



OUR REF :

TRN No. 100483609200003

Friday, 22nd March 2024

To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13
WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE SPRING 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 would like to wish the school community RAMADAN KAREEM. May this beautiful time of fasting and prayer be one that is blessed and peaceful for all the families. God's choicest blessings for our Marian Family.



We would also like to extend Easter wishes to all the families who will be celebrating Easter on 31st March 2024. Wishing you all a blessed and meaningful Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

Eid Mubarak to all of our Marian Family.

Have a very happy Eid and enjoy this special time with your families.



A safe and Happy Spring Break to all of our Marian Family. Safe travels to those families who will be travelling.



NEW AND URGENT

- **FINAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLES - attached to this circular and posted on the school website.**
- **PORTIONS FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS – posted on the website as well as in students' GC.**
- **SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SPRING BREAK – Any emails will be responded to only after the Spring break. (Spring Break : 23rd March to 14th April, inclusive).**
- **GL PROGRESS TESTS YEARS 4-10. Please see attached circular.**
- **NGRT FORM C - YEARS 2-10 - in weekly circular.**
- **26TH AUGUST IS THE RE-OPENING DATE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025 FOR ALL STUDENTS. Students with re-exams will have to report on 21st August 2024.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PAID ARE NOW CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING. ANY STUDENT WHOSE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE ANY OFFICIAL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS, EXAMINATION ANSWER SCRIPTS, REPORT CARDS , ETC. .

Please note: In cases of outstanding fees, RE-REGISTRATION MUST NOT BE PAID, even if paid, it is not considered as a re-registration but will be adjusted towards the outstanding fees. We urge parents to please be responsible and settle ALL OUTSTANDING fees without any further delay.

1) 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. The timetable for these exams has also been included . The payment of AED 90/- must be made via Skiplly. **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT ON THE DAY OF A GL EXAM WITH A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE. Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the exam, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY.**

2) SPRING BREAK: The Spring break will begin on the 23rd of March 2024, Students return to school on the 15th of APRIL 2024. The school Office will be closed during the Spring Break and will re-open on 15th April 2024. ***Please note that school staff or management will not be available by email during the Spring Break. Please contact them for any matters after the Spring Break.***

3) FINAL EXAMINATION : We have attached the Final Examination Timetable to this circular. Please go through it carefully. **Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the exam, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY. In the absence of a medical certificate, an exam will not be rescheduled, and no marks will be credited for that missed examination.**

4) PORTIONS FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS: We will upload the portions for the Final Examinations on the school website. Teachers will also post the same on GC.

5) COMPUTING EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS 2-6 : We would like to inform you that since the Computing Exam is a practical exam, it will be conducted during the regular Computing lessons as per the weekly timetable between the 6th and 10th of May 2024. **Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the exam, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY.**

6) NGRT FORM C EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS 2-10 : Please note that Form C of the NGRT series will be conducted according to the schedule below. Parents have already paid for NGRT at the start of the year. **Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the exam, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY.**

YEAR 2	Thursday, 16 th May 2024	In the Computer Labs
YEAR 3	Wednesday, 15 th May 2024	In the Computer Labs
YEAR 4	Monday, 29 th April 2024	Bring in a fully charged device
YEAR 5	Thursday, 16 th May 2024	Bring in a fully charged device
YEAR 6	Wednesday, 15 th May 2024	Bring in a fully charged device
YEAR 7	Friday, 26 th April 2024	Bring in a fully charged device
YEAR 8	Tuesday, 30 th April 2024	Bring in a fully charged device
YEAR 9	Monday, 13 th May 2024	Bring in a fully charged device
YEAR 10	Tuesday, 14 th May 2024	Bring in a fully charged device

7) RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 (YEARS 1-10 & YEAR 12): Reminder to check the important circular with regard to re-registering your child for the next Academic Year 2024-2025. It is important that you go through the circular carefully. Students with outstanding fees cannot be re-registered until **ALL OUTSTANDING FEES HAVE BEEN SETTLED.**

8) ETHNIC DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS -25TH APRIL 2024: The school will celebrate Ethnic Day for ALL STUDENTS on 25th April 2024. Students are invited to come dressed in traditional Ethnic wear. More details will be shared after the Spring Break.

9) WINNING CLASSES FOR THE SIMPLY BOTTLES COLLECTION – PICNIC DATES :
The following classes have won the Simply Bottles competition for the largest contributions towards the campaign. These classes will have their special prize picnic on 18th April 2024. A letter of consent will be sent to parents once we return from the break.

