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Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13**

**WEEKLY CIRCULAR AHEAD OF THE WINTER BREAK**

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.

*We extend wishes for a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas to all the families celebrating Christmas and to all our students and parents, we wish you a very fulfilling Winter Break and Happy New Year and we pray that the year **2024** ahead shall be filled with God's blessings for each and every one of you. May this festive season find peace and love in every family that makes up the larger family of St. Mary's.*



**ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WINDOW FOR PAYMENT OF THE SECOND TERM FEES IS BETWEEN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF DECEMBER 2023 AND THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2024. 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 ANY OFFICIAL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS.**

**1) WINTER BREAK:**

All parents are reminded that the winter break will run from **10<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December (inclusive)**. The school office will be closed during the Winter Break and school leaders and admin will respond to any emails after the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2023.

**2) FIRST TERM EXAM TIMETABLES AND FIRST TERM EXAM PORTIONS:**

We had uploaded the First Term Exam Timetables and portions on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**3) MEMORIAD 2024 (for all students):**

Please read the related attachments for this engaging worldwide competition. This is an excellent opportunity for senior students in years 9 upwards who are at the stage of their Academic journey where they need to build up their Academic profiles for university.

**4) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024:**

Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023-2024 that has been attached to this circular for your easy reference. This will help you plan ahead. If the regulators make any changes to the same, we will inform you immediately. Please note that only emergency medical leave will be approved during school days. Leave for family holidays and celebrations must coincide with the school holidays as per the KHDA calendar. Leave for events like graduations, weddings, parties etc will not be granted during school days and if absences like this occur during exams, there will be no re-exams in that case. We expect parents to respect these dates and not request leave during school days.

## KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

**Parents are strongly reminded not to plan holidays/celebrations and other events outside the approved holiday slots in the calendar as these will not be approved.**

11 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – 1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 (Inclusive)	Winter Break
2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2024	School re-opens after the Winter Break
16 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 1 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2024	First Term Examinations in the morning. Regular lessons after break. Students will not be allowed to go home after the morning's exam.
2 <sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024	Term break for all students
15 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024	Sports Day Years 5-13 (subject to change)
23 <sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024	Sports Day Years 1-4
11 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
25 <sup>th</sup> MARCH – 5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 (inclusive)	Spring Break
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024	Eid Al Fitr (subject to government declaration)
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2024	Final exams in parallel with regular lessons
17 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2024	Study Holiday
20 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> MAY 2024	Final Exams and students go home at 11:00 am
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024	Eid Al Adha (subject to government declaration)
28 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024	Report Day & Last working day for students and teachers

**Please note that the GL EXAMS usually take place during the month of May and June.**

### 5) PREDICTED GRADES POLICY FOR YEARS 12 & 13:

Please refer to previous circulars.

### 6) SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY, YEARS 9 TO 13:

Please refer to previous circulars.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy Winter Break and quality time with your families.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)



SUBJECT: MEMORIAD 2024, The World Mental Sports Olympics

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

Get ready for an event that could change your child's life! **MEMORIAD 2024, The World Mental Sports Olympics**, is happening, and guess what? It's right here in **Dubai, UAE!** MEMORIAD is delighted to extend an invitation to the distinguished students of **St.Mary Catholic High School** to participate in MEMORIAD 2024, The World Mental Sports Olympics.

It's not just any event, it's a **World Record-Setting Event** that puts the student's memory, mental calculation, and speed reading to the test. You'll be rubbing shoulders with some of the best minds from around the globe, including Gold Medal Winner **Melik Duyar (Mr. Memory)**, **Scott Flansburg (The Fastest Human Calculator)**, and **Ralf Laue (World Record Statistician)**. Sounds exciting, right?

Now, imagine your child representing the UAE on such a prominent platform. Yep, that's right! MEMORIAD 2024 is looking for **brilliant minds** to make the country proud and also set a new world record or two.

To get a chance to represent the UAE, the students will have to participate in the **Sparkler Minds Challenge**. It's a series of simple arithmetic questions that **everyone above the age of 5** can take a shot at. The best part? There are over **AED 25,000 in scholarships to be won along with Medals and Awards for first 100, Certificates for participating students, and Best Participating School/Institute!**

Not only that, if your child makes it to **MEMORIAD 2024**, they'll have a chance to win more than **USD 38,500!** Plus, they'll receive expert training, have access to practice software, and get world-class exposure. It's a win-win addition to their profile building journey.

