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Friday, 17TH March 2023

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

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.

NEW AND URGENT FOR THIS WEEK

RAMADAN TIMINGS : MON-THU : 7:10 AM TO 12:10 PM

FRIDAYS: 7:10 Am TO11:55 AM

RAMADAN SURVEY FOR DISTANCE LEARNING ON TWO FRIDAYS DURING RAMADAN (24TH March & 14th April)

GL EXAMINATIONS YEARS 4 to 10-Separate circular

THE SPRING BREAK WILL RUN FROM 27TH MARCH UNTIL 7TH APRIL 2023 (inclusive)

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WINDOW FOR PAYMENT OF THE SECOND TERM FEES WAS BETWEEN THE 1ST OF DECEMBER 2022 AND THE 31ST OF JANUARY 2023. FEES NOT YET PAID ARE NOW CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING. ANY STUDENT WHOSE SCHOOL FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ETC. **1) RAMADAN TIMINGS** : We would like to inform all parents that the Ramadan Timings for our school (based on the majority in the parent survey) are:

- Monday to Thursday 7:10 am to 12:10 pm.
- Fridays 7:10 am to 11:55 am.

2) RAMADAN SURVEY for DISTANCE LEARNING FOR FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH AND FRIDAY 14TH APRIL DURING RAMADAN :

We would like parents to access this survey which closes on Sunday, 19th March @ 11:59 pm. Students from Year 11 and Year 13 will have mock examinations irrespective of the outcome of the survey. **The survey requires you to use your child's school email ID.**

Survey Link: https://forms.gle/ZbinWnPSRVCnrkPT9

3) IBT ARABIC RESULTS:

We are sending the login credentials for all students who appeared for the IBT Arabic exams A & B. This will be sent to your child's school email ID.

4) GL EXAMINATIONS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATHS & SCIENCE YEARS 4-10 :

We are requesting parents of students in Years 4-10 to kindly check the separate circular on GL examinations. Specific dates for these examinations will be shared at a later date.

5) RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 (YEARS 1-10 & YEAR 12):

We have attached an important circular with regard to re-registering your child for the next Academic Year 2023-2024. It is important that you go through the circular carefully.

6) APTITUDE TESTING FOR STUDENTS OF YEAR 8:

The zoom link for tomorrow's test-taking orientation for those students who have registered for the Aptitude tests will be sent to the student's school email.

7) MOCK EXAMINATION RULES AND REGULATIONS YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 :

We have attached the Rules and regulations for the Mock Examinations. Please note that the students must be in FULL AND COMPLETE SCHOOL UNIFORM (including the correct school jacket) and they must have the correct stationery. **ONLY BLACK BALL POINT PENS**. The school will not be providing stationery. It has been a disappointing experience that even during the Mock Computer Science practicals, many students did not have a black ball point pen even among other missing stationery items.

8) RESULTS PLUS LOGIN CODES - YEAR 11 :

We have observed that some of the year 11 students have still not logged in to their results plus accounts. This must be done before the 21st at the very latest, after which the account may not work. If they are facing any issues, they must contact Ms. Vichitra. Students who had requested for name change will not be able to access and this was already informed to each one individually.

9) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS :

We have already sent this circular on the 23rd of September 2022 and several weeks after that but since it is close to the end of the year for Year 11 students, we want to remind parents about A-Level admissions.

10) ADMISSIONS TO **YEARS TWO- TEN** FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024:

We would like to inform all parents that the admissions notice for YEARS TWO to TEN for the Academic Year 2023 – 2024 has been uploaded to the school website and we have attached it to this circular as well.

11) UNIFORM INFRACTIONS – WE NEED PARENTS SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT CHILDREN ARE UNIFORM COMPLIANT :

Parents are hereby notified that we have been very disappointed with the large number of uniform infractions, especially among senior students. These include very long and unruly hair of boys (kindly ensure that proper haircuts are undertaken this weekend), long hair of girls untied, coloured and highlighted hair of girls (we have specifically reminded parents at the end of last year that this is strictly not allowed), multiple ear piercings for girls, shorter than acceptable skirt lengths, long fingernails of both boys and girls etc. What is even more disappointing is the lack of collaboration from parents when we correct students for the same. We are conducting ongoing full and complete uniform checks. Students who need repeated reminders after this notification will be dealt with disciplinary action. Your collaboration will be greatly appreciated to this end. We need your support to help children realise that a certain decorum and neatness of appearance is required through all walks of life and we want them to learn the value of that here at school. It is very difficult for us to teach them these values when we do not have your support.