- **Year 1 to 4 :** **4D**
- **Year 5 to 8 :** **7A**
- **Year 9 to 13 :** **9D**

10) APTITUDE TESTING FOR STUDENTS OF YEAR 8: A separate circular was sent yesterday to parents who have paid and registered their children for the Aptitude Test.

11) FEE INCREMENT : Please see the separate circular. Please note that we are currently only seeking approval from KHDA for a fee increment for the overall sustainability of the school.

12) RECYCLING CHALLENGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIC PENS UNTIL 5TH JUNE

2024 : Students are invited to collect all used plastic pens and markers for recycling from now until June 5th, 2024, for a chance to win up to AED 10,000 exciting prizes including Bic stationery, outdoor furniture, and t-shirts made from recycled plastic for your school . The class collecting the highest number will win an outing.

13) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS (PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS):

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly go through the separate circular on A-Level admissions attached to this weekly notice. **Parents are reminded that we do not admit NON-ST. MARY'S STUDENTS TO OUR A-LEVEL PROGRAMME.**

14) MOCK EXAMINATIONS YEARS 11 AND 13 AND SERIOUS TIME FOR STUDY

NOW : Please note that the Mock Examinations for years 11 and 13 will run from the 11th to the 22nd of March before the Spring Break and the 15th , 16th and 17th of April 2024. ICT MOCK PRACTICAL EXAMS ARE ON THE 20TH OF APRIL 2024. Students must report to school at sharp 7:00 am. No leave will be sanctioned during Mock Examinations. Any medical illnesses even for one day will require a medical certificate. The Mock Exam Timetables have been uploaded to the school website and have been attached to this circular.

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 not displaying a fairly responsible 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.

15) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024:

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 th -22 nd MARCH 2024 15 th , 16 th & 17 th APRIL 2024	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
25th MARCH – 14TH APRIL 2024 (inclusive)	Spring Break. SCHOOL RE-OPENS 15TH APRIL 2024
9 th to 12 th APRIL 2024	Eid Al Fitr (subject to government declaration)
15 th & 16 th MAY 2024	Final exams in parallel with regular lessons
17 th MAY 2024	Study Holiday
20 th to 31 st MAY 2024	Final Exams and students go home at 11:00 am
17 th & 18 th JUNE 2024	Eid Al Adha (subject to government declaration)
28 th 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.

16) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER PRIMARY CHILDREN : Please refer to our circular of 16th September 2022.

17) 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.

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 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 Spring Break. Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





WISHING YOU A
Blessed
Easter



عيد مبارك

Eid Mubarak

Wishing you and your loved ones a
joyous Eid filled with love, laughter,
and countless blessings.



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





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DATE : Friday, 22nd March 2024

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.

GL EXAMINATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL MARKS FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

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 2024.

These tests will be conducted in school during the month of May and June 2024. Please find the GL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE OVERLEAF. Attendance is mandatory. A medical certificate will be required in the event of any absence, even if for ONE DAY.

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)





PRIMARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE MAY-JUNE 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
24 th May	Friday			ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device
30 th May	Thursday		ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device	
31 st May	Friday	ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device		
3 rd June	Monday	SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device		
4 th June	Tuesday	MATHS Bring a fully charged device		
5 th June	Wednesday		SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device	
6 th June	Thursday		MATHS Bring a fully charged device	
7 th June	Friday			SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device
10 th June	Monday			MATHS Bring a fully charged device



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SECONDARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE MAY-JUNE 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
13 th May	Monday			ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device	
14 th May	Tuesday				ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device
22 th May	Wednesday	ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device			
28 th May	Tuesday		ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device		
10 th June	Monday		SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device		
11 TH June	Tuesday	MATHS Bring a fully charged device	MATHS Bring a fully charged device		
12 th June	Wednesday			MATHS Bring a fully charged device	SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device
13 th June	Thursday			SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device	MATHS Bring a fully charged device



FINAL EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 1 – 4) MAY 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
15 TH May	Wed	English Writing	English Writing	PSHE & NGRT	English Language
16 th May	Thu	A day of reading	NGRT	UAE Social Stu.	Moral Education
20 th May	Mon	Science	Maths	Maths	Maths
21 st May	Tue	English Reading	English Reading	English Reading	English Lit.
22 nd May	Wed	No Exam	Arabic	Geography	French
23 rd May	Thu	A day of Healthy eating	UAE Social Stu.	Moral Education	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz
24 th May	Fri	A day of Numeracy	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz	English Writing	Arabic
27 th May	Mon	Maths	Science	Science	Science
28 th May	Tue	No Exam	PSHE	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz	History
29 th May	Wed	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz	History	Arabic	Geography
30 th May	Thu	Arabic	Moral Education	History	UAE Social Stu
31 st May	Fri	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	ENGLISH GL

On the 15th and 16th of May -regular lessons after the exams, 20th – 31st May- students leave after the exams at 11:00 am. When there is NO EXAM-students remain at home.