So, is your child to showcase their mental prowess and make some unforgettable memories?

Register now for the **Sparkler Minds Challenge** and start your journey to **MEMORIAD 2024**. It's an opportunity you don't want to miss! This is an unparalleled opportunity for personal and academic growth.

The date and venue for the Sparkler Minds Challenge Round 1 are as follows ;  
**Sparkler Minds Challenge Round 1 :**

Time : 10 AM

Date : 14th January 2024 (Sunday)

Venue 1 : Westford University

Alternate Venues : Will be declared soon.

And for an extra dose of inspiration, take a sneak peek at our resources below:

- [1. MEMORIADUAE.COM](https://www.memoriaduae.com)
- [2. E-Brochure](#)
- [3. Founder's Message to UAE](#)
- [4. Ambassador's Message](#)
- [5. Sparkler Minds Championship 2023-2024](#)
- [6. Registration Page](#)
7. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#)
- [8. Sparkler Minds Podcast](#)

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# MEMORIAD 2024

WORLD MENTAL SPORTS OLYMPICS

A GATHERING OF THE GREATEST  
MINDS IN THE WORLD. A WORLD  
RECORD SETTING EVENT!

**All eyes on UAE**



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# MEMORIAD™

World Mental Sports Olympiad



MEMORIAD incorporates the mental sports of **memory, mental calculation, and speed reading**. It is a **Guinness World Record** event, with a feature in the Mind and Memory section. **It occurs every four years in line with the Summer Olympic Games.**

**MEMORIAD 2024 will be held in Dubai, UAE**, and is expected to be the largest and best MEMORIAD World Mental Sports Olympics yet. It will bring together approximately **200 minds from around the world**, with experts gracing the occasion as well.

With MEMORIAD 2024 coming to the UAE, there is a unique opportunity for **40 participants from the UAE to represent the country internationally!** Your students would get the **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to set a new world record!**





# FOUNDERS OF MEMORIAD



## Melik Duyar

Mr. Memory

Melik Duyar is a Gold Medal Winner of the World Memory Championship, appearing in the Guinness Book of World Records.



## Scott Flansburg

The Human Calculator

Scott has several Guinness World Record Titles, including being the fastest Human Calculator alive.



## Ralf Laue

World Record Statistician

Ralf is the founder and organizer of the Mental Calculation World Cup and is the Chief Arbiter of the MEMORIAD.





# FROM THE AMBASSADOR



Why should you consider MEMORIAD for your students?



*Chris Jacob*

MEMORIAD Brand Ambassador  
National Record Holder

Embarking on mental calculation at age 10 was a turning point, transforming my life. Dedicated training not only honed my skills but also fueled my self-confidence. This boost propelled me to represent the UAE globally, achieving national records and earning titles like MEMORIAD Brand Ambassador and National Anzan Ambassador.

My journey was more than numbers; it was about unlocking potential. Now, as CEO of Sparkler Minds, I train others in mental calculation, alongside roles as a TEDx Organizer, mentor, motivational speaker, and national & international judge for F1 in Schools. Simultaneously, I pursue engineering and computer science master's degrees on a full tuition scholarship. My mission is clear: embrace opportunities fearlessly. As an ambassador, I'm eager to see the rise of a new generation of ment-athletes from the UAE, breaking world records and overcoming challenges. Believe in your abilities, aim for the extraordinary, and let nothing hinder your path to greatness.



# WHY YOUR STUDENTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAD?

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## World Record Opportunity

Your students would get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to set a new world record!

## World Class Exposure

Your students will be exposed to world class mental sports with several learning opportunities along the way.

## Training Available

Your students have the opportunity to better themselves and their self-confidence with the training provided.

## A Chance to Represent UAE

Your students will get the chance to represent UAE internationally!



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# HOW DO I ENROLL FOR MEMORIAD 2024?



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A contestant would need to have several awards and recognitions **approved by the MEMORIAD federation** to be considered for the World Mental Sports Olympics.

As **UAE is the hosting country for MEMORIAD 2024**, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to select 40 participants to represent UAE internationally.