12) MOCK EXAMINATIONS YEARS 11 AND 13 AND a few students of YEAR 12 :

Please note that the Mock Examinations for years 11 and 13 will run from the 15th to the 24th of March 2023 and then from the 10th to the 14th April 2023. Students must report to school at sharp 7:00 am. No leave will be sanctioned during Mock Examinations. Any medical illnesses will require a medical certificate. The Mock Exam Time tables have been uploaded to the school website and have been shared with students.

We urge parents to monitor students doing board examinations as we have found a lack of seriousness among many students. This is a critical time for solving past papers, clearing doubts and undertaking intensive revision. We are still seeing many students displaying an irresponsible attitude towards their studies and this will impact them negatively in the long run. Parents will need to be more active in monitoring their social media use and any other time that is not spent fruitfully. We urge children to use this short time left to maximise their revision and preparation for Board Exams.

13) BIRTHDAY AND CELEBRATORY TREATS NOT PERMITTED :

Parents are requested to please note that we are more than happy to sing for your child on his/her birthday but we request you to strongly not send any treats in the form of sweets, chocolates or any other treats like toys or any other edibles or non-edibles. This is specifically because not all families can afford this practice and to avoid feelings of hurt for children it is best that we maintain a sense of equity across the school community.

14) 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.

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

15) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER PRIMARY CHILDREN :

Please refer to our circular of 16th September 2022.

16) 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 16th September.

17) 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.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)





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DATE : Friday, 17th March 2023

To: Parents of students in Years FOUR THROUGH TEN: GL EXAMINATIONS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATHS & SCIENCE

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. 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 in the GL-Progress Tests in English, Math and Science which are online tests. 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 compulsory International Tests that have to be undertaken as mandated by KHDA.

<u>GL EXAMINATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL</u> <u>MARKS FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS.</u>

YEAR GROUP	AR GROUP ASSESSMENT IN MAY GL EXAMINATION		FINAL EXAMINATION RESULT
FOUR	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
FIVE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
SIX	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
SEVEN	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
EIGHT	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
NINE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
TEN	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

MATHEMATICS

YEAR GROUP	ASSESSMENT IN MAY	GL EXAMINATION	FINAL EXAMINATION RESULT
FOUR	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
FIVE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
SIX	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
SEVEN	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
EIGHT	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
NINE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
TEN	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result

SCIENCE

YEAR GROUP	ASSESSMENT IN MAY	GL EXAMINATION	FINAL EXAMINATION RESULT
FOUR	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
FIVE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
SIX	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
SEVEN	APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	Assessment
EIGHT	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
NINE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result
TEN	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	Assessment + GL Result

The entry fee is AED 90/- the exact amount of which must be paid via the SKIPLY APP .Please be aware that these are COMPULSORY EXAMS as part of the NATIONAL AGENDA and THEY ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL SCORE OF THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE THREE SUBJECTS and no exemption can be granted to any student. The Final date

for payment of the GL fee is 10th April 2023.

These tests will be conducted in school during the month of May and June 2023. We shall send you a follow up circular with more information and details of the exact dates for each year group at a later date.

We would therefore ask you as parents to kindly make this payment of AED 90/- via the SKIPLY APP and kindly email the receipt to your child's class teacher when you make the payment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)





Dear Parents and guardians,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai.

RAMADAN SURVEY for DISTANCE LEARNING FOR FRIDAY - (March 24 and April 14).

In the spirit of togetherness and spending time with loved ones this Ramadan, we have been informed by the KHDA regarding remote working on Fridays during the holy month.

We would like parents to access this survey as per the link given below which closes on Sunday, 19th March @ 11:59 pm.

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Students from Year 11 and Year 13 will have mock examinations irrespective of the outcome of the survey.

The survey requires you to use your child's school email ID.