FINAL EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 5 & 6) MAY 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
15 th May	Wed	English Language & Art	English Language & NGRT
16 th May	Thu	Geography & NGRT	Moral Education & Art
20 th May	Mon	Science	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz
21 st May	Tue	English Literature	English Literature
22 nd May	Wed	UAE Social Studies	Arabic
23 rd May	Thu	History	UAE Social Studies
24 th May	Fri	French	ENGLISH GL –bring a fully charged device
27 th May	Mon	Maths	Science
28 th May	Tue	Arabic	French
29 th May	Wed	Islamic Stu./ Values Ed /Ctz	Maths
30 th May	Thu	ENGLISH GL –bring a fully charged device	History
31 st May	Fri	Moral Education	Geography

On the 15th and 16th of May -regular lessons after the exams, 20th – 31st May- students leave after the exams at 11:00 am. When there is NO EXAM-students remain at home.



FINAL EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 7 & 8) MAY 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT
15 th May	Wed	English Language 1 & 2 Paper 2 before break Paper 1 after break	English Language 1 & 2 Paper 2 before break Paper 1 after break
16 th May	Thu	English Literature 1 & 2 & Art	English Literature 1 & 2 & Art
20 th May	Mon	Science	Maths Paper 1 & 2
21 st May	Tue	Moral Education	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz
22 nd May	Wed	ENGLISH GL –bring a fully charged device	UAE Social Studies
23 rd May	Thu	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed/Ctz	Computing
24 th May	Fri	History	Science
27 th May	Mon	Arabic	French & Geography
28 th May	Tue	French & Geography	ENGLISH GL –bring a fully charged device
29 th May	Wed	Maths	Moral Education
30 th May	Thu	UAE Social Studies	Arabic
31 st May	Fri	Computing	History

On the 15th and 16th of May -regular lessons after the exams, 20th – 31st May- students leave after the exams at 11:00 am. When there is NO EXAM-students remain at home.



FINAL EXAMINATIONS – (YEARS 9 & 10) MAY 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
15 TH May	Wed	English Language 2 English Language 1	English Language 2 English Language 1
16 th May	Thu	Maths Cal and Non Cal	Maths Cal and Non Cal
20 th May	Mon	English Lit. 1 / History/Art	Moral Ed. & UAE SST.
21 st May	Tue	ICT/ Computer Science	English Lit. 1 / History Paper 1
22 nd May	Wed	Biology /Accounting	Physics/ Business
23 rd May	Thu	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed	Psychology
24 th May	Fri	Chemistry/ Economics	Biology /Accounting
27 th May	Mon	UAE SST. & Moral Ed.	Arabic
28 th May	Tue	Psychology	Chemistry/ Economics
29 th May	Wed	Physics/ Business	ICT/ Computer Science
30 th May	Thu	Arabic	Islamic. Stu./ Values Ed
31 st May	Fri	English Lit 2	English Lit 2/ History Paper 2 / Art

On the 15th and 16th of May -regular lessons after the exams, 20th – 31st May- students leave after the exams at 11:00 am. When there is NO EXAM-students remain at home. YEAR 10 Art exam continues on 3rd June 2024.



PRIMARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE MAY-JUNE 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
24 th May	Friday			ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device
30 th May	Thursday		ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device	
31 st May	Friday	ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device		
3 rd June	Monday	SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device		
4 th June	Tuesday	MATHS Bring a fully charged device		
5 th June	Wednesday		SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device	
6 th June	Thursday		MATHS Bring a fully charged device	
7 th June	Friday			SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device
10 th June	Monday			MATHS Bring a fully charged device



SECONDARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE MAY-JUNE 2024

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
13 th May	Monday			ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device	
14 th May	Tuesday				ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device
22 th May	Wednesday	ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device			
28 th May	Tuesday		ENGLISH Bring a fully charged device		
10 th June	Monday		SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device		
11 th June	Tuesday	MATHS Bring a fully charged device	MATHS Bring a fully charged device		
12 th June	Wednesday			MATHS Bring a fully charged device	SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device
13 th June	Thursday			SCIENCE Bring a fully charged device	MATHS Bring a fully charged device