Through the **Sparkler Minds Challenge**, the MEMORIAD federation will choose these 40 representatives. These challenges will comprise of simple arithmetic questions, allowing everyone to participate



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# PRIZES TO BE WON IN THE SPARKLER MINDS CHALLENGE!



Here's a list of awards and prizes you can win from the elimination rounds

## Scholarships across age categories:

1<sup>st</sup> Place : AED 1000

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : AED 750

3<sup>rd</sup> Place : AED 500

## Special Recognition awards:

Best Participating School Award

Best Participating Institute Award

Special Recognition – Trainer Award

Special Recognition – Student Award

Best Performance Under 12 Award

**Consolation awards and trophies for the top 150 performers across all categories and certificates for all participants**

## Over AED 25,000 to be won!



# PRIZES TO BE WON IN MEMORIAD 2024!



Here's a list of awards and prizes you can win from MEMORIAD 2024!

## Prize money across all categories:

1<sup>st</sup> Place : Gold Medal + USD 1500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Silver Medal + USD 750

3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Bronze Medal + USD 500

## Special Recognition awards:

Special Recognition – Trainer Award

Special Recognition – Student Award

Best Performance Under 12 Award

**Certificates and other goodies for all participants!**

**World Record opportunities for each category with special records for under 12**

**Over USD 35,000  
to be won!**



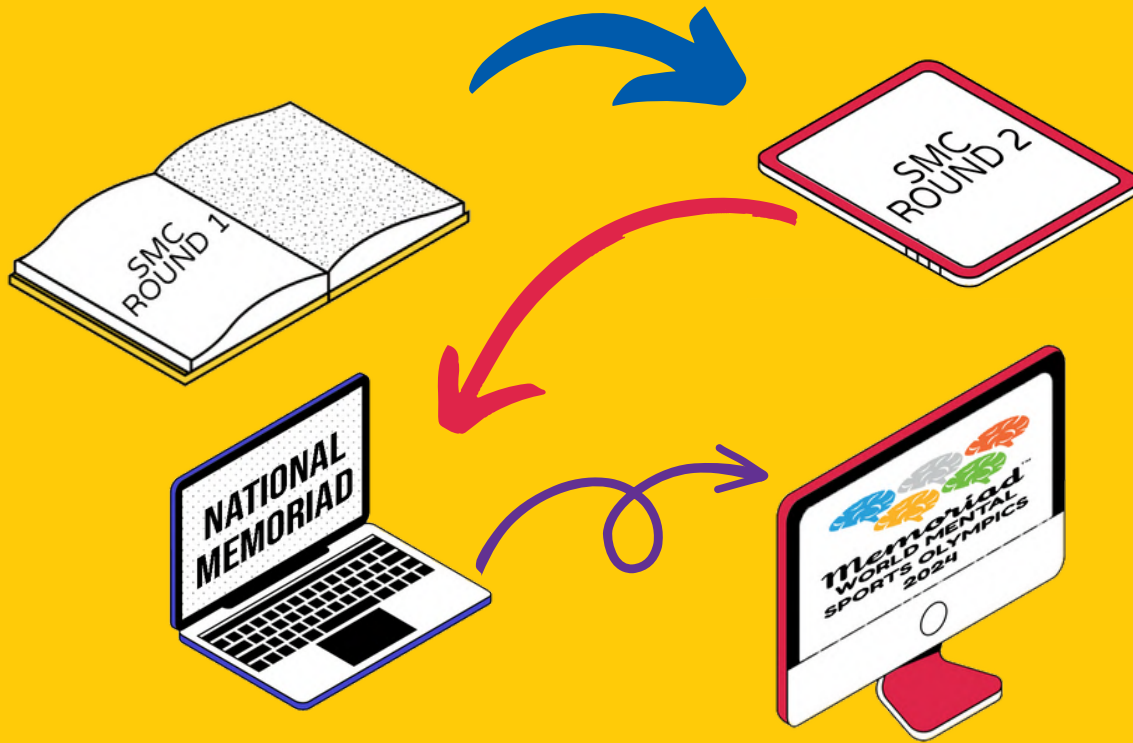
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# ROADMAP SELECTING TEAM UAE FOR MEMORIAD 2024

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**SPARKLER  
MINDS**

**CHALLENGE**

**REGISTER NOW FOR  
THE SPARKLER MINDS  
CHALLENGE**

**FOR A CHANCE TO REPRESENT UAE AT MEMORIAD 2024!**



# SPARKLER MINDS CHALLENGE ROUND 1

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## Register Online or In Person

Students can register for the challenge via the [memoriaduae.com](http://memoriaduae.com) website or through the school to obtain a registration number.