Thank you,

A SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST, POWERED BY THE YOUNG AUTHOR ACADEMY

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CHECK THE NEXT SLIDE FOR MORE DETAILS

BRING OUT THE MAGIC PENS AND WRITE TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

WRITE: SHORT STORIES SHORT PLAYS MONOLOGUES DUO-LOGUES POEMS

DEADLINE: IOTH APRIL AGE: 5 - 18 YEARS OLD

EMAIL: ALBA@LIVEATHIVE.AE

CHECK NEXT SLIDE FOR THEMES

THEMES: FOR AGES 5-9 YEARS OLD

PICK FROM ONE OF THE BELOW QUOTES. (YOUR WRITING SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY ONE OF THE QUOTES) (IT'S OK IF YOU CHOOSE A THEME FROM ANOTHER AGE GROUP)

"THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS IN THIS WORLD OF OURS YOU HAVEN'T STARTED WONDERING ABOUT YET." — JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH BY ROALD DAHL

"GEORGE AND HAROLD WERE USUALLY RESPONSIBLE KIDS. WHENEVER ANYTHING BAD HAPPENED, GEORGE AND HAROLD WERE USUALLY RESPONSIBLE." —THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS BY DAV PILKEY

"NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED." - THE LION AND THE MOUSE, AESOP.

"YOU HAVE BEEN MY FRIEND. THAT IN ITSELF IS A TREMENDOUS THING." – EB WHITE, CHARLOTTE'S WEB

"WHY FIT IN WHEN YOU WERE BORN TO STAND OUT?" -OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO BY DR. SEUSS



THEMES: FOR AGES 10-15 YEARS OLD

PICK FROM ONE OF THE BELOW QUOTES. (YOUR WRITING SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY ONE OF THE QUOTES) (IT'S OK IF YOU CHOOSE A THEME FROM ANOTHER AGE GROUP)

"PROMISE ME YOU'LL REMEMBER, YOU ARE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE, STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM, SMARTER THAN YOU THINK." – WINNIE THE POOH BY A.A. MILNE

"HAPPINESS CAN BE FOUND EVEN IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES WHEN ONE ONLY REMEMBERS TO TURN ON THE LIGHT. -HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS BY JK ROWLING

> "NEVER HURRY AND NEVER WORRY!" -CHARLOTTE'S WEB BY E.B. WHITE

THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO. – DR SEUSS, I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT!

> "A LITTLE MAGIC CAN TAKE YOU A LONG WAY." -JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH, ROALD DAHL.





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THEMES: FOR AGES 15+ YEARS OLD

PICK FROM ONE OF THE BELOW QUOTES. (YOUR WRITING SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY ONE OF THE QUOTES) (IT'S OK IF YOU CHOOSE A THEME FROM ANOTHER AGE GROUP)

"I AM NOT AFRAID OF STORMS, FOR I AM LEARNING HOW TO SAIL MY SHIP." - LITTLE WOMEN BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

"IT'S A FUNNY THING ABOUT MOTHERS AND FATHERS. EVEN WHEN THEIR OWN CHILD IS THE MOST DISGUSTING LITTLE BLISTER YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE, THEY STILL THINK THAT HE OR SHE IS WONDERFUL." —MATILDA BY ROALD DAHL

NUMBING THE PAIN FOR A WHILE WILL ONLY MAKE IT FEEL WORSE WHEN YOU FINALLY FEEL IT. – JK ROWLING, HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

"YOU'RE MAD, BONKERS, COMPLETELY OFF YOUR HEAD. BUT I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET. ALL THE BEST PEOPLE ARE." -ALICE IN WONDERLAND, LEWIS CARROLL.

IT IS ONLY WITH THE HEART THAT ONE CAN SEE RIGHTLY; WHAT IS ESSENTIAL IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE. – ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXPUÉRY, THE LITTLE PRINCE





THINGS TO REMEMBER!

DEADLINE: IOTH APRIL

EMAIL: ALBA@LIVEATHIVE.AE

WORD COUNT: 250 - 1000 WORDS

SUBMISSION IS TO BE SHARED ON A WORD DOCUMENT.





Friday, 10th March 2023

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то : The Parents of students from Year One to Year Ten and Year 12

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of organizing our records for the **next Academic Year 2023-2024**. Please fill up this form, sign and scan it and email it to your son / daughter's class teacher by **21**st April

2023 as the final date for the form to be received by the school.

Please read the following information very carefully before you make your final choice:

CRITERIA FOR RE-REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024- Please note that filling out this form is MANDATORY for every parent.

