families plan any holidays or celebratory occasions so that schools days are not missed. Please note that no leave for holidays or any celebratory occasion will be granted during the examination period. We will not be able to credit marks for any examinations missed for these reasons.

REGULAR LESSONS AND TIME FOR REVISION AFTER THE MORNING'S EXAMINATIONS:

Please note that during the examinations (for years one through ten and twelve), the day will continue as a school day after the morning's exams and students will be encouraged to actively revise for the next exam and complete any practice work or revision as part of that preparation. We would like to remind all parents that as per KHDA policy all schools are mandated to complete a certain number of instructional days in the academic year (which do not include examination days) and hence we trust that you will understand that we have tried our best to balance out the timetable with the best interests of the children as a priority.

During Final Examinations in May 2023, students will be allowed to leave to go home after. However if any year group has an indication of the timetable of 'No exams/no lessons' on a particular day, then they may remain at home on that day.

Please do not come to pick up your child after the morning's exam unless there is a medical certificate for an illness.

TIME TABLES FOR THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS:

Please note that we have attached the time tables for the first term examinations to this circular. Examination Time tables will also be available on the school website.

PORTIONS FOR THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS:

Please note that the portions for the first term examinations will be uploaded to the school website. Teachers have also been asked to post the same in Google Classroom.

COMPUTING FOR YEARS 1-6:

Since the computing examination is a practical exam, teachers will conduct the same during the Computing lesson for their classes as per the regular time table starting from the 5th of January 2023.

YEAR 3 FRENCH EXAM WILL BE AN ORAL EXAM:

Year three students will have a simple conversational oral examination and one short poem to learn. This will be conducted during the examinations during the second half of the day. The day for each class will be specified later.

MUSIC, ART, and SPORT FOR PRIMARY:

Continuous Assessment for learning is ongoing and marks will be awarded based on this AFL. (Assessment for Learning)

BOOK REVIEW TO BE SUBMITTED IN JANUARY -2023- TIME WILL BE GIVEN FOR STUDENTS TO WRITE UP THE REVIEW IN SCHOOL- YEARS 4-10 :

A reminder about the book that students have selected in October 2022 to read for a subsequent review to be prepared. This book review will be done in class and marks will be included as part of the First Term Exam for English Language.

ILLNESS DURING EXAMINATIONS:

If a child is sick , kindly send an email to Lise-Ann and copy both class teachers in the mail as well. Please attach the medical certificate as well. Re-exams once approved , will be rescheduled on a Saturday or another day.

We wish our students the very best for the examinations and we trust that they will reap the benefits of good time management and careful revision. We hope that students who will be sitting board examinations will make good use of the time available to prepare as well as they can.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 1 – 4) JANUARY -FEBRUARY 2023

DATE	DAY	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
17 th Jan	TUE	English Writing	English Writing	English Writing	English Language
18 th Jan	WED	History	Science	UAE Social Stu.	Science
19 th Jan	THU	Rel. Studies/ Ctz.	Geography	Geography	Moral Education
20 th Jan	FRI	English Reading	English Reading	English Reading	English Lit.
23 rd Jan	MON	Arabic	Arabic	Maths	Maths
24 th Jan	TUE	PSHE	UAE Social Stu.	Moral Education	Rel. Studies/ Ctz
25 th Jan	WED	No Exam	Rel. Studies/ Ctz	No Exam	Arabic
26 th Jan	THU	Geography	PSHE	Science	No Exam
27 th Jan	FRI	No Exam	No Exam-Eye check up by DHA	Rel. Studies/ Ctz	History
30 th Jan	MON	Science	Maths	Arabic	Geography
31 st Jan	TUE	No Exam	Moral Education	History	UAE Social Stu
1 st Feb	WED	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam
2 nd Feb	THU	Maths	History	PSHE	French



FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 5 & 6) JAN - FEB 2023

DATE	DAY	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
17 th Jan	TUE	English Language	English Language
18 th Jan	WED	Moral Education	Geography
19 th Jan	THU	Science	Rel. Studies/ Ctz
20 th Jan	FRI	English Literature	English Literature
23 rd Jan	MON	Maths	Arabic
24 th Jan	TUE	History	UAE Social Studies
25 th Jan	WED	French	Moral Education
26 th Jan	THU	No Exams- Mandatory eye check up by DHA	No Exam- Regular lessons
27 th Jan	FRI	Arabic	Science
30 th Jan	MON	Rel. Studies/ Ctz	Maths
31 st Jan	TUE	Geography	History
1 st Feb	WED	No Exam- Regular lessons	No Exam-Regular lessons
2 nd Feb	THU	UAE Social Studies	French



FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 7 & 8) JAN - FEB 2023

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT
17 th Jan	TUE	Geography	English Literature 1 & 2
18 th Jan	WED	English Language 1 & 2	Islamic Studies/Bible/Ctz.
19 th Jan	THU	Science	Geography
20 th Jan	FRI	Moral Education	English Language 1 & 2
23 rd Jan	MON	Arabic	Maths Paper 1 & 2
24 th Jan	TUE	English Literature 1 & 2	Computing
25 th Jan	WED	History	Science
26 th Jan	THU	No Exams	No Exams –Mandatory Eye check up DHA
27 th Jan	FRI	French	French
30 th Jan	MON	Maths	Moral Education
31 st Jan	TUE	UAE Social Studies	Arabic
1 st Feb.	WED	Computing	History
2 nd Feb	THU	Islamic Studies/Bible/ Ctz.	UAE Social Studies



FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 9 & 10) JAN - FEB 2023

DATE	DAY	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
17 th Jan	TUE	English Language 2 English Language 1	English Language 2 English Language 1
18 th Jan	WED	Religious Studies	Physics/ Business
19 th Jan	THU	English Literature 1 / History/ Art	Moral Education
20 th Jan	FRI	ICT/ Computer Science	English Literature 1 / History/ Art
23 rd Jan	MON	Biology /Accounting	Maths Cal and Non Cal
24 th Jan	TUE	Math Paper 1 & 2	Psychology
25 th Jan	WED	Chemistry/ Economics	Biology /Accounting
26 th Jan	THU	UAE Social Studies	Arabic
27 th Jan	FRI	English Lit. 2	Chemistry/ Economics
30 th Jan	MON	Physics/ Business	ICT/ Computer Science
31 st Jan	TUE	Arabic	Religious Studies
1 st Feb.	WED	Moral Education	English Lit 2
2 nd Feb	THU	Psychology	UAE Social Studies



FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEAR 11) JAN -FEB 2023

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
17 th Jan	TUE	Physics 1- 1h 15 min Business Studies 1-1h 45 min	Economics 1-1h 30 min Chemistry 1-1h 15 min
18 th Jan	WED	Mathematics (CAL P2)- 1h 30 min	Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min
19 th Jan	THU	English Language 2-2hrs 05 min	English Language 1-1h 45 min
20 th Jan	FRI	Physics 2-1h 15 min Business Studies 2-1h 45 min	NO EXAMS NO LESSONS
23 rd Jan	MON	Math (NC P1) – 1hr 30 min	English Literature 1-1h 45 min History 1 -1h 30 min
24 th Jan	TUE	Economics 2-1h 30 min Chemistry 2-1h 15 min	Psychology 1- 1h 45 min
25 th Jan	WED	Biology 1-1h 15 min Accounting 1-2hrs	Biology 2-1h 15 min Accounting 2-1h 15 min
26 th Jan	THU	Religious Studies 1- (Bible/ Islamic A & B)	Religious Studies 2- (Bible/ Islamic A & B)
27 th Jan	FRI	COMPULSORY EYE CHECK UP BY DHA	
30 th Jan	MON	ICT-1h 30 min Computer Science- 2 hours	English Literature 2-2h 15 min History 2- 1h 30 min
31 st Jan	TUE	Psychology 2-1h 20 min	Arabic (NA) – 2 hrs
1 st Feb	WED	NO EXAMS NO LESSONS	NO EXAMS NO LESSONS
2 nd Feb	THU	Arabic (A)	NO EXAMS NO LESSONS



FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEAR 12) JAN-FEB 2023

DATE	DAY	
17 th Jan.	TUE	Physics 1- 2hrs
18 th Jan.	WED	Mathematics (Pure)- 2hrs
19 th Jan.	THU	Biology 1-2hrs
20 th Jan.	FRI	Psychology 1-2hrs
23 rd Jan	MON	Economics 1-2hrs
24 th Jan.	TUE	English Literature 1-2hrs
25 th Jan	WED	Business Studies 1-2hrs
26 th Jan	THU	Accounting 1-3hrs
27 th Jan	FRI	Chemistry 1-2hrs
30 th Jan	MON	English Literature 2-2hrs
31 st Jan	TUE	Mathematics (Statistics)- 1 hr
1 st Feb	WED	Islamic Studies -2hrs
2 nd Feb	THU	Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min Arabic (B) – 2 hrs



FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS – (YEAR 13) JAN-FEB 2023

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
17 th Jan	TUE	Biology 1- 2hrs	Biology 2- 2hrs
18 th Jan	WED	Business 1-2hrs	Business 2-2hrs
19 th Jan	THU	English Literature 3- 2 hrs	-----
20 th Jan	FRI	Mathematics Pure1-2hrs	-----
23 rd Jan	MON	Physics 1-2hrs	-----
24 th Jan	TUE	Psychology 1- 2hrs	Psychology 2- 2hrs
25 th Jan	WED	Chemistry 1-2hrs	Chemistry 2-2hrs
26 th Jan	THU	Economics 1-2hrs	Economics 2-2hrs
27 th Jan	FRI	Mathematics Pure 2-2hrs	-----
30 th Jan	MON	Mathematics 3 Mechanics & Statistics-2hrs	-----
31 st Jan	TUE	English Literature 4-2hrs	Islamic Studies
1 st Feb	WED	Accounting 2-3hrs	-----
2 nd Feb	THU	Physics 2 – 2 hrs	Arabic