## In Person Competition

The challenge will be on paper, where students have to answer the questions within 30 minutes.

## Simple Arithmetic

Competitive, grade-appropriate simple arithmetic with logic and reasoning.

## Age-Based Testing

Age-appropriate tests, derived from international testing methods to allow for fair testing

## Emirate-wise rounds

Multiple events to accomodate each emirate



SPARKLER  
MINDS  
CHALLENGE  
ROUND 1

**Register for AED  
100 only!**



# SPARKLER MINDS CHALLENGE ROUND 1



## Stationary Provided

All the required stationary for SMC will be provided by Sparkler Minds and MEMORIAD UAE

## Practice Tests Available

Students will be provided with practice papers and sample questions.

## Bootcamps Available

Students will have the opportunity to attend bootcamps prior to the competition

## 85% and above Qualify

Students scoring higher than 85% qualify for round 2



## Certificates For All Participants!

Ages 5-7 Sample Paper


SPARKLER MINDS CHALLENGE ROUND 1

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26. If I had 9 bananas, and I eat 4, how many do I have left?

27. What number comes before 81?

28. How many cats do you see?



29. If I had 9 cakes, and were to make 4 cakes, how many cakes would I have?

30. What is the biggest number in the sequence below?  
8, 9, 37, 22, 20

31. What is the missing number in the below sequence?  
14, 17, , 23, 26

## Questions for SMC Round 1



# SPARKLER MINDS CHALLENGE ROUND 2



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## In Person Competition

The challenge will be on paper, where students have to answer the questions within 30 minutes.

## Intermediate Arithmetic

Competitive qualifying questions based on simple arithmetic, logic and reasoning

## Top 100 scorers qualify

The top 100 scorers will qualify for the National MEMORIAD

## Bootcamps Available

Students will have the opportunity to attend bootcamps prior to the competition



**Scholarships – AED 25,000**  
**Consolation Prizes**  
**Best School Award**  
**Best Teacher Award**  
**And SO MUCH MORE!**



# SPARKLER MINDS CHALLENGE ROUND 2



## Consolation Awards

The top 10 winners will also receive consolation awards

## Stationary Provided

All the required stationary for SMC will be provided by Sparkler Minds and MEMORIAD UAE

## Practice Tests Available

Students will be provided with practice papers and sample questions.

## Expert Training Opportunities\*

The students will have an opportunity to avail expert training for the competition

\*Terms & Conditions Apply



## Certificates For All Participants!

Ages 7-10 Sample Paper

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
15 + 9 + 6 =	17 + 7 + 9 =	16 + 6 + 8 =	41 + 8 + 5 =	46 + 16 + 10 =
Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2 x 3 =	2 x 8 =	15 x 6 =	15 x 1 =	20 x 13 =

28. How many legs are there in the picture below, if each cat has 4 legs?

29. If I had 18 cakes, and 4 cakes were eaten, how many cakes would I have left?

30. What is the biggest number in the sequence below?

**176, 334, 595, 237, 299**

31. What is the missing number in the below sequence?

**661, 674, , 700, 713**

32. Circle all the even numbers in the sequence below

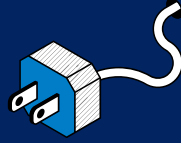
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33. What is the smallest number in the sequence below?