FINAL EXAMINATIONS – (YEAR 12) MAY 2024

DATE	DAY	
15 th May	Wed	Physics 1- 2hrs & Islamic Studies – 2 hrs
16 th May	Thu	Business Studies 1-2hrs & Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min Arabic (B) – 2 hrs
20 th May	Mon	Biology 1-2hrs
21 st May	Tue	Psychology 1-2hrs
22 nd May	Wed	Economics 1-2hrs
23 rd May	Thu	Mathematics (Pure)- 2hrs
24 th May	Fri	NO EXAM
27 th May	Mon	Chemistry 1-2hrs
28 th May	Tue	Mathematics (Statistics)- 2 hrs
29 th May	Wed	REGULAR LESSONSTILL 11:00 AM-ATTENDANCE MANDATORY
30 th May	Thu	REGULAR LESSONS TILL 11:00 AM-ATTENDANCE MANDATORY
31 st May	Fri	REGULAR LESSONS TILL 11:00 AM-ATTENDANCE MANDATORY



OUR REF :

TRN No. 100483609200003

Date: March 15th, 2024.

Dear Parents,

Our School will be conducting a **Science Project Exhibition** this year!

The completed project will be due on 22nd April 2024. This is going to be a whole school fair/exhibition wherein every student is encouraged to participate. Students from Year 1 to 6 will work on their task individually and Students from Year 7 to 10 and Year 12 will work in groups assigned by their respective Science teachers.



The due dates have been spread out as to allow ample time for students to complete the work at a steady, but comfortable pace.

The students' work will be assessed out of 20 marks which will be added to the **Final Summative average/ marks.**

A Science project challenges a student to solve a problem/answer a question using the scientific method or design process.

It is a great way to excite children about Science, teach them to think like Scientists and develop their innovative skills.

All work must be completed by the student. Parents/Guardians can help by offering students support and encouragement, as well as monitor the student's progress in the coming weeks.

It should be noted that a successful project does not have to be expensive. Some of the best projects can be completed using materials found around the home. The project may preferably be a working model.

We encourage students to choose a topic that they are interested in learning more about. Projects should be meaningful and related to real-world experiences.

We are very excited to be hosting our Annual Science exhibition! Top projects from each class will be chosen to be entered in the school exhibition and students will present their work/models.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child in such an exciting process of discovery!

The criteria for assessing the project and other details will be posted on GC and will be discussed by your child's Science teacher during the Science lessons.





OUR REF :

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DATE : Friday, 8th March 2024

To: Parents of YEAR 11 ICT STUDENTS -
POSTPONEMENT OF ICT MOCK PRACTICAL PAPER
FROM 9TH MARCH 2024 TO 20TH APRIL 2024 DUE TO
WARNINGS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. We are writing to inform you that a decision has been taken to postpone the ICT MOCK PRACTICAL EXAMS that had been scheduled for tomorrow due to several warnings of inclement weather conditions.

The ICT Mock Practical exams have now been re-scheduled to **SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL 2024.**

Your understanding is always appreciated. We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





Date: 8th MARCH 2024

MOCK EXAMINATION RULES & REGULATIONS **YEARS 11 & 13**

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.**
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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Admissions for the Academic Year 2024-2025

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 2024-2025 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 Maths and English to test literacy and numeracy. Short listed candidates for the interviews will be sent an email that includes 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.

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 your UAE visa is under process, kindly provide evidence of the same and / or an undertaking to provide the same once secured. Leaving School certificate should be attested.

We regret that we will not be able to contact all the applicants individually.
Successful candidates will be sent an email 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 as and when places become available, based on TC requests from May 2024 and ongoing.

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:

<https://smchs.ethdigitalcampus.com/RegistrationPortal/forms/Utility/Login.jsp?dbConnVar=SMCHS>



OUR REF :

TRN No. 100483609200003

Friday, 8th March 2024

To: The Parents of students from Year One to Year Ten & Year 12

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of organizing our records for the **next Academic Year 2024-2025**. Please fill up this form, sign and scan it and email it to your son / daughter's class teacher by **21st April 2024 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 2024-2025- 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 2023-2024. 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 2024-2025. This amount has to be paid via the SKIPLY APP from the 15th of APRIL 2024 with a FINAL DEADLINE of 21st April 2024.