1) There should **not be any OUTSTANDING FEES** for the current Academic Year 2022-2023. In case you re-register your child by error but still have outstanding fees, then the **AED 500/-** which is the re-registration amount will be adjusted towards the **OUTSTANDING FEE** and **WILL NOT** be considered as a **RE-REGISTRATION**

AMOUNT. In addition, students who have **OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS** by the end of this year will automatically not **be re-registered for the next Academic Year**. We strongly urge **ALL** parents who still have Outstanding Fees to clear these without any further delay.

- 2) Please be informed that even though the KHDA sends out the Parent-School Contract to all parents by default via email, it will not be considered binding even if you sign it, if you still have outstanding fees for your ward.
- 3) Parents will have to pay AED 500/- as a RE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT that will be adjusted with your child's FIRST TERM FEE for the next Academic Year 2023-2024. <u>This</u> <u>amount has to be paid via the SKIPLY APP</u> from the 10th of APRIL 2023 with a FINAL DEADLINE of 20th April 2023.

- 4) Please note that once you re-register your child and pay the re-registration amount but then wish to cancel the same, the amount of AED 500/- shall not be refundable.
- 5) Parents who respond that they are not re-registering their child for the next Academic Year 2023-2024 MUST fill out the attached form to apply for a Leaving Certificate that will be issued at the end of this Academic Year.
- 6) For parents who do not fill out the form by 21st April, 2023, we will consider it as a case of non-registration for the next Academic Year 2023-2024.
- 7) Kindly fill out this form and scan it and email it back to your child's class teacher along with the scanned SKIPLY receipt for payment of the re-registration amount of AED 500/-.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)



NAME OF STUDENT :

YEAR AND SECTION :

Please tick the number that applies to you.

1. **Yes**, my son/daughter is coming back for the next Academic Year 2023-2024

2. No, my son/daughter is **NOT** coming back for the next Academic Year 2023-2024

I have read all of the criteria above and I understand the conditions associated with re-registration for the next Academic Year 2023-2024.

NAME OF PARENT: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE : ______ DATE : ______



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Friday, 10th March 2023

To: The parents of students in Years 8 Psychometric Aptitude Testing

Dear Parents,

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

In the coming months, the students of Year 8 will be asked to make choices regarding the subjects that they would like to pursue in year 9 for their GCSE/IGCSE exams . This is one of the most important decisions that your child will be making in the course of their educational career. As a school, we understand how important it is that they are provided with all the support we can offer to help them make decisions that will ultimately bring out the best of their potential.

An understanding of their interests, strengths and personality type will go a long way in helping them make this choice. In this context, we are once again arranging for an aptitude/ psychometric testing to be done for our Year 8 students. These tests are in no way obligatory but completely optional.

St. Mary's Catholic High School in conjunction with Varsity Connections have been conducting psychometric assessments at the school for the past nine years. Please see below details of the test.

VC MAP Psychometric assessment Overview

VC MAP is an in depth and accurate psychometric tool which explores 3 key areas which are used in the making career choices.

1. Motivation

- a) Highlights student's interest in 7 different areas
- b) Identifies the type of activity that appeals most to the student
- c) Guides student in stream Selection viz Arts & Humanities /Science/ Commerce

2. Aptitude

- a) Battery of tests in 9 different areas
- b) Identifies the skill sets of the student
- c) Maps student skill sets against the skill requirements for numerous careers
- d) Shortlists Career Clusters that best fit the students skills

3. Personality

- a) Analyses dimensions of personality that are useful to students in planning their careers.
- b) Helps them understand what it is about the way they feel and behave that might make them more suited to certain careers

Students will undertake all 3 modules of VC MAP online. Candidates receive a comprehensive, modular report upon completion of VC MAP which analyses all 3 modules of Motivation, Aptitude and Personality in detail. The report clearly indicates the students' level of aptitude for a range of career clusters thus helping them arrive at realistic decisions while keeping Motivation and Personality in perspective. In addition, the VC MAP Report also includes a recommended list of subjects for each one of the career clusters detailed in the report. This ensures all possible career options are explored before making informed career choices ensuring academic success.

VC MAP - Group Counseling

The VC MAP Report analyses is done via group Counselling scheduled with the students and parents during an online session. The reports will be sent to the students via email prior to this. During the group counselling session, a sample report is displayed and each page of the report is discussed. This will provide students and parents with the tools and guidance to understand/interpret their own reports. This comprehensive session will also have an FAQ section which will address common queries and any specific doubts that arise.