**411, 325, 233, 665, 404**

## Questions for SMC Round 2

# UAE NATIONAL MEMORIAD



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## In Person & Online

The participants will attend in person and the competition will be computerized

## MEMORIAD Preview

A prelude to MEMORIAD 2024, with questions featuring MEMORIAD categories

## Diverse Categories

Participants can choose the categories they wish to participate in

## Training Available\*

Expert training available to the qualified participants of the Sparkler Minds Challenge

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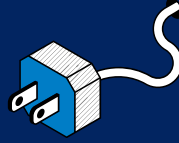


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# UAE NATIONAL MEMORIAD

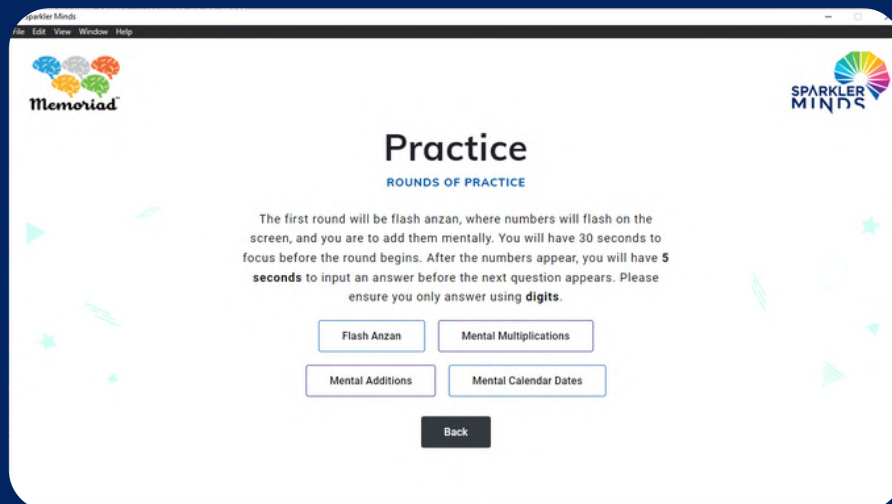


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## 40 Participants Qualify

The top 40 participants will qualify and represent UAE for MEMORIAD 2024

This round will be open to all students and adults across the UAE



## Practice Software for UAE National MEMORIAD

# MEMORIAD 2024



The Largest World Mental Sports Olympics Yet!

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## In Person & Computerized

The participants will attend in person and the competition will be computerized

## World Record Opportunities

Participants can break or set new Guinness World Records

## Training Available\*

Expert training will be available for interested participants

\*Terms & Conditions Apply



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# MEMORIAD 2024



The Largest World Mental Sports Olympics Yet!



## Practice Software Provided

Free software to practice MEMORIAD categories is available

200+ minds from around the world will represent their countries for MEMORIAD 2024



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**Practice Software for UAE**  
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# **COME JOIN US AT** **MEMORIAD 2024**

**TO MAKE AND BREAK NEW WORLD RECORDS FOR UAE!**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **What is MEMORIAD?**

It is a world mental sports Olympic event that is held every 4 years, in line with the summer sports Olympics. It includes memory, mental calculation and speed reading. This year, it will be held in the UAE where hundreds of people will come to witness the smartest and greatest minds compete, and we want you and your students to be a part of it.

## **Is it recognized globally?**

The MEMORIAD is not only a Mental Sports Olympics event but it is an event where participants from 60 countries will compete to set Guinness World records. Which makes it an internationally recognized event

## **What is the first step?**

The first step is to register for the Sparkler Minds Challenge (SMC), which is scheduled to happen between the months of November 2023 and March 2024.

## **What happens after SMC?**

Only those participants that qualify will advance to the National Memoriad Championship event scheduled in June 2024

## **Why participate in the National MEMORIAD event?**

Only the top 40 Participants of the National MEMORIAD 2024 event will have the opportunity to represent the UAE at the MEMORIAD 2024 World Olympics event

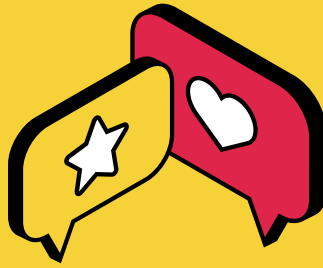
## **Why should you register for the SMC or National MEMORIAD event before applying to MEMORIAD 2024?**

One of the pre-requisites of MEMORIAD 2024 is that every participant must have taken part or won a position at any mental arithmetic event approved by the selection committee.

The National MEMORIAD Challenge is an event approved by the selection committee.

## **How will the competitions be conducted?**

The SMC event will be entirely paper-based as it is only a screening test. However, the National MEMORIAD challenge will be software-based and will be conducted in the same manner as the MEMORIAD 2024 event.



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