- 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 2024-2025 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, 2024, we will consider it as a case of non- registration for the next Academic Year 2024-2025.**
- 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,



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 2024-2025

_____ 2. **No**, my son/daughter is **NOT** coming back for the next Academic Year 2024-2025

I have read all of the criteria above and I understand the conditions associated with re-registration for the next Academic Year 2024-2025.

NAME OF PARENT: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



OUR REF :

TRN No. 100483609200003

Friday, 8th March 2024

To: The parents of students in Year 8

PSYCHOMETRIC APTITUDE TESTING

Dear Parents,

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

Year 8 students are being 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 ten 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 Counseling 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 counseling 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.

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)**

Please return THE REGISTRATION SLIP to the class teacher on or before the 13th of March 2024. The payment for this test must be made on Skiply directly on the separate section for Aptitude Test latest by the 13th of March. Please attach the skiply receipt to the slip below.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



_____, I WISH TO REGISTER MY CHILD
FOR THE APTITUDE TEST. Attached is the Skiply receipt.

Name of student: _____

Year and Section: _____

Email Id of parent: _____

Email Id of student: _____

Mobile Contact: _____



OUR REF :

TRN : 100259955100003

DATE: Friday, 1st March 2024

NOTICE TO STUDENTS OF YEAR EIGHT GOING TO YEAR NINE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

NAME OF STUDENT _____ YEAR _____

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School. It is that time of the year when we would ask you to reflect with your children on their subject choices for the next academic year. Orientations will be soon scheduled for students regarding the subject options. Choices will have to be made regarding a number of subject options and we invite you to read on below.

SUBJECTS FOR YEAR NINE**YOUR CHOICE**

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE | COMPULSORY |
| 2. MATHEMATICS | COMPULSORY |
| 3. RELIGIOUS STUDIES | COMPULSORY for students who take Bible and Islamic Studies |
| 4. PSYCHOLOGY | COMPULSORY for students who don't take Bible or Islamic Studies |
| 5. ARABIC | COMPULSORY |
| 6. GEOGRAPHY | COMPULSORY |
| 7. ICT <u>OR</u> COMPUTER SCIENCE* | COMPULSORY _____ |
| 8. BIOLOGY <u>OR</u> ACCOUNTS | _____ |
| 9. CHEMISTRY <u>OR</u> ECONOMICS | _____ |
| 10. PHYSICS <u>OR</u> BUSINESS STUDIES | _____ |
| 11. ART, ENGLISH LITERATURE, HISTORY, <u>OR</u> PSYCHOLOGY- (only 1) | _____ |

EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPULSORILY CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THEIR OVERALL SELECTION.

Students are asked to consider carefully the options before making their choice.

*** Please note that ICT and one Science have been made compulsory to further closely align with the British Curriculum, as pointed out in our KHDA inspection process over the last few years with a view to furthering students access to technology, thus arming them with the requisite 21st Century skills.

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

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

Once the choice has been made a subject CANNOT be changed.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: **Kindly note that places for Computer Science will be restricted to those students who currently display a secure understanding and application of computational thinking and problem solving skills.** Programming skills are a core component of this course and students will be required to have a knowledge of Python and be competent at designing, writing and debugging programmes. In case the places are oversubscribed, the school will allot seats strictly on the basis of current academic competence in ICT.

Parents may consult with your child's current subject teachers via email if you have any doubts about your child's competence in a particular subject.

Subject specialists will be available in school on Friday, 22nd March from 7:30 – 10:30 am should you wish to consult them. They will be in the school library.

Optional Aptitude Testing will be made available. A circular will be sent next week.

Parents are asked to complete this by **Monday, 15th April 2024**. Kindly fill this in and scan it and email the same to your child's class teacher. **This will be the final deadline for accepting subject choice forms.**

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



Parent's Name _____

Parent's Mobile Number: _____

Parent's Email ID: _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



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OUR REF :

TRN : 100259955100003

DATE: Friday, 1st March 2024

To: **Parents of students in Years 1-12 –**
PROPOSED FEE INCREMENT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. It is at this time that we wish to provide you with the following information pertaining to a proposed **8%** increase in Tuition Fees, subject to KHDA approval, for the Academic year 2024-2025.

We would like to thank our parent community for your constant support and collaboration. Our mission has always been to provide good quality education that is affordable. Our fee level remains the lowest when compared with other schools that provide the UK Curriculum, a good number of which charge significantly more than St. Mary's.