To start off, we will be having an orientation session for both parents and students for the purpose of providing information about the test and what it is developed to achieve.

Please see below the schedule for the different sessions that will be conducted for the testing:

Day	<u>Date</u>	Session	Method of Delivery
Sunday Parents and students must join from one device only so all can be accommodated	12/03/23	Orientation (10:00 to 11:00 am) Year 8 boys (11:00 am to 12:00 pm) Year 8 girls	Zoom link sent from class teacher to all students school email IDs
Wednesday	15/03/23	Deadline to register for the test	SKIPLY APP
Saturday	18/03/23	Test Briefing session for registered students 9:00 – 10:00 am	Zoom link
	24 th March	Final date for Year 8 students to	Students log in
	2023	complete online test	individually
Saturday	15/04/23	Group Counselling with results for parents and students Time of sessions will be communicated later	Zoom link

FOR ALL ONLINE SESSIONS, STUDENTS MUST JOIN WITH THEIR CORRECT NAME AND CLASS OR WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE ZOOM SESSION.

The test is an online test that will need to be done at home. The team conducting the tests are certified by the British Psychological Society – Certificate of Competence in Occupational Testing. **The test** will be conducted at a price of AED 250 (inclusive of 5% VAT)

In order to plan effectively for this, it would be nice if parents attended the briefing session and complete the form below if you are interested in having your child take the test. Please return to the class teacher before Wednesday the 15th March 2023. The payment for this test must be made on Skiply directly on the separate section for Aptitude Test latest by the 15th of March. Please attach the skiply receipt to the slip below.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph (Principal)



I WISH TO REGI FOR THE APTITUDE TEST. Attached is the Skiply receipt.	STER MY CHILD
Name of student:	
Year and Section:	_
Email id of parent:	_
Email id of student:	_
Mobile contact:	





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MOCK EXAMINATION RULES & REGULATIONS YEARS 11 AND 13 (UPDATED- 10th MARCH 2023)

1) ALL CANDIDATES MUST REPORT AT 7:00 AM SHARP. Examinations will begin at 7:10 am. No extra time for later comers.

2) **NO WRIST WATCHES ALLOWED AT ALL !!!** (This includes both smart watches and regular digital / analogue wrist watches as well). NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY SORT. (Except a calculator) Any Bluetooth device found with a student during an exam will be considered as malpractice and will lead to disqualification.

3) Calculators **MUST NOT HAVE COVERS**.

4) Only **BLACK BALL POINT PENS** must be used.

5)Students must ensure that they have ample supply of their own stationery to include Black ball point pens, pencils (only for drawing), erasers, geometry equipment to include 30 cm rulers, protractors, compass, calculators (without covers), tracing paper (for Maths).

6) Cancellations of rough work or wrong answers must be made by cutting across them neatly with a **single line.**

7) The following are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** : Correcting pens, correcting fluid or tape, erasable pens or blotting paper, highlighters or gel pens.

8) Students must not borrow or communicate in any way with, ask for help from or give help to another candidate while in the examination hall.

9) Students should raise their hands to attract an invigilator's attention.

10) If the fire alarm sounds, please remain seated and wait for instructions from the invigilator.

11) Only clear transparent plastic pouches or packets for stationery.

12) **STUDENTS MUST CARRY THEIR STATEMENT OF ENTRY FOR EVERY SINGLE EXAMINATION**. This will be issued from Monday, 13th March 2023. This will be checked before the start of each examination.

13) Water bottles must be transparent without any labels on it. Please remove the brand label if you are using commercial water bottles.

14) FLASKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

15) Please note that any form of malpractice during the exams will lead to disqualification.

16) Students must be in proper school uniform. If you wish to wear a pull over / jacket inside the examination hall, please note that only the SCHOOL HOODIE or THE SCHOOL BRANDED VARSITY JACKET will be allowed. However during an exam, hoodies must not cover the ears or head.

17) Students must not write any inappropriate, obscene or offensive material on the paper.

18) If you leave the examination room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished , you will not be allowed to return.

19) ANY MALPRACTICE OF ANY KIND WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.





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DATE: Friday, 23rd September 2022

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'.

<u>Those students who take Arabic as a First language and Islamic Studies in A-Level will</u> <u>have to maintain a minimum aggregate attendance percentage of 95% for Arabic and / or</u> <u>Islamic Studies lessons, FAILING WHICH STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED A SCHOOL</u> <u>LEAVING CERTIFICATE/ATTESTED CERTIFICATES OR RECOMMENDATION LETTERS.</u> <u>Students who do not reflect this 95% aggregate attendance after the first month of</u> <u>enrollment might not be allowed to 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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Admissions for the Academic Year 2023-2024

YEARS TWO to TEN



Information to parents applying to YEARS TWO through TEN

We are pleased to announce the procedures for New Admission for the Academic Year 2023-2024 for Years 2 to 10 at St Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We invite you to read on carefully as this will help in saving time and enable us to work smoothly.

Admissions to Year 10 are open only to those students coming from the UK Curriculum system.

Admission Procedures

Forms must be filled online with all relevant supporting documents. Please note that forms that are not fully filled, have incorrect details and/or do not have all the supporting documents will not be considered.

Please note that there are no vacancies for **Year Eleven** hence NO FORMS will be accepted for Year Eleven.

Documents to be attached with the form

- 4 passport photographs
- 1 photocopy of the passport with valid visa of the child, parents/ guardian
- Last report card from the previous school
- Emirates ID of parents and candidate
- Birth certificate of the child
- The health card (Immunization Card)
- The Baptismal Certificate (Christians only)
- Most recent GL report (where applicable)
- Most recent CAT-4 report (where applicable)

ON-SITE interviews that test a child's reading and general conversational ability will be scheduled for short listed candidates FOR YEARS TWO THROUGH FOUR. In addition, all short listed candidates for years two to ten will be called for a written test in Math's and English to test literacy and numeracy. A list of short listed candidates for the interviews will be posted on our school website including the time and date of the entry test. A SAMPLE OF READING TEXTS WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE ADMISSIONS TAB. Parents should be aware that the INTERVIEWS and THE WRITTEN TESTS are competitive as the number of students far exceeds the number of places available. Other factors are also taken in consideration such as those which will allow us to maintain a good balance in the internationality of the student body.

Incomplete application forms will not be considered for admissions. Students studying in a particular class will not be allowed to take admission in the same year, for e.g. if a child is studying in year TWO he / she will not be considered for admission to year TWO.

It is mandatory that you must submit / transfer the Transfer Certificate before the first day of the school, if not your registration becomes invalid. For eg. Those parents who are seeking admissions in Year 2 must submit the Transfer certificate stating promoted to Year Two from Year One / Promoted from KG2 to Grade One.

Valid Residential Visa for the child, parents or the guardian who is sponsoring is a must to consider the applications for admission process. In case a student's residence visa or Emirates ID is pending, parents are expected to sign an undertaking with the School management stating an agreeable time required to submit the same. We regret that we will not be able to contact all the applicants individually. If your child's name does not appear on the final list, then it means that he or she has not made it through the interview. Please do not call the school to check the status of your application. We will not be able to entertain such enquiries. As places are very limited, parents are advised to seek admission to

other schools too.

Kindly note that admissions into years 2 through 10 will be subject to seat availability as it depends on the number of our students who wish to get transferred.

Confirmation of admission will be given by the end of June 2023 or earlier.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLYING TO SAINT MARY'S IN NO WAY GUARANTEES ADMISSION. SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED AND COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON THE NUMBER OF TRANSFERS REQUESTED BY OUR OWN PARENTS THAT ARE HISTORICALLY VERY LOW.

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO APPLY FOR ADMISSIONS:

Admission Form Link:

https://smchs.ethdigitalcampus.com/RegistrationPortal?dbConnVar=SMCHS

Final Deadline for submitting the application: 31st March, 2023.

Please do not phone the school for admission related enquiries.