Cost pressures apply to St. Mary's as much as they do to many other entities and in fact rising costs have impacted our school significantly due to our extremely low fee structure. In spite of diligent financial stewardship and control of expenses, we continually face huge challenges with rising costs with respect to staffing, resources and operational expenses.

We hope you will recognise that our decision to propose an 8% increase in the tuition fees is to sustain the operational needs of the school in supporting its expenses while continuing to provide a good quality education to our children.

You are welcome to send any concerns or feedback to Lise-Ann via email. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





YEAR 11 - MOCK EXAMINATIONS – MARCH-APRIL 2024

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
11 TH March	Mon	1EN0/02 English Language 2-2h 05 min	1EN0/01 English Language 1- 1h 45 min
12 th March	Tue	4IT1/ 01R -ICT-1h 30 min 4CP0 / 01 Computer Science- 2 hours	-----
13 th March	Wed	1MA1/1H Mathematics (NC P1)- 1h 30 min	1MA1/2H Mathematics (CAL P2)- 1h 30 min
14 th March	Thu	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
15 th March	Fri	1CH0/1H Chemistry 1-1h 45 min 4EC1/01R Economics 1-1h 30 min	-----
18 th March	Mon	4RS1/01 Religious Studies 1- 1h 45 min	4RS1/02 Religious Studies 2- 1h 30 min
19 th March	Tue	1PH0/1H Physics 1- 1h 45 min 1BS0/01 Business Studies 1-1h 45 min	1PH0/2H Physics 2-1h 45 min 1BS0/02 Business Studies 2-1h 45 min
20 th March	Wed	1PS0/02 Psychology 2-1h 20 min	1PS0/01 Psychology 1-1h 45 min
21 st March	Thu	1MA1/3H Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min	1ET0/01 English Literature 1-1h 45 min 4HI1/1BR History-1 h 30 min
22 nd March	Fri	1ET0/02N English Literature 2N-2h 15 min 4HI1/2BR History- 1h 30 min	-----
15 TH April	Mon	1CH0/2H Chemistry 2-1h 45 min 4EC1/02R Economics 2-1h 30 min	-----
16 th April	Tue	4AA1/01 Arabic (A1)- 2hrs 15 min	4AA1/02 Arabic (A2)- 1hr 30 min
17 th , 18 th , 19 th April- Wed/ Thu/ Fri- Pearson Edexcel Art Board Exam (17 th April- Arabic Ministry- 2 hours 30 minutes)			

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.

COMPUTER SCIENCE and **ICT Mock Exam Practicals** on the 8th and 9th of March 2024 respectively.
Further details of timings are available on the school website and in the students' GC.



ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

YEAR 13 - MOCK EXAMINATIONS - MARCH/APRIL 2024

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
11 th March	Monday	9CHO/01 Chemistry 1 hr 45 Min 9ECO/01 Economics 2Hrs	-----
12 th March	Tuesday	9CHO/02 Chemistry 1hr 45 Min 9ECO/02 Economics 2Hrs	WET03 /01English Lit. 3 2Hrs
13 th March	Wednesday	9PHO/01 Physics 1Hr 45Min	9PSO/01 Psychology 2Hrs
14 th March	Thursday	9BIO/01 Biology 1Hr 45Min	9BSO/01 Business 2Hrs
15 th March	Friday	9MAO/03 Mechanics and Statistics 2Hrs	-----
18 th March	Monday	9CHO/03 Chemistry 2Hr 30Min 9ECO/03 Economics 2Hrs	9BSO/02 Business 2Hrs
19 th March	Tuesday	9BSO/03 Business 2Hrs	Islamic Studies
20 th March	Wednesday	9MAO/01 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs	9PSO/02 Psychology 2Hrs
21 st March	Thursday	9PHO/02 Physics 1 hr 45 Min	WET04/01 English Lit.4 2Hrs
22 nd March	Friday	9BIO/02 Biology1Hr 45Min	-----
15 th April	Monday	9MAO/02 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs	-----
16 ^h April	Tuesday	9BIO/03 Biology 2Hrs 30 Min WAC12 Accounting 2 3Hrs	9PSO/03 Psychology 2Hrs
17 th April	Wednesday	9PHO/03 Physics 2Hr 30Min	Arabic

REPORTING TIME FOR THE MORNING SESSION IS 7:00 AM AND SECOND SESSION WILL START AFTER A SHORT BREAK.
Those having only a second session on a particular day must report by 9:15 am at the latest.