MOCK EXAMINATIONS - YEAR 11- MARCH-APRIL 2023

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
15 TH March	Wed	1EN0/02 English Language 2-2h 05 min	1EN0/01 English Language 1- 1h 45 min
16 th March	Thu	4IT1/01R -ICT-1h 30 min 4CP0 / 01 Computer Science- 2 hours	1ET0/01 English Literature 1-1h 45 min 4HI1/1BR History-1 h 30 min
17 th March	Fri	1MA1/1H Mathematics (NC P1)- 1h 30 min	1MA1/2H Mathematics (CAL P2)- 1h 30 min
20 th March	Mon	1BI0/1H Biology 1-1h 45 min 4AC1/01R Accounting 1-2hrs	1BI0/2H Biology 2-1h 45 min 4AC1/02R Accounting 2-1hr 15 min
21 st March	Tue	1CH0/1H Chemistry 1-1h 45 min 4EC1/01R Economics 1-1h 30 min	4AA1/02 Arabic (A2)- 1hr 30 min
22 nd March	Wed	4RS1/01 Religious Studies 1- 1h 45 min	4RS1/02 Religious Studies 2- 1h 30 min
23 rd March	Thu	1PHO/1H Physics 1- 1h 45 min 1BSO/01 Business Studies 1-1h 45 min	1PHO/2H Physics 2-1h 45 min 1BSO/02 Business Studies 2-1h 45 min
24 th March	Fri	1PS0/02 Psychology 2-1h 20 min	1PS0/01 Psychology 1-1h 45 min
10 th April	Mon	1MA1/3H Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min	
11 th April	Tue	1ETO/02N English Literature 2N -2h 15 min 4HI1/2BR History - 1h 30 min	
12 TH April	Wed	1CH0/2H Chemistry 2-1h 45 min 4EC1/02R Economics 2-1h 30 min	
13 th April	Thu	4AA1/01 Arabic (A1) - 2hrs 15 min	
14 th April	Fri	ARABIC MINISTRY EXAM 2h 30 min	

REPORTING TIME EVERY MORNING IS 7:00 AM - IN YOUR RESPECTIVE QUADRANGLES.

Morning exams will start at 7:10 AM. Second session exams will commence after a short break from the end of the first session. Students cannot leave the premises.

Art PEARSON EDEXCEL LONDON BOARD EXAM on the 17th, 18th & 19th of April 2023. ICT AND COMPUTER SCIENCE Mock Exam Practicals on the 11th & 9th of March 2023. Further details of timings are available on the school website and in the students' GC.



YEAR 12 MOCK EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2023

DATE	DAY	SESSION 1
17 th April	Monday	WET01 English Literature-2 hours
18 th April	Tuesday	WET02 English Literature-2 hours
24 th April	Monday	WAC11 Accounting-3 hours

REPORTING TIME EVERY MORNING IS 7:00 AM - IN YOUR RESPECTIVE QUADRANGLES.





YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS -MARCH/APRIL 2023

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
15 th March	Wednesday	9CHO/ 01 Chemistry 1 hr 45 Min 9ECO/ 01 Economics 2Hrs	9PSO/ 01 Psychology 2Hrs
16 th March	Thursday	9CHO/ 02 Chemistry 1hr 45 Min 9ECO/ 02 Economics 2Hrs	WET 03 /01 English Lit. 3 2Hrs
17 th March	Friday	9PHO/ 01 Physics 1Hr 45Min	
20 th March	Monday	9PHO/ 02 Physics 1 hr 45 Mi	WET 04/01 English Lit.4 2Hrs
21 st March	Tuesday	9BSO/ 01 Business 2Hrs	9BSO/ 02 Business 2Hrs
22 nd March	Wednesday	9CHO/ 03 Chemistry 2Hr 30Min 9ECO/ 03 Economics 2Hrs	9PSO/ 02 Psychology 2Hrs
23 rd March	Thursday	9PHO/ 03 Physics 2Hr 30Min	9BSO/ 03 Business 2Hrs
24 th March	Friday	9BIO/ 01 Biology 1Hr 45Min	
10 th April	Monday	9BIO /02 Biology1Hr 45Min	9MAO/ 01 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs
11 th April	Tuesday	9BIO/ 03 Biology 2Hrs 30 Min WAC1 2 Accounting 2 3Hrs	Islamic Studies
12 th April	Wednesday	9MAO/ 02 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs	
13 th April	Thursday	9MAO/ 03 Mechanics and Statistics 2Hrs	Arabic
14 th April	Friday	9PSO/ 03 Psychology 2Hrs	

REPORTING TIME FOR THE MORNING SESSION IS 7:00 AM

AND SECOND SESSION WILL START SOON AFTER THE FIRST PAPER ENDS